



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,

The spring equinox is behind us and signs of spring are everywhere. The robins are returning, the crocuses are blooming, and gardeners are itching to get their hands in the dirt. Many of my perennials are beginning to show signs of life, and I'm thinking about turning over the soil in my veggie beds on the next warm, sunny day. One spring ritual many of us share is growing plants from seeds. You may be starting seedlings indoors under lights. You may be using the winter sowing technique, where seeds are started outdoors in mini-greenhouses made from plastic milk/water jugs.



Whichever method you use, it is truly rewarding to grow healthy, beautiful plants from seed and have them ready to transplant into the garden when the temperatures are right.

DIRECTORS: Arlene Doran, Chuck Austin, Cindy Julian, Jan Van der Wagt, Donna Hughes, Pat Meehan
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.

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

Whether you are propagating plants from seed or making plans to divide your perennials, please donate as many plants as you can to our club's plant sale, which will be held on Saturday, May 12th. If you have extra plastic pots you can donate to other club members, please bring them to the April 9th meeting. This year, we will be offering Mother's Day bud vases for sale. Please bring any bud vases you'd like to donate to our April meeting. Let's all pull together to make this year's plant sale a big success!



Day bud vases for sale. Please bring any bud vases you'd like to donate to our April meeting. Let's all pull together to make this year's plant sale a big success!

I want to thank our members who helped out with the Green Living Fair this year. A special thank-you to Jan

Kirch who organized our club's participation. This event is a great way to get the word out about our club and to make connections with other organizations in the community.

Maintaining the Lynn Arthur Public Rose Garden in downtown Libertyville is a service our club has provided since the garden was established in 1952. Each spring we uncover and clean up the rose bushes under the guidance of our very own rosarian, Andy Plasz. This spring we will be notifying club members of volunteer opportunities at the Rose Garden. Please join us if you can. I guarantee you will appreciate this beautiful garden even more after volunteering a few hours of your time. It's also a great way to get to know your fellow gardeners better, and you'll learn a heck of a lot about gardening tools, techniques and, of course, roses.



A big thank you to Andy Kimmel for running the March 12 meeting when I was out sick. Sharon Yielsa was our speaker and her talk was entitled "Gardening Myths and Mis-information: Barriers to Good Gardening." I was sorry to miss this one, as I always enjoy Sharon's presentations.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming club meeting on April 9, where our own Jerry Cleland will present a program entitled "Growing Orchids at Home". Jerry has been an orchid enthusiast for many years. If you love orchids, you won't want to miss this one.

This Month's Club Activity:

April 9th

Growing Orchids at Home

Jerry Cleland

How to take care of your Orchid at home

Future Programs for 2018

May 12

Plant Sale

Crawford Warming House

8:30-11 am

May 14

"Divide and Multiply: When to Divide What (And How)" – Beth Botts

June 11

Mini Flower Show/Members Forum

June 23

Garden Walk

July 20

Annual Picnic

Old School Forest Preserve, Shelter D

5 pm

Sept. 10

"Seeds That Are Good for Your Health" / Veggie Tasting

Rekha Deodhar

Oct. 8

Backyard Birds and Bird Feeding

David Brooks, Spring Valley Nature Center

Learn the "how to" of attracting a variety of birds to your yard with feeding stations and food plantings. Program will include who's-who of common local birds and some of the migrants to be observed in spring and fall.

Nov. 12

Pie Social

Dec. 9

Holiday Party and Annual Dinner

For useful gardening articles go to:

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

Welcome New Member:

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Gardening Interests: Native plant gardening

Other interests: Laudato Si

Green Living Fair 2018

- Jan Kirch

Our club participated in the Green Living Fair on Saturday, March 17th at the Libertyville Civic Center.

We offered gardening information, our programs and



Libertyville Community Gardens information. Additionally, we advertised our Plant Sale and Garden Walk. Susan Plasz's milk jug seed sowing was displayed with instructions. This year's

'garden gift' of Bee-Feed seeds was so popular that we ran out of 50 packets by 1 pm. A huge thank-you to our volunteers, Pat & Mark Scales, Debbi and Grant Hoover, Sue Worley, Janice Smith, Delores O'Connell, Karen O'Hayer and Janice Paulson (who worked the entire event) for answering gardening/program questions and exchanging ideas with visitors.

There were over 40 exhibitors including, CLC, Audubon, Lake County Forest Preserve, Conserve Lake County, Sierra Club, U of I extension Center, Citizens Climate Lobby, Working Bikes Coop and youth clubs to name a few. Continuous 30 minute break-out sessions which focused on gardening and environmental issues were also presented.

Spring Vegetable Gardening

Horticulturalist, Lisa Hilgenberg, from the Regenstein Fruit and Vegetable Garden at the Chicago Botanic Garden will be hosting a FREE seminar

Join Lisa for tips, tools and techniques that will help you grow your own fresh herbs and vegetables.



Site selection, bed and soil preparation, seed sowing, transplanting and timing will be covered along with a demonstration on how to grow tasty and healthy vegetables and herbs in containers. She will also show attendees how to welcome spring with pansy and lettuce

containers.

WHEN: Saturday, April 7th

WHERE: Pasquesi's Lake Bluff Store

TIME: 11am - 12pm

Followed by Q & A from 12pm to 1pm

2018 Monthly Plant Competition – March - Andy Plasz

In the month of March, we had mostly orchids. There was a good variety of beautiful orchids. If you have something that looks good to you, please 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 March 2018 Plant Competition		
Name	Plant name	Points
Best of The Show		
Janice Paulson	Yellow Orchid	10
First Place		
Jerry Cleland	Brassoidostele Orchid	5
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Sarah O'Brien	Coleus	5
Janice Paulson	Snowdrops	5
Pat Scales	Fern	5
Pat Scales	Phaleanopsis Orchid	5
Pat Scales	Winter Aconite	5

2018 Year to Date Results

Name	Points
Janice Paulson	36
Jerry Cleland	30
Sarah O'Brien	18
Pat Scales	15
Dale Vanderwerff	10
Karen O'Hayer	5

Plant Sale: May 12

Jerry Cleland has created a terrific tool we can use to keep track of the plants all of our members are planning to bring to the sale this year. This is helpful to ensure



we don't end up with lots of duplicates of the same plant. It may also help to ensure our pricing is similar for similar plants. [Click here](#) to update the list online with your plants.

Please deliver plants on Friday (May 11), morning at Crawford Warming House in Libertyville. Make sure your pots are clean, and plants are labeled. If you have a lot of plants of the same type, a picture can be very helpful. Volunteers will help you put your plants on the proper tables.

Plant Rescue Project: This is a new way to get plants for sale. There are times when large perennials are dug up for various reasons. We help remove these plants and sale them at the Plant Sale. Last year we rescued 200 plants from different places.

Photo Contest -Jerry Cleland

Next year the photo contest theme is "Art and



Architecture," so we hope our members will continue to photograph plant- and garden-related subjects while also uniquely incorporating subjects from the annual theme into their

photos. As always, there is no requirement that photos entered into the contest must contain thematic objects. Members who have entered the contest in the past report that having a theme makes the process more interesting both in terms of finding subjects for their own photographs and also in viewing how other members interpreted the theme. Member participation

was good again this year, and we hope that will continue forward in the upcoming years.

We especially encourage members who have not participated in the past to consider submitting their own garden-related photos to our contest that will be held in January 2019. As seen in previous contests, entering a winning photo does not require an expensive camera. Many of the winning photos for the past several years have been taken with cell phone cameras. While it may take a couple of tries for a newcomer to be selected as one of the top 20 photos, our goal in beginning this contest over 10 years ago was to make ourselves better garden photographers. As you witnessed in the photos displayed for this year's contest, we improve our skills each year.

March Meeting Photos



Green Living Fair



Gardeners of Central Lake County

ANNUAL PLANT SALE



Saturday, May 12

8:30-11:00AM rain or shine

CRAWFORD HOUSE
817 LAKE STREET
LIBERTYVILLE

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