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Lisle Woman's Club

President message

June 8th is Garden Gait and it's almost here! Thank you to Garden Gait Chair Kathleen Palia and all the volunteers who have worked so hard already to make GG successful and thank you to those volunteering the day of GG. Let's make the 23rd Garden Gait the best one yet!

Don't forget that our end-of-year dinner is June 4th at Brasi's in Lisle. Thank you, Lorna Turner, for working so hard to arrange for the year-end dinner and keeping the cost low. Hope to see you all there!

Liz Sullivan
President
Lisle Woman's Club



Vice President Lorna

Our end of year dinner at Brasi's begins at 6:00 on

June 4. See everyone there!

Lorna

June

- 4 LWC meeting
- 8 Garden Gait
- 9 GG Tour for workers only
- 25 Garden Gait Recap Meeting
- 6:30-8:30 Lisle Park District Bring a dish to share and Suggestion

August

Welcome to the new board. I would like to thank everyone that contributed to the newsletter and Weekly. We had our ups and down but made it. I had a blast doing both. I would like to also thank the members that chaired or volunteered for our club and the community. Thank you Thank You!
Brenda

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Art Contest Winners and State Winner from last year!

Artwork for Hokusai



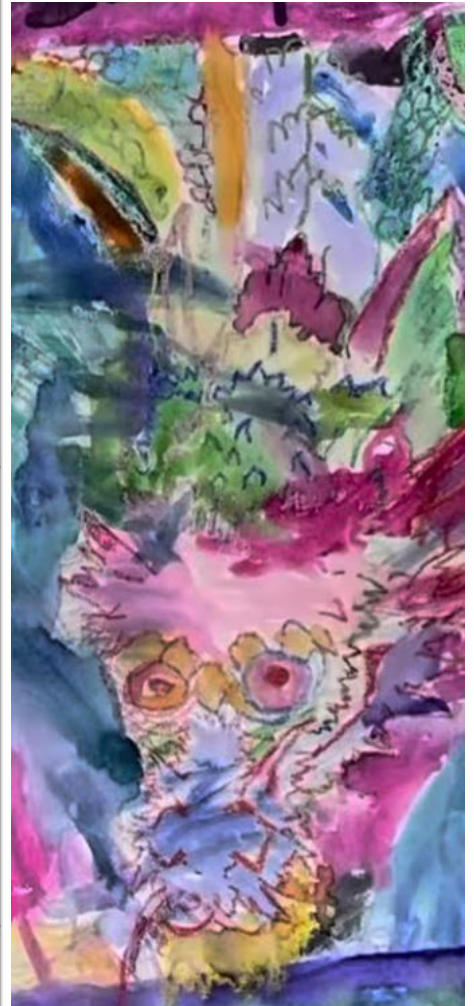
The third annual 5th Grade Art Contest attracted 32 contestants this year. The first year had 18 entries.

At the May General Membership meeting, the Best in Show winner, Elinor Duesing was presented with a \$50 gift certificate, and Best Theme winner, Eleanor Reese, was presented with a \$25 gift certificate.



At the Village Board meeting, the Best in Show winner was awarded a proclamation from Mayor Mullens

All Art Entries were displayed in the Youth Services section of the Lisle Library for two weeks. Ribbons were also given to 1st, 2nd and Honorable Mention winners. All entries received a participation award when their art was returned.



Last year's Best in Show Winner, Lyla Swanson, received 1st place at the GFWC-IL annual awards.

Congratulations to all our winners!





Save the Dates!

GARDEN GAIT **JUNE 8, 2025**

THIS IS LWC'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER. Please invite family and friends and *SHARE* Facebook posts, Patch Event, Nextdoor Event and the Daily Herald Event Calendar.

Tickets sold at businesses May 1 thru June 7 and on-line at Eventsprout. The link is on the website.

Pre-entry & raffle basket payments or unsold tickets must be returned to Kathleen at the yearend dinner June 4th or her home by June 7th.

BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR THE DAY OF GARDEN GAIT. The final signup list has been distributed with instructions. If you work Garden Gait, you have the option to tour the homeowners' gardens on Monday, June 9, from 5 to 7 pm

BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU THAT VOLUNTEERED FOR ALL THE COMMITTEES THAT WORKED ALL YEAR.

RECAP MEETING will be a potluck at the **LISLE PARK DISTRICT** Wednesday, June 25th 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Bring your comments / suggestions and a food dish to share

NEEDED:

New Garden Gait Chair for 2026/2027
Please contact Lucy Matune or Kathleen. Garden hunting for 2026 starts immediately after GG.

Kathleen Palia, Garden Gait Chair

Environment Committee

Why Use Native Plants in Your Garden?

A major benefit of using native plants in landscaping is increased water conservation. Native plants, having adapted to local climates and rainfall, generally require less irrigation than non-native species. They also often need less maintenance, making them a more sustainable choice for landscaping.



Here's a more detailed look at the benefits:

- **Water Conservation:** Native plants are well-suited to the local climate, often requiring minimal or no supplemental watering once established. This can significantly reduce water consumption in landscaping. Also, installation of a rain barrel can collect water for use in your garden.
- **Low Maintenance:** Native plants are typically less prone to pests and diseases, requiring less overall maintenance.
- **Wildlife and Biodiversity:** Native plants support local wildlife by providing food and shelter for insects, birds, butterflies and other animals.
- **Enhanced Aesthetics:** Native plants often create a more natural and visually appealing landscape that complements the local environment.
- **Reduced Landfill Waste:** Less maintenance means less waste from mowing and pruning.
- **Soil Health:** Native plants' root systems can improve soil structure and drainage.
- **Erosion Control:** Deep roots help stabilize the soil and prevent erosion.

Whether you are starting from a grass lawn or have existing natural areas on your property, the Conservation Foundation in Naperville can help you make your yard more attractive to wildlife and retain precious rainwater. They have a free at home visit program to give you recommendations on steps you can take to start an eco-friendly yard. Not only will you be contributing to a healthier environment, you can spend valuable time outdoors, and you'll get to enjoy nature's ever-changing cast of characters right outside your window.

If you are interested in the at home visit or a rain barrel go to The Conservation Foundation website. Also, rain barrels will be available at Garden Gait for purchase.



Last weekend was the unveiling of the Hokusai Ceremony in downtown Lisle. As you know we were asked to sponsor this event with others in the community. It was such a beautiful exhibit on Main Street at the Garden Walk fountain.

Pat Briggs, Liz Sullivan, Luisa Buehler and Joanne Ehrhardt spent time greeting people and handing out water, juice pouches, coloring sheets and crayons. We also gave out club information and Garden Gait information. We were thanked many times by all the speakers. It was a wonderful time and great interaction with the community.

Joanne



Mother's Day Gift Bags

Yvonne Hammond-Health & Wellness

There's no better time than the present to stock up on items we use every day that benefit our every day life. For a lot of people, ordinary items we just throw into our cart without thinking is a pause for concern to people who are on a strict budget. Prices are rising and for many, feminine products are just not affordable. Our committee decided to make gift bags to pass out at Loaves & Fishes, containing feminine hygiene products, candy and flower seeds. Twenty colorful gift bags were generously filled, mostly donated by our members, including tampons, panty-liners, Bic razors, toothpaste, sun lotion, and many bottles of shampoo, soaps, conditioners, lotions and more! It was wonderful to see our dedicated members and new one's wanting to help! Thank you for everyone's thoughtfulness! I hope you all have a fun Mother's Day!

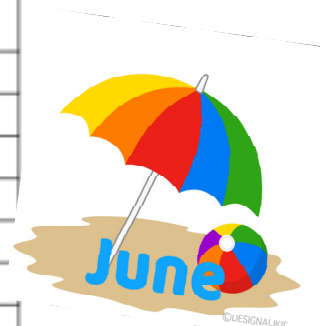


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Environment Committee

Here is a summary of our **recyclables** that we collect and the location they are sent to for recycling:

Items	Where you can take them	Ultimate Recyclable Location
Pop Tabs	LWC Meeting-Susanne Murray	Ronald McDonald House
Bread Tags	Library south Entrance box or LWC Meeting-Lorraine	SCARCE
Crayons	LWC Meeting-Lorraine	SCARCE
Corks	LWC Meeting-Lorraine	ReCork
Styrofoam	Lisle Township	DART
Eyeglasses	Lisle North Entrance Box	SCARCE
Glue Sticks	LWC Meeting-Lorraine	SCARCE
Highlight Markers	LWC Meeting-Lorraine	SCARCE
Keys	Library south Entrance box or LWC Meeting-Lorraine	SCARCE



Bottles, Barrels and Brews

This year the Chamber of Commerce is not having Uncorked this year but instead Bottles, Barrels and Brews from 3pm to 7pm. We will do shifts. So, there will be spirits as well as beer and wine. It is on August 16 on Saturday. We will need 8-10 ladies who want to have fun.

Contact me if you can help though I will be passing around a sign-up sheet.

Thanks,

Joanne

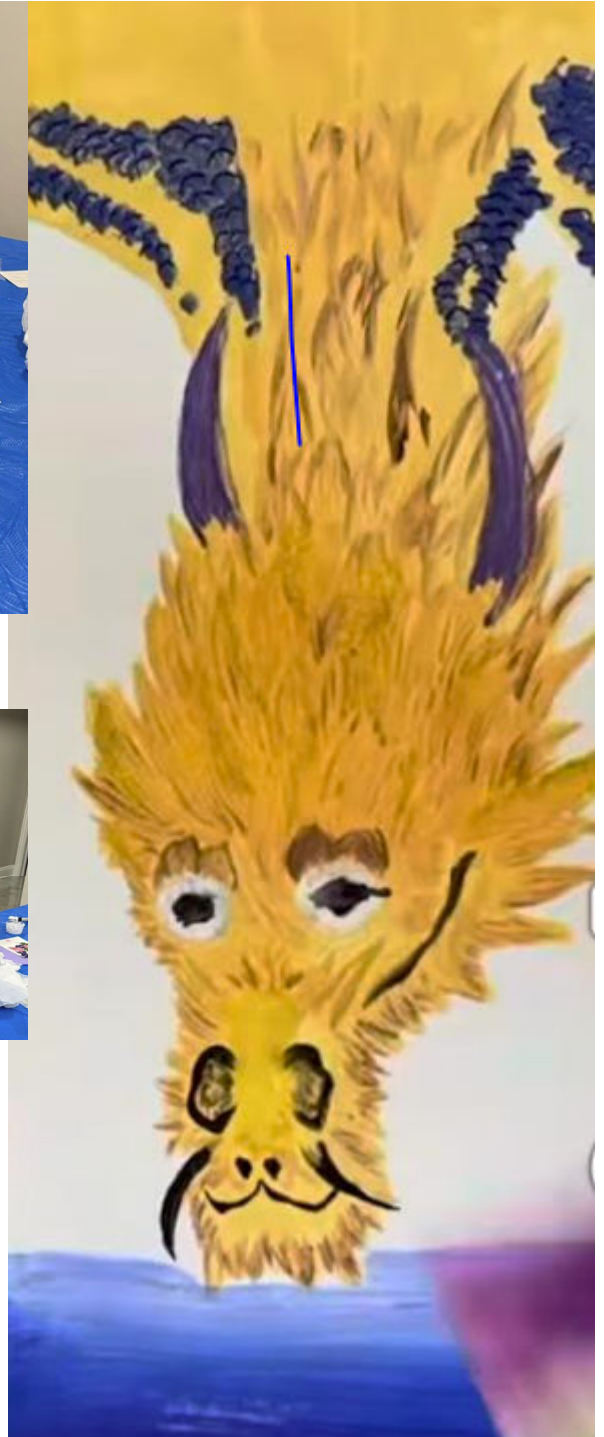


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Craft and chat was so fun at DPG the other night and Debbie Pawlowicz couldn't have been a better hostess! Thank you!



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This week our club handed out scholarships to high school graduates! The students were from Downers Grove North and Lisle Senior High School. Each scholarship was \$1,000.



We presented a scholarship to Andrew at Naperville North High School today!