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Gardeners of Central Lake County

Where grown-ups get to play with the dirt

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President's Message: by Karen O'Hayer

Hello, Gardeners.

Despite what seems like an especially cool spring, things are happening in the garden. I'm harvesting arugula, which I love in salads, on sandwiches and with pasta. As far as I'm concerned, arugula's slightly bitter flavor is the perfect accompaniment to pretty much everything! But then I love greens: kale, lettuce, spinach, Swiss chard, collards, you name it! Last year I grew radishes and discovered that radish foliage is delicious in salads. If you'd like to try vegetable gardening but don't have a full sun location, consider growing greens. As long as you have 4 hours of sun, greens will thrive. Happy growing and happy eating!

DIRECTORS: Chuck Austin, Janice Paulson, Cindy Julian, Terri Vanderwerff, and Dale Vanderwerff, Jan Van der Wagt

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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.

[13 good reasons to join the Club!](#)



Melissa Alderson, of Lake County Forest Preserves, spoke at our May 8 club meeting, on "Coyotes and Other Canines Of Lake County." Melissa shared information on

wolves, coyotes and foxes, and provided advice on keeping pets safe and what to do if you encounter a coyote.

Our monthly plant competition included a nice selection of spring entries, and the winner was a beautiful tulip display. 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 13. We had a large and diverse selection of beautiful plants,



most dug from our member's gardens and some started from seed. Plenty of enthusiastic volunteers were on hand both the day before and the day of the sale,

ensuring that everything went smoothly. Thanks to all of our members who contributed plants, time, and talent to help make this event a great success!

Our next club-sponsored event will be our annual garden walk on Saturday, June 24. Our intrepid garden-scouters have lined up six exciting gardens in Libertyville. The walk is free to the public and is always a great source of gardening inspiration.

For the second year, our club will sponsor a mini-native plant sale during the garden walk. The mini-sale is perfectly timed for natives like milkweeds, which often emerge too late in the spring to be included in our regular plant sale. If you grow natives, please support our club by contributing a few plants to our mini-sale this year!

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming club meeting on Monday, June 12. Our speaker, Kim Hartmann, of Countryside Flower Shop, will present a program entitled "Fairy Gardening." So, bring a little kid, if you're lucky enough to have one in your life, and if not, bring the little kid in you.

This Month's Club Activity:

June 12

Fairy Gardening

Kim Hartman

Countryside Flower Shop, Nursery and Garden Center

June 24 Garden Walk

The self-guided walk will showcase 6 interesting and varied specialty residential gardens located in Libertyville, IL. Highlights of the gardens include interesting groupings of native perennials, wide assortment of trees and shrubs, lush containers, Japanese garden, vegetable gardens, shade gardens, and many more garden gems. Tour the gardens at your own leisure. Start at any garden. Rain or shine. A mini Native plant sale will be held at one of the homes on the walk. Contact Cindy for any questions at 847-772-2186 or juliancindy@hotmail.com

10 am-2 pm

Map and Directions (attached below)

Future Programs for 2017

July 14

Annual Picnic

Old School Forest Preserve, Shelter D

5 pm

July 19-21

Gardeners of America National Convention

Cleveland

July 22

Community Gardens Open House & Tour

9-11 am

September 11

Mini Flower Show, Veggie Tasting

October 9

Growing Native Plants from Seed

Lake County Forest Preserves

November 13

Pie Social

December 3

Holiday Party and Annual Dinner

St. Lawrence Episcopal Church

3 pm Setup, 4 pm reception and 5 pm dinner

For more information contact Cindy at 847-772-2186 or

juliancindy@hotmail.com

For useful gardening articles go to:

<http://gardenersofcentrallakecounty.org/articles/>

Pioneer Gardens of the Midwest

On behalf of the Wauconda Township Historical Society, we would like to personally invite your group to our program in June called "**Pioneer Gardens of the Midwest**" at our historic Andrew C. Cook House in Wauconda. The program will be held on **Sunday, June 11 at 1 pm.**

Pioneer Women had to be resourceful with the land around them.

Guest speaker Nancy Schumm will talk about plants that pioneer women had in their homes, gardens and wild plants they used for medicine. A limited amount of "garden goodies" will be handed out to our attendees!

House Tours will be available after the program. This is a free event, but donations are greatly appreciated!

For groups 5 or more, we suggest calling ahead so we can accommodate you!

Any other questions, please call us at 847-526-9303.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,
Cindy Graff
 Programs Coordinator
 Wauconda Township Historical Society

2017 Monthly Plant Competition – May
- Andy Plasz



We had 13 outstanding entries for the May competition. Summer is here and things are growing!

Name	Entry	Points
Best of the Show		
Janice Paulson	Pink Early Tulip	10
First Place		
Jerry Cleland	Bleeding Heart	5
Cathy Nardo	Pansies	5
Sarah O'Brien	Bleeding Heart	5
Sarah O'Brien	Lilac	5
Karen O'Hayer	Solomon's Seal	5
Karen O'Hayer	Red Trillium	5
Janice Paulson	White Trillium	5
Janice Paulson	Pink Tree Peony	5
Janice Paulson	White Sweet Woodruff	5
Janice Paulson	Coleus	5
Pat Scales	Rhubarb	5
Second Place		
Janice Paulson	Yellow Woodland Poppy	3
Andy Plasz	Rhubarb Flower	3
Mark Scales	Rhubarb	3

2017 Year to Date Results

Name	Points
Janice Paulson	52
Karen O'Hayer	40
Sarah O'Brien	32
Jerry Cleland	25
Cathy Nardo	5
Pat Scales	5
Mark Scales	3
Andy Plasz	3

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.

Plant Sale Photos



May Meeting Photos



2017 FREE GARDEN WALK, Gardeners of Central Lake County
Held Rain or Shine – Saturday July 24 – 10 AM to 2 PM
Gardens can be visited in any order. Noted below is one possible sequence.

WELCOME! As visitors to these delightful gardens, please keep children under control and away from garden beds. Please Park on the street away from driveways. Keep pets at home. Early birds or latecomers cannot be accommodated.

Garden 1: 207 Woodland Road, Libertyville (Donna Hughes). This yard features a well-balanced assortment of small trees, perennials, hostas, and hydrangeas.

A limited supply of native plants, raised by the Gardeners of Central Lake County, will be offered for sale at this location on first-come first-served basis.

Directions: Reference point is Butterfield Road and Rt 176 in Libertyville. Go west on Rt. 176, turn right on Woodland Road. The garden is on the left just past Willow Ave.

Garden 2: 1320 New Gate Court, Libertyville (Susan Edwards). The front yard features rocks and trees, highlighted by garden beds. The very private back yard includes a lovely combination of trees, shrubs, evergreens and perennials. A patio decorated with petty pots and containers completes this beautiful setting.

Directions: Left on Willow Avenue, right on Butterfield Road, go past Rt. 176, right on Crane Blvd, right on Stevenson Dr., continues as Brandywine Road, right on New Gate Court.

Garden 3: 605 Carter Street, Libertyville (Paul and Louise Quillman). A really stunning garden with many beautiful focal areas in the front, side and back yards; something to catch the eye everywhere you look! There are shady and sunny areas, a Japanese garden, and a lovely selection of trellises and garden art. Garden beds include a wide variety of perennials interspersed with interesting annuals.

Directions: Return to Crane Blvd, continue on Crane Blvd past Butterfield Road, right on Carter Street, the house is on the right.

Garden 4: 522 S. 4th Avenue, Libertyville (Patty Werner). Perennial beds provide focal points in the front yard. The back yard features a patio with a nice collection of containers. Surrounding the patio are garden beds which include many native perennials as well as areas devoted to vegetables and herbs. A great example of how natives can be incorporated with cultivars to create a beautiful naturalized aesthetic.

Directions: Return to Crane Blvd, right on Crane Blvd, slight right on Rockland Road, continue on Rockland Road past Milwaukee Ave, right on S. 4th Avenue. The house is on the left.

Garden 5: 528 S. 4th Avenue, Libertyville (Dorothy Sitek). The front yard is striking and filled with a wide variety of interesting and beautiful plants that provide continuous color throughout the season. Hostas offer tranquility in the shaded back yard. A sunny strip of land along the driveway provides a perfect location for the vegetable garden.

Directions: The Garden 5 is adjacent to Garden 4.

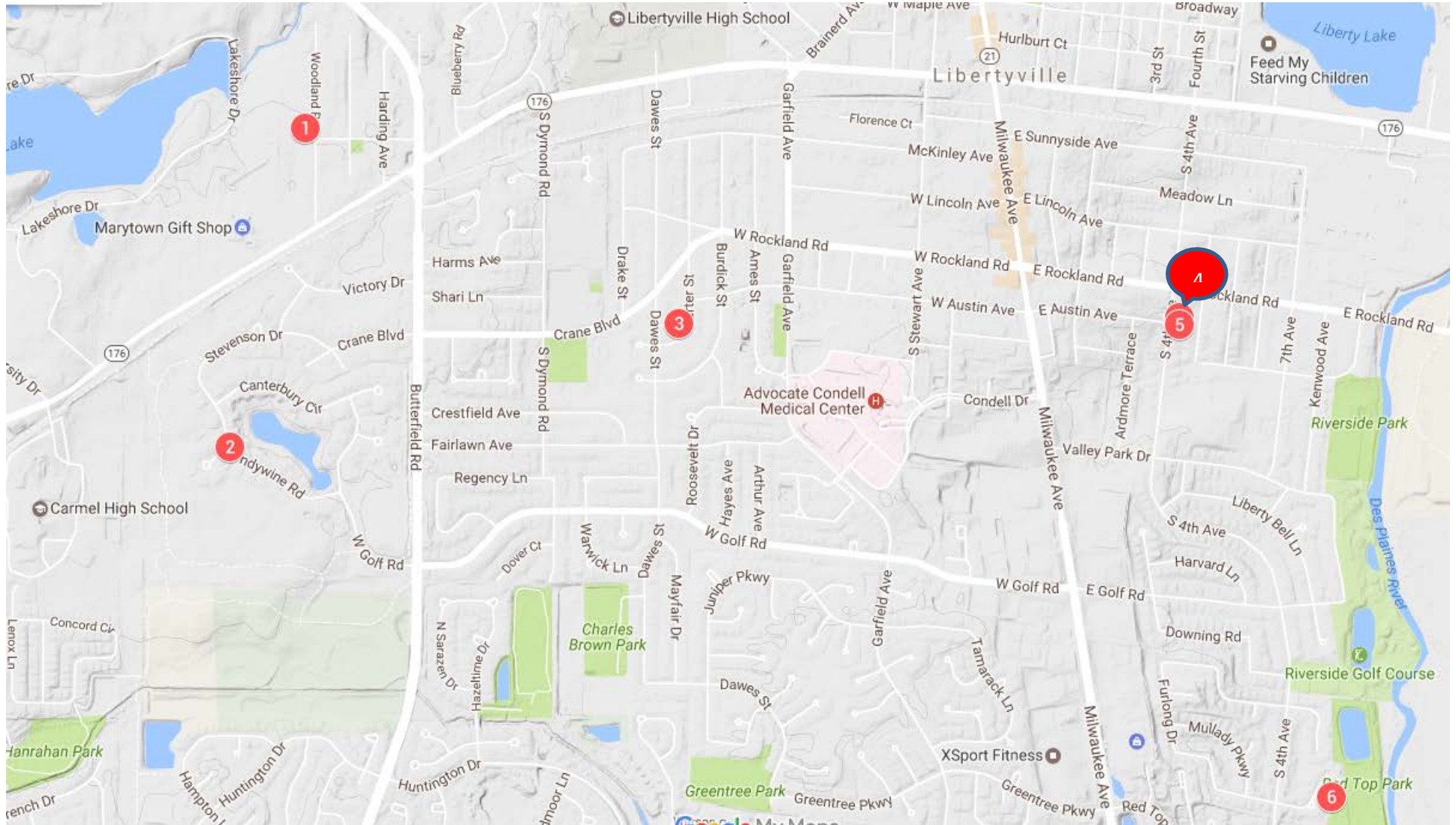
Garden 6: 831 Furlong Drive, Libertyville (Pat Arwine)

Description: This well-kept yard features perennial beds in the front. The back yard adjoins a large open area providing a spacious feel to the entire garden, which includes a lovely pond surrounded by perennial beds. A stunning stone patio and outdoor entertainment area complete this beautiful space.

Directions: Continue going south on South 4th Avenue, left on Furlong Drive. The house is on the right side.

A raffle will be held for \$50 Pasquesi gift certificate. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

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Garden 4 and 5 are adjacent houses