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**SAVE THE DATE: July 20
Annual Picnic**

President's Message: by Karen O'Hayer
Hello Gardeners,

If you grow produce during the summer and find yourself with an overabundance, please consider donating to our local food pantry. Libertyville Township's food pantry is open Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Libertyville Township office. Like all food pantries, they accept non-perishable food items. But, they also really appreciate fresh produce. Donations can be dropped off any time that the Township office is open. The best time



to drop off produce is on Monday, so it will be at its freshest when the pantry is open on Tuesday. The link below provides additional information about the food pantry. Please consider sharing with those in

our community who are in need and donate your excess produce to the Libertyville [Township food pantry](#) this summer!

I'd like to thank Andy Kimmel for running the June Board meeting and Andy Plasz for running the June member meeting in my absence. The mini-show was held at the June 11 meeting. Thanks to the members who shared gardening expertise during the judging and to those who provided refreshments for the meeting. Congratulations to all the winners!

Our annual garden walk took place on Saturday, June 23. After a week of almost constant rain, the weather took a turn for the better, and we had a picture perfect day for

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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!](#)

the walk. We had a good turnout, and all the gardens looked fantastic. Many thanks to Arlene Doran, Delores O'Connell, and Debbi Hoover who located the beautiful gardens featured this year. Thanks to our members who



volunteered to staff the gardens on the day of the event, to Arlene Doran for coordinating the walk, to Cindy Julian for handling publicity, to Susan Plasz for writing the garden

descriptions, to Subhash Deodhar for creating a fantastic map and directions, and to Delores O'Connell who organized the pre-walk, which allows the hosts to see all the gardens on the day before the walk. Thanks to our members who donated plants to the mini-sale and a shout-out to Delores for peddling a lot of milkweed. The Monarchs say thank-you! Great job everyone!

I look forward to seeing you at the club picnic on Friday, July 20, at Old School Forest Preserve, shelter D,



beginning at 5:00 pm. The Gardeners of Central Lake County know how to throw a mean potluck, so don't miss this evening of great food and camaraderie.

I look forward to seeing you at our next club meeting on Monday, September 10, where our own Rekha Deodhar will present a program entitled "Seeds that are Good for your Health". The meeting will also include our veggie tasting, so please bring a sweet or savory veggie dish to share. Please note: there are no meetings in July or August. Happy gardening!

This Month's Club Activity:

July 20

Annual Picnic

Old School Forest Preserve, Shelter D, 5 pm

[Sign up sheet](#) for picnic.

Future Programs for 2018

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 Members

Janet Schockmel

From Mundelein

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Her main garden interest is Hostas, but she likes crafts as well. Janet entered specimens in our Mini-Show on 6/11 and joined the club the same night.

Free program at Pasquesi Nursery

Learn more about low maintenance perennials on Sat., July 7th.

Melinda Myers, nationally known gardening expert and author, will be hosting a FREE seminar "Low Maintenance Perennials for a Beautiful Landscape".

WHEN: Saturday, July 7th

WHERE: Pasquesi's Lake Bluff store

TIME: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Followed by Q & A from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

She will talk and answer questions about choosing 'easy-to-care-for' perennial plants and tips on planting them.

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.

Mini Flower Show, June 11

Our annual mini-show was held at our meeting on June 11. We had many beautiful entries.



Congratulations to Andy Plasz for having the Best of Show and for having the most points in this year's Mini show. Thank you to all who entered and who attended the show.

Results of the mini show are given below.

Mini Show 2018 Winners



Mini Show 2018 Judges



**Gardeners of Central Lake County
2018 Mini-Show Results**

Name		Awards ¹			Section Best	Show Best	Total Entries	TOTAL POINTS
		1st	2nd	3rd				
Andy	Plasz	2	1		1	1	5	20
Jerry	Cleland	4			1		5	17
Cathy	Nardo	5					5	15
Janice	Paulson	4	1				5	14
Arlene	Doran		1		2		3	12
Sarah	O'Brien	3	1				4	11
Pat	Scales	2			1		3	11
Janet	Schockmel		5				5	10
Corrie	Glass	2					2	6
Mark	Scales	1	1				2	5
Dale	Vanderwerff	1					1	3
Totals		24	10	0	5	1	40	124

¹Points are awarded as follows -

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

Best of Section Winners

Section 1 - Annuals	None
Section 2 - Perennials	Arlene Doran - Siberian Iris
Section 3 - Herbs/Natives	Jerry Cleland - Jack in the Pulpit
Section 4 - Roses	Andy Plasz - 'Easy Spirit'
Section 5 - Fruits & Vegetables	Pat Scales - Asparagus
Section 6 - Novelties/Specialties	Andy Plasz - Rose 'Lillian Gibson'
Section 7 - Potted Plants	Arlene Doran - Phalaenopsis Orchid

Best of Show in 2018

Section 6 - Novelties/Specialties	Andy Plasz - Rose branch 'Lillian Gibson'
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