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President’s Message: by Jerry Cleland

Greetings Gardeners,
Hello from the acting president. I hope you are keeping warm and enjoying your planning for the upcoming growing season. If you are like me, this is the time that the seed and plant catalogs begin arriving and when the



planning begins for the upcoming year. Last year, for the first time in nearly 20 years, I planted vegetables in the form of two tomato plants

and was rewarded with all of the tomatoes my wife and I could eat. When the temperatures began to approach freezing last fall, I picked the remaining green tomatoes and brought them inside to a windowsill. We continued to eat them for at least another month as they ripened inside. While most of my yard is shaded, the successful tomato venture prompted me to put a tarp over another piece of my property that has mostly full sun in anticipation of expanding my edible garden. Now I have to decide what I am going to plant.

In the meantime I have planted native plant seeds that I gathered last fall. They are sitting in my greenhouse and some are beginning to emerge. Planting the seeds of natives is not for the impulsive gardener. In the best of circumstances, the plants generally take a long time to emerge after they are planted. It can also be confusing when you search for expert advice on how to get the best results. For



example, when I searched the best way to prepare Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) for planting, the two most common responses were to use dry stratification or to use moist stratification. Another common response was to not worry about stratification

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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.

at all, to just collect the seeds and plant them in soil. The difference between dry and moist stratification techniques is considerable so I decided to try my own experiment. (In addition, I collected some seeds from my neighbor's yard from Butterfly weed plants that seemed much more vigorous than the plants in my yard.) So I now have seeds in the following conditions and will try to make some sense of what emerges.

Stratification Method			
	None	Dry	Moist
My Yard	6 pots	6 pots	6 pots
Neighbor	6 pots	6 pots	6 pots

Mostly the seeds are planted in groups of six 4-inch pots. Let's see what happens. I think the old saying is, "If it is worth doing, it is worth overdoing!"

Thanks to everyone who entered and judged our photography contest at the January meeting. We had 15 members enter 67 photos, making the decision of which photos to select as our favorites a difficult choice. Congratulations to Pat Meehan for having the most popular photo depicting a monarch caterpillar on a milkweed plant.

For our February meeting I am looking forward to our wild bird presentation, Barnswallow – A Wild Bird Concern – Birds of Prey and Their Amazing Stories. I understand that our presenter plans to bring actual birds to show us during her presentation. This sounds like a very informative and visually appealing event so I hope you are able to attend. And thanks to Delores, we have more great presentations coming up this year. Don't forget that June is this year's Mini-Show. See you at the February meeting.
President, Gardeners of Central Lake County

This Month's Club Activity:

Feb 10 Barnswallow – A Wild Bird Concern – Birds of Prey and Their Amazing Stories- Linda Breuer
Linda from Barnswallow, a private, not for profit state and federally licensed wild bird rehabilitation and education center, is dedicated to the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned songbirds and raptors with the goal of restoring them to freedom in the wild. What brings birds to Barnswallow? They arrive for several different reasons. Linda will discuss the many causes that result in birds becoming orphaned and injured. She will cover our plummeting bird populations and what we can do to help. Program includes live birds of prey.

Future Programs for 2020

March 9 – How do Homeowners Help our Honey Bees? – Justin and Jerry Cleland

This presentation will describe how honey bees create honey, what goes on inside of their hives, and what home owners can do to help this process. Some of the major pressures on local bees will be described and potential solutions will be offered.

April 13 -- Insects of Lake County

Ryerson Woods/LCFP

Insects of Lake County: Learn about the insects found in your backyard, their life cycles, and the difference between the beneficial and harmful insects. We will cover some organic means of controlling the harmful insects.

May 9 -- Annual Plant Sale

May 11 — It's Not a Bug, It's Abiotic

by Sharon Yiesley, Horticultural Services

Abiotic?? What does that mean? This word refers to problems that are NOT caused by a living pest (insect or disease). Abiotic problems have non-living causes like weather, poor planting techniques, soil problems, etc. We often focus on problems caused by pests, but these abiotic problems are often more common and widespread. Learn what they are so you can recognize what is going on in your garden.

June 8 – Mini Plant Show

July 17 Annual Picnic 5pm

August- No Meeting

Sept 14 (Veggie Tasting) The New Fall Cleanup

by Kim Ellson

As devoted gardeners, we have traditionally always prepared our gardens for winter by diligently cutting down and removing all dead growth. So what has changed? We now know so much more than we did in the past, and in particular how our management of our garden can have dramatic impacts on wildlife. Did you know that some of your favorite butterflies need that dead growth to overwinter and survive another season? Learn why more and more people are now embracing a new approach to fall cleanups and how you too can make a positive change.

Oct 12- Permaculture Gardening- by Alicia Dodd

Alicia is the creator and manager of the Fremont Township Community Garden and will be sharing a Permaculture approach to managing our environment that conserves resources, encourages biodiversity, and brings our surroundings to life! Join us as she shares lessons learned with integrated pest management, weed control, and plant selection for successful chemical-free gardening. She's happy to address questions on organic gardening, native plants, drip irrigation, building with natural materials, green roofs, fermenting, erosion control, rain gardens, and building community.

Nov 9 Pie Social & Seed-Swap

Dec 6 - Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

Green Living Fair 2020

- Jan Kirch

The Gardeners of Central Lake County will again participate in the Green Living Fair on **Saturday, March 14th** at the Libertyville Civic Center. The Libertyville Civic Center Foundation sponsors this event with the founding group, Lake County Green Congregations. The theme this year is The Food Cycle; from earth (seeds) to harvesting, distribution, consumption, composting. Our club will be 1 of 21 exhibitors, many of which are new to the fair. Also new this year will be Meet a local Leader. There will be continuous 30 minute break-out sessions which will focus on food related issues.

Additionally, there will be recycling opportunities available to the public including: Styrofoam, bikes and bike parts, eye glasses, wine corks, shoes, T-shirts, toothpaste tubes and Christmas lights. The event is free to the public.

As in the past, we will offer gardening information, our programs and Libertyville Community Gardens information. Additionally, we will advertise our Plant Sale. Members work 1 hour shifts to answer program and gardening questions and exchange ideas with attendees.

Join our planning committee meeting at 6:30 before our regular monthly meeting, February 10th and March 9th to exchange ideas and to plan our exhibit.

Questions?

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

North American Bees

-Karen O'Hayre

Late last year, our club decided to have a special emphasis on bees in 2020. As part of this commitment,



I'd like to share a great online publication on the bees of North America. While it discusses honey bees, which are not native, its main emphasis is our native bees. It covers

the various groups of bees, describes their foraging and nesting habits, and provides helpful identification characteristics. The publication also discusses some of the challenges bees are facing today and provides suggestions homeowner's can use to help support these important pollinations. I hope this will serve as a nice reference guide on bees and perhaps inspire us to a greater appreciation of these amazing creatures.

https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/SC/Bees_Basics_North_American_Bee_ID.pdf

Native Plant Week

- Laura Wilson

More and more people are becoming concerned about climate change, even as it affects the smallest plants, our birds and the smallest of creatures such as bees. We have been discussing the plight of pollinators over club meetings, the effects of poisons, human growth, disease, practices and climate change. We're losing bees and birds in dangerous numbers.

The Gardeners of Central Lake County (GCLC) are hoping to partner with the Lake County Audubon Society (LCAS) to promote the use of native plants in our landscapes. This benefits birds as well as bees and other pollinators.

LCAS has been working to promote a Native Plant Week. Last Tuesday they received an email from the Lake County Chair, Sandy Hart, saying the County will issue a proclamation declaring April 20 thru the 24th Native Plant Week. Lake County also committed to review the County Ordinance for native plant plantings. LCAS and Adler Music & Arts Center are partnering to create a native plant garden in 2020. The garden is to be used as a demonstration/learning site for children who attend Adler Summer Camp during June and July. The garden will be facing Milwaukee Avenue. Adler and LCAS are seeking other organizations to partner with on this project.

Our board will continue discussing how we can partner with Adler/LCAS moving forward. In the meantime, Lake County Audubon has agreed to

advertise GCLC's plant sale on May 9th to their members as a good source of native plants.

2020 Photo Contest and 2021 theme

-Jerry Cleland

For the January 2020 photo contest, 15 members entered 67 photos. There were many good photos, making it difficult to narrow each of our votes to only 12. The top 20 are shown in the contact sheet with the number of votes each photo received.



Congratulations to Pat Meehan for having the most popular photo. Thanks to everyone who participated.

For the upcoming year 2021, the photo contest theme is **Hot OR Cold**, which

can be interpreted in any number of ways by our photographers. It might refer to weather, to spiciness, to color choices, or to other possible meanings. While our entrants have said they enjoy the challenge of creating photos following the theme, it is not required so if you have other great photos make sure you enter them.

For the January 2021 contest, each member may enter up to 5 photos. As in the past, the photos will be printed and displayed in a 4 x 6 inch format. More complete instructions will be distributed later this year during our monthly meetings and in the Secateur.

Gardenfest

- Cindy Julian

When: Saturday, April 4 at

Place: McHenry County College

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration opens on Monday, February 10

For more information go to

<https://bit.ly/2RzqdHJ>

Monthly Treats

-Louri Austin

If you like to get yummy treats at the meeting as we are getting them many years, you still have a chance to sign up to bring the treat. The list is attached. There are still few spots left.

2020 Monthly Plant Competition

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.

January 2020 Monthly Competition

Name	Entry	Points
Best of the Show Susan Plasz	Orchid Zygolium Louisen	10
First Place		
John Adams	Vanda Orchid	5
Karen O'Hayer	Succulent Garden	5
Janice Paulson	Yellow Orchid	5

McHenry County EMG Field Trip- Madison WI Garden Expo 2/8/20

Please join the McHenry County Extension Master Gardeners as we take a bus trip to the Wisconsin Garden Expo, on Saturday, February 8th. We will leave from the McHenry County Extension office promptly at 8:30 am, arriving approximately 10:30am. The bus will return to the McHenry County Extension office at approximately 5:30 pm. Please register all guests separately so we have an accurate count. There is a \$35 per person fee, which includes water and snacks on the bus, as well as entrance ticket to the show.

This is similar to the Chicago Flower & Garden Show with more vendors and educational classes. For a complete list of vendors, go to www.WiGardenExpo.com. The list of educational breakout sessions can be found at the above website, also.

Garden Expo Features

- Learn new techniques at more than 150 free seminars and demos
- Explore 85,000 square feet of vendors, plant professionals, nonprofits and artists sharing ideas and trends.
- Meet dozens of landscaping professionals who can help deliver your landscape dream.
- Talk with UW horticulture experts on hand for innovative tips and problem-solving.
- Relax in the tranquil central garden— courtesy of Wisconsin Nursery & Landscape Association.
- Purchase seeds, tools and everything else you need to be ready when the ground thaws.

Trip is NON-refundable unless trip is cancelled due to lack of participation (or someone is willing to buy your ticket!).

Concessions are located in the lobby, exhibition hall and atrium. Options include salads, soup, sandwiches, coffee, yogurt and pastries. The Alliant Energy Center maintains a strict policy that no outside food can be brought into the show. Please [register HERE](#)

**January Meeting Photos
Photo Contest**



Meeting started



Jerry talks about Photo Contest



Plant Competition



Cindy Julian



Awards



2020 Gardeners of Central Lake County Photo Contest Top 20 Photos



1 Mushrooms Cleland



4 Purple Cauliflower Cleland



7 Chilis S Deodhar



9 Spices S Deodhar



11 Best Olives Hughes, A



18 Orange Rose Julian, C



20 Tree Lake Julian, C



24 Fungi pair Kimmel, A.



28 Monarch Caterpillar Meehan



30 Chin Lanterns Munchez, V



32 Peppers Munchez, V



37 Medallion Rose O'Hayer



40 Veggie Tableau Paulson



41 Fall Veggies Paulson



49 Rose Cherry Plasza, A



51 Dragon fruit Plasza, S



53 Cherimoya Thompson, B



58 Veggie Plate Valente, T



59 Tomatoes van der Wagt, J



67 Zucchini Zimmerman

Votes	Member Name	Photo #	Photo Name
14	P Meehan	28	Monarch Caterpillar
12	C Julian	20	Tree Lake
12	J Paulson	40	Veggie Tableau
11	J Cleland	4	Purple Cauliflower
10	J Cleland	1	Mushrooms
10	A Kimmel	24	Fungi Pair
10	T Valente	58	Veggie Plate
9	J Paulson	41	Fall Veggies
8	S Deodhar	7	Chilis
8	P Zimmerman	67	Zucchini
7	V Munchez	30	Chinese Lanterns
6	S Deodhar	9	Spices
5	C Julian	18	Orange Rose
5	V Munchez	32	Peppers
5	K O'Hayer	37	Medallion Rose
5	A Plasza	49	Rose Cherry
5	J Van der Wagt	59	Green Tomatoes
4	A Hughes	11	Best use for Olives
4	S Plasza	51	Dragon Fruit
4	B Thompson	53	Cherimoya

GARDEN CLUB TREATS SIGN UP 2020

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AUGUST 2020	NO MEETING	
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NOVEMBER 9, 2020	PIE SOCIAL	
DECEMBER 6, 2020	HOLIDAY DINNER	

Lake County Green Congregations and
Libertyville Civic Center present the

10th Annual Green Living Fair

MARCH 14TH

10 AM TO 2 PM

135 W CHURCH ST. LIBERTYVILLE, IL
60048

24 Exhibitors
NEW EXHIBITORS!

Recycling Opportunities

Bikes and Bike Parts

Styrofoam

Wine Corks

XMas Lights

T-shirts

Tennis shoes

and more to be announced!

Find the Green Living Fair on Facebook! 

Speaker Forum

Tea Room (Meet a Local Leader)

Mary Edly-Allen

John Wasik

Jennifer Clark

and more to be announced!

Room A (Food Topics)

Jen Miller, Wind Farms

SWALCO

and more to be announced!

Gardeners of Central Lake County

ANNUAL PLANT SALE



Saturday, May 9

8:30-11:00AM rain or shine

**CRAWFORD HOUSE
817 LAKE STREET
LIBERTYVILLE**

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