

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 2

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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 research conducted in Bulgaria and Hungary, the publication investigates how diaspora gardening becomes part of the local festivities and commemorative practices. The article traces how transnational gardening, while practiced as a local livelihood, is connected to traditional festivities and examines the changes in the local dimensions of the festive calendar during socialism and more recently. A separate section is dedicated to the new festivity (its emergence, development, and messages) as a current means of transforming local livelihood into cultural memory and the local heritage of the two settlements.

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