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Gardeners of Central Lake County

*Where grown-ups get to play with the dirt*

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<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.

July and August were busy months for the Gardeners of Central Lake County. We held our annual garden walk on July 9. The walk featured five beautiful gardens in Mundelein, showcasing a wide variety of gardening styles. As always, the walk was free to the public and was well attended. Our raffle of a Pasquesi's gift card and our mini sale of plants friendly to monarch butterflies were successful fund-raisers for the club. I'd like to thank all our members who helped with the walk by planning, publicizing, coordinating, and staffing the gardens. It takes many dedicated people pulling together to put on a great event like this. Job well done!

I'd also like to thank Delores O'Connell, Dale Vanderwerff, Cindy Julian, and Arlene Doran, who have joined the 2017 Garden Walk committee and are in the process of booking local gardens in Libertyville for next year's walk. A big thank-you goes out to Susan Plasz, who has been very generous in providing invaluable guidance and knowledge to the committee.



We held our annual picnic at Old School Forest Preserve on July 15. The weather cooperated, and we had a relaxing and enjoyable time, complete with raffle prizes, delicious potluck items, and great conversation. Thanks to our many members who helped with planning, taking reservations, purchasing raffle prizes, supplying plates/cups, and with set-up and clean-up afterwards.

The picnic is always a good time and this year was no exception.



On August 6 we held an open house at the Libertyville Community Gardens. Thanks to Bo Johnson for coordinating the event. Thanks also to Yung Borodkin for being

on hand, along with another colleague from the Lake County Master Gardener program, to answer questions on vegetable gardening. It's always fun to walk around the gardens and see the variety of vegetables, herbs, and flowers and the amazing amount of produce that can be harvested from these plots. Thanks to our club members who came out to support this event.

On August 8 we held our annual mini-show. We had a nice variety of entries in all of the categories. The judges had many beautiful specimens to evaluate, and they provided valuable insight into the judging process. Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who participated and helped make the mini-show a success. During the judging, members shared information on a range of topics, including ideas for future programs, heirloom tomato varieties, seed starting techniques, enhancing pollinator habitat, and Com-Ed's home energy efficiency program. I really enjoyed the lively discussion.

In keeping with this year's photo contest theme of Bees, Bugs, and Butterflies, the club will hold an insect photo expedition, led by local nature-photographer Joan Sayre on Saturday, September 10 at 10:00 am at Butler Lake in Libertyville.

I hope to see you all at our September club meeting, where Allen Schulman will present a program called Easy Gardening. We will also be having our annual veggie tasting. So, bring along a veggie-based dish to share. This year I promise not to make my salsa too picante!

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### **This Month's Club Activity:**

#### **September 12<sup>th</sup>: 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.

#### **Veggie tasting:**

Do you like vegetables? Then the September meeting is one you won't want to miss! We will have our annual veggie tasting. Please bring sample veggies from your garden or purchased. Treat can also be a prepared item or veggie dip.

### **Future Programs for 2016**

#### **October 10<sup>th</sup>: 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 14<sup>th</sup>: Pie Social**

December 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **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](mailto:juliancindy@hotmail.com)

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### **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.

**"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, September 10 at 10:00**

**am** (assuming it is not pouring rain) at 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](mailto:jwclel@comcast.net) and he will add you to the list of participants.

**2016 Mini Show Competition**



This year's mini show was a great success. 50 diverse entries graced our show. The most entries were in the fruit and vegetable section. This was contrasted by the fact that there

were no entries in the Rose section. This year, we combined herbs and native plants categories together, because in 2015, we had only one herb entry. But 2016 was a different story. There were so many herb and native plant entries, that judge asked if they could judge them separately and award 2 section awards. This made sense as there were no Rose entries and set up 2 highly competitive sections.

There was tight race for most points and Cathy Nardo came away the winner. Best of the show was really tough for the judges and eventually, they picked the Phlox exhibited by Arlene Doran as Best of the Show.

Seven different gardeners were awarded for 7 different sections. This shows how diverse our gardeners are in

showing what they like and grow. In addition, this year's show will always be remembered as the ANAGRAM SHOW because Cathy's and Arlene's last names have the same 5 letters arranged differently and therefore an anagram. How cool is that!

**Results of 2016 Mini Show competition**

Name	Entry	Winner
Annuals	Coleus	Cindy Julian
Perennials	Bright Eyes Phlox	Arlene Doran
Herbs	Anise Hyssop	Cathy Nardo
Native Plants	American Quinine	Andy Plasz
Roses	No entry	
Fruits and Vegetables	Blue Lake Green Beans	Susan Plasz
Novelties and Specialties	Limelight Hydrangea	Delores 'Connell
Potted Plants	Angel Wing Begonia	Rekha Deodhar
<b>Best of the Show</b>	<b>Bright Eyes Phlox</b>	<b>Arlene Doran</b>

**2016 Year to Date Results**

	1st	2nd	3rd	Section best	Best of the show	Section Entries	Show Points
Cindy Nardo	4			1		5	17
Cindy Julian	2	2		1		5	15
Andy Kimmel	4	1				5	14
Delores O'Connel	3			1		4	14
Karen O'Hayer	4	1				5	14
Andy Plasz	1	2	1	1		5	13
Arlene Doran	1	1			1	3	12
Janice Paulson	2	3				5	12
Susan Plasz	2	1		1		3	11
Pat Scales	2	1				3	8
Rekha Deodhar				1		1	5
Sarah O'Brien		1	1			2	3
Donna Hughes		1				1	2
Mark Scales		1				1	2
John Adams		1				1	2
Dale Vanderwerf		1				1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	

**Points awarded as follows:**

3rd	1
2nd	2
1st	3
Section Best	5
Best of the Show	7

Mini Show 2016



Picnic 2016



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