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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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SAVE THE DATE: Sept. 9 Mini Show

President's Message: by Karen O'Hayer

Hello Gardeners,
Here we are, coming back from our July/August meeting hiatus. I hope you enjoyed the months off and were able to spend some quality time with Mother Nature. Although we didn't hold meetings in July and August, we did have several garden club activities.

Our club had a wonderful tour of the Green Youth Farm on July 10. This program was founded in 2003 and is jointly run by the Lake County Forest Preserves, the Preservation Foundation, and the Chicago Botanic Gardens. It provides paid summer work experiences and



mentorship to local teens as well as providing fresh, healthy produce to a food desert community. Our club has made an annual contribution to the Green Youth Farm in recent years, and it

was great to get an insider's look at the farm and the program. Thanks to Andy Kimmel, for setting up the tour.

We held our annual picnic at Old School Forest Preserve



on July 19. Despite the steamy weather we had a great time, complete with fabulous raffle prizes, delicious food and great conversation. Thanks to Pat Meehan

who took reservations, Janice Smith who purchased the raffle prizes, and Val Munchez-van der Wagt who ordered the chicken at Mariano's. A big thank-you to our host and hostess extraordinaire, Chuck and Laurie Austin, for supplying plates/cups and everything else

needed to serve the food. Thanks to Andy Plasz for running the raffle, Janice Paulson for mosquito abatement, and to our many members who helped with set-up and clean-up.

This year, we have had the pleasure of visiting the gardens of several of our members including Sarah O'Brien, Cindy Julian, Trudy Valente, and Val Munchez-Van der Wagt/Jan Van der Wagt. Thanks to all of you for welcoming your fellow club members and sharing your gardening knowledge and passions with us. A special thanks to Susan Plasz for coordinating and publicizing these garden visits. I hope we will continue this tradition moving forward.



Our September 9 club meeting will be our annual Mini-Show. I challenge anybody who has not participated in this event in the past to bring in at least one entry for the mini-show. I'm sure you have something interesting growing in your yard or house 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.

Remember that during the judging, we will invite club members to share information, so please 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!

We will also hold our annual Veggie Tasting at the September meeting, so bring along a sweet or savory veggie-based dish to share. Hope to see you there!

Just a reminder that we will be holding our annual seed swap at the November meeting, so be sure to look around your gardens and harvest seeds as they ripen. Seeds should be allowed to fully dry before they are packaged up for the swap. And a note of caution: do not save seeds from hybrid varieties as they will not "breed true" and will have undesirable qualities not present on the parent plant.

Karen O'Hayer
President, Gardeners of Central Lake County

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Future Programs for 2019

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:

Paul Zimmermann

1382 Borde Ct. Libertyville, IL 60048

Email: pcz223@comcast.net

Phone: 630-325-5460

Interests and hobbies: Vegetables, birding and hiking

Mini Garden Show, Sept. 9

We will be holding our annual mini-show at our meeting on Sept. 9. 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.

Our monthly plant competition is conducted in large part to educate our members about how to select and prepare entries for our annual show. As you know, each member may bring up to 5 entries using their own vases, containers, etc.

We especially encourage members who have never participated to consider bringing in entries. To do so, please consult the attached General Rules for guidelines. For example, if you enter Annual Flowers such as marigolds, you should (preferably) bring 3 stems that contain fresh blooms and clean foliage. You should place them in a nice container/vase and display them as we have discussed at the end of our monthly competitions. However, as the rules suggest, you might consider displaying fewer than 3 stems if the flowers are very large, like a large sunflower! In that case, a single stem would be appropriate. Please feel free to ask other members questions you have about your entries.

This Month's Club Activity:

September 9 -Veggie tasting – mini flower show

We bring in judges from outside of our club to evaluate the entries, based on our General Rules. Points are awarded to each member's entries and at the end we total all of the points. There are two plaques awarded at the Annual Dinner, one for Best of Show and one for Most Points. But more than anything, we enjoy viewing what our fellow gardeners are growing in their own gardens and asking them about their entries.

The rules are attached at the end of this newsletter.

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.

Seminar with Gardening Expert, Melinda Myers:

At Pasquesi Lake Bluff location on Sept. 14

For more information

<https://www.pasquesi.com/lawn-garden/seminar-with-gardening-expert-melinda-myers>

Photos: Picnic



**Gardeners of Central Lake County
General Rules Garden Show – September 9, 2019
JUDGING BEGINS AT 7:00PM**

Sections:

1. **Annual flowers:** open class, 1,2 or 3 stems, more if under 1 inch diameter for nice display
2. **Perennial flowers:** open class, 1,2 or 3 stems, more if under 1 inch diameter
3. **Herbs and Native Plants:** open class, 1,2 or 3 stems or planted in pot
4. **Roses:** open class, 1 stem per entry
5. **Fruits and Vegetables:** open class, 1 over 4", 3 or more for nice display of other sizes
6. **Horticultural Novelties/specialties,** shrubs /tree branches with leaves and flowers or seed heads displayed on butcher paper. Fresh or dried arrangements. Enter ornamentals, grasses and any other miscellaneous entry in vases.
7. **Potted foliage and flowering plants:** open class
8. **Junior Class, 18 years and younger:** Entries conforming to the above 7 classes

If there is an over-abundance or an under-abundance of plants in a section, the judges may subdivide or merge sections to make the competition level appropriate.

General Rules:

There is a limit of five total entries per member.

Entries may be in any section, such as: 2 entries in Section 1 and 3 entries one in Section 4. You may not display more than 1 entry of the same plant or variety per exhibitor; but multiple varieties, i.e. various cherry tomato varieties, or various tomato types such as beefsteak tomatoes, roma tomatoes, etc. are permitted.

Entries are received from 6:00PM to 7:00PM on the date of the show. Judging will start at 7:00PM

Containers are not provided so please stage your entries in your own containers.

Poisonous or invasive plants may be disqualified at the discretion of the club or the judges.

Please see the final page of this document for an example of how to fully complete entry tags.

One entry tag is required per entry. All tags need to have the following on **both the top and bottom:**

- Section number
- Plant Name
- Plant Variety (if known)
- Exhibitor Name

Preparing Exhibits

Flowers

Generally, flowers should be cut the afternoon or evening before the show to be at their best at the time of judging, but some fade quickly so a little practice ahead of time is helpful. Hardening over night in a cool, dark, draft-free room with stems deeply immersed in cold water often helps your blooms to maintain good condition. Avoid wetting the blooms.

Groom your entries carefully for the show. In most cases, flowers should be displayed with foliage. Clean the blooms as well as the foliage. Remove all spray or dust residues. Remove any blemished petals but don't leave any traces of that removal. Don't oil or wax the leaves. Clean them with a damp cloth and/or rub them gently with your fingers to bring out the natural gloss of the foliage.

Carefully handle and transport all entries. Keep the flowers separated to avoid breaking, tearing, and bruising the blooms and foliage. This takes a little extra time but it is often the difference between the winners and the others.

Generally speaking, very large blooms or individual rose blooms are displayed singly while medium to small blooms are displayed in 3's and 5's. They should 'stand up' out of their container and 'face' the judges in a pleasing form. Viewers should not touch entries prior to judging.

Potted plants

The same ideas apply as listed above but you must also be sure the pot is clean and not distracting. Outdoor pots do not need to be 'hidden' but they should not be cracked, mildewed, or otherwise obviously inadequate.

Vegetables

Choose specimens that are pleasing to you; if they are not you should probably skip entering them unless due to seasonal or other unusual conditions merely having a specimen is a triumph.

Vegetables can be picked several days prior to the show provided they are kept in prime condition in cool or refrigerated conditions without loss of moisture.

Make sure you clean, trim, prune, and otherwise improve the appearance and symmetry; wash but do not scrub. Torn, loose, brown, spotted, and otherwise unpleasing material should be removed. Even the finest specimens may be damaged in harvesting, cleaning, storing, and transporting. Great care should be taken in this regard.

The most important elements in winning a prize are freshness, overall pleasing appearance, and uniformity in size, color, and shape. All other factors being equal, large size is of importance only where it indicates outstanding cultural practices and quality. Otherwise a moderate size is preferred.

All entries

Don't insist on perfection – the blue ribbon may be awarded to a winner less perfect than the one you decided not to bring. Do your best to make each entry pleasing to view. If you are unsure for any particular entry, ask one of the 'old pros' and they will be happy to assist.

Plant Show Entry Tags Examples

Each year the Gardeners of Central Lake County conduct a flower and garden "Mini-Show." The name reflects the fact that each participant may display up to five entries only. Consistent with all plant and flower shows, each entry is accompanied by an Entry Tag which requires specific information. The Show Schedule specifies how entries are organized and how they should be displayed. Our club uses two different types of entry tags but the required information is identical on both. Below are examples of each type of tag to make the process easier. *It is most convenient if you complete these tags at home, before bringing your entries to the show.*

These tags presume that you have entered a **Tomato** whose variety name is **Sweet Million**. If you do not know the variety name please just leave it blank.

Section 5 Class X
 Variety Tomato 'Sweet Million'
~~Exhibitor's Number~~ X

Jerry Cleland
 122 Pleasant Ave.
 Highwood, IL 60040

1st <input type="checkbox"/> Award	2nd <input type="checkbox"/> Award	3rd <input type="checkbox"/> Award	Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Mention
1st <input type="checkbox"/> Award	2nd <input type="checkbox"/> Award	3rd <input type="checkbox"/> Award	Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Mention

Section 5 Class X
 Variety Tomato 'Sweet Million'
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Our Schedule lists Fruits and Vegetables as **Section 5**.

There are no **classes**

The entry name is **Tomato** and this variety is **Sweet Million**.
 (Leave blank if the variety is unknown.)

We do not use Exhibitor Numbers.

It is very convenient to use preprinted Address Labels here.

All of the above information needs to be repeated here. **Show awards are based on the information contained in this part of the tags.**

MENS' GARDEN CLUB OF WAUKEGAN

Section 5 Class X
 Name of item Tomato
 Variety 'Sweet Million'

~~Exhibitor's Number~~ X

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FIRST AWARD	SECOND AWARD	THIRD AWARD
FIRST AWARD	SECOND AWARD	THIRD AWARD

Section 5 Class X
 Name of item Tomato
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Once you have completed all of the information, on both the top and bottom, fold the card at the perforation and place it as near to the plant as possible. Ask other members if you need any assistance.

More picnic photos



Green Youth Farm Visit



Member's Yard Walk



Last Name	First Name	Street	City	State & Zip	email	Telephone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	Member Since	Type	Expires
Adams	John	362 Rye Rd	Mundelein	IL 60060	traderjohn64@comcast.net	847.727.4670			2012	family	12/31/2019
Adams	Nancy	"			nancy1492@gmail.com				2012	family	12/31/2019
Austin	Charles	25229 Wayside Pl	Lake Villa	IL 60046	LCE41@comcast.net	847.587.6933			2002	family	12/31/2019
Austin	Lorraine	"			LCE41@comcast.net	"			2002	family	12/31/2019
Borodkin	Yung	14905 Imperial Dr	Libertyville	IL 60048	gardenyung@aol.com	847.680.1779			2009	regular	12/31/2019
Braun	Brian	2140 Cherrywood Ct.	Gurnee	IL 60031	BrianB8471@comcast.net	224-572-1465			2019	family	12/31/2019
Braun	Diane	"	"	"	DianeB7777@comcast.net	847-494-9671			2019	family	12/31/2019
Bryant	Allen	30280 N Sunnyview Rd	Libertyville	IL 60048	Feats74@yahoo.com	847-912-2097			2019	regular	13/31/19
Brunner	Carole	1337 Bristol Lane	Buffalo Grove	IL 60089	brun142002@yahoo.com	847.913.9396			2016	regular	12/31/2019
Burnett	Bill	413 Second St	Libertyville	IL 60048	burnettwm@gmail.com	847.816.0806			unknown	honorary	12/31/2099
Carpenter	Joan	1116 Tamarack Ln	Libertyville	IL 60048	kcarpenter1116@sbcglobal.net	847.549.6861			2014	honorary	12/31/2099
Carpenter	Ken	"				"			2014	honorary	12/31/2099
Cleland	Jerry	122 Pleasant Av	Highwood	IL 60040	jwclel@comcast.net	847.748.8050			1988	life	12/31/2099
Deodhar	Subhash	1717 St. Andrews Dr	Vernon Hills	IL 60061	deodhar91@gmail.com	847.816.6439			2014	family	12/31/2019
Deodhar	Rekha	"			deodhar91@gmail.com				2014	family	12/31/2019
Doran	Arlene	1027 Lomond Dr	Mundelein	IL 60060	adoran2000@aol.com	847-417-9502			2007	regular	12/31/2019
Gee	Gunawardana	unknown			geetharaj1@aol.com	unknown			unknown	honorary	12/31/2099
Glass	Corrie-Lou	383 Banbury Rd	Mundelein	IL 60060	corrielou@icloud.com	847.566.4248			2017	regular	12/31/2019
Gressgott	Susan	1043 Lomond Dr	Mundelein	IL 60060	suzievq@yahoo.com	913.314.8382			2016	regular	12/31/2019
Hoover	Debra	285 Linden Dr	Round Lake Park	IL 60073	dhoover@symphonysystems.com	847.864.1787			2014	family	12/31/2019
Hoover	Grant	"			ghoover@symphonysystems.com	847.864.1887			2014	family	12/31/2019
Hudak	Patti	15311 W. Wildwood Ct.	Libertyville	IL 60048	hudathudak@sbcglobal.net	847.816.7852			2008	regular	12/31/2019
Hughes	Donna	207 Woodland Rd	Libertyville	IL 60048	dhuqs50@yahoo.com	847.367.6791			2016	regular	12/31/2019
Janssen	Barb	unknown			sbjanssen96@gmail.com	unknown			unknown	honorary	12/31/2099
Julian	Cyntha R.	629 Dawes St	Libertyville	IL 60048	juliancindy@hotmail.com	847.772-2186 (cell)			1997	regular	12/31/2019
Kimmel	Andrew	1120 Garfield Av	Libertyville	IL60048	kimmelas@att.net	847.247.4836			1991	family	12/31/2019
Kirch	Jan	161 Fieldcrest Ct	Grayslake	IL 60030	ideasjan1217@comcast.net	847-502-0731			2001	family	12/31/2019
Kirch	Tony	"			tkirch40@comcast.net	224.541.4374			1999	family	12/31/2019
Kosmatka	Glory	324 Mitchell Dr	Grayslake	IL 60030	gloryadena@aol.com	773.771.5824			2017	regular	12/31/2019
Kosmatka	Steve	324 Mitchell Dr	Grayslake	IL 60030	shkoz@aol.com	847-456-8603			2017	regular	12/31/2019
Labelle (Farrin)	Lisa	759 Kenwood	Libertyville	IL 60048	lisa_frrngtn@yahoo.com	847.715.6182			2017	regular	12/31/2019
Madson	Cindy	157 Penstemon Ct.	Grayslake	IL 60030	Birdygirl4@gmail.com	847-219-5565			2019	regular	12/31/2019
Manion	Kay	133 W Lincoln Ave	Libertyville	IL 60048	kmanion@earthlink.net	847-420-4656			2019	family	12/31/2019
Manion	Scott	""	""	""	Scottmanion@earthlink.net	""			2019	family	12/31/2019
Meehan	Pat	519 Lange Ct	Libertyville	IL 60048	meehan2727@yahoo.com	717.339.7707			2006	regular	12/31/2019
Merchant	Barbara	183 Hollow Way	Ingleside	IL 60041	btmerchant@yahoo.com	847.877.8658			2018	regular	12/31/2019
Nardo	Cathy	3000 Garlands Ln, Unit 3104	Barrington		c.olsen.nardo@gmail.com	847.727.6440			2000	life	12/31/2099
Neumann	Suzanne	1120 Garfield Av	Libertyville	IL 60048		847.247.4836			1994	family	12/31/2019
O'Brien	Sarah	28466 N. Shagbark	Libertyville	IL 60048	obrien7043@comcast.net	847.362.7043			2014	regular	12/31/2019
O'Connell	Delores	1125 Lomond Dr	Mundelein	IL 60060	delores21@comcast.net	847.566.4223			2003	regular	12/31/2019
O'Hayer	Karen W.	514 Meadow Lane	Libertyville	IL 60048	kohayer@sbcglobal.net	847.362.5492			2010	regular	12/31/2019
Paulson	Janice	508 E. Rockland Rd	Libertyville	IL 60048	jpaulson@dist50.net	847.680.7118			2008	regular	12/31/2019
Plasz	Andrew C.	1117 Garfield Av	Libertyville	IL 60048	zsalp@sbcglobal.net	847.816.8007			1977	family	12/31/2019
Plasz	Susan	"			smplasz@gmail.com	"			1993	family	12/31/2019
Popiolek	Joe	1425 Victory Dr	Libertyville	IL 60048	judyjpop@sbcglobal.net	847.514.0052			2016	family	12/31/2019
Popiolek	Judy	"				"			2016	family	12/31/2019
Ransom	David	1037 Mayfair Dr	Libertyville	IL 60048	ddr1219@comcast.net	847.362.1498			2002	family	12/31/2019
Ransom	Peg	"			heldfor@comcast.net	"			2002	family	12/31/2019
Raymond	Carolyn	6142 Brookstone Pl	Gurnee	IL 60031	carolyn.raymond@att.net	847.680.8699			2012	regular	12/31/2019
Reichert	Ted	801 Roosevelt Drive	Libertyville	IL 60048	Ted_Reichert@hotmail.com	847-362-0952			2019	family	12/31/2019
Reichert	Janene	801 Roosevelt Drive	Libertyville	IL 60048	janenereichert@hotmail.com	847-362-0952			2019	family	12/31/2019
Scales	Mark	1780 Sunnyview Rd	Libertyville	IL 60048	spstr2002@msn.com	847.680.7782			2009	family	12/31/2019

Scales	Pat	"			pbscales@msn.com			2014	family	12/31/2019
Schockmel	Janet	335 Banbury Rd	Mundelein	IL 60060	jmschockmel@gmail.com	847.949.1736		2018	regular	12/21/2019
Schulman	Alan	3 Foxtail Ct	Riverwoods	IL 60015	alan@glenetronics.com	847.541.4877	unknown		honorary	12/31/2099
Smith	Janice	716 Paddock Lane	Libertyville	IL 60048	smithlester@msn.com	847.362.7221		2004	regular	12/31/2019
Stuecheli	Susan	145 Blueberry Rd	Libertyville	IL 60048	smstuech@comcast.net	847.362.8927		2008	honorary	12/31/2019
Swift	Leticia	15396 W Clover lane	Libertyville	IL 60048	ldswift82@gmail.com	224-277-4804		2018	family	12/31/2019
Swift	Kerry	"	"	"	swift_Kerry@hotmail.com	847-549-0923		2018	family	12/31/2019
Thompson	Barbara	461 Beckett Crossing	Mundelein	IL 60060	bjt2100@aol.com	847.566.2638		2008	regular	12/31/2019
Tiernan	Natalie	758 Kenwood Av	Libertyville	IL 60048	NFTiernan@hotmail.com	847.680.1856		2008	regular	12/31/2019
Valente	Trudy	668 Valley Park Dr	Libertyville	IL 60048	truforever28@aol.com	847.366.7516		2017	regular	12/31/2019
Van der Wagt	Johannes	1430 Victory Dr	Libertyville	IL 60048	janattheweb@msn.com	847.421.1730		2012	family	12/31/2019
Van der Wagt	Val Munchez	"			vmunch@aol.com	847.651.0253		2012	family	12/31/2019
Washburn	Sandy	21159 W Sylvan Drive	Mundelein	IL 60060	sandrawashburn@comcast.net	847.949.1054		2018	regular	12/31/2019
Wilson	Jean	721 Cliente Ct.	Libertyville	IL 60048	norlandjean@yahoo.com	847.549.9717	unknown		honorary	12/31/1999
Worley	Sue	661 Fair Links Way	Gurnee	IL 60031	sueworley5@gmail.com	847.370.4251		2011	regular	12/31/2019
Wilson	Steve				stwilson46@gmail.com		unknown		honorary	12/31/1999
Wilson	Laura				lswilson49@aol.com				honorary	12/31/1999
Zimmermann	Paul	1382 Borde Ct	Libertyville	IL 60048	PCZ223@comcast.net	630-325-5460		2019	regular	12/31/2019

Membership

Regular: For oneself, single, \$20

Family: husband & wife, or partners, \$30

Lifetime: has paid prescribed lifetime membership dues

Honorary: cannot vote or hold office, they receive the newsletter, do not pay dues, must be approved by the Board