



Happy New Year!

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<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.

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President's Message: by Karen O'Hayer

Hello, Gardeners.

We held our annual Holiday Party and Dinner on Sunday, December 4 at the St. Lawrence Episcopal Church in Libertyville. Despite the inclement weather and some parking challenges, we had a good turnout and a lovely time. We shared good food, drink, and conversation, followed by our awards ceremony. This year, the club's highest award for outstanding service, the Bronze Medal, went to two of our long-time members, Jan Smith and Sarah O'Brien. Janice Paulson won the award for the Monthly Plant Competition, Arlene Doran for the Mini-show (Best of Show) and Cathy Nardo for the Mini-show (Most Points). For the second year in a row, Jan Van der Wagt won the award for Rose Garden volunteer of the year. Tony Kirch, who



has planned, organized, and mentored our club through more annual plant sales than anyone can remember, received a special award for his long-standing

devotion to this event, which is the key to our club's financial success. Congratulations to all the award winners! Special thanks go out to Cindy Julian and the Bronze Medal committee, Laurie and Chuck Austin for party logistics, Dale and Terri Vanderwerff for order and pick-up of the main dishes, and to all the club members

who brought wonderful food and helped with set-up and clean-up.

At the Holiday Party we confirmed the nominations of three new Board members: Chuck Austin and Jan Vander Wagt will be new directors, and Carole Brunner will be our new Membership Chair and 2nd Vice President. I'd like to thank our outgoing Membership Chair, Pat Meehan, for creating a very welcoming environment for our guests and new members over the past eight years. Also, a big thank-you to Jan Smith and Sarah O'Brien for so graciously stepping in to fill our vacant Board seats in 2016.

We are very lucky to continue to have Delores O'Connell as 1st Vice President (Programs), Arlene Doran as Treasurer, Pat Scales as Recording Secretary, and Janice Paulson, Cindy Julian, Terri Vanderwerff, and Dale Vanderwerff as Directors. Rekha Deodhar will continue as Secateur editor and manager of our club website. And as always, we have active involvement from a number of past-presidents, including Andy and Susan Plasz, Jerry Cleland, Tony Kirch, and Andy Kimmel.

The 2017 photo contest will be held at the January 9 club meeting. Jerry Cleland will prepare all the entries,



and club members will have an opportunity to vote for their favorites. In keeping with the photography theme, our speaker will be Joan Sayre, a local, professional nature photographer, who

will present a program entitled "Alaska Flowers and Wildlife". Joan has done other presentations for our club, and her photographs are truly stunning.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Monday, January 9, at 7:00 pm, at the CrossLife Church, and to a great New Year filled opportunities to learn, grow, and share our gardening experiences.

This Month's Club Activity:

January 9th

Alaska Flowers & Wildlife

Joan Sayre, Professional Photographer

Photo Contest:

Jerry Cleland

Future Programs for 2017

Feb. 13

The Care of Trees: The Soil, Food, Web

What You Need to Know

Dr. Rex Bastian, Regional Technical Advisor

March 13

Radicle Root Farm:

The Importance of Organic Growing and Eating

Alison Parker

March 18

Green Living Fair

Libertyville Civic Center

10 am-2 pm

April 10

The Inviting Front Yard

Julie Janoski, Janoski Designs

May 8

Coyotes and Other Canines of Lake County

Melissa Alderson, Ryerson Conservation Area

Lake County Forest Preserves

May 13

Plant Sale

Crawford Warming House

8:30-11 am

June 12

Fairy Gardening

Kim Hartman

Countryside Flower Shop, Nursery and Garden Center

July 14

Annual Picnic

Old School Forest Preserve, Shelter D

5 pm

July 19-21

Gardeners of America National Convention

Cleveland

July 22

Community Gardens Open House & Tour

9-11 am

September 11

Mini Flower Show, Veggie Tasting

October 9

TBD

November 13

Pie Social

December 3

Holiday Party and Annual Dinner

St. Lawrence Episcopal Church

3 pm Setup, 4 pm reception and 5 pm dinner

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Bronze Medals Recipients

- Janice Paulson

The Board of Directors has the honor to announce two wonderful longtime members were awarded the Bronze Medal Award this year. They were handed out at the Holiday Dinner on 12/4.

Our first honoree was Sarah O'Brian. Sarah joined GCLC in 2004 and has been the church rep for meeting space. When the church raised our meeting room cost considerably, Sarah got the increase reduced. When we get moved to the gym or a different room, Sarah always gets there early to help with the utilities. She is a master vegetable grower and garden plot enthusiast. She participates in Mini Show every year, and has won Best of Show in 2011 with 3 ears of corn. Sarah had best of show in a monthly plant competition with a watermelon and then she promptly cut the melon up and the members all got to enjoy it! Sarah also filled in for a moving board member this past year.

Our second honoree was Janice Smith who joined the Club in 2002. She has helped in the rose garden for the last 14 years! Janice has won Outstanding Rose Garden Volunteer 5 times. She has served on the Board of Directors for several years and also filled in for a moving board member this past year. Janice has provided frames for the garden walk participant certificates and created a garden walk map for many years. She has a plot at the community garden for years and always volunteered to help with community garden activities. She tended to Cindy Julian's plot when Cindy was on vacation much to Cindy appreciation. Janice has also been purchasing raffle prizes for our July picnic. And most recently the garden accessory swap was her idea. So as you can see, the Club had two very deserving recipients for the Bronze Metal this year. Next time you see them, say, "Hello Gardener Friend. Well done".

Outstanding Rose Garden Volunteer 2016

- Andy Plasz

The 2016 Outstanding Rose Garden Volunteer in the Cook Park Lynn Arthur Rose Garden is Jan Van der Wagt. This marks the second year in a row that Jan has won this honor. Jan was a tireless worker all year coming up on his own when we were shorthanded this autumn and working alone. This was not all bad as Jan quickly made friends with some of the local merchants who noticed his efforts in the garden. Jan recorded 51 hours in the rose garden this year.

The top ten folks by hours worked are listed below:

Name	Hours Worked
Jan Van der Wagt	51
Terry Webb	43
Andy Kimmel	34
Dana Morgan	32
Karen O'Hare	25
Jan Smith	17
Dale Vanderwerff	17
Subhash Deodhar	15
Jerry Cleland	13
Chuck Austin	10

The total number of hours spent in the Cook Park garden was 428 hours for 2016. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped in 2016. Special thanks to Terry and Dana, who are not the club members but they are on the top of the list. We are looking for a big year in 2017 as we have 40 new bushes to plant and the areas to receive them have already been cleared and await their new occupants. THINK SPRING!



Sarah O'Brian



Janice Smith

2016 Monthly Plant Competition - Andy Plaszc

For the fourth time in the last 7 years, Janice Paulson has won the monthly plant competition. Janice accumulated well over 100 points this year in out distancing the competition. We had 17 exhibitors this year and about half of them did not start to bring entries until the last four months of the year. The other piece of good news is that the quality of our entries is really going up, which means that all of you members are becoming better gardeners. And that is the purpose of the Garden Club. Now each and every one of you should make a new year's resolution to bring at least one entry in 2017. If for nothing else, to make it hard on the judges to pick the best of show.

Winter Sowing

January is the month to think about winter sowing. Start collecting milk jugs. If you have any extra milk jugs, please recycle and save for gardeners who may want to try winter sowing this year. Most likely the best time to start will be Jan/Feb 2017. So, please bring any to the meeting or I can come pick them up too! Thanks!

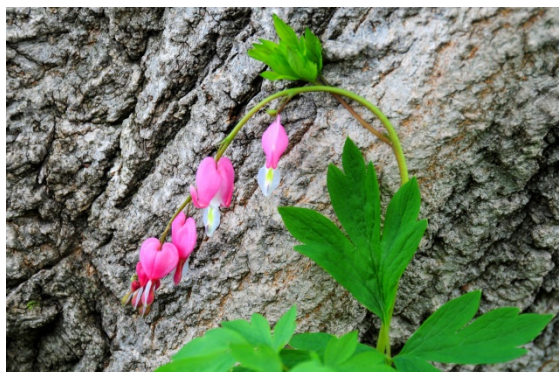
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