

THE GARDEN DISPATCH



A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

2024 TEXAS GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR - for the third time!

MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday,
Nov. 18, 2025
9:30

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

HOSTESSES

Kathy Mater*
Nicole Bilbao
Mary Barbara Gold
Mitzi Silber
Eileen Parsons
Gay Chaudoir
Diane Gartrell

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
Trisha McMahon

TREASURER
Diane DeKerlegand

PARLIAMENTARIAN
Laura Greenwood

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

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM



"FIREWISE LANDSCAPING"

Anne Brown

Hill Country Master Gardener

Anne will speak to us about Firewise Landscaping.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

I Chronicles 16:34

As we are in the season of thanksgiving, I encourage you to take a few moments to think about the things we are grateful for. With this year of hardships, it is so easy to concentrate on what's wrong in our lives. But taking a few moments to think or jot down the many blessings we have seems to turn our mindset around. Charles Dickens wrote, *"Reflect upon your present blessings - of which every man has many - not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."*

A number of years ago our family began placing two kernels of corn next to each plate at the Thanksgiving table. At the end of the meal, we would each go around and mention what we were thankful for and what we hoped for in the future as we placed the corn in a small dish. Some things folks shared made us laugh, some brought tears to our eyes, but it was the one time of the year that we expressed our gratitude to each other.

I hope you and your family have a blessed season, appreciating all we have been given.

Cindy



What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

MEMBERSHIP

77 active members
51 associate members
126 total membership

Please WELCOME our NEW MEMBERS

Laura Pipkin Kramer '25
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Linda Pipkin '25
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Corresponding Secretary
(Trisha McMahon)
4 Thank You cards
for donations
3 Get Well cards

Post Office Landscape (Alice King)

The Post Office Committee is continuing its Friday treat delivery to support Gaylynn and Cassandra. We also decided to use our workday (scheduled pre-flood) to tackle some basic cleanup of our little garden beds and the grounds generally. Kyra, Pam and Alice did what they could to rehab the little garden beds and then had some delicious scones that Marilyn Butcher brought.

We don't know what the future holds yet for this area so we are reserving our budget, but a little clean up goes a long way. We like the results!



Mo Ranch Greenhouse (Karen Taylor)

We had a great clean up/ work day at the greenhouse at Mo Ranch on Wednesday, November 5th. In attendance were Kathy Mater, Katy Allen, Gay Chaudoir, Debbie Windham, Trisha McMahon, Christine Morrison, Bernadell Larson, Nancy Huffman, Jane Reed and myself. We filled a trailer with cuttings from the many plants around and inside the greenhouse.

Scholarship (Ruth Johnson)

The scholarship committee will meet on November 11. On Monday, November 3rd Diane DeKerlegand and I visited with the Ingram Tom Moore High School students who are currently in the home building or trades classes to go over the application process for the HGC Trades Scholarship. Several students asked questions and took copies of the application. We were excited to have the opportunity to share with the students and answer questions. We will work with the counselor to determine if we should repeat the presentation early in the spring semester for new students.

Blue Star Memorial (Eileen Parsons)

We met at the Blue Star Monument. Attendees were Mary Barbara Gold, Diane DeKerlegand, and myself. We watered all the plants and noticed that many of them were either being eaten by the deer or had been pruned way back. We plan to purchase 3-4 bags of mulch to mound around the plants for winter protection. At this time, we do not plan to buy any more plants. Also, we will not be doing any more pruning until spring. Future plans include trying to find out if we can get the county to give us signs to alert drivers that the monument is there. We also want to find out if we could possibly get a path from the sidewalk at the street so that it is accessible.

Memorial Garden (Cindy Janke)

This month our committee met and collected rocks for engraving names of the victims. We decided the official name for this garden will be **"Hearts of Hunt Garden"**. We continue to work with the Hunt Preservation Society to plan a time when the actual garden hardscaping and plants can be established. Marsha Elmore is working on the statue of a little girl overlooking the dry river bed.



Treasurer (Diane DeKerlegand)

Updated Donation file.

The donations received since last reported are in red.

The Financial Report will be sent separately.

Donations Sept thru Nov 8, 2025

Memorial Garden

National Garden Clubs, Inc.	\$5,000
GoFund Me	\$325
Cash donation	\$20
Cynthia Thomas donation	\$750
	\$6,095

Welcome Sign Restoration

Hunt Preservation Society	\$1,000
Hunt Preservation Society	\$3,000

Flood Related Expenses

HUMC Grant for Flood Expenses (note cards, name tags, etc.)	\$500
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Discovery Garden

Member donation	\$50
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Flood Recovery (Sister Garden Clubs)

The Plumeria Society of America	\$100
League City Garden Club	\$50
Norchester GC (Cypress, TX)	\$100
LaPorte Bayshore Garden Club	\$400
Bridgeland GC (Cypress, TX)	\$50
Nottingham County GC (Katy, TX)	\$100
Tomball Garden Club	\$93
The Woodlands Garden Club	\$250
The Heritage Gardeners, Friendswood TX	\$100
	\$1,243

Ron Duke Memorial Donation

Member donation	\$100
Member donation	\$100

Hunt Welcome Sign (Kathy Freeman/Katy Allen)

Wow, a lot is going on with the Hunt Welcome Sign. At last writing I mentioned the beautiful river cypress wood slab that was donated to the Garden Club. Unfortunately it cracked in the kiln while drying so it is no longer suitable as a sign board. So, once again we are searching for the perfect slab of wood for our Welcome sign. Construction on the base of the sign has begun and we are hopeful the pieces will fall together soon.

The committee met last Sunday to spuce up the sign area and discuss future plans. It was decided we will decorate our old sign in grand fashion for the Holidays.

Decoration donations are welcome, so if you have some, please bring to the November meeting. We are also looking for big plastic totes for storage.

It's an exciting time to join the Sign Committee! We would like to invite other HGC members to join us. We will be assembling to decorate for the Holidays directly after Thanksgiving. If you would like to join us, please see or email: Kathy Freeman @ Shangrilaranch@gmail.com



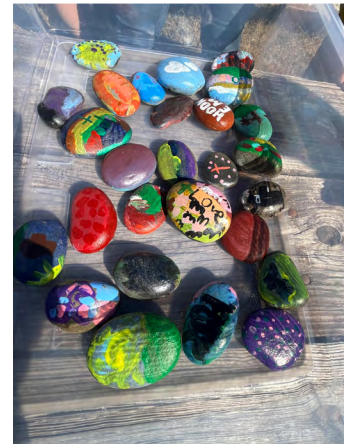
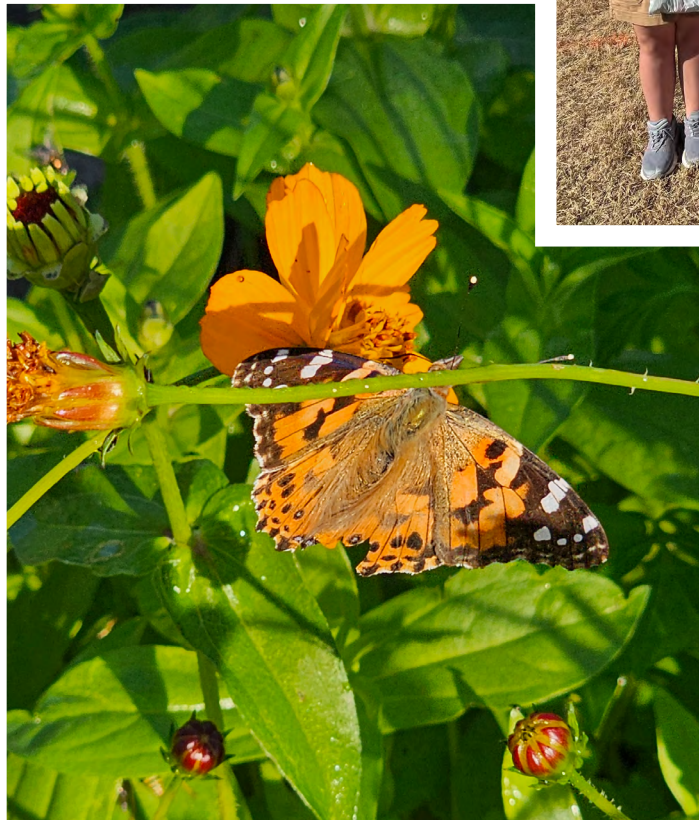
More Happenings

Discovery Garden (Megan Stolley)

This month in the garden proved to be fruitful! We had a surprise abundance of zinnias and cosmos which brought butterflies to us. The children played a fun balloon game, we read books and received inspirational rocks from school children in East Texas.

The lettuce and arugula are flourishing, and we have pulled radishes and green onions.

Our harvest party is next month which will round out the fall semester.



Last garden day !

More Happenings

Tree Sale (Melissa Clark-Maynard)

We're thrilled to share that our annual Hunt Garden Club Tree Fundraiser was a great success - we sold 99 trees this year!

Our selection was very well-received, with the always-popular Redbud selling out right away. To meet the strong demand for compact and ornamental options, we also expanded our offerings with more fruiting and flowering small trees, which proved to be a big hit. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser and helped beautify our community. We are anticipating the next year and possibly offering fruiting trees, such as local peaches, plums and figs! Please let me know if you would be interested in this! A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this a great success.



HuntgardenClub.fpfundraising.com

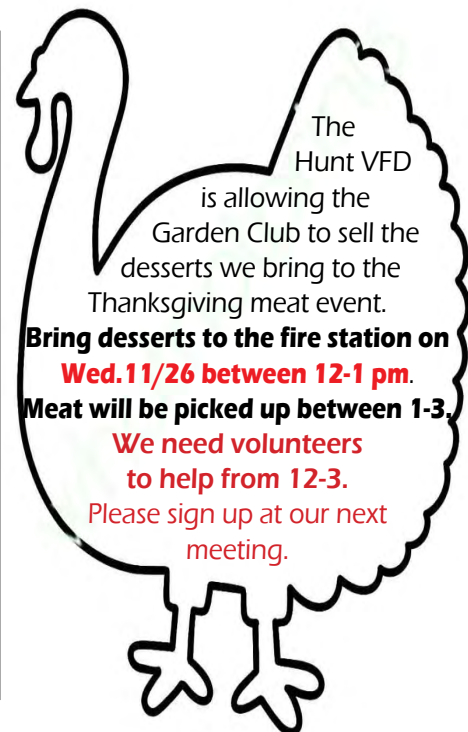
We're thrilled to share that the HUNT GARDEN CLUB has already raised over \$1,251 toward our \$2,000 goal in our **Holiday Amaryllis Fundraiser!** Help us bring this goal to fruition. If you haven't ordered yet- or if you'd like to surprise friends and family with a gorgeous, easy-to-grow holiday bloom - NOW is the perfect time! They arrive with a small burlap bag, soil disk and bulb with directions of planting. You even have a selection of a sweet message to be added to your recipient. Deadline is December 15th with shipping beginning mid November. Every purchase supports our community beautification projects.

SCR CONVENTION

Our garden club is part of the **National Garden Club** with over 5,000 clubs across the country. We are further broken down into **regions** - **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION - SCR** (Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico) **STATE - TX Garden Club - TGC** **DISTRICTS - we are District VII West Zone**

Each of these groups hold yearly meetings to share information, learn from each other, and give awards.

In April of 2026 the **South Central Region** will host their annual convention in San Antonio on April 28-30. Our district will be hosting and they want to make it fun! Consider joining us for all or part of the convention to see what other clubs are doing and make new friends.



HGC Bulletin Board

HUNT GARDEN CLUB

Christmas Luncheon & Market

December 9 | 10 am-1 pm | Moon Shadow Haven,
Mountain Home, Texas
\$35

RSVP no later than Nov. 18 (November meeting)
Send checks to HGC, PO Box 873, Hunt, TX 78024
or Zelle payment to HGC.dues@gmail.com
(note gluten-free or vegetarian if needed)
Bring wine to share at table if desired and \$ to shop!

This is your invitation to the
Hunt Garden Club Christmas Luncheon
at Moon Shadow on Dec. 9 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Deadline for mailing your \$35 reservation is Nov. 18.

Or please bring your check to the Nov. 18 meeting.

Do your early Christmas shopping with these local vendors:

Callie Anne Stelter - wearable art, **Laura Pipkin** - jewelry,

Nancy Huffman - artwork, **Truffles & Vine** - taste treats,

Janet Reinwald - artwork, **Joni Jones** - ceramics,

Laura Williams - artwork, **Ruth Johnson** - paper crafts,

Stephanie Miller - Perfect Surroundings,

Mikey Maynard - smoked seasonings, **Melissa Clark-Maynard**
- seed bombs which is an HGC fundraiser item.

All will have things suitable for gift shopping and hostess gifts.

Menu: Chicken Picatta, Orzo with Sun-dried Tomatoes and Spinach,
Broccoli, Rolls, Artichoke Appetizer, Dessert chocolates from Truffles
and Vine, Tea, Mocktails & wine (one bottle at table so bring more to
share if desired)

ANGEL TREE GIFT PROGRAM

For at least 25 years, our Club has partnered with the Hunt school at Christmastime to ensure that every student has a merry Christmas by buying gifts for those students and their siblings who may not otherwise have a lot under the tree for that year.

This year we are continuing the program with a little twist. The school has asked us to purchase **GAMES for the families that they can enjoy together.** Think Monopoly or Clue or Sorry or any other game that can be enjoyed by the whole family.

The limit is **\$20** and the gift must be wrapped and delivered to the school by **Friday, December 12th.**

We have 65 families to bring a little joy to this year so see Gretchen Harris at the meeting to pick up your Angel Tree tag and start shopping!