

THE GARDEN DISPATCH



A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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

MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday,
Sept. 16, 2025
9:30**

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

HOSTESSES

Gretchen Harris, Lead
Melisssa Clark-Maynard
Ruth Johnson
Linda Latch
Debe Palmer
Karen Taylor
Robin Wheeler

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

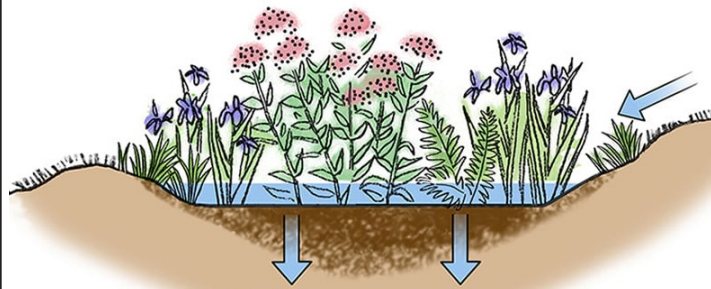
PARLIAMENTARIAN

Laura Greenwood

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

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



Rain Gardens *A Personal Experience*

Melayne Arnold
Certified Master Gardener

The program describes what a rain garden is, why they are beneficial, and the process of putting one in a home landscape through the lens of Melayne's personal experience.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! What a summer! First I would like to thank every lady who has assisted in some way with flood recovery. I know you mucked out homes, volunteered at donation centers, done laundry, housed first responders...the list goes on and on. Not to mention those who lost their homes and possessions and are rebuilding their lives. I am so proud of how our club has given of their time, energy, and resources to serve our community.

My heart has ached with those of you who lost homes, friends, and businesses. But the resiliency and organization of Hunt folks has been amazing. At a recent meeting that I attended, organizers emphasized how far ahead we are compared to other affected communities.

Next week at our club meeting we will have an exciting announcement about a way to honor flood victims. Please make an effort to attend and hear about the new initiative.

Truly we are Hunt Strong and I know our amazing sacrificial spirit will continue.

Warmly, Cindy

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

MEMBERSHIP

77 active members
50 associate members
127 total membership

Please WELCOME our NEW MEMBERS

Cindy LeBlanc (Fred))
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Cindy Shakelford
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Rosemary Kasprzak (Dave)
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CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

7 members requested
to go Associate
after the May meeting:

Pam Hardin
Chris Ann Brown
Kathleen Cook
Bernadell Larson
Denise Cartwright
Kyra Bowman
Laura Ann Wagner

Resigned:
Terry Staub
Lanie Nickel

BEES (Beth Gaddie)

The garden club's two beehives have thrived this summer. The bees are still hard at work and look great. The hive that we have sponsored at the Hunt School is also doing well. The students are excited to work with these new hives. Be on the lookout for a community information day to learn all about bees at the Hunt School.

SOCIAL MEDIA (Nicole Bilbao)

Welcome back for the 2025 season!

- Current reach: 453 Facebook followers and 270 Instagram followers.
- Action needed: Please email event and garden photos (with brief captions, names, and dates if possible) to huntgardenclubphotos@gmail.com for posting.



PRESIDENT'S GARDEN

(Laura Greenwood)

I tried to clean up the garden, doing some weed eating and trimming of some of the dead cactus flowers. I will schedule a work-day associated with President's Day.

SCHOLARSHIP (Ruth Johnson)

Scholarship committee will kick off in September to review the updated applications.

TREASURER (Diane DeKerlegand)

Donations/grants/funds that HGC received in July & August:

Hunt, Texas Flood Memorial Garden Donations-

- \$500 Donation- Hunt United Methodist Church
- \$100 Donation- Barbara Lingle, Associate Member
- \$5,000 Grant- National Garden Clubs, National Disasters Grant

Welcome to Hunt sign restoration-

- \$100 Donation- Barbara Lingle, Associate Member
- \$500 Donation- Beth McLaughlin
- \$1,000 Fund- Hunt Preservation Society, Hunt Recovery Fund

Scholarships

- \$100 Donation- Patricia Stone, Associate Member

Memorial

- \$100 Donation- Chris and Karrin Franco,
in memory of Mr. Ronald Duke

Other - In Kind Donation

Huntly Dantzler - cut and kiln drying a cypress slab for the new

Welcome to Hunt sign.

John Haynie - resurrected and reinstalled the original

Welcome to Hunt sign until the new one can be made.

More Happenings

HUNT WELCOME SIGN (Kathy Freeman)

The Welcome to Hunt Sign was recovered from the flood in pieces. We were able to glue together and fashion a temporary sign holder which is on display at the regular sign location. Meanwhile, we have had a beautiful cypress 4'x5' foot slab donated to the Garden Club. It is currently drying in a kiln in Harper for at least two months.

The old sign will find it's permanent home at the Hunt Store when it is retired. We hope to have the new sign made and base built so we can make a beautiful holiday presentation in early December. All our seasonal decorations were lost in the flood and if you have anything you would like to donate, please get in touch and let me know. Any donations for the new sign would be welcome as well.



WILDSCAPE (Carla Stang)

It is amazing what periodic rainfall in the late summer can do to entice our native plants to keep growing. The Wildscape team trimmed back several of the plants just prior to the HISD school year starting and we'll need to go back and trim some more! In particular, the Esperanza and Desert Willow in the center peninsula are so tall some branches are leaning over the sidewalk and parking space again. Those plants

"volunteered" in that spot and we debated over the years whether to move them.

Hindsight... The American Beauty Berries are gorgeous this year with their purple berries in full display. A variety of pollinators and grasses are filling out the front bed where a new HUNT STRONG sign has been placed. The sign is a lovely addition and gentle reminder for us all.

POST OFFICE (Alice King)

We are going to sign river rocks at the meeting on Tuesday that will be placed in the Ingram post office flower bed. Stay tuned - our local Hunt post office may be operational soon!

Hunt Flood Victims Memorial Garden

The Hunt Preservation Society has approved the site for HGC to create a Memorial Garden. More info at the meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

(Trisha McMahon)
7 thank you notes for donations.
2 get well cards:
Elizabeth Cotton
Laura Greenwood

DISCOVERY GARDEN

(Megan Stolley and Haley Lehman)

Our first week kicked off with a very successful planting day. We put in radish, swiss chard, cilantro, and marigold seeds. Pepper plants were planted and on week 2 we added green onions.

We have lots of new ladies as well as new students who have participated with great enthusiasm. Planting Day was such a success! Thank y'all for making the garden a fun place to be for everyone.



HGC Bulletin Board



Dues are DUE!

Garden Club dues are due and payable in September.

Dues are **\$35** for active members, **\$15** for associate members.

We accept cash, check and now Zelle online payments.

Most banks have Zelle available in their web banking. To send your dues using Zelle, go to the Zelle section of your bank's website. Send your payment to **HGC.dues@gmail.com**

Be sure to put your name and "DUES" into the "Message" section, so we can credit the dues to you.



PICTURES WANTED

When you are involved in a garden club activity, please take pictures and send them to Janet at janetreinwaldart@gmail.com and Nicole at huntgardenclubphotos@gmail.com so that they may be included in the newsletter and social media



The 2025-2026 Yearbooks are here!

Be sure to pick up your new yearbook at the meeting!



Let's celebrate our THIRD YEAR as TEXAS GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR! with new T-shirts!

Choose **Gold Stars on a black t-shirt**, and/or **Pink Redbuds on a white t-shirt**. You can order black long and short sleeve and white short sleeve.

Get details at the meeting.

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!

CALENDAR

September 16 – Hunt Garden Club Meeting (Dues are due)
September 19-21- Environmental School 4 - Groesbeck, TX
September 29-30 - Landscape Design School - College Station, TX

ATTACHMENTS

Minutes of May meeting
Treasurer's Report
Budget