

# THE GARDEN DISPATCH



A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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

MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday,  
April 21, 2026  
9:30**

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

## HOSTESSES

Martha Kimbrell \*  
Emily Petty  
Courtney Garrison  
Pam Halter  
Sharon Biggs  
Rebecca Peterson  
Trish McMahon  
Beth Gaddie  
Joanne Williams

## 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

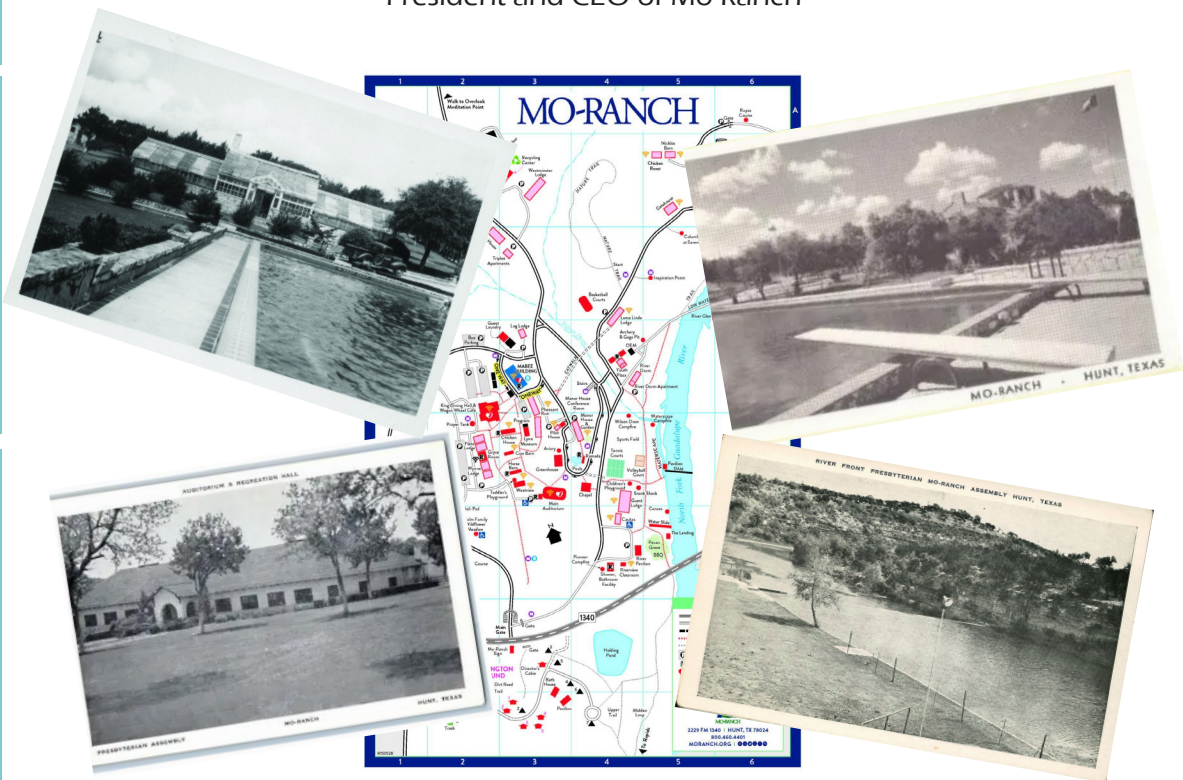
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## APRIL PROGRAM

### HISTORY OF MO RANCH

**Tim Huchton**

President and CEO of Mo Ranch



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How thankful I am for the rain we have received in these past several weeks. After an extended trip to see family, I have come home to lush green vegetation. Considering I was in a number of states to our north that were still bare, the green is a balm to my soul. I even gambled and planted tomatoes before I left and came home to plants bearing little green balls.

Spring is a time of renewal and I have been feverishly playing catch-up with the other green things that grow in my yard - weeds of many different kinds. If anyone has a solution to nut grass, I would love to hear it.

I am hoping your green thumbs are also inspired by this season. It's a great time to be a gardener in Texas!

# What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

## MEMBERSHIP

**76 active members**  
**48 associate members**  
**127 total membership**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Mary Ann Clark '26**  
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## CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

### Resignations Active

Christy Carter

### Associates

Sue Hilton

Clara Barker

Suzane Kelsey

### Passed away

Lori Wright

## IN MEMORIAM



Lori Wright

**Corresponding Secretary**  
(Trish McMahan)

Sent  
2 Thank You notes  
1 Condolence card



### Post Office (Alice King)

The Post Office Committee placed pots at the Ingram Post Office as a "thank you" to the Ingram community for sharing their post office. One large pot with a Salvia was already there. We added two smaller ones and planted a colorful variety of Spring/Summer plants in all three pots with a small sign saying "Thank you from the Hunt Community."

### Awards (Karen Taylor)

I recently attended the TGC 98th Spring Convention in Houston and was able to accept our club's state awards in person. We received three awards from TGC, along with one check. I will be attending the upcoming SCR Convention in San Antonio where awards will be given during the General Assembly. Hoping for more awards at that time.

### Discovery Garden (Megan Stoley)

This month in the garden we started to see sprouts from all the seeds we planted! We learned about photosynthesis and oxygen's role in plant growth. The cilantro we planted in the fall grew exponentially and we're excited for the rest of the harvest!



## More Happenings

### Wildscape (Carla Stang)

The Wildscape team was out in force in mid-March doing the spring clean-up, plant pruning, and general sprucing up. Overall, the Wildscape is looking like a nice, mature landscaped area that is getting its spring growth going. A few plants are showing some early color: Engleman's Sage (mounded purple blooms), Globe Mallow (a nice apricot colored bloom) and a few Mealy Blue Sage. The superstar selected just this week (by me) is the Texas White Honeysuckle vine. It was planted by former Wildscape member, Lyneen Williams (passed in 2024), and her husband Morgan built the sturdy cage to support its massive growth. Runner up is the hardy Tropical Sage, that doesn't let a little curb or cement stop it from putting down roots and sending forth beautiful red blooms! All of these plants are native to our area and do very well in drought and require little maintenance...although as you can see the sage does live beyond it's original borders.



## More Happenings

### Scholarship (Ruth Johnson)

The Hunt Garden Club Scholarship Committee received three applications for our traditional scholarship which met the requirements. After careful evaluation, all three candidates were selected for awards. Please meet our 2026 scholarship recipients.

**Hallie Nichols**, daughter of Adam and Lydia Nichols from Ingram was awarded \$1,100. Hallie attends Ingram Tom Moore High School and plans to attend Texas Tech University majoring in Psychology. Her accomplishments include AVID, Girl Scouts, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athlete, National Honor Society, Interact Club and Kindness Club. She attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp as both a camper and a team leader. Hallie is an active community volunteer who also worked throughout high school.

**Kennedy Nichols**, daughter of Chance and Sarah Nichols from Ingram was awarded \$1,100. Kennedy attends Ingram Tom Moore High School and plans to attend Abilene Christian University majoring in Speech Communication and Disorders. She is an alumna of Hunt School and actively engages in the Student Council, National

Honor Society, Kindness Club, Interact Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She also played varsity level volleyball and basketball. She is an active community member who volunteered extensively during the summer after the Hunt flood and has consistently worked during high school.

**Reigha Weaver**, daughter of Jerry and Brittany Weaver from Kerrville was awarded \$1,100. Reigha attends Ingram Tom Moore High School and plans to attend Baylor University as a University Scholars major in the Honors College and aspires to become a College Admissions Counselor. She is a former student of the Hunt School. Her accomplishments include National Honor Society, One Act Play, UIL Literary Criticism, UIL News Writing, UIL Current Events, Ingram Ink, Congressional Debate, Interact Club and the Ingram Tom Moore Thespian Troupe. She has received multiple awards related to UIL Academics, Debate, One Act Plays and Music. She also received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Scholarship. Reigha also worked throughout high school.

We did not receive an application which met the requirements for the trades scholarship this year.

### Treasurer's report

(Diane DeKerlegand)

In March, we received a \$4,000 donation to the Memorial Garden from the Texas Garden Clubs. the replacement of the Hunt Welcome sign was custom-made for \$3,500. Additional expenses for the sign's rock work and installation are anticipated.

### Financial Review Committee

(Elizabeth Cotton)

The committee met April 13, 2026 to conduct the annual financial review. A sample of the Hunt Garden Club's financial records for the past garden club year were reviewed and the books and records were found to be sufficient. Monthly printed reports agreed to monthly bank statements, transactions had supporting documentation and were charged against appropriate budget line items. The committee did not find any instances that needed correction.

### Community Volunteers

Thanks to all our members who donated LOTS of cookies for the **Community Easter Event** at L J Vinyards. Laura, Nancy, Debbie, Diane, Jill, Cindy S. and Janet manned the cookie distribution table.



# FLOWER POWER

### OUR CLUB'S SPRING FUNDRAISER

Order your Spring flowers from  
[www.flowerpowerfundraising.com](http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com)

#### Ways and Means (Melissa Clark-Maynard)

Our spring Flower Power Fundraiser is underway, we're off to a great start! So far, we've raised \$522 toward our \$2,000 goal, and we are so grateful for the support from our community.

The fundraiser runs through May 15th, and reaching our full goal is important- if we hit \$2,000, the Garden Club earns 50% of all sales. If not, we still receive 40%, which is still meaningful support for our projects and beautification efforts around Hunt.

We're especially encouraged by the success of our Christmas Amaryllis sale, which was a wonderful achievement for the club. With each passing year, we believe this program will continue to grow, and become a reliable and easy way to fund our work. Since the fundraiser began last late fall, we have received orders from all around Texas. A BIG Thank you to Nicole Bilbao for continuing to generate ads for Social media and getting the word out!

Thank you All for your Support! Looks to be a wet spring so order your bulbs for spring planting now before the deadline of May 15th.

[HuntGardenClub.fpfundraising.com](http://HuntGardenClub.fpfundraising.com)



NOTE: If anyone has decorations they would like to donate to the **HUNT WELCOME SIGN**, please bring them to our monthly meeting NEXT WEEK. Outdoor decor around the following holidays are needed:

**Halloween, Fall, Christmas, spring, and July 4th.**

Anything you would like to donate would be most appreciated!

#### Hunt Welcome Sign (Kathy Freeman)

"The End of the Story"

As my journey rebuilding the Welcome to Hunt Sign comes to an end, I think back as to the meaning of the Welcome Sign. In 1964 the first Welcome Sign was erected by Norma Jean Bond and the Hunt Garden Club. Its purpose was to greet travelers to the warmth of our historic community of Hunt, Texas. Its display on the confluence of the Guadalupe endured many years of colorful history. This sign will be the third replacement.

I have travelled many miles to assemble what I thought was perfect representation of our tiny community. I choose indigenous materials that best represent our landscape. I hope this sign will for many years stand as a reminder of our town's resilience and perseverance.

With that said, Cindy and I will proudly unveil the sign so that it once again symbolizes the strength and history of Hunt. Please Join us on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 for a morning of fellowship as we gather around the sign to begin the healing of our town. It will be followed by a lovely reception prepared by Katy Allen and her Sign committee at the house next door.

My journey will have come to an end as I turn over the responsibility of this cherished sign to the sign committee for many more years of colorful presentation. It has been a pleasure to restore our history and I thank you for that privilege.  
*Kathy Freeman*

#### Field Trlps (Katy Allen)

##### Hill Country Youth Ranch

Were you fascinated by last month's speaker, Joan Wood, and her important work at the Hill Country Youth Ranch? Let's take a field trip and go see everything she is doing to make a difference in these children's lives! Mark your calendars for Thursday, **May 7** at 10:00. Joan will take us on a tour and show us all that the Full Circle Foundation does (and hopefully we'll get to meet those chickens!) There will be a sign-up sheet at the April meeting.



#### The Hunt Sign is BACK!!

Thanks to Kathy Freeman's dedication and hard work, the Hunt Sign is back, restored and beautiful!

On Thursday, **April 23** at 10:00 am, there will be a special ceremony to celebrate its unveiling, with a small reception to follow. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

## SPRING INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

Thank you to the ladies who donated \$20 in lieu of bringing a salad to help offset the venue costs. The hostess committee would appreciate it if the rest of the attendees could be mindful that we are 10 fewer salads this year and be a bit more generous with their salad size to make sure there is enough for everyone.

There is plenty of parking at the Museum but it is not immediately adjacent to the building. There is, however, a convenient drop off spot. We will line up some helpers to transport ladies from the parking lot to the drop off spot if they would like.



# Wild

*Garden Women of the West*

*Officer Install and Lunch*

*Museum of Western Art  
1550 Bandera Highway  
Keruille*

*Western Attire*

*Bring a Salad with small card listing ingredients*

*RSVP by April 30<sup>th</sup>  
send to [dekerlegand@aol.com](mailto:dekerlegand@aol.com)*



# HGC BULLETIN BOARD

## CONGRATULATIONS

to our own Weezie Johnson who recently a blue ribbon and two red ribbons at the Memphis Garden Club of America Flower Show. Weezie is a certified horticulture judge and often enters specimens in the shows she judges.



## Social Media

If you have any photos to share from your garden club projects, please send to  
[huntgardenclub-photos@gmail.com](mailto:huntgardenclub-photos@gmail.com).

## On Line Directory for Hunt Garden Club!

Come to the meeting to hear the proposal that will enhance, but not replace our current Yearbook.

## NEW MEMBERS:

Your head shot photos are needed for the new YEARBOOK.

Please see Janet Reinwald at the April or May meeting to have your photo made.

## YEARBOOK UPDATES:

If you have any changes to your information - name, phone, address, membership status - please let Janet Reinwald know for the new yearbook.

## SOUTH CENTRAL REGION GARDEN CLUBS, INC. 2026 Annual Meeting and Convention

*"PLANT AMERICA - See How We Grow"*

**April 28-29, 2026**

Menger Hotel, San Antonio, TX

Our garden club is part of the National Garden Club with over 5,000 clubs across the country. We are further broken down into DISTRICTS (we are District VII West Zone), STATE (TX Garden Club - TGC) and REGIONS (South Central Region - SCR)

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

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