

THE GARDEN DISPATCH



A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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

MONTHLY
MEETING
Tuesday,
Oct. 21, 2025
9:30

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

HOSTESSES

Carla Stang*
Ginger Cave
Cindy Leblanc
Patti Devlin
Laura Greenwood
Laura Williams
Constant Masterson

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



October Program

**“NATIVE BIRDS, PLANTS AND INSECTS,
AND THEIR RELIANCE ON
ONE ANOTHER TO SURVIVE”**

Mark McClelland

Mark McClelland has been watching birds and encouraging native plantings for almost 40 years. He is a member of the Native Plant Society of Texas, the Texas Ornithological Society, and a former Texas Master Naturalist.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am excited to tell you about some creative fund-raising ideas that Melissa Clark-Maynard has come up with for our club.

- We will be having our **fall tree sale** on November 7 and 8 in the Hunt Methodist Church parking lot. But we have a new twist this year. If you want trees planted for you, Ingram high school students in the Honor Society will do the digging as a fundraiser. Costs will be \$25 for 1 tree, \$50 for 3, and \$75 for 5 trees.
- For Christmas, we will be selling beautiful **amaryllis** and **paperwhite bulbs** to give as gifts that can be sent directly to the recipients. Order from website at huntgardenclub.fpfundraising.com before Dec. 1.
- Finally, on November 13 we are going to have a day for making **wildflower seed bombs** to sell.

Please be a part of these endeavors by creating, helping or buying to support our club's expenses.

Cindy

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huntgardenclubphotos@gmail.com

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

MEMBERSHIP

78 active members
51 associate members
129 total membership

Please WELCOME our NEW MEMBERS

Cindy LeBlanc (Fred) '25
PO Box 677
832-702-4332
cindyleb@sbcglobal.net
sponsored by Cindy Janke

Rebecca Peterson (Alan) '25
435 Mull Rd, Kerrville
281-974-6220
north4.0@hotmail.com
sponsored by Cindy Janke

Sharon Biggs (Wayne) '25
PO Box 678, Hunt
sib32553@gmail.com
817-296-7118
sponsor Dusty Gilliam

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Requests to change
status to Associate:
Marianne Crain
Sue Hilton

Corresponding Secretary
(Trisha McMahon)
I sent 8 thank you notes
for the donations listed.

Post Office (Alice King)

The Post Office Committee has decided to support Gaylynn and Cassandra by bringing them treats each Friday through the end of November. So far two treat deliveries completed! They have expressed their thanks and seem to really appreciate the treats!

We have a work day scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 25. There is no water at the site so we are not planting anything new – just trying spruce up what we have. One of the beds basically survived and the other has a few plants left in it. Our arbor day Redbud is now behind a construction fence so it's not clear if we will be able to tend to it. But a native tree has a great chance of being just fine even without any attention from us. We anxiously await news about our new, permanent post office situation!



The committee spent a Friday in September presenting our bee program as part of the school's Bee Community Day. We have now reached every student in the school from Pre-K through 8th grade. The school has even adopted the bee as their theme for the year with bee decorations all around the school and the motto Be Kind, Be Curious, Be You.



Beth Gaddie talks to kindergarten class about bees at the Hunt School.

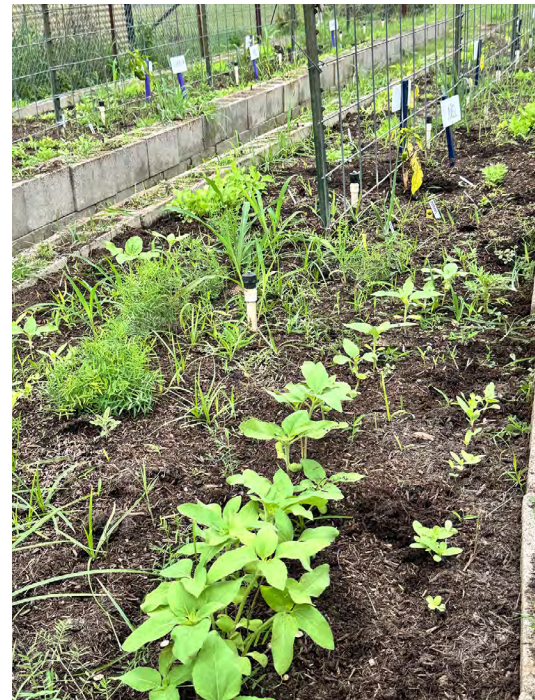
Treasurer (Diane DeKerlegand)

Donations received in September:

1. National Garden Club Memorial Garden Grant- \$5,000
2. Hunt Preservation Society Welcome Sign Restoration Grant- \$1,000
3. Hunt UMC for replacement of note cards and name tags - \$500
4. Memorial donation for Ronald Duke- \$100
5. GoFundMe for Memorial Garden- \$325
6. Plumeria Society for Flood Recovery- \$100
7. Discovery Garden- \$50

PLEASE NOTE- If you are making a purchase for HGC, YOU MUST FILL OUT A FINANCIAL REQUEST FORM. Nicole has posted the updated Financial Request Form on the HGC website under "Member Forms."

More Happenings



Discovery Garden

(Megan Stolley)

The fall garden has really started to flourish! We're seeing a lot of radishes, lettuce, marigolds and even some hot peppers from our transplants. The students have had a blast with the interactive activities this month. We created a food chain while discussing all the unusual foods the students have tried before and did a fun taste test with apples. Everyone is looking forward to next month when we'll really see the fruits of our labor.

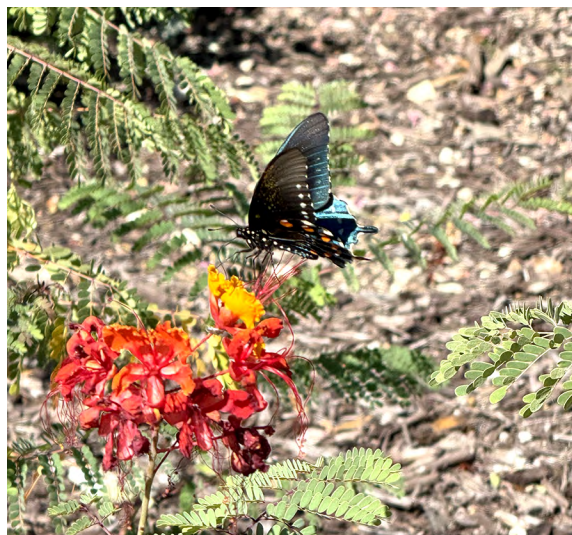


And More Happenings



Wildscape (Carla Stang)

Kathleen, Christine, and I spent a little time at the Wildscape to trim things up a bit. Some of the plants have had a lot of growth this season. The American Beauty Berry plants never seem to fail in showing their colorful berries this time of year. The Esperanza's are also thriving and so tall this year! There were tons of Queen Butterflies fluttering around on the Blue Mist Flowers and a magnificent Swallowtail (not sure of the variety) on a Pride of Barbados. All in all, a really nice day to be outdoors in nature.



Social Media (Nicole Bilboa)

Current reach: 460 Facebook followers and 275 Instagram followers. Please email event and garden photos (with brief captions, names, and dates if possible) to huntgardenclubphotos@gmail.com for posting. Thank you Janet Reinwald and Gretchen Harris for the photo contributions in September.

Mo Ranch (Karen Taylor)

The Mo Ranch Greenhouse Committee will have a work day on November 5th to clean up the beds and prep things for winter.



Awards (Karen Taylor)

I have received and processed 10 award submissions and am finishing up completing our Club Ratings Application. Thanks to all who submitted awards to me!

Memorial Garden (Cindy Janke)

I am in the process of setting up a day to gather river rocks for the engraving of victim's names. Funding is coming along. Committee will decide on a name for the garden. Marsha Elmore has found a model for the statue of the little girl in the Mystic T-shirt.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Thanks for volunteering to be on the Nominating Committee this year:

Patti Devlin
Christine Morrison
Robin Wheeler

Please consider if you would like to fill one of the open board positions.

HGC Bulletin Board

DUES ARE DUE!

If you haven't already paid your annual dues, please pay at the October meeting.

\$35 for Active members

\$15 for Associates

Dues must be paid by November 1.

If you can't make it to the meeting, please mail your dues to:

Diane DeKerlegand

Hunt Garden Club

PO Box 873

Hunt, TX 78024



FALL TREE SALE

Friday Nov. 7 and Saturday Nov. 8

in the Hunt Methodist Church parking lot.

5 gallon trees. \$40 each

10 different trees to choose from:

Burr Oak, Bald Cypress, Cedar Elm, Chinkapin Oak,

Crepe Myrtle, Texas Red Oak, Possomhaw Holly,

Sycamore, Desert Willow, Monterey Oak

See order form at meeting.

We are also open to the community to purchase trees for themselves and or purchase trees to donate.

If you want trees planted for you, Ingram high school students in the Honor Society will do the digging as a fundraiser. The students will go to the home and plant the trees as well as secure them with fencing. Homeowners would purchase trees, fencing and all supplies and have them available upon agreed time and date.

Planting: \$25 for 1 tree, \$50 for 3, \$75 for 5 trees.

HUNT GARDEN CLUB

Christmas Luncheon & Market

December 9 11am-1pm

Moon Shadow Haven

Mt. Home, Texas

RSVP with your \$35 payment by Nov. 15

Shop local!
There will be vendors from our club and others.
Bring \$ for shopping.

Vendors open at 10am and after the luncheon

Catered luncheon with one bottle of wine per table. Members can bring more of their favorite wine to share.

Volunteers Needed!

Help "fluff" the decorations at the Kerrville State Hospital on Thursday Nov. 13. 9:00-11:00. Sign up at the Oct. meeting

Need a Discovery Garden t-shirt?

Order your blue, yellow, red, green or purple shirt from Kathy Freeman at the meeting.

CALENDAR

Oct 21	Hunt Garden Club meeting
Oct 21-23	TGC Fall Convention, Fort Worth, TX
Oct 27 - 30	Flower Show School I, Dallas, TX
Oct 30	District VII Fall Convention - San Antonio, TX
Nov 1	Awards due to TGC judges

ATTENTION

Associate Members!

You are encouraged to attend the meetings so you can be included in a drawing for "Associate of the Month"! Each month the winner will receive a prize!

ATTACHMENTS

Minutes of Sept. meeting
Treasurer's Report