



Happy New Year!

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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.

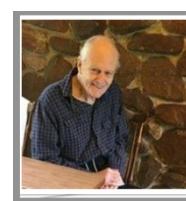
13 good reasons to join the Club!

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President's Message: by Karen O'Hayer

Greetings Gardeners,

We held our annual Holiday Party and Dinner on Sunday, December 9 at the St. Lawrence Episcopal Church in Libertyville. We had a fabulous turnout and a lovely time sharing food, drink, and conversation. Debbie and Grant Hoover each received the club's award for outstanding service, the Bronze Medal. Andy Kimmel received the Rose Garden volunteer of the year award. Our invincible Janice Paulson won the award for the most points in the Monthly Plant Competition. For his outstanding entries in the Mini-Show, Andy Plasz received the Most Points and Best of Show awards.



Congratulations to all the winners!

Thanks to Andy Plasz for sharing his memories of Burl Nader who passed away this year. Burl was a very active member of the club for many years and we were honored to have his daughter and son-in-law attend the holiday party. Burl was an amazing gardener who excelled in the annual flower shows. In his honor, The Mini-Show Most Points award has been renamed the Burl Nader award.

Special thanks go out to Cindy Julian and the Bronze Medal committee and to Laurie and Chuck Austin, our host and hostess extraordinaire, for party logistics and making sure everything went smoothly. Thanks to Donna Hughes for ordering the main dishes, Andy Kimmel for

creating the program, Pat Meehan for taking reservations, Delores O'Connell for purchasing the poinsettias, and to all the club members who brought wonderful food, wine, and beer, and helped with set-up and clean-up.

At the Holiday Party we confirmed the following new Board appointments: Val Munchez-Van der Wagt as Recording Secretary and Arlene Doran as Treasurer. Thanks to Dale Vanderwerff for his past service as Treasurer and to Pat Scales for her past service as our Recording Secretary.

We are very lucky to continue to have Delores O'Connell as 1st Vice President (Programs), Janice Paulson as Membership Chair and 2nd Vice President, Rekha Deodhar as Secateur editor and manager of our website, and Cindy Julian, Chuck Austin, Donna Hughes, Pat Meehan, Jan Van der Wagt, and Pat Scales 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 talented and dedicated people!

The 2019 photo contest will be held at the January 14



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 "Autumn in Colorado". As a bonus, she will also present a short program on Orchids.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Monday, January 14 at 7:00 pm, at the CrossLife Church, on the corner of Austin and Garfield in Libertyville, and to a great year filled opportunities to learn, grow, and share our gardening experiences. Happy New Year!

Karen O'Hayer
President, Gardeners of Central Lake County

This Month's Club Activity:

January 14

Joan Sayre - Autumn in the Colorado + Orchids

Flowers, animals, birds, insects, and great scenery. Also a small section on the flowers found on the tundra, at 11,000+ feet.

Future Programs for 2019

February 11

Andy Lutz - Davy Tree – Emerging Threats to our Trees and Shrubs

March 11

Sharon Yiesla – Water-wise Gardening

Even if it's not a drought year, proper watering is very important to our gardens. Too often our practices waste water and fail to give our plants what they need. Program covers basic watering techniques, planning a water efficient garden and tools for watering.

Horticulturist Sharon Yiesla, is an owner of "Sharon Yiesla, Horticultural Services".

April 8

Member's Arts and Crafts Show

May 11

Plant Sale

May 13

Wild Ones – Sandra Washburn – Natural Landscaping

Learn why native plants are a great choice to enhance the enjoyment of your property while benefitting the environment in a surprising number of ways. Explore ways to attract and support birds, butterflies, and pollinators while creating beautifying, lower maintenance areas in your landscape. What native plants are and why they are wonderful landscaping choices; How native plants can be used in a home landscape; Examples of plants native to our area; Practical steps for creating beautify, low maintenance plantings that can help solve landscaping problems: Local and online resources.

June 10

Lorraine Kirpatrick-The beauty of Japan and Japanese Gardens

For useful gardening articles go to:

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

2019 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.

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.

Photo Contest - Jan. 14

For 2019 photo contest, the theme is



"Garden Architect." Photos will be on the display at the January 14 meeting. You will have an opportunity to vote for the photos taken by our gardener friends.

2018 Rose Garden Award- Andy Plasz

At the annual dinner in December, Andy Kimmel was awarded the 2018 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 traveling

plaque to be given to the club member who was the outstanding volunteer with the most hours volunteered that year for each annual growing season. Last year Andy Kimmel tied with Karen O'Hayer for the award. This year he was alone at the top of the volunteer hours.

Members of the Gardeners of Central Lake County and non-members put in 570 people hours of work in the Cook Park Lynn Arthur Rose Garden during 2018. Total of 24 volunteers worked in the Lynn Arthur Rose Garden this year. Three were nonmembers of the Gardeners of Central Lake County and donated 64 hours of effort. Twenty-one club members accounted for the rest of the hours. The top ten club members with a tie for tenth are listed below.

Name	No. of Hours
Andy Kimmel	54
Terry Webb	39
Laurie Austin	35
Jerry Cleland	35
Dale Van der Venter	31
Jan Van der Wagt	26
Jan Smith	21
Chuck Austin	21
Karen O'Hayer	21
Jung Borodkin	14
Cindy Julian	14

It was a tough year at the beginning in early spring because of the die back from the freeze thaw in March and slow growth in April due to cold soil temperatures in the root zone of the roses. The bushes were short but had a decent June bloom. By the second bloom cycle in early August they were still a little short, but back to where they should be in bloom count. The September bloom cycle was long and very colorful and pretty.

A big thank you to everyone who helped even for one hour. We could not have done this without you. Believe me your effort is appreciated by all the downtown businesses, the Mayor and the Village staff as evidenced in a recent Village Views newsletter where Mayor Weppler was praising volunteer groups who make the Village a great place to live, shop and spend time. He listed the rose garden volunteers FIRST in his list. Let us continue the effort in 2019.

For 2019, we have 70 new bushes coming for planting in April. Something to look forward to after a long winter.

2018 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.

Our November plant competition drew only 3 entries but they were good ones. Subhash Deodar won with a 15 pound Tennessee Sweet Potato Squash. When Jerry and I came up to the table to judge, what we saw was a really nice specimen, something we had never seen or even heard of before. Jerry went to google it and a picture came up that looked exactly like Subhash' entry. Well it got best of show over two other good entries, including a very nice orchid and a Christmas cactus that was a week or two away from a nice bloom. Not bad for a cold, rainy, November evening. So if you have something different, pretty, just plain looks nice to you, please bring it in and share with the membership. We have very diversified plant interests in this club and all members are interested in how other members are succeeding and trying new approaches to make things grow.

2018 Monthly Plant Competition Winners

Name	Entry	Points
Best of the Show Subhash Deodhar	Tennessee Sweet Potato Squash	10
First Place		
Karen O' Hayer	Phalaenopsis Orchid	5
Second Place		
Susan Plasz	Red Christmas Cactus	3



At the Annual Dinner in December, Janice Paulson was presented with the plaque for winning the overall monthly plant competition for 2018. Janice has won this award several times over the last decade or so. She has now won it three consecutive years since Delores O'Connell won it in 2015. Janice's success is because she brings in good exhibits throughout the year. Janice seems to be able to look in her yard or house and say what do I have that's nice and then brings it in to share! We had 15 folk bring in exhibits this year from 11 in 2017. We need few new folks to continue this upward trend and make the judges work harder! Remember, if you have successfully dried something from your garden last year, the cold months of winter would be a good time to enter it.

2018 Year to Date Results

Name	Points
Janice Paulson	112
Sarah O'Brien	63
Jerry Cleland	43
Pat Scales	35
Karen O'Hayer	35
Mark Scales	18
Chuck Austin	15
John Adams	15
Dale Vanderwerff	10
Val Vander Wagt	10
Subhash Deodhar	10
Susan Plasz	8
Laurie Austin	5
Rekha Deodhar	5
Jan Van der Wagt	5

Photos: Plant Competition and Annual Dinner





