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Gardeners of Central Lake County
Where grown-ups get to play with the dirt



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Gardeners of Central Lake County's Website:
<http://www.gardenersofcentrallakecounty.org/>

Monthly Board Meetings: 7 p.m.

The board meets the first Wednesday of the month at 359 Merrill Court, Libertyville (just west of Milwaukee Ave, just south of Winchester Road.)

The **club meetings** are held on the second Monday of the month at **7:00 p.m.** in the CrossLife Evangelical Free Church on the SE corner of Garfield Ave and Austin Ave. in Libertyville.

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President's Message: by Karen O'Hayer

Hello, gardeners! I'm writing these remarks from Lawrence, Kansas, home of my daughter Ellen, my son-in-law Brent, and their dogs Jake and Mia. It is a beautiful day here, the last day of our visit.



Earlier in the week, Ellen and I went to the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanic Gardens, where we were inspired by the use of edible plants combined with ornamentals in the landscape. This was a definite theme at the garden; everywhere we

turned, lettuces, kale, and cabbages were tucked in among the irises, peonies, and other ornamentals.

We later translated this theme into a new bed at Ellen's house, where we planted a shrub rose and surrounded it with little purple cabbage plants: beautiful!

I have experimented with combining edibles and ornamentals on a small scale over the past few years, planting tomatoes in the back of an ornamental bed, and mixing herbs and perennials. I like the result because I think a garden, ideally, should feed the body *and* the soul. I love being able to pick herbs and veggies in a number of areas throughout my yard. Here are a couple of links to articles on edible landscaping, in case you'd like to learn more.

<http://www.rosalindcreasy.com/edible-landscaping-basics/>

<http://bit.ly/1PkBZ3B>

We had a terrific speaker at our May 9 club meeting, Dr. Rex Bastian, Regional Technical Advisor, The Care of Trees. He gave an informative as well as entertaining presentation, "Fertilization: Myth versus Reality," followed by a spirited question and answer session.



Our monthly plant competition included a nice selection of late spring entries, and the winner was a gorgeous tree peony bloom. The meeting wrapped up with

refreshments and conversation. Thanks to the members who provided delicious treats!

Our annual plant sale took place on Saturday, May 7. Despite the cold spring and the early sale date, we had a large and diverse selection of beautiful plants, some dug from our member's gardens and others started from seed. Plenty of enthusiastic volunteers helped on both the day before and the day of the sale, ensuring that everything went smoothly. Thanks to all of our members who contributed their time and talent to help make this event a success!

Our next club-sponsored event will be our annual garden walk, on Saturday, July 9. Our intrepid garden scouts, Susan Plasz and Delores O'Connell, have lined up five exciting gardens for this event. The walk is free to the public and is always a great source of gardening inspiration.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming club meeting on Monday, June 13. Our own Jerry Cleland will educate us about iPhone photography.

Next Club Activity:

June 13th: **Monthly Meeting**

Beginning iPhone Photography for Gardeners

- Jerry Cleland

The focus of the presentation will be on using the iPhone for flower and gardening photography. The presentation will include basic instructions for using the iPhone camera as well as basic photography techniques. The presentation will also describe some ways to edit, store, and send photos.

Future Programs for 2016

July **No Monthly Meeting**

July 9th **Garden Walk**

July 15th **Picnic**



August 8th: **Monthly Meeting**

Mini Plant Show

September 12th: **Monthly Meeting**

Alan Schulman,

Easy Gardening

Alan Schulman and Sam Solomon produced a 12 episode TV show called Easy Gardening. Alan will explain the background of the series. He will then show the episode that features a full sun garden and a shade garden. He will also show a time lapse movie of the lifecycle of the Monarch butterfly.

October 10th: **Monthly Meeting**

Nell Rice – Owner - Debbie's Floral, Mundelein

Floral Arranging for the Holidays

Nell will demonstrate some easy, fun, and functional ways to decorate for the holidays without breaking the bank! Beautiful arrangements will be raffled off.

November 14th: **Pie Social**

December 4th

Holiday Party/Annual Meeting

The club meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in The CrossLife Evangelical Free Church, 431 W. Austin in Libertyville. Guests are always welcome!

For more information contact Cindy at 847-772-2186 or juliancindy@hotmail.com

2017 Photo Competition

For the upcoming year, the theme for our club's Photo



Contest is "Bees, Bugs and Butterflies." Our process for this year's contest will be similar. We encourage members to photograph Bees, Bugs and Butterflies while also remembering we are a garden

club interested in plants, flowers, and landscapes. For those who might be interested, here are a couple of websites to visit –

<http://www.xerces.org/blog/5-insect-photo-tips/> and <http://monarchbutterflygarden.net/butterfly-photography-secrets/> In December, members will be reminded to submit their best 5 photos for the 2017 contest, keeping in mind that the submitted photos are not required to contain any of the thematic objects (Bees, Bugs and/or Butterflies).

For the upcoming contest, we want to encourage more of our members to enter photos. Because most of us constantly use our portable phones, we follow one of the cardinal guidelines of photography: Take your camera with you.

The photo competition for the club was created to help all of us get better at taking photos of our flowers, plants, and gardens. For those of you who have not entered before or have not entered for a few years, please consider submitting your own photos this year. It is great fun and we will all become better photographers as we continue to learn from each other.

"Insect Photo" expedition:

Joan Sayre, who made a great photo presentation in January titled, "Bees, Bugs, and Butterflies" has graciously offered to lead an "Insect Photo" expedition



on **Saturday July 16 at 9:00 am** (assuming it is not pouring rain). We will meet at the Crawford Warming house and begin our training as Joan leads us around Butler Lake to show us how to find

and photograph local bees, bugs, and butterflies. If you are interested, please contact Jerry Cleland at jwclel@comcast.net and he will add you to the list of participants.

Save The Date:

1. North Shore Garden Club Centennial Garden Walk
Wednesday, June 22, 2016
Tickets available at www.nsgc.eventbrite.com
More information at <http://northshoregardenclub.org/garden-walk/>
2. The McHenry County Master Gardener Garden Walk
Saturday, July 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Presented by McHenry County College and U of I Extension McHenry County Master Gardeners
\$12 early bird (through June 30), \$17 at the door.

Come visit eight of the best home gardens in the county. The tour starts at the McHenry County College Demonstration garden, 8900 U.S. Route 14, Crystal Lake, and meanders through Crystal Lake, Marengo and Huntley.

This is a self-guided tour, and each of the gardens has its own personality. There are shady woodland gardens, prairie gardens, a plant collector's garden, pass-along-plant gardens and a sustainable organic farmette. In addition, Master Gardeners will answer questions as well as offer educational materials.

The Master Gardeners' plant sale will take place at the Demo Garden while supplies last.

Buy advance tickets for \$12 by calling 815-455-8588 (through June 30) or purchase tickets on line at www.mchenry.edu/gardenwalk. Tickets can be purchased the day of the walk at the Master Gardeners' Demo Garden at MCC for \$17. For information, call 815-479-7570, visit mchenry.edu/gardenwalk or email conferencecenter@mchenry.edu.

2016 Monthly Plant Competition



In the month of May, members brought in 8 wonderful entries. All of these May entries were beautiful Peonies, Rhubarb, Trillium, Orchid etc. Janice Paulson's Pink Tree Peony won

best of the show award.

If you have something that looks good to you, why don't you bring it to the monthly meeting and enter it in the competition. You never know it may be the best flower of the show. It is worth giving a try.

Results of April 2016 plant competition

Name	Entry	Points
Best of the show		
Janice Paulson	Pink Tree Peony	10
First Place		
Nancy Adams	African Violet	5
Janice Paulson	Early Pink Tulip	5
Janice Paulson	White Trillium	5
Janice Paulson	Red Trillium	5
Janice Paulson	Parrot Tulip	5
Andy Plasz	Rhubarb Flowers	5
Second Place		
Janice Paulson	Purple Orchid	3

2016 Year to Date Results

Name	Points
Janice Paulson	63
Jerry Cleland	15
Chuck Austin	10
Laurie Austin	10
Nancy Adams	10
Delores O'Connell	8
Susan Plasz	5
Andy Plasz	5

Sunshine Daydreams

-by Janice Paulson

An artist's palette of pastel hues
fills the sky at dawn's breaking
Cotton candy streamers of blushing pink,
egg cream yellow, and twinkle blue
Converge on the eastern horizon while
midnight blue still dominates the western sky

Second by second the emerging light fills
the heavens with hope and endless possibilities
The blackness of yesterday's nightmares is over

Hour by hour the blazing light
engulfs our wandering minds
Searching for answers among the clouds
before nighttime reality descends

Check this out

New online guide offers tips on enhancing pollinators In
Urban Landscapes

<http://bit.ly/1O9fQEU>

Michigan State University (MSU) entomologist David
Smitley has spearheaded a multi-state collaboration to
create a new online publication offering tips on how
best to protect pollinators in urban landscapes.



Memorial Donations

At the last regular club meeting, Jerry spoke about the new memorial process in some detail. Specifically, following Phyllis Mohler's death, the club decided to make a memorial donation to the Green Youth Farm (<http://www.lcfpd.org/preservation-foundation/green-youth-farm/>). One of our members had previously given a \$100 donation to the club in Phyllis' name so the board made a decision to match that amount resulting in a total \$200 donation. During the donation process, a debate ensued at the board about the process of giving memorial donations. After some additional discussion, a decision was made that in the future the club would make a \$50 memorial donation to the Green Youth Farm for club members.

Club received a thank you letter from Preservation Foundation which is attached below.

April 21, 2016

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Dear Mrs. Doran,

On behalf of the Preservation Foundation, thank you for Gardeners of Central Lake County's \$200 donation in support of the Green Youth Farm in Lake County, in honor of your long time member, Phyllis Mohler. We are deeply grateful for your generosity toward a program that meets so many of our community's urgent needs and makes a significant difference in the lives of Lake County's youth.

Green Youth Farm instills a sense of purpose and direction in its young participants at an important time in their lives. The program opens the doors to educational and career paths for their consideration and puts them on a path to success as adults while also building advocates for sustainable farming and the environment in Lake County communities. Students develop their capacities by growing, harvesting, and selling produce to residents in need and increase their potential to contribute positively to their neighborhoods and society.

We are very sorry to hear about Phyllis' passing and feel honored that you have chosen to recognize her life by making a gift in her memory to the Preservation Foundation. We extend our most sincere gratitude for your support in this endeavor and look forward to reporting to you as the program gets underway in spring 2016 and throughout the farm season. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at 847-968-3434 or rsnyder@LCFPD.org.

Thank you again for all you do to support your Forest Preserves.

Sincerely,


Rebekah Snyder

Executive Director of the Preservation Foundation

*Many
Thanks.*

Thank you for your donation of \$200.00 via check number 1291 dated 4/12/2016. Donations to the Preservation Foundation of the Lake County Forest Preserves are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Unless otherwise indicated, no goods or services were provided in exchange for this gift.

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2016 FREE GARDEN WALK - GARDENERS OF CENTRAL LAKE COUNTY

HELD RAIN OR SHINE – SATURDAY – JULY 9, 2016 – 10 AM TO 2 PM

All gardens will be marked with signs.

WELCOME! As visitors to these delightful gardens, please keep children under control and out of garden beds. Park on the street away from driveways. Keep pets at home and no early birds or latecomers can be accommodated.

Garden 1: Cheryl and Reno Picciola-19464 W. Cambridge Rd. This garden sports a nice variety of native perennials along with hybrids, even roses with trees and shrubs mixed in. Pathways wander through, connecting different 'rooms' in the garden. You won't want to miss this one. Cambridge is only $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Loch Lomond and well worth it.

Directions: Reference point is Winchester Rd and Midlothian Rd. Go south on Midlothian about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and turn left on Cambridge. At 'Y' stay right on Cambridge. Garden is at end of road on the left.

Important: Please drive through Loch Lomond from Midlothian Rd. to Hwy 45 – NOT the reverse. This will put you on the same side of the road as the gardens and avoid blocking the road with parked cars on both sides.

Garden 2: North Beach Monarch Way Station and Native Rain Garden-545 Banbury Rd. These gardens were planted and are maintained by local residents under the umbrella of the homeowners association. The guiding light on this project is Fritz Chesek. He and an additional resident will be available to answer questions.

Directions: Return to Midlothian and turn left. Proceed $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south to Killarney Pass and turn left. (There will be an elementary school on your right.) Take the first left on Aberdeen Ln. Turn right onto Banbury Rd. at the 'T' intersection. The garden will be on your right at the bottom of a hill. You will see a small parking lot. If it's full, park at the side of the road.

Garden 3: Corrie Glass-383 Banbury Rd. This is a very peaceful garden inspired by Japanese design. The shady green plantings slope gracefully to the waters of Loch Lomond. Here Japanese culture mixes gently with the Midwest. Relax and enjoy.

Directions: Continue east on Banbury Rd. At the 'Y' stay right on Banbury and look for 383 right away on your right.

Garden 4: Lori Sweeney-355 Banbury Rd. This picture perfect garden has admittedly professional maintenance but it is the design on the homeowner who takes an active part in guiding its plantings. Creative garden spaces highlight classy garden art.

Directions: Proceed east on Banbury Rd. Look for 355 on your Right.

Garden 5: Sally Pilcher-277 Banbury Rd. Swaths of sunny perennials sweep across a fairly steep lake bluff in a riot of color. At the bottom a row of mature trees contrasts against the lake water. Looking up at the bluff from below you can see pattern and movement in the color palette.

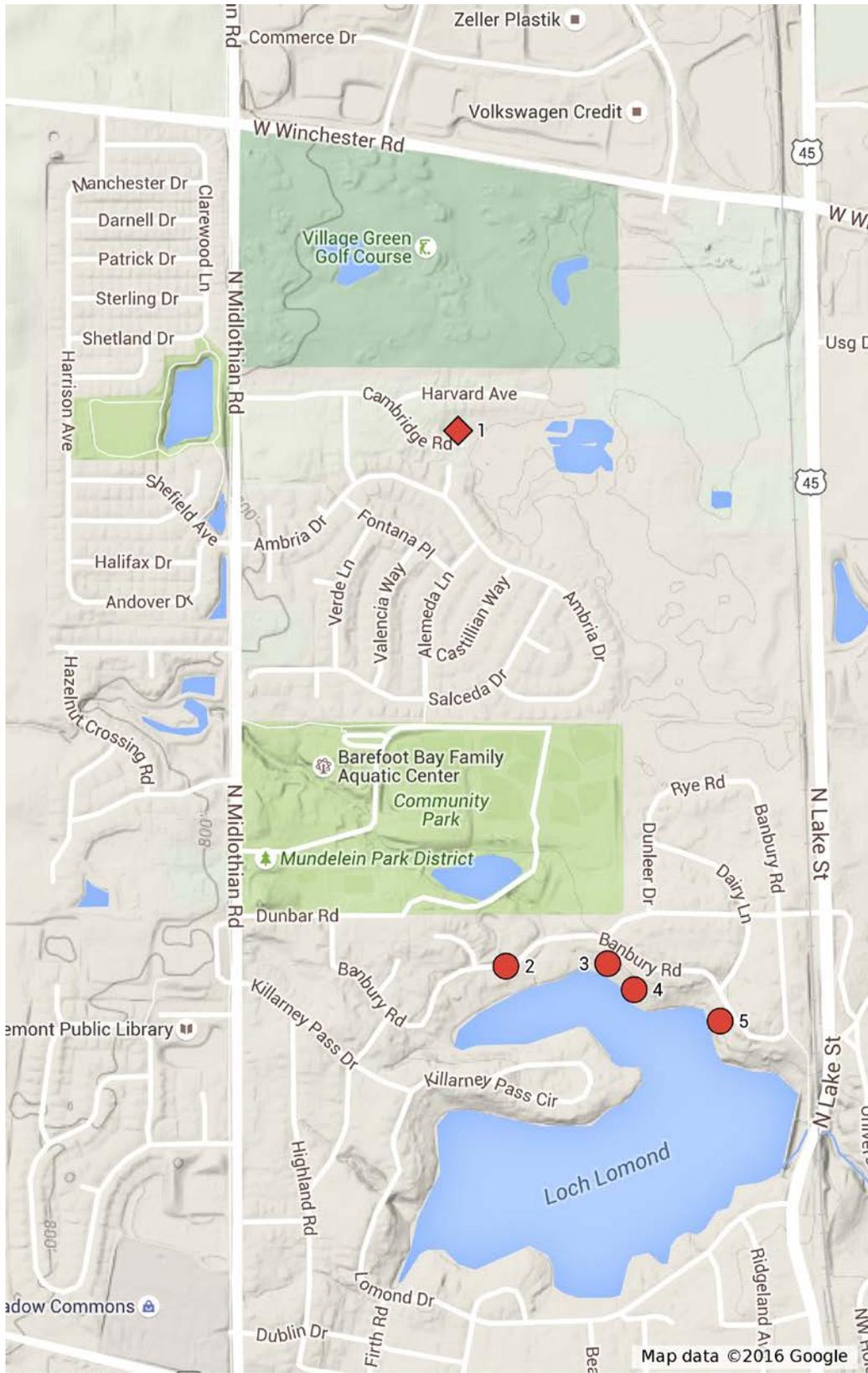
Directions: Continue east on Banbury. Look for 277 on your right.

To exit Loch Lomond continue on Banbury around the curve to Dunbar Rd. Turn right. You will be facing RR tracks and a traffic light on Hwy. 45. Take care not to get caught on the tracks by a red light. A right on 45 will take you south to Hwy. 176. A left on 45 goes north to Winchester Rd.

Additionally, a raffle will be held – tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

The prize: a \$50.00 gift Certificate to Pasquesi's in Lake Bluff.

Gardeners of Central Lake County | Garden Walk July 9, 2016 10 am - 2 pm



**Gardeners of Central Lake County
General Rules Garden Show August 8, 2016
JUDGING BEGINS AT 7:00PM**

Sections:

1. **Annual flowers:** open class, 1,2 or 3 stems, more if under 1 inch diameter for nice display
2. **Perennial flowers:** open class, 1,2 or 3 stems, more if under 1 inch diameter
3. **Herbs and Native Plants:** open class, 1,2 or 3 stems or planted in pot
4. **Roses:** open class, 1 stem per entry
5. **Fruits and Vegetables:** open class, 1 over 4", 3 or more for nice display of other sizes
6. **Horticultural Novelties/specialties,** shrubs /tree branches with leaves and flowers or seed heads displayed on butcher paper. Fresh or dried arrangements. Enter ornamentals, grasses and any other miscellaneous entry in vases.
7. **Potted foliage and flowering plants:** open class
8. **Junior Class, 18 years and younger:** Entries conforming to the above 7 classes

There will be a **limit of five total entries** per member. Entries may be in any section, such as:
2 entries in Section #1 and 3 entries in Section #4,
No more than 1 entry of the same plant or variety per exhibitor; but multiple varieties, i.e. tomatoes permitted.

Entries will be received from 6:00PM to 7:00PM on August 8. Judging will start at 7:00PM

Please stage your entries in your own containers.
Containers will not be provided.

Please fill out your entry tag with **Section** number, plant **Variety** and your **Name** on **both** parts of the tag.
We will not use Class numbers
We will not use Exhibitor numbers
We recommend you use pre-printed address labels.

If there is an over-abundance or an under-abundance of plants in a section, the judges may subdivide or combine sections to make the competition level appropriate.

MAKE SURE TO COMPLETE THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THE ENTRY TAG ALSO. Again, do not use Class or Exhibitor numbers here.




Section **Class** No Class #

Variety

Exhibitor's Number
Name
Address

1st <input type="checkbox"/> Award	2nd <input type="checkbox"/> Award	3rd <input type="checkbox"/> Award	Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Mention
1st <input type="checkbox"/> Award	2nd <input type="checkbox"/> Award	3rd <input type="checkbox"/> Award	Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Mention

Section **Class**
Variety
Exhibitor's Number
Name
Address

No Exhibitor #

Preparing Exhibits

Flowers

Generally, flowers should be cut the afternoon or evening before the show to be at their best at the time of judging, but some fade quickly so a little practice ahead of time is helpful. Hardening over night in a cool, dark, draft-free room with stems deeply immersed in cold water often helps your blooms to maintain good condition. Avoid wetting the blooms.

Groom your entries carefully for the show. In most cases, flowers should be displayed with foliage. Clean the blooms as well as the foliage. Remove all spray or dust residues. Remove any blemished petals but don't leave any traces of that removal. Don't oil or wax the leaves. Clean them with a damp cloth and/or rub them gently with your fingers to bring out the natural gloss of the foliage.

Carefully handle and transport all entries. Keep the flowers separated to avoid breaking, tearing, and bruising the blooms and foliage. This takes a little extra time but it is often the difference between the winners and the others.

Generally speaking, very large blooms or individual rose blooms are displayed singly while medium to small blooms are displayed in 3's and 5's. They should 'stand up' out of their container and 'face' the judges in a pleasing form. Viewers should not touch entries prior to judging.

Potted plants

The same ideas apply as listed above but you must also be sure the pot is clean and not distracting. Outdoor pots do not need to be 'hidden' but they should not be cracked, mildewed, or otherwise obviously inadequate.

Vegetables

Choose specimens that are pleasing to you; if they are not you should probably skip entering them unless due to seasonal or other unusual conditions merely having a specimen is a triumph. Vegetables can be picked several days prior to the show provided they are kept in prime condition in cool or refrigerated conditions without loss of moisture.

Make sure you clean, trim, prune, and otherwise improve the appearance and symmetry; wash but do not scrub. Torn, loose, brown, spotted, and otherwise unpleasing material should be removed. Even the finest specimens may be damaged in harvesting, cleaning, storing, and transporting. Great care should be taken in this regard.

The most important elements in winning a prize are freshness, overall pleasing appearance, and uniformity in size, color, and shape. All other factors being equal, large size is of importance only where it indicates outstanding cultural practices and quality. Otherwise a moderate size is preferred.

All entries

Don't insist on perfection – the blue ribbon may be awarded to a winner less perfect than the one you decided not to bring. Do your best to make each entry pleasing to view. If you are unsure for any particular entry, ask one of the 'old pros' and they will be happy to assist.

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