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**SAVE THE DATE: MAY 12.
PLANT SALE**

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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!

President's Message: by Karen O'Hayer

Hello Gardeners,
 I hope you are all enjoying the long-awaited warm weather. Finally things are beginning to happen in the garden. Perennials are emerging, and a few are in bloom. I recently visited Daniel Wright Woods, my favorite spot for Spring wildflowers. I found a few plant species in flower, but the bloom is definitely delayed this year. The good news is, we still have plenty of time to get out to the woods and enjoy the annual spring show of color.



Our plant sale will take place on **Saturday, May 12 from 8:30 to 11:00 am.** This event is made possible every year by the enthusiastic contributions of

our members. I'd like to thank those of you who are busy dividing/potting up perennials and nurturing veggie and herb seedlings, as well as those who have volunteered to help with setup the day before the sale or to assist on the day of the sale. If you'd like to volunteer and haven't already signed up to help, please contact me.

Special thanks to Grant Hoover for printing our color posters, to Jerry Cleland for printing plant labels and creating our shared plant list, to Donna Hughes for creating Mother's Day bouquets for sale, and to Cindy Julian for managing publicity for this event. This year's late spring does present challenges, but let's all do the best we can to supply as many plants as possible for the

sale. Let's make it work! Here's to another successful sale!



At our April 9 club meeting, our own Jerry Cleland gave a very informative and entertaining presentation entitled "[Growing Orchids at Home](#)" which emphasized the importance of understanding

the environmental conditions that particular types of orchids need to thrive in the wild and then providing those conditions in the home. Jerry's presentation was followed by a hands-on demonstration of how to re-pot an orchid.

Our monthly plant competition included a number of nice entries. The winner was a gorgeous Cymbidium, a type of orchid that is rather challenging to get to re-bloom. As always, we followed up with food and good conversation. Thanks to the members who provided delicious treats and to Laurie Austin for coordinating the refreshments.



Now that spring seems to finally be here, you may be inspired to pull out your cameras or phones and start snapping pictures. Our photo competition theme this year is art and architecture in the garden, so keep this in mind as you look for photographic subjects.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming club meeting on May 14, where our speaker will be Beth Botts whose presentation is entitled "Divide and Multiply: When to Divide What (And How)."

This Month's Club Activity:

May 12

Plant Sale

Crawford Warming House

8:30-11 am

May 14

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

Future Programs for 2018

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/>

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.

Visit [more plant sales](#) in the area.

Libertyville Gardens: Register for the summer 2018 - Karen O'Hayer

The Libertyville Gardens is a community garden that was founded in 2013 by the Village of Libertyville, The Chapel of Libertyville and the Gardeners of Central Lake County. Each organization contributes to the gardens, with the Village handling registration, fee collection, and communications, the Chapel providing the land, water, and infrastructure, and the GCLC is contributing gardening expertise.



Registration for the Libertyville Gardens is currently open and several plots are still available. If you're interested in growing your own food consider renting a plot at the Libertyville Gardens. Use the link below to register.

<https://www.libertyville.com/573/Libertyville-Gardens>

Mini Flower Show, June 11

We will be holding our annual mini-show at our meeting on June 11. Be sure to look around your yard and see



what is blooming, fruiting or otherwise providing a wow factor. Sometimes a leaf or a branch can be as stunning as a flower, so think outside the box. During the judging, we invite club members

to share garden-related information, so come prepared to tell us about your favorite gardening tool, a new gardening technique or plant variety you tried this year, or anything else you'd like to share.

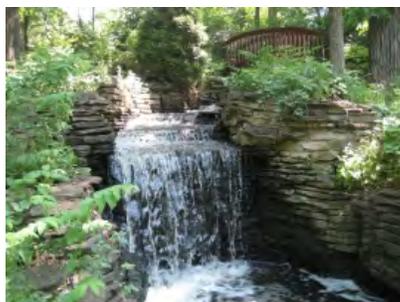
Free Garden Walk, June 23: 10 am - 2 pm

The self-guided walk will showcase 5 interesting and varied residential gardens located in the Sylvan Lake area of Mundelein. Highlights of the gardens include interesting groupings of native perennials, a wide assortment of trees and shrubs, lush containers, shade gardens, and many more garden gems. Tour the gardens at your own leisure. Rain or shine. A mini 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

Free Garden Walk in Kildeer Home June 15

Can you believe this beautiful waterfall is located in a back yard in Kildeer?



Come see it at a free garden walk, to be held June 15th from 11am-5pm. Donations will be accepted to benefit JourneyCare, the largest nonprofit provider of

palliative, supportive, and end-of-life care in Illinois. Donors will be eligible to win prizes donated by local businesses. You will get address in June issue.

2018 Monthly Plant Competition – April

- Andy Plasz

In the month of April, we had variety of plants. Best of the show was a beautiful orchid. 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 April 2018 Plant Competition		
Name	Plant name	Points
Best of The Show		
John Adams	Cymbidium Orchid	10
First Place		
Sarah O'Brien	Orchid	5
Janice Paulson	Purple Crocus	5
Janice Paulson	Blue Scilla	5
Janice Paulson	Blue and White Scilla	5
Janice Paulson	Snowdrops	5

2018 Year to Date Results

Name	Points
Janice Paulson	56
Jerry Cleland	30
Sarah O'Brien	23
Pat Scales	15
Dale Vanderwerff	10
Karen O'Hayer	5

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.

April Meeting Photos



Contest Photos 2018

