



## Happy New Year!

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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,

We held our annual Holiday Party and Dinner on Sunday, December 3 at the St. Lawrence Episcopal Church in Libertyville. We had a good turnout and a lovely time sharing great food, drink, and conversation. I was much honored to receive the club's award for outstanding service, the Bronze Medal, this year. Our invincible Janice Paulson won awards for the most points in both the Monthly Plant Competition and the Mini-show. For their outstanding entries in the Mini-Show, Arlene Doran and Mark Scales both received Best in Show awards. Andy Kimmel and I both received awards for Rose Garden volunteer of the year. Congratulations to all the winners! Special thanks go out to Cindy Julian and the Bronze Medal committee, Laurie and Chuck Austin for party logistics and for order/pick-up of the main dishes, Andy Kimmel for creating the program, Cindy Julian for taking reservations and to all the club members who brought wonderful food and helped with set-up and clean-up. I also thank my many memory-joggers who gently guided me through the evening. Couldn't have done it without you. Whew!

At the Holiday Party we confirmed the following new Board appointments: Donna Hughes and Pat Meehan as Directors, Janice Paulson as Membership Chair and 2nd Vice President, and Dale Vanderwerff as Treasurer.

We are very lucky to continue to have Delores O'Connell as 1st Vice President (Programs), Rekha Deodhar as

Secateur editor and manager of our website, Pat Scales as Recording Secretary, and Cindy Julian, Arlene Doran, Chuck Austin and Jan Van der Wagt as Directors. We also have active involvement from a number of past-presidents, including Andy and Susan Plasz, Jerry Cleland, Tony Kirch, and Andy Kimmel. I will continue as president in the New Year and look forward to working with this terrific group of dedicated people!

I'd like to thank our outgoing Membership Chair, Carole Brunner, and Arlene Doran, our outgoing Treasurer, for their service to the club.

The 2018 photo contest will be held at the January 8 club meeting. Jerry Cleland will prepare the entries, and club members will have an opportunity to vote for their favorites. In keeping with the photography theme, our speaker will be local nature photographer Joan Sayre, who will present a program entitled "Flowers of Oregon and Frost on the Windows". I have seen Joan's "Frost on the Windows" presentation, and the photographs are truly stunning. You won't want to miss this one!

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Monday, January 8 at 7:00 pm, at the CrossLife Church, on the corner of Austin and Garfield in Libertyville, and to a great new year filled opportunities to learn, grow, and share our gardening experiences.

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

**January 8**

**Flowers of Oregon & Frost on the Windows**

Joan Sayre – Nature photographer

Questions and Answers on photography

**Photo Contest:**

Jerry Cleland

### **Future Programs for 2018**

**February 12**

**Excellence is in our Nature**

Katherine Hamilton-Smith

Director of Public Affairs and Development,  
Lake County Forest Preserve District.

What Forest Preserve does and also info on planting natives and eliminating invasives.

**March 12**

**Gardening Myths and Mis-information: Barriers to Good Gardening**

Sharon Yiesla

**April 9th**

**Growing Orchids at Home**

Jerry Cleland

How to take care of your Orchid at home

**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**

TBD/ Veggie Tasting

**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/>

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### **2018 Garden Club Dues-If you have not paid yet!**

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.

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

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

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## 2017 Rose Garden Award- Andy Plasz

At the annual dinner in December, Karen O’Hayer and Andy Kimmel were awarded the 2017 Rose Garden Volunteer Award. The award was started by Geewananda Gunawardana, who was curator of the garden from 1995 to June 2001. Gee donated the travelling plaque to be given to the club member who was the outstanding volunteer for each annual growing season. This year’s winners were tied in hours going into the last weekend of the season and they both showed up along with 8 other club members and 2 Community Service Volunteers and despite strong winds and some snow early, we put the rose garden to bed for the winter.

All told, members of the Gardeners of Central Lake County and nonmembers put in 562 people hours of work in the Cook Park Lynn Arthur Rose Garden during 2017. Some 36 folk did volunteer work in the Lynn Arthur Rose Garden this year. Twenty two folk were nonmembers of the Gardeners of Central Lake County and donated 220 hours of effort. Fourteen club members accounted for the rest of the hours. The top ten with a tie for tenth are listed below:

Name	No. of Hours
Terry Webb	53
Karen O’Hayer	39
Andy Kimmel	39
Chuck Austin	28
Jerry Cleland	28
Alex Schroeder	26
Lorraine Austin	25
Jan Van der Wagt	22
Shane Guisti	21
Dana Morgan	14
Dale Vanderwerff	14

I want to thank everyone who came out in 2017 even if it was for only an hour. We need all the help we can get and every little bit is sincerely appreciated. As gardeners we have an ambitious list of projects to work on and while everyone may not want to or cannot work in the rose garden, there are many Gardeners of Central Lake County projects to work on so we hope each and every one of you will step up to help somewhere in the organization so we all can prosper as a unit. Let’s all have a bountiful 2018!

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## 2017 Monthly Plant Competition - November Andy Plasz

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.

Name	Entry	Points
<b>Best of the Show</b>		
John Adams	Unknown plant	10
<b>First Place</b>		
Jerry Cleland	Cattleya Orchid	5
Janice Paulson	Dried Fern	5
Janice Paulson	Dried Hydrangea	5
Janice Paulson	Dusty Miller	5
Jan Van der Wagt	Holly with Berries	5
		5
<b>Second Place</b>		
Janice Paulson	Succulent Plant	3

## 2017 Year to Date Results

Name	Points
Janice Paulson	114
Karen O’Hayer	90
Sarah O’Brien	50
Jerry Cleland	38
Cathy Nardo	10
Pat Scales	10
John Adams	10
Andy Plasz	8
Dale Vanderwerff	5
Jan Van der Wagt	5
Mark Scales	3

## 2017 Monthly Plant Competition Winner

**Janice Paulson** pulled away from her closest competitors at the November 2017 Plant Competition to secure the 2017 title. This marks the 5th time over the last 8 or 9 years or so that Janice has managed to best the competition over a full year. Janice’s key to success is to try and bring something every month Janice brings a wide variety of items such as cut flowers, potted plants, dried flowers and ferns and flowering stems of trees and shrubs. It is surprising what the judges like sometimes. After all the judges hung a first on that large Rhubarb flower last May! The membership likes seeing all the different things that we all grow. This year eleven different folk brought specimens from their gardens, yards or houseplant collections. Every one of you must have something you

could bring at least in once a year to share with the membership. Give it a try in 2018!

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### GCLC Photo Contest

For this year, the theme for our club's Photo Contest is "Water." Photos will be on the display at the January 8 meeting. You will have an opportunity to vote for the photos taken by our gardener friends.



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### Community Seed Swap

Fremont Public Library - Meeting Room A & B

Saturday, January 27: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Age group: Teen, Adults

Event type: Appointment/Tutoring

Do you save seeds from your vegetable, herb, and flower garden every year? Want to share the bounty with your neighbors, and try out some of their favorites? Join us at our first annual seed swap.

Register on line or call the library

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### Winter Sowing

January is the month to think about winter sowing. Start collecting milk jugs. If you have any extra milk jugs, please recycle and save for gardeners who may want to try winter sowing this year. Most likely the best time to start will be Jan/Feb 2018.

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### December Meeting Photos



### December Meeting Photos Continued



