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

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President's Message: by Karen O'Hayer

Greetings Gardeners,

True fall weather is here. The leaves are turning color and the air is crisp, if not downright chilly. I am still picking



the last of my cold hearty veggies like beets and kale. It seems like summer went by way too fast this year. But, I do look forward to once again experimenting with winter-

sowing, so the growing season isn't quite over yet.

DIRECTORS: Arlene Doran, Chuck Austin, Cindy Julian, Jan Van der Wagt, Donna Hughes, Pat Meehan
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Secateur Submission deadline: 25th of each month

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.

[13 good reasons to join the Club!](#)

The speaker at our October meeting was David Brooks, of the Spring Valley Nature Center, who presented a program on Backyard Birds and Bird Feeding. This was a very interesting talk, complete with the best bird imitations I've ever heard!

If you have preordered the club's 2019 calendar, you will be able to purchase (\$10 each) and pick up your calendar(s) at the November 12 meeting. Many thanks to Janice Paulson and Grant Hoover for putting together another stunning calendar!

We will also have several copies of the 2019 calendar of The Gardeners of America available for purchase for \$5 each. Several of our members had photos selected for this calendar. Congratulations to Cindy Julian, Jerry Cleland, Andy Plasz, Jan van der Wagt, Val Munchez-van der Wagt, Andy Kimmel, Dale Vanderwerff, Subhash Deodhar, and Karen O'Hayer. As always, a big thank-you goes out to Jerry Cleland for coordinating our yearly club photo contest and our submissions to the national photo contest.

If you have not done so already, please remember to pay your 2019 dues at the November meeting. Janice Paulson will be collecting dues (cash or check). Dues are \$20 for an individual membership and \$30 for a family membership.

We will be holding our third annual seed swap at the November meeting. Please bring the seeds you'd like to share in a container or envelope, labeled with the plant name, year collected, collector's name, and any special germination requirements. You may also bring full or partial commercial seed packets. We will provide all the supplies needed to label and package samples of the seeds you'd like to take home. At the meeting, members will be invited to stand up and share their experiences or demonstrate techniques related to seed collection or seed starting. Let's make this a real information-sharing session so we can all improve our success with growing plants from seed.

The November meeting is also our ever-popular pie social. Don't forget to bring your favorite sweet or savory pastry and a good appetite.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Holiday Party and Annual Dinner on Sunday, December 9, at the St. Lawrence Episcopal Church in Libertyville. Setup is at 3 pm, reception at 4 pm, and dinner at 5 pm.

This Month's Club Activity:

Nov. 12

Seed Swap

Collect seeds from your yard and bring them to the meeting. See more information below.

Pie Social

Future Programs for 2018

Dec. 9

Holiday Party and Annual Dinner

For useful gardening articles go to:

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

Seed Swap in November

The Gardeners of Central Lake County will hold a seed swap during our November meeting. Now is the time to start preparing for the swap. Take a look around your yard and decide which plants you'd like to collect seeds

from. Good candidates are your favorite varieties of vegetables or annual flowers. They need to be heirloom



or open-pollinated varieties, rather than hybrids.

Also consider collecting seeds from native perennials. These plants are well adapted to the environment of Lake County and

help support our native fauna, including pollinators. Although getting native perennial seeds to germinate can be tricky, many of our club members have had success using various techniques.



This is also a good time to start saving small bottles and containers for your seeds. Empty medicine containers work well for small seeds or small quantities of seeds. Be sure to allow the seeds to

thoroughly dry before you put them in containers. Label each container with the plant name and the year the seeds were collected. Looking forward to another great seed swap!

Calendars are coming

-Janice Paulson

Thank you to all the members who pre-ordered a Garden



Club calendar. If you have not paid for them yet, please have exact change (\$10) or a check written out to the club at the November meeting. The calendars should be ready for the

meeting. See Janice Paulson for your calendar. If you are not at the November meeting, hope to see you at the Holiday dinner.

You can email Janice Paulson at jpaulson@dist50.net with your ordering needs. Janice will also be passing around a signup at October's club meeting. All 17 members who submitted photos in the club photo contest have a photo in the calendar.

We would like to have all orders submitted by Oct. 23rd so they will be ready for handout at our November meeting.

Photo Contest

-Jerry Cleland

Next year the photo contest theme is "Art and



Architecture," 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 2019. 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.

Garden Club "Lost Treasures" Recycled -Janice Paulson

Andy Plasz has been housing Garden Club archives and it was time to pass them on. Janice Paulson contacted the Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society about the possibility of them wanting the archives. They said Yes. Two notebooks of Secataur newsletters from the Gardeners of Central Lake County (formally Men's Garden Club of Libertyville-Mundelein, and then the Men's and Women's Garden Club of Libertyville-Mundelein) were passed on to the Historical Society. Many prominent Libertyville and Mundelein residents were mentioned in the old newsletters. The newsletters were dated from 1965 -1970 and 1972 - 1976. Also passed on the Historical Society was a booklet of press releases, letters, notes, and captioned photos about the Mundelein Landscape & Gardening Contest sponsored by the Mundelein Savings & Loan Association and the Men's Garden Club of Libertyville –Mundelein from 1961-1963. Looking at the old photos, the Men's Garden Club picnic of August 26, 1961 was held on the shores of Butler Lake in Libertyville. So if you have old documents and photos that relate to the history of the area, consider passing them on to the Historical Society. If they deem that they do not want them you can ask for them back if that is your preference.

2018 Monthly Plant Competition – November - Andy Plasz

We had a very high quality October Plant Competition. We gave two first place blue ribbon winners Best of Show awards the quality was so high , one flower and one vegetable. The quality of the exhibits the members bring in is increasing every year. Just when you think we cannot do any better, the membership always surprises us all. Let us continue this in 2019!

If you have something that looks good to you, please 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.

Results of Nov. 2018 Plant Competition		
Name	Plant name	Points
Best of The Show		
Sarah O'Brien	Toad Lily	10
Mark Scales	Chest Nuts	10
First Place		
John Adams	Vanda Orchid	5
Janice Paulson	Rose Impatiens	5
Janice Paulson	White Impatiens	5
Pat Scales	Spaghetti Squash	5
Jan Van der Wagt	Canna Lily	5
Left off of September totals Sarah O'Brien	Coleus	5
Second Place		
Janice Paulson	Rose Impatiens	3

2018 Year to Date Results

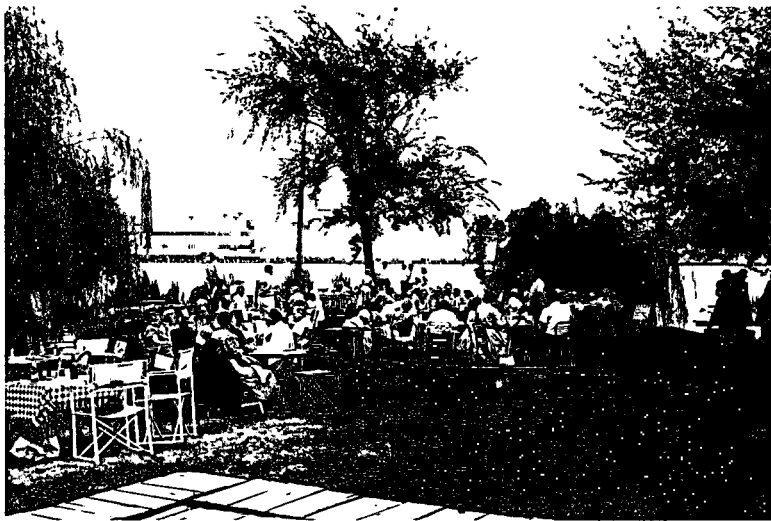
Name	Points
Janice Paulson	112
Sarah O'Brien	63
Jerry Cleland	43
Pat Scales	35
Karen O'Hayer	30
Chuck Austin	15
Dale Vanderwerff	10
John Adams	15
Val Vander Wagt	10
Mark Scales	18
Lauri Austin	5
Subhash Deodhar	5
Susan Plasz	5
Jan Van der Wagt	5

Meeting Photos



Rose Garden Work Day





*MGC Picnic, Butler Lake
Aug. 26, 1961*



*Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schotanus
108 E. Racine Pl.
Mundelein,
1st Place Winner, 1961*



*Mundelein Contest Winners
at MGC Picnic Aug. 26, '61
at Butler Lake*