

The Diaspora Gardening as Local Heritage: Bulgarian-Hungarian Parallels on the Processes of Valorization. Illustrated by Examples from the Villages of Polikraishte and Draganovo. Part 1

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(Summary)

The article examines, from a historical and contemporary perspective, the processes of valorizing diaspora gardening as local heritage in two significant “gardener villages”: Polikraishte and Draganovo (within the municipality of Gorna Oryahovitsa). Based on field studies conducted in Bulgaria and Hungary, the research describes journeys to and from ancestral places, emphasizing their significance and functions in constructing local heritage. The text explores interpretations of diaspora gardening within the settlement’s history. In the study, the valorization of gardening as local heritage in Bulgaria is considered a means of establishing connections between the two countries and an integral part of constructing the cultural memory and identity of the Bulgarian community in Hungary.

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