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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.

President's Message: by Karen O'Hayer

Hello, Gardeners.

This is the third year I am starting seeds with the winter sowing method. In mid-February, I planted all my favorite cold-hardy veggies: kale, Swiss chard, spinach, lettuce, and arugula. My mini-greenhouses made from used



plastic milk jugs are lined up in the garden, awaiting warm enough conditions for the seeds to germinate. In mid-March I will plant zinnias with the same method. I

know zinnias are an old favorite for many gardeners, but for me it's a new passion. For some reason I had never grown zinnias until last year. I fell instantly in love with the gorgeous blooms that appear all season long and are so attractive to butterflies and other pollinators. This year I plan to start three different varieties, including one Sarah O'Brien brought to our seed swap.

The winter sowing method is also great for starting native perennials, many of which require a period of cold, wet conditions in order for the seeds to break dormancy and germinate.

There is still plenty of time to start seeds indoors under lights or outdoors using the winter sowing method. If you



are starting seeds, please plant a few extras for our club's annual fund raiser, our plant sale, which will be held on May 11th.

This is also a good time to think about what perennials you will want to divide in the spring. Please consider donating some of these divisions to our sale. As spring progresses, be on the lookout for opportunities to acquire/rescue plants (e.g. neighbors who are simplifying

or re-doing their gardens). If you hear of such an opportunity, please let us know, so we can send a team of club members to the rescue. Last year we were able to greatly increase the number and variety of plants at our sale due to plant rescues.

The Green Living Fair is set for Saturday, March 16th at the Civic Center in Libertyville from 10 am to 2 pm. The



Gardeners of Central Lake County will have a booth where we will share our gardening knowledge and showcase our club's activities. It's a great opportunity to enhance our visibility

in the community and a fun way to learn about other clubs and environmental initiatives in our area. If you would like to help, please contact Jan Kirch.

If you are looking for some gardening inspiration, the [Chicago Flower and Garden Show](#) will be held at Navy Pier Mar 20-24. The orchid show at the Chicago Botanic Gardens will be held Feb 9 through Mar 24. Another event worth considering is [Gardenfest 2019](#), which is sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners in McHenry County and McHenry County College and will be held on April 6. This is an all-day event, with a number of interesting speakers, and a great way to charge up your batteries for the upcoming gardening season.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 pm, at the CrossLife Church in Libertyville, where our program will be "Water-Wise Gardening" presented by Sharon Yiesla.

Karen O'Hayer
President, Gardeners of Central Lake County

This Month's Club Activity:

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".

For useful gardening articles go to:

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

Future Programs for 2019

April 8

Member's Arts and Crafts Show

Bring your artwork if you are an artist or bring your craft, if you are a crafter. You can show it or sale it too.

May 11

Plant Sale

Good time to buy annuals, perennials, natives, herbs, roses, vegetables and many more. Plants are grown by our members with tender loving care.

Crawford Warming House

8:30-11 am

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

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.

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 Member:

Please give a warm welcome to our latest members Ted and Janene Reichert.

They were club member long time back. Now they have time and energy to join again.

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Gardening Interests: Cacti, African violets and landscaping

Other interests: Reading and travel

Green Living Fair 2019

The Gardeners of Central Lake County will again participate in the Green Living Fair on Saturday, March 16th at the Libertyville Civic Center. The Libertyville Civic Center Foundation sponsors this event with the founding group, Lake County Green Congregations and Faith in Place. There will be continuous 30



minute break-out sessions which focus on environmental issues. This year's speaker forums will address how we, as individuals, can respond to the issue of climate change.

Additionally, there will be recycling opportunities available to the public including: Styrofoam blocks, bikes and bike parts, eye glasses, wine corks, batteries, shoes and CDs. About 300 people attended the event last year. It is free to the public.

Our club will be 1 of over 40 exhibitors including, CLC, Audubon, Lake County Forest Preserve, Conserve Lake County, Citizens Climate Lobby, Working Bikes Coop and youth clubs to name a few. As in the past, we will offer information about our club programs, Libertyville Community Gardens and our May 11th Plant Sale. We will also offer seed exchange packets to attendees. This year's Green Living Fair theme centers on **PLASTIC**; how we can reduce it, re-use it or recycle it. Our exhibit will demonstrate how gardeners creatively Re-Use plastic.

GCLC members volunteer to work 1 hour shifts to answer program and gardening questions and exchange ideas with attendees. Consider joining our planning committee meeting at 6:30 before our regular monthly meeting, on **March 11th** to exchange ideas and to plan our exhibit.

Questions? Email Jan Kirch at ideasjan1217@comcast.net or call at 224-541-4374.

One Earth Film Festival - Andy Plas

GCLC was invited to participate in the showing of a One Earth film presentation on Sunday March 10th in the

Koenig Center of St. Joseph Church from 1:30 to 5pm. Our club will be provided a table at which we will display GCLC program information and chat with attendees. Volunteers include: Jan Kirch, Janice Paulson, Mark & Pat Scales. Members are encouraged to attend. Doors open at 1:30; attendance is FREE. (see flier)

The film, 'Call of the Forest': The Forgotten Wisdom of Trees" follows scientist and acclaimed author Diana



Beresford-Kroeger as she investigates our profound biological and spiritual connection to forests. Beresford-Kroeger explores the most beautiful forests in the Northern Hemisphere

from the sacred sugi and cedar forests of Japan to the great boreal forest of Canada. She shares the amazing stories behind the history and legacy of these ancient forests while also explaining the science of trees and the irreplaceable roles they play in protecting and feeding the planet.

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.

2019 Monthly Plant Competition - February

Andy Plaszc

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 January plant competition drew only 4 entries but they were good ones.

2019 Monthly Plant Competition Winners

Name	Entry	Points
Best of the Show		
Jerry Cleland	Vanda Orchid	10
First Place		
Janice Paulson	Yellow Orchid	5
Karen O'Hayer	Cactus- succulent	5

2019 Year to Date Results

Name	Points
Janice Paulson	15
Jerri Cleland	10
Karen O'Hare	10
Laurie Austin	10

Winter Photos from the Past



Photos: February Meeting



12 good reasons to check out the Gardeners of Central Lake County:

Informative Monthly Programs

Monthly Plant Competition

Flower and Garden Show

Care of Cook Park Rose Garden

Annual Photo Contest

Community Gardens

Friendly Members

Tasty Treats

Annual Plant Sale

Annual Dinner

Annual Picnic

Newsletter

For more information please see our web site at

gardenersofcentrallakecounty.org

Our Plant Sale, Saturday, May 11, 8:30 to 11 am, features perennials dug from members' gardens, native plants, vegetables and herbs.

Crawford Warming House at Butler Lake, on Lake Street in Libertyville. Come early for a good selection, but no shopping before 8:30 am. See our website **gardenersofcentrallakecounty.org**

Cook Park Rose Garden Maintenance (pruning and weeding) is ongoing during the summer. Call Andy Plaszc for work dates at 847-816-8007.

Libertyville Community Garden Plots Registration at Parks & Recreation Dept. **Libertyville.com/libertyvillegardens**

Open to All

2019

GARDENERS OF CENTRAL LAKE COUNTY

gardenersofcentrallakecounty.org

Monthly meetings include an informative program and a plant competition where members and visitors may display their plants, produce, or cut flowers.

Coffee and tasty treats are served.

The public is welcome at no charge.

For anyone wishing to join, membership is open to all:
\$20 individual,
\$30 family.

Members receive *The Secateur* (a monthly emailed newsletter).

2019

MEETINGS/PROGRAMS

January 14 – Autumn in Colorado by Joan Sayre, and Club Photo Contest

February 11 – Emerging Threats to our Trees and Shrubs by SaVA Tree Arborist Joshue Larson

March 11 – Water-wise Gardening by Sharon Yiesla

April 8 – Member Arts and Crafts Show

May 13 – Natural Landscaping by Wild Ones Sandra Washburn

June 10 – The beauty of Japan and Japanese Gardens by Lorraine Kirpatrick

September 9 – Mini Flower and Vegetable Show, and Veggie Tasting

October 14 – Topic TBD

November 12 - Pie Social and Seed Exchange

We meet at the CrossLife Church at the corner of Garfield & Austin (431 W. Austin), Libertyville.

Programs are on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm, **except** July, August and December 2019.

Visitors are welcome.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the club is to encourage and promote interest and knowledge of gardening, to promote a spirit of cooperation among gardeners and to promote civic pride in private and community gardens.

For information please contact Cindy Julian at 847-772-2186 or juliancindy@hotmail.com or see our website at gardenersofcentrallakecounty.org

ACTIVITIES

Green Living Fair - Libertyville Civic Center, Saturday, March 16, 10 am – 2 pm

Uncover Rose Garden - Cook Park, Libertyville, Saturdays, March 30 and April 6. Begins at 8 am.

Plant Sale - Saturday, May 11, 8:30 - 11:00 am, Crawford Warming House on Butler Lake, 817 W. Lake St, in Libertyville.

Members' Picnic - Old School Forest Preserve Shelter 'D' on Friday, July 19. The social hour begins at 5 pm. Dinner is at 6 pm. Families invited.

Libertyville Garden Plots
Register at Libertyville.com/libertyvillegardens

Cover Rose Garden - Cook Park, Libertyville, Saturdays, October 26 and November 2. Begins at 8 am.

Members' Annual Dinner - Sunday, December 8. St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, Libertyville. Social at 4 pm. Dinner at 5 pm. Families invited.