Tribute performers enthrall audience at Cuneo
By John Roszkowski
July 16, 2012

VERNON HILLS -- The sounds of Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond and Elvis Presley thrilled audiences during the first concert of the summer at the Cuneo Mansion and Gardens in Vernon Hills.

Three tribute performers of the legendary musicians performed during the July 11 concert, kicking off the Cuneo’s summer concert series which runs through the end of August.

Kevin Ginty, general manager of the Cuneo Mansion and Gardens, estimates about 500 to 600 people enjoyed the outdoor show on the Cuneo grounds.

“People were standing up and dancing,” he said. “We actually had one lady who ran until up to Elvis on stage and he gave her one of his scarves. She was really happy.”

Ginty said this is the 12th year of the summer concert series at Cuneo and the concerts always draw a nice crowd.

“People bring their kids and their families,” he said. “It’s like a smaller version of Ravinia.”

Three more concerts are planned throughout the summer.

On July 25, Britbeat, a Beatles tribute band, will take the stage, complete with mop tops, retro costumes and vintage instruments.

“This will be the first year they will be performing here, but it’s my understanding they have a pretty good following,” said Ginty.

Abba Salute, an Abba tribute band, will perform on Aug. 15 and Piano Man, a tribute to the music of Elton John and Billy Joel, will finish off the summer season on Aug. 29.

“We’ve had the Abba tribute band and the Piano Man in years past and they’ve always been really good crowd pleasers,” said Ginty.

All concerts run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The price per admission is $20 per car. Beer, wine, soft drinks and food are sold at the concerts.

Persons who want more information about upcoming concerts can visit cuneomansion.org or can call (847) 362-3042.