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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.

**For useful gardening articles go to:**  
<http://gardenersofcentrallakecounty.org/articles/>

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**SAVE THE DATE: JULY 19. PICNIC**

**President's Message: by Karen O'Hayer**

Hello Gardeners,

If you grow produce during the summer and find yourself with over-abundance, please consider donating to your 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 the Township office is open, but the best time to drop off produce is on Monday, so it will be at its freshest when the pantry is open for customers on Tuesday. The link below provides additional information about the food pantry. Please consider sharing with those in need and donate your excess produce this summer!

<http://www.libertyvilletownship.us/supervisor/food-pantry>

I hope you were able to attend the June 10 meeting, where our speaker was Lorraine Cook, who gave a wonderful presentation on Japanese Gardens. We had a great selection of entries for the monthly plant judging. Thanks to our members who participated and to those who supplied the delicious refreshments.

**Please note: there are no club meetings in July or August.**

Our annual club picnic will be held on Friday, July 19, at shelter D in Old School Forest Preserve (28285 N. Saint Mary's Road, Libertyville), beginning at 5:00 pm. The Gardeners of Central Lake County know how to throw a

great potluck, so don't miss this evening of food and camaraderie. As always, we will hold a raffle at the picnic. Members are welcome to bring garden-related items or plants for the raffle.

We are inviting our members to participate in a visit to Prairie Wind Family Farm, located in Prairie Crossing (560 Harris Rd., Grayslake) on Sunday, Aug 25, from 4-7 pm. This event is open to the public and includes live music and freshly-made pizza available for purchase. Since we have no club activities in August, we thought it might be fun to meet at the farm. Please join us if you can. See the link below for more details.

<https://www.prairiewindfamilyfarm.com/pages/past-farm-events-markets>

I look forward to seeing you at our next club meeting on Monday, September 9, where we will hold our annual mini-show. I challenge all our members to bring at least one entry for the mini-show. I'm sure you have something interesting that you'd like to share with your fellow club members! I get introduced to fascinating new plants and varieties each year via the mini-show. If you will be bringing entries for the show, please arrive between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm to allow time for setup before the judging begins.

During the judging, we will 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, ideas for future club presentations or activities, or anything else you'd like to share. We look forward to hearing from you! The September meeting will also include our veggie tasting, so please bring a sweet or savory veggie dish to share. Happy gardening!

Karen O'Hayer  
President, Gardeners of Central Lake County

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

#### **July 19 Picnic**

Old School Forest Preserve, Shelter D  
5 pm

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### **Future Programs for 2019**

#### **August-No meeting**

#### **September 9 -Veggie tasting – mini flower show**

Bring with you sweet or savory veggie-based dish to share.

**October 14- Carolina Schottland –  
The Feast Outside-easy and accessible wild edibles.**

**November 11-Pie social & seed exchange**

**December 8- Holiday Party & Annual Dinner**

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### **Welcome New Members:**

Please give a warm welcome to our latest member:  
Paul Zimmermann  
1382 Borde Ct. Libertyville, IL 60048  
Email: [pcz223@comcast.net](mailto:pcz223@comcast.net)  
Phone: 630-325-5460  
Interests and hobbies: Vegetables, birding and hiking

### **Tour to Green Youth Farm - Andy Kimmel**

On Wednesday, July 10, at 10 am, club members are welcome to join a free tour of the Green Youth Farm at Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Attendees also can shop for produce at the farm's market from 9 am until 1 pm that day.



This tour date is not on the club's photo calendar so please add it to your personal calendar to save the date if you'd like to attend. Also, please email Andy Kimmel at

[kimmelas@att.net](mailto:kimmelas@att.net) by June 30 to let him know if you plan to attend and so that he can send you details about the meeting location.

The club has made donations in support of the Green Youth Farm for the past few years. The Farm is a joint project between the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Lake County Forest Preserves. The Preservation Foundation of the Lake County Forest Preserves has arranged the tour for our club.

The Green Youth Farm gives economically disadvantaged high schoolers from Waukegan and North Chicago a summer work and learning experience raising organic produce, some of which is distributed through local food pantries and social service organizations or sold at the Farm's weekly market (July until October).

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### **Photo Contest**

2020 photo contest theme is "Edibles" 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 2020. 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.

### Tri-Village Garden Walk

Now is the time to get your tickets for the Tri-Village Benefit Garden Walk at We Grow Dreams in West Chicago, Banbury Fair in Bartlett, Arts in Bartlett center, and Platt Hill in Bloomingdale. Tri-Village Garden Club of Bartlett, Streamwood, and Hanover Park is partnering with the "Arts in Bartlett" to present "Porches of Bartlett" at their Garden walk.

When: July 13, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Feature six beautiful gardens in Bartlett, including the 1st place winner of Bartlett's "Pride in Ownership Award." Tickets will be \$15 the day of the walk but you can purchase your \$12 discount tickets now. Proceeds to benefit "We Grow Dreams", a not for profit foundation, a job-training program providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities to learn a variety of tasks in the day-to-day operation of a wholesale and retail greenhouse business. One-on-one job coaching provides each Team Member with the guidance, instruction and support needed to be successful while learning the greenhouse jobs. There will an opportunity to purchase original art pieces of landmarks, nature and gardens from artists at each garden. For more information visit us at

[www.trivillagegardenclub.org](http://www.trivillagegardenclub.org)

## 2019 Monthly Plant Competition - June

### Andy Plasz

The June plant competition was like a small mini Show. We had 24 entries. This was the most we have seen in the monthly completion for years! Congratulations to all those folk who brought in such great stuff for everyone to see. May all your gardens continue to produce such high quality specimens all year. We hope you will all bring such good specimens to the September mini show.

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.

### 2019 Monthly Plant Competition Winners - June

Name	Entry	Points
<b>Best of the Show</b>		
Karen O' Hayer	Peony	10
Janet Schockmel	Daffodils	10
<b>First Place</b>		
Subhash Deodhar	Oxalis	5
Cathy Nardo	Nigela	5
Karen O'Hayer	Squill	5
Karen O'Hayer	Yellow Sedum	5
Karen O'Hayer	White Japanese Iris	5
Karen O'Hayer	Coleus	5
Janice Paulson	Waterleaf	5
Janice Paulson	Blue Scilla	5
Janice Paulson	Snowdrops	5
Janice Paulson	Yellow Orchid	5
Janice Paulson	White Scilla	5
Andy Plasz	Red Peony	5
Andy Plasz	Chrystal Fountain Clematis	5
Janet Schockmel	Christmas Cactus	5
Janet Schockmel	Allium	5
<b>Second Place</b>		
Corrie Glass	Celesdine Poppy	3
Janice Paulson	Pink Scilla	3
Pat Scales	Geranium	3
Janet Schockmel	Iris	3
Janet Schockmel	Peony	3
Janet Schockmel	Peony	3
Janet Schockmel	Scilla	3
Paul Zimmerman	Common Peony	3

## 2019 Year to Date Results

Name	Points
Janice Paulson	94
Karen O'Hare	70
Jerri Cleland	45
Janet Schockmel	57
Sarah O'Brien	30
Cathy Nardo	10
Laurie Austin	10
Andy Plasz	10
Pat Scales	6
Arlene Doran	5
Sue Worly	5
Subhash Deodhar	5
Corrie Glass	3
Paul Zimmermann	3



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## Photos: June Meeting

