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Gardeners of Central Lake County

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

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Secateur Submission deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> 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!](#)**

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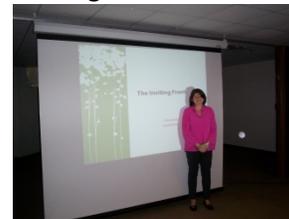
## **President's Message: by Karen O'Hayer**

Hello, Gardeners.

I hope you all have a chance to enjoy the beautiful and long-awaited warm weather. If you love spring wild flowers, Consider a visit to Daniel Wright Woods, a prime location for woodland spring ephemerals, including spring beauties, trout lilies, and trillium.

On recent woods walks I saw my first morels (wild mushrooms that are considered quite a delicacy) and my first wild leeks, also known as ramps. As a devotee of cooking shows, I know that ramps are adored by chefs and foodies alike. Alas, both the morels and the ramps were found in forest preserves, so I could only observe. Some day I hope to taste them! In my garden, the chives are in their prime, and I've been enjoying them both raw and cooked. Chives are always the first food I can harvest from my garden, and I'm delighted when they make their appearance in early spring.

At our April 10 club meeting, Julie Janoski, of Janoski Design, gave a fascinating presentation entitled "The Inviting a front Yard."



as we approach our homes and gave ideas for making those views as inviting as possible while working within the architectural and site constraints.

Julie's talk was followed by our monthly plant competition, which included a number of nice entries and two best in show winners. And as always, we followed up with food and good conversation. Thanks

to the members who provided delicious treats and to Debbi Hoover for coordinating the refreshments.

Our plant sale will take place on Saturday, May 13 from 8:30 to 11:00 am. This is our annual fundraiser and is made possible every year by the enthusiasm and contributions of our members. I'd like to thank our members



who are busy dividing and potting up perennials, nurturing veggie and herb seedlings, and who have volunteered to help with setup the day before or to assist on the day of the sale. This year Tony Kirch, who has organized and managed the plant sale for many years, is moving into a mentoring role, helping others to take over key activities. A big thank-you to Andy Plasz and Chuck Austin for volunteering to manage the Friday and Saturday activities, respectively. Thanks to Jerry Cleland for creating an awesome plant sale list that's quick and easy for members to update and to Cindy Julian for managing publicity for this event. Gently used gardening books, tools, pots, or garden art can also be donated. Here's to another successful sale!



Our photo competition theme this year is 'water', so keep this in mind as you are taking pictures. Hint: water can be in any form, including lakes, ponds, rivers, rain, snow, ice,

dew, and fog.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming club meeting on May 8, where our speaker will be Melissa Alderson of the Lake County Forest Preserves, speaking on "Coyotes and other Canines of Lake County."

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

**May 8**

#### **Coyotes and Other Canines of Lake County**

Melissa Alderson, Ryerson Conservation Area  
Lake County Forest Preserves

**May 13**

#### **Plant Sale**

Crawford Warming House  
8:30-11 am

Please update online [spreadsheet](#) to compile a list of plants that you are bringing to the Plant Sale.

### **Future Programs for 2017**

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

10 am-2 pm

[Map](#) and [Directions](#)

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

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## Welcome New Members:

Glory Kosmatka

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Gardening Interests: lilies, bulbs, gardening with chickens

Other interests: reading and traveling

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## For useful gardening articles go to:

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

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## Calling All Gardeners and Seed Savers!

Fremont Library is starting a seed lending library, and is currently accepting donations of cleaned and dried seeds from open-pollinated or heirloom vegetables, flowers, herbs, or native plants.

We can only accept seeds if you include the following information:

--who it was collected by

--year collected

--species and/or common name and variety

Put each variety in a separate envelope or zipper bag, so we can sort them for distribution. Donations can be left at the Readers Services desk on the 1st floor.

Seeds will be available for "check out" beginning in March.

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Cheerios is giving away wildflower seeds to help the bees. Check out the link below.

<http://www.cheerios.com/bringbackthebees/form>

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## 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!

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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

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## 2017 Monthly Plant Competition - April - Andy Plasz

In the month of March, we had entries of beautiful Orchids and Daffodils, Scillia, Narcissis etc.

Name	Entry	Points
<b>Best of the Show</b>		
Karen O'Hayer	Phalenopsis Orchid	10
Karen O'Hayer	Daffodils	10
<b>First Place</b>		
Sarah O'Brien	Narcissis	5
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Sarah O'Brien	Scillia	5
Karen O'Hayer	Phalenopsis Orchid	5
Janice Paulson	Blue/White Scilla	5
Janice Paulson	Yellow Daffodils	5
<b>Second Place</b>		
Janice Paulson	Bloodroot	3
Janice Paulson	Blue Scilla	3
Janice Paulson	White Scilla	3

## 2017 Year to Date Results

Name	Points
Karen O'Hayer	40
Sarah O'Brien	25
Jerry Cleland	20
Janice Paulson	19

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.

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**April Meeting Photos**



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# ANNUAL PLANT SALE



## Saturday, May 13

8:30-11:00AM rain or shine

CRAWFORD HOUSE  
817 LAKE STREET  
LIBERTYVILLE

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