

THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday,

Jan. 21, 2025

9:30

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

"Friendship through Gardening"

POSSIBLE MEETING DATE CHANGE! Check your email Monday night or Tuesday morning in case the meeting is postponed due to inclement weather.

If postponed, the meeting will be held next week on **Tuesday, January 28, 9:30.**

JANUARY PROGRAM

LOOKING BACK - LOOKING FORWARD

HOSTESSES

Denise Cartwright *Lead
Kyra Bowman
Kathleen Cook
Kathy Freeman
Stephanie Miller
Haley Lehrmann

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



As we begin our 72nd year as a club, I'd like to look back for a moment at what our predecessors began. The club started out with flower arranging and then grew to identify and address community issues and improvements.



To that end, this month during our meeting we are having a type of "job fair". The committees that constitute our community involvement will be listed around the room with a description and list of participants. Please come early and read about what we are already doing. Maybe there is a project that grabs your attention. If so, please talk to leaders and members to find out more.



Our goal is for each member to participate in at least one committee as well as having a hostess commitment yearly. We can continue the legacy we've inherited --- through taking an active part in the club, by joining a committee, engaging in meetings and events, as well as cooperating in community projects.



As our yearbook states, "Our foremothers constructed a strong foundation for our club and today we are building another level." What will you do to engage with our wonderful community through the Hunt Garden Club?

Thanks, friends.

Cindy

MEMBERSHIP

76 active members
42 associate members
118 total membership

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

Corresponding Secretary -

(Tess Tolliver)

Sent

2 thank-you notes

2 sympathy cards

Scholarship Committee

(Ruth Johnson)

The 2025 scholarship applications are live on the HGC website. Application packets must be received by Friday, March 7th. We are excited to have received several donations designated for both our traditional and our trade scholarships this year. It's not too late to make a contribution to either scholarship if education is your passion.



What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

Discovery Garden

(Megan Stolley, Haley Lehrmann)

Although it's not planting time yet, plans are already underway for the spring season. Lessons are being finalized and ladies will soon be meeting to divide up the lessons among teams.

A whole new system of making compost for the garden is being implemented.

Joni Jones (and help) have constructed new compost bins that aim to curb the weed issue we have had in the past.

Faith Bradberry, middle school science teacher, has a team of students who are willing to monitor and perform upkeep on the new bins.

If you ever have plant based scraps from your kitchen to contribute, the discovery garden would welcome them! Just let a team member know.

Social Media and Website

(Nicole Bilboa)

To submit photos for social media please use the email: huntgardenclubphotos@gmail.com. Also PLEASE keep us updated with any photos you take during a committee project or HGC event in the new year. We love to get your work out on social media.

Bee Hives

(Beth Gaddie)

The Whole Kids Foundation and the Bee Cause Project annually award \$1,500 grants to schools and nonprofit organizations with the mission of providing support for educational live bee programs. There was an extensive application process including a budget of how the money would be spent and the ways in which the students would interact with, be involved in, and learn from the bee program. We were notified on December 6 that we had received the grant.

I encouraged Faith Bradberry of Hunt ISD to also apply for this grant and she was awarded \$1,500 as well. With these funds we will be able to install TWO beehives at the school and provide the equipment to maintain the hives. Student activities include caring for the bees and hives, designing a logo for the hives, painting and installing the hive boxes as well as putting bees in these new hives.

We are thrilled to take this next step concerning bee education for students at the Hunt School.



Post Office Landscape (Kyra Bowman)

The Post Office committee completed their fall work day with the addition of new mulch and river rocks, as well as weed removal and prepping the beds for cooler weather. (Shh! The garden is sleeping.)

They say that many hands make light the work and it could not be truer for this group. The work was done in under an hour and the results are very pleasing...both to the committee and the community! Maintaining the beds by the Post Office entry is not a big job, but it is an important one, as it benefits everyone. I am grateful to my entire committee for their commitment to this project. The members who were able to join us on this work day were Mary Jordan, Carol Gannaway, Pam Curtis, Alice King and Laura Williams. Thanks, Ladies!

Christmas Luncheon

at Zanzenberg Tavern in Center Point



December Hostesses



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2024

Amid the charm of the historical buildings in Center Point, the Hunt Garden Club gathered for a Christmas luncheon that began at the beautiful event space “Shavano” with cranberry rosemary mocktails, then we were escorted outside to the restaurant “Zanzenberg Tavern”. The family style meal included salmon, chicken, salad and other delightful things. We were entertained with music by Callie Ann. Before departing we all gathered in the gardens and had a group picture made. Upon leaving we were given an adorable hand-made gingerbread cookie. Thank you to our hostesses Lea Bitner, Beth Gaddie, Gay Chaudoir, Carol Gannaway, Courtney Garrison, Weezie Johnston, Alice King, Lori Schreiner and Robin Wheeler. You Gals made it all possible and the event to instill community thru fellowship and song.

Happy New Year 2025

Melissa Clark-Maynard



2024-2025 Officers

Laura, Martha, Tess, Cindy, Patti, Pam, Diane, Karen

BULLETIN BOARD



We will be voting on the officers for '25-'26 at the general meeting.

Nominations for the open officer positions for 25-26 year:

- Treasurer-- Diane DeKerlegand
- Ways and Means-- Melissa Clark-Maynard
- Recording Secretary--Casie North



- The Preservation Society is having an event geared to younger children at the pavilion on April 26. It will be from 10 am.-2 pm. and advertised at the school. There will be firetrucks, a petting zoo, complimentary hamburgers and hot dogs, games, face painting, and they are working on a story teller and live music.

- Several community organizations are participating. They asked if our **GARDEN CLUB** could run some games such as corn-hoe, suitcase races, kicking soccer ball into a net etc. Cindy is happy to plan the games but could use help getting the supplies and folks to run them. There also may be a need for ladies to serve food or drinks.

- The club will vote at the meeting if we want to participate in this.*

Garage Sale

Ways & Means will be having a SPRING FUNDRAISER

Get your spring cleaning done early! We are having a **GARAGE SALE** at the **Hunt Pavilion on April 12.** Clean out your unwanted items and help contribute funds to our club.

At our club garage sale fundraiser in April, we will also be selling **HERBS AND VARIOUS PROPAGATED PLANTS.**

We will have herb starter kits to hand out on Tuesday and ask that you be willing to take a kit home and get some herbs started for our sale. The kits will contain a 1 gallon ziploc with potting medium, 5 small pots and a seed packet with instructions for starting your herbs. It will be imperative to start the herbs right away, so plants will be selling size come April. If you have a green thumb and are able to propagate plants from your yard, we are happy to add those to the sale too.



Gardening in January

"January is the quietest month in the garden. But just because it looks quiet doesn't mean that nothing is happening."

Rosalie Muller Wright

However there are things we can be doing now in our gardens. Here are some ideas:

- Give your indoor houseplants a good "cleaning". Wipe off leaves with a rag soaked in water with diluted scent free soap. Dust settles on leaves and clogs cells, light penetration as well as gas and moisture exchange.
- Make plans for this year's garden. Think about crop rotation.
- Check houseplants for insect infestations.
- Order seed catalogues now if you don't have them already. Think about companies that specialize in pollinator and heirloom varieties.
- Gather seed starting materials and have them ready for when your seeds arrive.
- Seeds that can be started now are broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, head lettuce, onions and parsley as well as many perennial flowers.

These are just some ideas to consider as eventually it will be spring.

And pray for rain!

Cindy

ATTACHMENTS

- Minutes of November meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Financial Review report



CALENDAR

- January 21 – First meeting of 2025
- February 3-4 - Gardening School at the San Antonio Garden Center
- February 18 - Club Meeting
- March 12 - Dist. VII Spring Convention