



# THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

*"Friendship through Gardening"*

## MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday,  
May 16, 2023  
11:00**

Heart O' the Hills Camp  
2430 Hwy 39  
(second entrance)  
Hunt, TX 78024

## HOSTESSES

Trisha McMahon (lead)  
Tracey Belew  
Ruth Johnson  
Nicole Bibao  
Gretchen Harris  
Melissa Clark-Maynard  
Cindy Janke  
Alida Shimek  
Cathy Abercrombie  
Becky Key  
Dusty Gilliam  
Kathy Mater

## PRESIDENT

Laura Greenwood

## FIRST VP (programs)

Nancy Huffman

## SECOND VP (membership)

Carol Gannaway

## THIRD VP (ways & means)

Alice King

## RECORDING SECRETARY

Lanie Nickel

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Gretchen Harris

## TREASURER

Patti Devlin

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

Elizabeth Cotton



We are launching into our  
70th year!

*You are invited to the*

*Hunt Garden Club  
Platinum Luncheon*

*Celebrating 70 Years of Service*

*May 16, 2023*

*Heart O' the Hills Camp  
2430 Hwy 39*

Gather at 11:00 am, lunch at 11:30

Please bring a salad to share, serving spoon,  
and a card with salad ingredients.

RSVP to Trisha McMahon  
at [trishakster@gmail.com](mailto:trishakster@gmail.com)

# MEMBERSHIP

**80 active members**  
**41 associate members**  
**121 total membership**

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Kristina Cassanova has resigned.

### A note from your President:

I'm not sure who came up with this quote - it truly is appropriate!

"Gardening adds years to your life and life to your years; gardening is therapy even if you kill everything!!"

I hope you all enjoy your summer - in the yard, in the garden, in or on the water, taking a trip, enjoying family and friends, or simply staying home and reading a book!

I look forward to seeing all of you again in September!

*Laura*

### Treasurer (Patti Devlin)

We had no revenue in April and very few expenditures. Project leads and committee chairs, if you have expenses or receipts you have not turned in, this is the time to do so.

See attached April's Treasurer's Report.

### Corresponding Secretary

(Gretchen Harris)

I have sent two get well cards and one thank you card.

*Reminder: call or text Gretchen when someone needs a note for anything.*

### Awards (Karen Taylor)

I hope everyone is taking pictures of their projects and getting ready to prepare award submissions. They won't be due to me until October 1st, but if you've submitted awards in the past you know we have to start early. Each committee will be hearing from me with suggestions on awards. Good luck everyone!

## What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?



Fresh garden produce

### Discovery Garden

(Ann Birkner, Cathy Abercrombie)

The Discovery Garden finished off the semester with games and snacks, then picking veggies in the garden.

The children were wonderful this year. On our last day some of the kids were tasting veggies, etc in the garden and they were having fun with the pansies. One of the boys started telling me how beautiful the pansy he was holding was. He remarked on the purples and the streaks into the yellows. He was really studying it! That shows how great these kids are. They are all so curious. We had several exciting lessons and added new ones this year. The garden is now graced with a scarecrow in each row. They learned how to make a rain gauge, how to make art with flower pounding and other fun things. Cathy and I are transitioning off as the Discovery Garden leaders. I will be moving to Austin. So far Megan Stolley has put her name in the hat, but we need at least one more leader and preferably two. Cathy and I thought a 3 woman lead would make it easier for all. So, take a try at being one of the leaders. The kids and staff at Hunt Elementary School are great and it's lots of fun.



Scarecrow



Flower pounding

## More Happenings

### Scholarships (Ruth Johnson)

The Hunt Garden Club Scholarship Committee received four applications which met the requirements. After evaluating the applicants, the committee decided to award all four with scholarship funds.

Please meet our 2022-23 scholarship recipients.

**Talli Millican**, daughter of Vance and Jenny Millican from Mountain Home was awarded **\$1,200**. Talli attends Harper High School and plans to attend Texas A&M University majoring in Kinesiology on a Pre-Nursing route. Her accomplishments included National Honor Society, FFA, basketball, volleyball and track and field. Talli volunteers with the Peterson Hospital Jr. Volunteer program and many other programs within her community.

**Robert "Cole" Carpenter**, son of Justin and Lisa Carpenter from Kerrville was awarded **\$750**. Cole attends Ingram Tom Moore High School. While Cole has not yet chosen his university, he plans to major in Economics. He is a member of Mensa, National Honor Society, and Student Council. Cole runs a seasonal business and is on the varsity tennis team. He also volunteered throughout high school.

**Samantha Klein**, daughter of Neil Klein from Mountain Home was awarded **\$500**. Samantha attends Harper High School and plans to attend West Texas A&M University majoring in Animal Sciences. She plans to pursue a career as a veterinarian and a rancher. She is heavily involved in the Harper FFA and participated in multiple stock shows. She also volunteered at stock shows, the Divide Wild Game Dinner and was employed.

**Peyton Cox**, daughter of David and Ashley Cox from Mountain Home was awarded **\$500**. Peyton attends Harper High School and plans to attend BK Cosmo College of Cosmetology. She is a member of FCA, National Jr Honor Society, Student Council, and multiple clubs. Peyton was active with the newspaper, theatre and yearbook staff. She is an athlete and an avid volunteer with multiple clubs and organizations.



### Wildscape (Carla Stang)

The Wildscape team met at Lift Coffee (new place in Ingram) to discuss plans for near future projects/tasks for improving the Wildscape. First on the list was to finalize the watering schedule through the growing season and the summer. We're continuing to be very cautious in use of water for the Wildscape since we are still observing some level of water restrictions. With this in mind, we also decided not to plant any new plants this year. We will continue to harvest seeds from the native plants - the Bluebonnets and Damianitas have already relinquished their bounty. Admittedly, I am a bit obsessed with the Pearlvine Milkweed as it continues to grow and spread. It will no doubt have a great yield of seed pods.

One of our areas of focus we started last fall was to give some attention to supporting the birds in the area. We have plants that produce berries and seeds, which is great, but we've expanding the support to include hanging two bird houses. We are also working on maintaining a reliable water source for the birds. We will not be putting any bird feeders in the Wildscape because we don't want to encourage rodents, who would also feast on the birdseed!

We have one other major project we will be working on. Stay tuned!



# HGC BULLETIN BOARD

## Hunt Garden Club

### 70th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars and plan to join the celebration on **Tuesday, October 17th!**

We will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Hunt Garden Club with an afternoon tea, location will be announced soon.

So dig out those hats and floral attire and plan to attend this elegant event.

Mitzi, Carol, Karen, Janet, Laura and Patti have been seen AROUND THE WORLD sporting their HGC wear!



## Kayaking Dates

**May 19:** 10:00 am FRIDAY at Riverbend waterfront.

Hostess Weezie Johnston. Park and bag lunch at Riverbend's pavilion and put kayaks in at Lone Star crossing on 1340.

**June 22:** 10:00 am THURSDAY at Canyon Springs waterfront.

Hostess Gretchen, Blythe and crew.

**July 21:** 10:00 am FRIDAY.

Hostess Joni Jones at her waterfront.

**August 17:** 10:00 am THURSDAY.

Hostess Cindy Janke at Vista waterfront.

**September 21:** 10:00 am THURSDAY at Angel Falls waterfront.

Hostess Barbara Staggs and Penny Dupree. Lunch at Bridgets Basket.

**October 19:** 3:00 pm THURSDAY.

Hostess Bernadell Larsen at her waterfront.



**If you are not already on the email list, but are interested in receiving detailed information about each event, please email Kathy Mater at [kmater614@gmail.com](mailto:kmater614@gmail.com).**

Looking forward to another fun Kayak season.