

THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

"Friendship through Gardening"

MONTHLY
MEETING

Tuesday,

Nov. 14, 2023

9:30

Hunt United
Methodist Church
120 Merrit Rd.
Hunt, TX 78024

HOSTESSES

Martha Kimbrell, lead
Kyra Bowman
Barbara Byrd
Melisssa Clark-Maynard
Dusty Gilliam
Linnea Johnson
Bernadell Larson

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Laura Greenwood

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Gretchen Harris

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Patti Devlin

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Elizabeth Cotton

Committee Chairs, Project
and Activity Leaders are listed
in the Yearbook

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

The Benefits of Native Plants for your Vegetable Garden

Becky Leal

Native Plant Society of Texas, Kerrville

This program discusses how native plants help the vegetable garden with pollination and integrated pest management while providing year-round beauty and interest to your landscape. Topics will include companion planting, hedgerows, and beetle banks with plants native to our area. A handout listing the benefits of each plant in the presentation will be provided. This informative program will last about 45 minutes.

Becky is a member of the Native Plant Society of Texas and certified as a Master Gardener with our local Hill Country chapter of Texas Master Naturalists.

President's Message

A Thanksgiving Poem

May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious, and your pies take the prize,
and may your Thanksgiving dinner
stay off of your thighs!

Unknown Writer

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What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

Awards (Karen Taylor)

I have 20 awards submitted for our club this year. There was an award judging session at my home on Friday, November 10. A group of 6 members helped judge awards from other clubs.

A huge thanks to those club members who submitted awards to me and to those who help judge.

MEMBERSHIP

80 active members
40 associate members
120 total membership

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Lori Wright (Vance)
PO Box 1111, Ingram
lorizayewright@gmail.com
512-677-0267

Two members have been removed from the Active Membership records.

- **Barbara Blackbird** has moved away from the area.
- **Beth Hauser** is deceased.

Remember to let the Membership Chair, Carol Gannaway, know if you will be missing a meeting. Travel or illness are excused absences.

Corresponding Secretary (Gretchen Harris) -

3 Get well cards,
1 sympathy card,
5 thank you cards



What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

Christmas Luncheon (Cindy Janke)

The invitation to the 2023 Christmas Luncheon on December 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Camp Waldemar was emailed to membership. Cost is \$35 per person. (see last page of newsletter) Menu is being planned, transportation from the parking area being worked on with the team and securing the bartender for the event.

Mo Ranch (Karen Taylor)

All of our hard work earlier this summer has paid off at the Mo Ranch Greenhouse. All of the plants look fabulous! Now, we're cranking up our efforts on the inside of the greenhouse. Barbara Byrd, Carol and Geoff Gannaway and Trisha McMahon met at the greenhouse with the Mo Ranch head groundskeeper, Alonso, to discuss how to move forward. We will definitely have two sections for herbs. The other sections are still under consideration as to what we will plant. Alonso has agreed to put a drip system in after our planting is finished. After our meeting in the greenhouse, Barbara Byrd and I met with Chef Martino at the Wagon Wheel Cafe and discussed what herbs he would like us to plant in the greenhouse. An email will go out soon with a date for our group to meet at the greenhouse and start getting things underway.

Scholarships – (Ruth Johnson)

The scholarship committee kicked off the new year by finalizing reviews of the two applications, calendar and poster. This year we will be working with the schools to publicize and encourage students to apply for our new trades scholarship. We want to thank Mitzi Silber for her work on the website to incorporate our updates. Our application process is now open to students, so please encourage the students in your circle of friends and family to apply. Scholarship applications are now available on the website and specifically highlight the new trades scholarship.

Beehive (Beth Gaddie) -

A grant application has been submitted for the Hunt school bee hive project.



Social Media (Mitzi Silber)

Our website has been extra busy this past month - almost 200 people have taken a look and that's a big increase. Maybe it's partly due to the HGC Scholarship information being available for download. Hopefully the Spotlight article is also encouraging people to take a look. The current article is about our BeeKeepers!

Treasurer (Patti Devlin)

The very good news is that (thanks to some very generous donations from club members), we **broke even** on the 70th anniversary party, and will not need to draw on even ONE penny from the Approved Budget Funds.

Blue Star Memorial (Kathy Turner)

New native plants will be purchased and planted next week.

The VA staff will be contacted about assisting with watering and for consideration of a walkway leading to the memorial.

A cookie platter with thank you note was dropped off at the Kerr County Federal Credit Union for use of their water this summer.

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in the Hunt Garden Club but don't have a lot of time?

Consider joining the Blue Star Memorial Committee members in their efforts to honor our Nation's military and Veterans by maintaining the plants at the Highway Marker near the Kerrville VA Hospital. Contact Kathy Turner at kaftDC@yahoo.com for more information.



More Happenings

Discovery Garden

(Megan Stolley and Haley Lehrmann)

Indoor lessons:

- Students read out of 5 books suggested by the Junior Master Gardener.
- Purple Team provided the lesson on Plant parts we eat.
- Red team did a lesson on natural plant dyes.

Before going to the Garden, the kids have an indoor lesson.



Ways and Means (Diane DeKerlegand)

We would like to remind everyone that **Seed Packets** will be for sale at the meeting (\$4 ea or three/\$10).

Posters, notecards & prints will also be for sale.

Please remember to bring \$ and stock up for the holidays.

BULLETIN BOARD

ANGEL GIFTS



Each year members choose to give Christmas gifts to needy children.

Sign up for one or more Hunt School Angel Gift Tags at the meeting.

Wrapped gifts due to school by Dec. 8 \$25 limit.

Attach angel tags to wrapped gifts.

Baked goods for HVFD Meat Sale:

Members are being asked to bring whole baked goods or wrapped plates of cookies for the upcoming HVFD Meat Sale on Nov. 22. Coordinator: Alida Shimek. All proceeds benefit our firefighters.



Ways & Means would like to sell HERBS at the Spring Tree sale



Please consider planting **HERB SEEDS** now, and donating the starter plants in the Spring.

WANTED!

A "Branding Ambassador" who will lead a 2-3 person team in ordering Hunt Garden Club apparel and club merchandise: t-shirts, tote bags, aprons, etc.



Your invitation to the HGC Christmas Luncheon

Make your reservation with your check at the November meeting

Hunt Garden Club Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday,
December 12

beginning at
11:30

Camp
Waldemar
Main Dining Hall
1005 FM 1340
Hunt

Entertainment
Guitarist and
folk singer
Bill Stacy

\$35

Your reservation check is payable at the NOVEMBER 14 MEETING or mail to HGC, PO Box 873 by Dec. 1. Payments can also be made through Zelle to hgc.dues@gmail.com. Include your name and event in the message section.

Parking will be in the field on the right after you enter the gate, but assistance is also available.