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President's Message: by Karen O'Hayer

Hello, Gardeners.

Fall is here, although the record-breaking heat of the past few days makes it seem like mid-summer. My pepper plants have responded with a growth spurt, and I may actually get a nice crop of poblano peppers before the season is over. This year I planted black- and-blue salvia, and I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the hummingbirds feasting and stocking up for their fall migration. This plant is an annual in our area, but well worth growing if you want to attract hummingbirds. Another standout in my garden this year was the Shishito pepper. Cindy Julian started the plants from seed and brought them to the plant sale this year. They are delicious and make a wonderful snack when sautéed in hot olive oil and sprinkled with coarse salt. Thanks, Cindy, for introducing me to this fantastic variety. Hope you'll grow them again next year!

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!](#)

On September 11 we held our annual mini-show. We had a nice variety of entries, and all the categories were



represented. The judges had many beautiful specimens to evaluate, and as always, they provided insight into their judging process. This year's coveted 'Best of Show' award was shared between two entries, a beautiful rose and three perfect peaches. Thanks

go out to our judges, Alan Schulman, Sam Solomon, and Cathy Nardo, and to Janice Paulson for clerking. Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who participated and helped make the mini-show a success.



While the judges were evaluating our entries, our members met in a separate room and shared information on a wide range of topics, including favorite

gardening tools, enhancing habitat for monarch butterflies, the winter-sowing technique for seed starting, and raised bed gardening. We also learned about the Conserve Lake County property evaluation program, which helps encourage homeowners to create a more sustainable, ecologically-sound environment right at home.

For more information [click here](#)

We also had our annual veggie tasting at the September meeting. Thanks to everybody who provided delicious treats.

Our club is currently assembling the 2018 calendar. In addition to a wonderful collection of photos by our members, it will include all our up-coming meetings and activities for 2018. A must-have for any club member!

Also, remember that our current photo contest theme is 'water'. Be sure to take some photos featuring water in any form (liquid, solid or gas) for our next contest, which will be held early in 2018.

We will be holding our third annual seed swap at the November meeting. Please look around your garden and collect seeds you'd like to share. Make sure the seeds are completely dry before storing them.

A big thank-you goes out to Debbi Hoover who has done a fantastic job of coordinating refreshments at our club meetings. Our club provides a welcoming environment to new members and guests, and the refreshment table is an integral part of this. As Debbi prepares to step down, we will be looking for a new member to organize refreshments starting in 2018. Please let me or Debbi know if you have an interest in this role.

We have an exciting program lined up for our October meeting. A speaker from the Lake County Forest Preserves will give a presentation on Growing Native Plants from Seed. Happy gardening!

This Month's Club Activity:

October 9

**Growing Native Plants from Seed
Lake County Forest Preserves**

Future Programs for 2017

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/>

Seed Swap in November

The Gardeners of Central Lake County will be hosting our third annual seed swap at the November 13th meeting. Even if you don't have seeds to share, you are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please come, and take home seeds of a few new varieties to try in your garden next spring.

A reminder for those bringing seeds to the swap: please bring each seed type in a separate container labeled with:

- Plant name (the common plant name as well as the scientific name, if you know it)
- The year and location (e.g. Mundelein, IL) where the seeds were collected,
- The seed collector's name,
- A photo of the plant, if available
- Any special requirements for germination

Purchased, commercial seed packets (either full or partially used) are great contributions to the seed swap.

We will have tables set up with sections for various plant types (vegetables, herbs, annual flowers, perennials). Members bringing seeds will place their containers in the appropriate areas. Small envelopes and pens/pencils for labeling will be provided. Club members will then circulate around the tables and transfer seeds, along with the relevant information, from the original container to the small envelopes

provided.

If you are collecting seed from plants growing in your garden, remember to avoid collecting seed from hybrid varieties, since the seed will not 'breed true'. In other words, it will not produce plants with the typical characteristics of the hybrid variety.

The seed swap is a great opportunity to do what we gardeners all love: share plants and information with other gardeners. We will also invite members to share information on seed collecting or seed starting at the November meeting. Here's to another successful plant swap!

2018 Garden Club Dues

It seems a bit early to be writing about 2018, but actually we only have two meetings and a party before the New Year is upon us.

As most of you are aware, we are part of a National Club, The Gardeners of America, and when you pay your \$20.00 to the club, we send \$15.00 to National.

The Gardeners of America has always encouraged clubs to have dues collected and sent to them before the beginning of the new calendar year.

We are usually running a little behind that goal, and it seems to get a little later each year before we have all dues in house.

This year there is another reason we are hoping to collect dues a little earlier.

Dale Vanderwerff has generously volunteered to be the new club treasurer, and both Dale and I are out of town in January of 2018.

Dues received in January will not be registered until February, not a huge problem, but one we would like to minimize.

So I will be happy to take your 2018 dues at the October meeting, and Dale will be collecting dues at the November meeting.

Dues remain \$20.00 for an individual and \$30.00 for a family.

Arlene Doran
Treasurer

Mini Show on September 11

This year's mini show was a great success. Many diverse entries graced our show. There were 7 categories. Annuals, perennials, herbs, roses, fruits & vegetables, novelties & specialties and potted plants.



Best of the show was awarded to 2 gardeners. Arlene Doran for Roses and Mark Scales for peaches. Results are attached.

GCLC Photo Contest

For the upcoming year, the theme for our club's Photo Contest is "Water." Our process for this year's contest



will be similar. We encourage members to photograph water related subject, while also remembering we are a garden club interested in plants, flowers, and

landscapes.

See article below, written by Jerry Cleland.

Mini Show on Sept. 11



GCLC Photo Contest

It is again time to begin reviewing your garden-related photos to determine which 5 photos are your best to enter into the club contest. Each January we hold our photo contest and vote on the great photos taken by our members. Every year we have a theme to help provide inspiration for our members; this year the theme is Water. So while many of the photos will contain lakes or ponds or rain or ice, there is no requirement that any photos conform to the theme. If you have photos you wish to enter which do not have water in them that is fine too.

Soon, at upcoming meetings I will begin to remind members to send me their five favorite photos for the upcoming contest and will also begin to distribute index cards with the following:

GCLC Photography Contest – We expect this year’s photo contest to be the best ever, with even more of our members submitting garden-related photos to be entered for our upcoming photo contest. Here is the process:

- Choose your favorite 5 photos
- Attach and send in jpg format to Jerry Cleland – jwclel@comcast.net –
 - This year’s theme is Water, but it is not a requirement for any photo
 - Unless you specify otherwise, he will edit photos as appropriate
 - If you do not know how to send attachments contact Jerry
 - **DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT IS DECEMBER 15, 2017**
- All photos will be printed in 4” x 6” format by an online photo service
 - You can submit as 4 x 6 or Jerry will reformat into that size
- All photos will be anonymously judged at the **January 2018** meeting
- Votes will be tabulated and the 20 photos with the most votes will be submitted to the national photo contest.
- Photos will be judged at 2018 National Convention; results are returned.
- After initial voting, all photos are resubmitted into Calendar competition. ***Four GCLC photos are in the 2017 National Calendar!***

If you are interested in more information about the contest, an article was published in the March 2017 Secateur and is posted in the club website - <http://gardenersofcentrallakecounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Photo-Contest.pdf>

**Gardeners of Central Lake County
2017 Mini-Show Results**

Name		Awards ¹			Section Best	Show Best	Total Entries	TOTAL POINTS
		1st	2nd	3rd				
Janice	Paulson	2	1		2		5	18
Jerry	Cleland	3	1		1		5	16
Arlene	Doran	3				1	4	16
Karen	O'Hayer	2	2		1		5	15
Cathy	Nardo	4	1				5	14
Andy	Kimmel	3	2				5	13
Delores	O'Connell	2	3				5	12
Pat	Scales	2	1				3	8
Mark	Scales					1	1	7
Val	Van der Wagt	1	2				3	7
Sarah	O'Brien	2					2	6
Dale	Vanderwerff	2					2	6
Cathy	Maynen		1				1	2
Carolyn	Raymond	1	1				2	5
Carole	Brunner	1					1	3
Corrie	Glass			3			3	3
Subhash	Deodhar		1				1	2
Totals		28	16	3	4	2	53	153

¹Points are awarded as follows -

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

Best of Section Winners

Section 1 - Annuals	Jerry Cleland - Double Impatiens
Section 2 - Perennials	Janice Paulson - Grandiflora Hosta
Section 3 - Herbs	Karen O'Hayer - Italian Flat-leaf Parsley
Section 4 - Roses	Arlene Doran - 'Flower Carpet'
Section 5 - Fruits & Vegetables	Mark Scales - Peaches
Section 6 - Novelties/Specialties	None
Section 7 - Potted Plants	Janice Paulson - Phalaenopsis Orchid

Best of Show - 2 awarded in 2017

Section 4 - Roses	Arlene Doran - 'Flower Carpet'
Section 5 - Fruits & Vegetables	Mark Scales - Peaches

Mini Show Photos continue



The Winners

