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President's Message: by Karen O'Hayer

Hello, Gardeners.
 This is the third year I have participated in the Lake County Forest Preserve's Hike Lake County challenge with my niece, Mary. It's a great way to get some exercise while exploring our beautiful Forest Preserves. Today was our first walk of the season. We visited Daniel Wright Woods, following a loop trail through the woods and along the Des Plaines River. Very nice! In case you're interested in giving this a try, here is a link to all the information you need to get started. I think you'll really enjoy it.
<http://www.lcfdp.org/mobile/hlc/>

DIRECTORS: Janice Paulson, Cindy Julian, Sarah O'Brien, Jan Smith, Terri Vanderwerff, and Dale Vanderwerff
Past Presidents: Susan Plasz, Andy Plasz, Tony Kirch, Jerry Cleland, Andy Kimmel

Secateur Submission deadline: 25th of each month
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.

Our own Alan Schulman gave a wonderful talk at the September meeting, entitled "Easy Gardening." Alan reminisced about creating the TV series "Easy Gardening" with fellow-gardener Sam Solomon, and showed footage from two of the shows, one on shade gardening and the other on sun gardening. He also shared his experiences with rearing monarchs including fascinating time-lapse footage of a monarch butterfly emerging from its chrysalis, which was a big hit.



We had our veggie tasting at the September meeting. Thanks to everybody who brought in yummy treats to share. There was a nice selection of entries in the plant competition, and the

winner was a stunning goldenrod.

As you know, our club holds an annual photo contest. The winning photos are submitted to the photo contest of the Gardeners of America, the national organization with which we are affiliated, and if selected, may be featured in their national calendar. Grant and Debra Hoover, Karen O'Hayer, and Jerry Cleland have photographs in the 2017 Gardeners of America calendar, and our own Andy Kimmel's beautiful photo of a birch tree was selected as the cover photo. Congratulations, photographers! These calendars will be available for purchase beginning at our October meeting.

In addition, several club members received awards from the Gardeners of America for photos from our most recent tree-themed contest. Congratulations to Debra Hoover for her landscape scene with red oaks, which won the Second Runner-Up award as well as the Landscapes section award, to Cindy Julian for a Judges Choice Award for her photo of a live oak, and to Janice Paulson for her landscape with red maple and white birch, which won the Trees, Shrubs, and Vines section award. Great job, everyone! It just goes to show how far we have come as photographers. A big thank-you to Jerry Cleland for mentoring our budding talent, running our local contest, and submitting to the national contest on our behalf.

We also produce a club calendar featuring photos from our local contest. The 2017 calendar has been assembled and will be offered for \$10. In addition to a wonderful collection of tree-related photos by our members, it includes all of our up-coming meetings and activities for 2017. A must-have for any club member! Janice Paulson is taking pre-orders by email or in person at the October meeting. Many thanks to our members for participating in the contest and to Janice Paulson and Grant Hoover for creating the calendar. It looks terrific!

At the September meeting we polled the members to determine if they wanted to have another seed swap. There was substantial interest, so we will hold a swap at the November meeting. This is the perfect time for a swap, especially for those of you who would like to try the winter-sowing method of seed starting. Please look around your garden and collect some seeds you'd like to share. There is information related to seed-saving on the club website. In addition, if you want information on the winter-sowing method, here is a link.
<http://www.agardenforthehouse.com/2012/11/winter-sowing-101-6/>

We will have one or two openings on our Board of Directors next year. If you are interested in getting more involved in the club and helping to shape our future direction, please consider joining the board. Just let me or any of the board members know of your interest. Thanks!

This Month's Club Activity:

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.

Future Programs for 2016

November 14th: Pie Social

Seed Swap

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

Welcome New Members

Cathy Maynen

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Gardening interests are water, sun, garden tropicals

Other interests: crafter, floral

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 smart 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.

Calendars

The nights are becoming cooler, morning fog blankets the lowlands, and there is a snap to the crisp air. So, this means it is Garden Club calendar ordering season again. What a deal: magnificent photos, club event reminders, fabulous gift idea, and club solidarity. We have once again created a calendar based on the tree photos submitted to the club's photo contest. The calendar is selling for a reduced price of just \$10.00. You can email Janice Paulson at jpaulson@dfist50.net with your ordering needs. Janice will also be passing around a signup at October's club meeting. *We would like to have all orders submitted by Oct. 24th so they will be ready for handout at our November meeting.*

September Plant Competition



In the month of September, members brought in 21 wonderful entries. The most entries were in the fruit and vegetable section. Though there were many vegetables, winner was the Feathery Goldenrod. 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 September 2016 Plant Competition

Name	Entry	Poi nts
Best of the Show Janice Paulson	Feathery Goldenrod	10
First Place		
Cathy Nardo	Berry Tomato	5
Cathy Nardo	Gong Bao and Thai Peppers	5
Cathy Nardo	Thai Peppers	5
Cathy Nardo	Lemon Verbena	5
Sarah O'Brien	Potato	5
Karen O'Hayer	Cubanelle Pepper	5
Karen O'Hayer	Spearmint	5
Karen O'Hayer	Matrona Sedum	5
Janice Paulson	Rudbeckia	5
Janice Paulson	Zigzag Goldenrod	5
Carolyn Raymond		5
Pat Scales	Tomatoes	5
Pat Scales	Cucumbers	5
Pat Scales	Butterfly Weed	5
Alan Schulman	Zinnia	5
Second Place		
Carol Brunner	Potatoes	3
Sarah O'Brien	Potato	3
Janice Paulson	Pink Impatiens	3
Janice Paulson	Grandiflora Hosta	3
Mark Scales	Cantalope	3
Pat Scales	Yellow Onion	3

2016 Year to Date Results

Name	Points
Janice Paulson	109
Karen O'Hayer	15
Jerry Cleland	14
Sarah O'Brien	14
Cathy Nardo	20
Pat Scales	18
Nancy Adams	10
Chuck Austin	10
Laurie Austin	10
Delores O'Connell	8
John Adams	5
Susan Plasz	5
Andy Plasz	5
Carolyn Raymond	5
Alan Schulman	5
Carol Brunner	3
Mark Scales	3

Trees by JOYCE KILMER

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

Plant Competition September 2016



Easy Gardening: Alan Schulman



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