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Gardeners of Central Lake County
Where grown-ups get to play with the dirt

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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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President's Message: by Karen O'Hayer

Hello Gardeners,

I spotted the first monarch butterfly of the season in my backyard on May 22nd. I always get a thrill when these beauties return each year!

However, monarchs face an uncertain future. The orange and black butterflies that were so abundant in my childhood are now much rarer due to a combination of threats. Here's a link to some information on historic eastern monarch populations.

<https://blog.nwf.org/2019/01/good-news-for-eastern-monarch-butterfly-population/>



I began growing milkweed in my garden several years ago. Since then I see many more monarch butterflies hanging around my yard. Monarchs are specialists, and the adult female butterflies will lay their eggs only on milkweeds. Adding milkweeds to your landscape is a sure-fire way to draw in the monarchs. And they need all the help they can get. So, consider planting milkweeds this year.

My favorite is the rose milkweed, *Asclepius incarnata*. In addition to being a good host plant for monarch caterpillars, it's a great pollinator plant, attracting honey bees, native bees, and a number of butterfly species to its long-blooming pink flowers. Rose milkweed does not reproduce via underground rhizomes and is well behaved. It does spread by seed, which I love, as the 'babies' that come up in the spring can be easily transplanted to good spots in the garden, and one or two plants can yield a whole bed of rose milkweed after a few years. To encourage our members

to grow milkweed, we will be raffling off several rose milkweed plants at the June club meeting.

Our plant sale took place on Saturday, May 11. Despite



the challenge of a cold, wet spring, we ended up with a large and diverse selection of beautiful, healthy plants, most dug from our member's gardens, some started from seed, and some obtained from plant rescues. Plenty of enthusiastic volunteers were on hand both the day before and the day of the sale, ensuring that everything went smoothly. A big thank-you to all of our members who contributed plants, time, and talent to help make this event a great success!

I hope you were able to attend the May 13 meeting, where our speaker was Sandy Washburn of Wild Ones, who gave interesting and inspiring presentation entitled "Natural Landscaping". We had a great selection of entries for the plant judging, and the two winners were a beautiful bleeding heart and a stunning display of Ostrich Fern leaves. Thanks to our members who supplied delicious refreshments.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming club meeting on Monday, June 10, where our speaker will be Lorraine Kirkpatrick. She will present a program entitled "The Beauty of Japan and Japanese Gardens."

Karen O'Hayer

President, Gardeners of Central Lake County

This Month's Club Activity:

June 10

Lorraine Kirkpatrick-The beauty of Japan and Japanese Gardens

Introduction to the types of Japanese gardens and the purpose for each type as well as the constituent elements that make up the gardens. How the gardens play a role in the daily life of the people of Japan both historically and now. The subtle beauty of the gardens will be brought to light for our enhanced appreciation. Lorraine lived in Japan and developed a lasting appreciation of the art of Japanese gardening.

Future Programs for 2019

July 19 Picnic

Old School Forest Preserve, Shelter D
5 pm

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

Welcome New Members:

Please give a warm welcome to our latest member:

Brian and Diane Braun

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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 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).

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.

Ode to the Bog

- Karen O'Hare

Home to flesh-eating sundews and pitcher plants,
And lovely orchids with frightening names like dragon's mouth,

And the plant that makes it all possible: the sphagnum moss,
Sequestering carbon, transforming water into land,
Tiny but mighty,

I salute you and all your boggy kin.

You make a place to escape the everyday,

An antidote to our beloved lawns and gardens.

You give us a chance to traverse your boardwalks

On a stifling hot, humid, mosquito-laden afternoon

And experience the beauty of the wild, wet world.

2019 Monthly Plant Competition - May

Andy Plasz

Last two months have seen a large number of high quality entries from the gardeners. Congratulations to all for bringing in such outstanding exhibits. It is a beautiful thing when you make the Judges life difficult with such outstanding entries!

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 - May

Name	Entry	Points
Best of the Show		
Sarah O'Brien	Bleeding Heart	10
Janice Paulson	Young Fern	10
First Place		
Jerry Cleland	Oncidium Sherry baby	5
Jerry Cleland	Vanda Orchid	5
Jerry Cleland	Vanda Orchid Sensei Blue	5
Alene Doran	No name	5
Sarah O'Brien	Narcissous	5
Karen O'Hayer	Varigated Solomon's Seal	5
Karen O'Hayer	Periwinkel	5
Janice Paulson	White Trillium	5
Janice Paulson	Prairie Trillium	5
Second Place		
Janet Schockmel	Sedge	3
Janet Schockmel	Periwinkel	3
Janet Schockmel	Daffodil	3
Third Place		
Janet Schockmel	Pansy	1
Janet Schockmel	Virginia Blue Bell	1
Janet Schockmel	Daffodil	1

2019 Year to Date Results

Name	Points
Janice Paulson	61
Jerry Cleland	45
Karen O'Hare	35
Sarah O'Brien	30
Janet Schockmel	25
Laurie Austin	10
Arlene Doran	5
Sue Worly	5
Cathy Nardo	5
Pat Scales	5

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

Photos: May Meeting

