

The Garden patch

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

"Friendship through Gardening"

Monthly Meeting
**Tuesday,
Oct. 15, 2024
9:30**

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

HOSTESSES

October Hostesses
Joni Jones - lead
Nicole Bilbao
Barbara Byrd
Gretchen Harris
Laura Williams
Constant Masterson

PRESIDENT

Cindy Janke

FIRST VP (programs)

Karen Taylor

SECOND VP (membership)

Martha Kimbrell

THIRD VP (ways & means)

Diane DeKerlegand

RECORDING SECRETARY

Pam Curtis

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Tess Tolliver

TREASURER

Patti Devlin

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Laura Greenwood

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

www.huntgardenclub.com



"Bat Basics"

Sarah Stankavich

Sarah has a Master of Science in Biology and has been with Bat Conservation International for three years, first as the "Fat Bat" project coordinator and currently as the Conservation Research Coordinator for the Texas region.

This program will cover some broad information about bats, including their incredible diversity, characteristics that make them unique, and their importance to ecosystems around the world. We'll touch on what bat species you can find in Texas and what you can do to help them, including information about how to plant your own bat garden!

NGC Initiative - Environment

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well it must be fall if my asters are blooming but the daytime temps sure can be warm. However the morning and evenings have been lovely. After a recent trip to the Midwest and apple picking with the grands, I am ready for that cooler weather.

I hope everyone has planted their trees from our tree sale and are watering these new "babies". From the Austin PBS station show "Central Texas Gardner", there were lots of tips for outdoor chores this month. Here's some that caught my attention:

*Plant bluebonnet and wildflower seeds, keeping them moist and in direct contact with the soil.

*Plant herbs such as parsley, thyme, and lavender.

*Divide or move irises, violets, and spring blooming perennials.

*Mulch semi-cold plants such as Esperanza or Pride of Barbados.

*Collect seeds for yourself and for the club to sell next year.

*Prepare house plants to move inside and check for any "buddies" that might travel inside with them.

It's a perfect time to get some of these jobs done before winter.

Happy gardening, Cindy



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- Discovery Garden
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- Treasurer's Report (attached)
- Opportunities to get involved!

Please Join Us for a
Celebration of Life
Sarann Lynne Williams

October 30, 2024
11:30am - Social
11:45am - Presentation
12:30pm - Lunch

Location
Bridget's Basket
1551 Hwy 39 Hunt, TX

Discovery Garden

The children and ladies have been very busy in the garden. We have had a reading day (where each team reads a nature themed picture book while enjoying the peaceful garden atmosphere). Seeds and plants are beginning to thrive and it's fun to watch them grow. We had a WONDERFUL presentation from the HGC Bee Hive Committee. The ladies wore their colorful yellow shirts with a bee and the students learned about different types of bees according to their jobs. They also covered how bees communicate through dance and what an important part bees play regarding pollination. The morning was capped off with a chance to see the mobile bee frame as well as trying on beekeeper's gear. Last week we had a lesson on the water cycle. Please join us any Tuesday you would like. -Megan Stolley and Haley Lehrman



What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

Tree Fundraiser



The tree sale fundraiser is complete. We sold a total of 106 trees and had a total net profit of \$2,004.50. Thanks to Bridget Symm for allowing us to use Bridget's Basket property for the tree pickup. Thanks to everyone who purchased trees. Thanks to all (members & many husbands) who worked at the pickup (including unloading trees from Mosty Nursery delivery truck & taking tree inventory, assisting buyers with loading trees into their vehicles, assuring paperwork matched trees being picked up & selling lots of notecards & wildflower seeds). And thanks to Patti Devlin for many trips to the PO Box to pick up pre-orders & for double-checking the numbers!



MO Ranch- Karen will be sending out an email to the committee with week to set up a work day (or two) at the greenhouse. Will be speaking with Aroldo (Mo Head Groundskeeper) to discuss how to proceed with procuring ferns for inside the greenhouse.



Mo-Ranch was proud to be a part of the Hunt Garden Club Tree Sale. We appreciate the tender loving care the members of the Hunt Garden Club lend to our Greenhouse and we look forward to adding five new trees to our beautifully landscaped ranch.



Social Media Performance:

- The club's social media platforms were reviewed, including Facebook and Instagram.
- It was noted that there has been an increase in followers and engagement on both platforms over the past month. Facebook reports a substantial increase in reach of 1919% over last month, mostly due to the fundraiser posts. Currently the club has 394 Facebook followers and 228 Instagram followers indicating a slight growth in followers over the past month.

3. Website Performance:

- The performance of the club's website was also reviewed.
- It was noted that there has been an increase in website traffic over the past month, with over 896 visitors over the past month.

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE SEEDS



Bees

This week the Hunt School Discovery Garden and The Hunt Garden Club Bee Team taught students about the life cycle and anatomy of the honey bee.



Kayaking



Members enjoyed the last kayak outing of the season at Cindy Janke's riverfront by Vista Camps. Paddling and snacking were lots of fun!



National Garden Clubs
OFFICIAL WEBSITE

The National Garden Clubs have a fund that is allotted for natural disasters. After the wreckage of back to back hurricanes, many clubs in that area will assist in rebuilding their communities. At our Tuesday meeting, we will "pass the hat" to help wh those rebuilding efforts. Please consider making a donation to aid those struggling.



Awards



The Hunt Garden Club was recently recognized for their community service at the district, state and national levels. Congratulations to District VII chair, Karen Taylor and our membership and volunteers.

Horticulture Activity for Youth - 1st place

TGC - Horticulture Activity for Youth - 1st place

TGC - Youth Garden Club Outstanding Sponsor - 1st place

SCR - Youth Program Award - 1st place

NGC - Horticulture Activity for Youth - Certificate of Appreciation

NGC - Youth Garden Club outstanding Sponsor

Newsletter:

SCR - Publication Award - 3rd place

NGC - Publication Award - Certificate of Appreciation
Bees:

NGC - Wildlife Survival - Certificate of Merit

Hunt Post Office:

District VII - Civic Development - 1st place

SCR - Civic Development - 1st place

NGC - Beautification Project - Certificate of Appreciation

Blue Star:

TGC - Landscaping - 1st place

NGC - Landscaping - Certificate of Appreciation

Club:

TGC - Increase in Membership - Award of Appreciation

BULLETIN BOARD



Hunt School Annual Fall Carnival
will be held on
Saturday, October 26th.

if you would like to help judge the **PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST** on Friday, October 27th, contact Haley Lehrmann

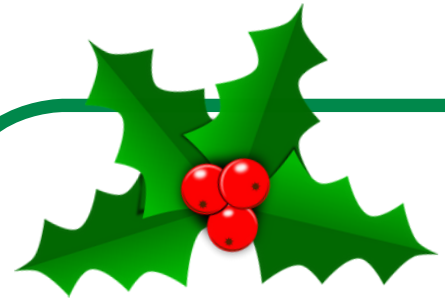
Feel free to participate intrunk or treat. It's a real TREAT to see the kids in their costumes!

Haley Lehrmann, 210-716-9141, haleylehrmann@yahoo.com.

REMINDER!

Just a reminder.... Membership Attendance - Constitution Article IV, Section 5 "The Membership Chairman (Martha Kimbrell) must be notified of a reasonable absence (illness or travel) prior to the general membership meeting. Any active member who is absent from 3 consecutive meetings without reason will be removed from the active member list."

Active \$35
Associate \$15



Please Sign Up for the annual **Kerrville State Hospital Decorating**. The event will be held on **Thursday, November 14th at 9:30 am.**

in the Hospital Community Relations Building #603. The guard gate can point you in the proper location if you've not been there. All the local Clubs participate, so I am hopeful the Hunt Garden Club will be one of the largest participants.

Cindy Janke needs a count of ladies no later than November 1st.

Please sign up at the October meeting.

HUNT GARDEN CLUB
Christmas
LUNCHEON
10 DECEMBER | 11 AM
ZAZENBERG TAVERN
217 RANCH TO MARKET 480
CENTER POINT, TX 78010
"Christmas Past"
YOUR RESERVATION CHECK IS PAYABLE
AT THE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER
MEETINGS 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.
SIGN UP FOR RIDERS AND DRIVERS AT
THE NOVEMBER MEETING
CARPOOLING A MUST WITH AVAILABLE
DOOR DROP OFF
\$35

CALENDAR

October 15 - HGC meeting
October 26th - Hunt Fall Carnival
November 12 - District VII mtg in SA, 9:30-11 am complete application to attend, continental breakfast provided
November 14 - 9:30 am Kerrville State Hospital Holiday Decorating
November 12 - District VII Fall Meeting - San Antonio

ATTACHMENTS

Minutes of Sept meeting
Treasurer's Report