

# THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

## MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday,  
May 20, 2025  
11:00**

Moonshadow Haven  
118 Creek Ridge Trail  
Mountain Home 78058

## HOSTESSES

Sandy Griffin\*  
Dusty Gilliam  
Trisha McMahon  
Lanie Nickel  
Jane Reed  
Lori Wright  
Barbara Staggs  
Carla Stang  
Terry Staub  
Bridget Symm  
Karen Taylor  
Laura Ann Wagner

**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

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*"Friendship through Gardening"*

HUNT GARDEN CLUB

## May Installation Luncheon



HUNT GARDEN CLUB LUNCHEON 2011

THEME: "LADIES IN WHITE"

DRESS IN WHITE FOR PHOTO

MAY  
TUESDAY | 20 | ARRIVE AT  
2025 | 11:00 AM

MOONSHADOW HAVEN  
118 CREEK RIDGE TRAIL, MOUNTAIN HOME 78058

11:15 AM PHOTO  
11:30 AM INSTALLATION  
12:00 PM LUNCH

BRING A SALAD WITH NOTECARD SHOWING YOUR NAME AND ALLERGENS  
(NO SERVING UTENSIL REQUIRED)  
RSVP TO [SANDY@AGGIEHOME.COM](mailto:SANDY@AGGIEHOME.COM) (SANDY GRIFFIN) BEFORE FRIDAY, MAY 16

## A Note from your President

I can't believe it's already May! I hope you have been enjoying some time outside before the summer heat begins.

Our May Installation luncheon is going to be terrific at the beautiful Moon Shadow Haven venue in Mt. Home. We have some surprise announcements planned so please make every effort to be there and don't forget to wear white for a fabulous photo.

It's been my great pleasure and honor to serve as your president this year. I am so proud of the hard working ladies in our club and all we have accomplished together.

We have much to look forward to in September (think some creative new projects!) and I look forward to another great year together.

Cindy

# MEMBERSHIP

**81 active members**  
**42 associate members**  
**123 total membership**

## NEW MEMBERS

**Carlee Buford** (Terry)  
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**Christy Carter** (Craig)  
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## 25-26 New Officer Installation

### President

Cindy Janke

### First VP (programs)

Karen Taylor

### Second VP (membership)

Martha Kimbrell

### Third VP (ways & means)

Melissa Clark-Maynard

### Recording Secretary

Casie North

### Corresponding Secretary

Tess Tolliver

### Treasurer

Diane DeKerlegand

### Parliamentarian

Laura Greenwood

## What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

### Corresponding Secretary (Tess Toliver)

13 Thank you cards:

- 1 for a spouse for doing heavy lifting during garden work
- 1 to HUMC for use of building
- 4 for monetary donations to our fundraiser
- 5 for supporting the Garage Sale - use of parking lots, pavillion, offsite area, tables and chairs
- 2 for supplying games and helping HGC members at the HPS April fest

1 Get Well card

1 Sympathy card

### Scholarship Committee (Ruth Johnaon)

The scholarship committee continues its work in May and June by attending high school award ceremonies and submitting payments to universities and colleges. At some ceremonies, we give a brief statement about our organization before awarding certificates, while others prefer brevity.

It's fascinating to see the wide range of scholarships—from full rides to \$500—and the diversity of organizations and families awarding them. These include large endowments, local businesses, rodeo shows, small clubs, and memorial scholarships. The number of scholarships top students receive is also noteworthy. When the award ceremonies wrap up, we begin receiving the information needed to request payments. To process payments to students, they must submit their enrollment documentation. We aim to complete all payments by August 1 to finalize the budget year.



*Ruth Johnson presents scholarship awards to Darcy Pfeffer and Odalys Garcia at the Ingram Tom Moore High School award ceremony held May 10, 2025.*

**Social Media** (Nicole Bilboa)  
This month's views are up by 91% on Facebook and 83% on Instagram. If you have any photos to share please email [huntgardenclubphotos@gmail.com](mailto:huntgardenclubphotos@gmail.com). This email account will be monitored over the Summer. We'd love to share your Summer projects.



### Bee Project (Beth Gaddie)

The Garden Club received a \$1500 grant from the Whole Kids Foundation to place a beehive at the Hunt School. On April 29, that hive was installed. In preparation for the installation, the middle school students prepared and marked off the area and planted native plants. Students have already suited up and inspected the hives. They are asking to go out to the hives every day. Excitement about the bees is buzzing at the Hunt School!



## More Happenings in Hunt Garden Club

### Wildscape

(Carla Stang)  
The Wildscape team hasn't had another team workday, but Diane and Carla planted 6 new native plants. We planted 2 striking purple Salvias, 2 Copper Canyon Daisies, and 2 orange Desert Mallows.



We planted sparingly this year since we are still in a drought. The new plants will take a little extra water and TLC to get established. Thankfully, we've gotten a bit of rain on several occasions so far to help the new and existing plants. As you can see in the photo, the rest of our well-established Wildscape is coming on pretty strong this year. The Desert Willow is getting quite big, as are the Texas White Honeysuckle, Texas Lantana, and Flame Acanthus. Be sure to drive by periodically as the season progresses to check it out.

### Wildseed Farms Field Trip

(Katy Allen)  
We had a lovely day at Wildseed Farms, walking through the beautiful red poppies and other colorful flowers. Lots of shopping was done...plants, seeds, gardening knickknacks. I think fun was had by all!!



### Blue Star Memorial (Kathy Turner)

Karen Taylor, Diane DeKerlegand, Eileen Parsons and Kathy Turner met at the Blue Star Memorial to do a little Spring Sprucing Up this morning. Photo with Diane, Eileen and Karen reflects 'after' our work.

We carefully trimmed (hacked away) the upper branches of the Purple Sage in hopes that it will fill out beneath the Hwy. marker, pulled a few weeds and made some initial plans for maintenance over the next few months (fingers crossed for some ground cover).

By the way, we could use a few more members, hint, hint! This is the perfect Committee for busy women, you can just add a little extra time to your HEB run.



**Discovery Garden** (Megan Stolley, Haley Lehrmann)



It was a very successful garden this spring, with cabbages, broccoli, onions, radishes, peas and more!  
There were weekly lessons by the Garden Ladies!  
The students enjoyed the Harvest Celebration with produce snacks and crafts!





## Even More Happenings

### President's Garden (Bernadell Larson)

The newly planted Mexican Grass Tree is doing nicely. Many of the past President's are taking turns ensuring it has enough water to get established.



**Adopt-A-Highway** (Chris Ann Brown, Penny Deupree)  
Keeping Hunt beautiful, these garden club ladies (and men) picked up trash along 2 miles of Hwy 39.



## MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE LUNCHEON

The May Installation Luncheon committee has decided to flashback fourteen years in the history of the Hunt Garden Club and use a theme that was very conducive to taking a beautiful historical photograph of our members.

The **MAY LUNCHEON** theme will be

### “Ladies in White”

As before, it is recommended that you **wear white** (dress or pants is fine)  
and perhaps even a Garden Hat.

The luncheon will take place on

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

at

**Moonshadow Haven**

118 Creek Ridge Trail W

Mountain Home, 78058

by the fire department

Please plan to arrive at **11:00**

so that a photograph can be taken promptly at **11:15.**

The installation of Officers will take place at **11:30.**

Lunch will be served at noon.

Bring a salad with notecard showing your name and allergens (no serving utensil required)



Please RSVP to Sandy Griffin at [sandy@aggiehome.com](mailto:sandy@aggiehome.com).

# HGC BULLETIN BOARD

## NEW MEMBERS:

**Your head shot photos are needed for the new YEARBOOK.**

Please see Janet at the luncheon to have your head shot photo made. If you are not going to attend, please email your photo by May 23. janetreinwaldart@gmail.com

If anyone else would like a retake photo, I can take that at the luncheon also.



## YEARBOOK UPDATES:

**The new 2025-2026 yearbook**

will be printed in June.

If you have any changes to your information - name, phone, address, membership status - please let Janet know by the end of May.

## KAYAKING (Kathy Mater)

After some input from some members, I'm going to suggest a change to the format for the kayak group this season. Because of the low water levels, and lower than normal attendance last year, I suggest including participants that may want to just swim, float on tubes, noodles whatever and "yak" instead of kayak. Or you could do both. This would be a better use of the deep water areas and hopefully more members would enjoy this. (New members who don't have a kayak, several people have more than 1 kayak, just ask).

So, for this season it's  
**"Yak and Lunch"**

Here's the schedule so far:

### MAY

**Friday May 23, 10:00-noon.**

Joni has offered her waterfront to Kick Off the 2025 season! New members encouraged. Bring a kayak, paddleboard, noodle, tube or even a lifejacket to float on. Pack a lunch and bring a chair.

### JUNE

**Thursday June 19, 10:00**

Gretchen - Canyon Springs

### JULY

Needs a hostess

### AUGUST

**Thursday Aug 14, 10:00**

Cindy - Rio Vista

### SEPT

**Thursdy, Sept 18, 10:00**

Bernadell's waterfront

## New Members 2024-2025

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## Mark your calendar:

Tuesday, August 12, 10 am, HUMC  
New Member Orientation

Here's a thank you note from the Hunt Preservation Society.

Cindy,

Personally and on behalf of the Hunt Preservation Society, I wish to thank you and the other members of the Hunt Garden Club for your very meaningful assistance in both the planning and conducting of the April Fest this last weekend. I feel that events such as this, co-sponsored by groups in the Hunt area, help engender strong community spirit and good will. That is so important today.

Please convey my appreciation to the members of the garden club.

Ross Rommel

President, Hunt Preservation Society

## ATTACHMENTS

April's Financial report.  
Amended Budget Sheets  
for March and February.