



# THE GARDEN DISPATCH



A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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

## MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday,  
Feb. 17, 2026  
9:30**

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

## HOSTESSES

Judy Couger\*  
Lea Bitner  
Carlee Buford  
Kathy Freeman  
Jill Kerr  
Christine Morrison

## 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

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

### NATIVE GRASSES OF THE HILL COUNTRY

**Deanna Pfeffer**

Wildlife Biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife

Learn about the fundamentals of our native grasses  
including morphology, livestock and wildlife value and identification tips.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we've had some warmer days, my thoughts have turned toward spring. Did you know that Valentine's Day is the traditional start of spring gardening in our area? I didn't! But here's a few tips I have picked up,

I am thinking of the garden days ahead:

\*Prune roses after Valentines

\*Leaves on an onion plant correspond to rings on the bulb

\*It is time to clean and sharpen garden tools

\*On a nice day, turn your compost pile rather than garden soil. Working garden soil when the soil is cold can create compacted clots.



My Christmas  
cactus and  
amaryllis are  
blooming  
beautifully  
now!

A bit late.

And I couldn't resist these baby daffodils.  
Happy (almost) Spring! Cindy



# What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

## MEMBERSHIP

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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Pam Halter** (John) '26  
154 FM 1340, Hunt  
jipmac@mac.com  
512-826-6659

**Kathy Madsen** (David) '26  
PO Box 444, Hunt  
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### Resignations

Pam Curtis  
Bridget Symm



The February garden is bare, waiting for planting!

### Discovery Garden (Cindy Janke)

Around twenty ladies who work in the Discovery Garden of the Hunt School met on February 3rd to discuss plans for the spring garden. We are delighted to welcome new members to our teams - Linda Pipkin, Christy Carter, Pam Halter, and Kathy Madsen. They were assigned to a color team and are already helping with preparation of the garden beds.

Ladies enjoyed a soup and salad luncheon at Cindy Janke's family home.

Plantings have been selected and we discussed ideas for better utilization of our greenhouse and compost bins.

Our first meeting with the children will be February 24. Anyone wishing to work in the Discovery Garden should contact Megan Stolley or CindyJanke

### Presidents Garden (Laura Greenwood)

Calling all former Hunt Garden club Presidents!  
Getting ready for the Spring, there will be a President's Garden clean-up day on Monday, February 16th (actually the President's Day holiday) at 9:30 am. Bring your gloves and tools to weed and prune the shrubs. We will assess the needs for replacement of decorative rocks. Laura Greenwood will bring trash bags.

### Treasurer (Diane DeKerlegand)

In January, we received a flood recovery donation of \$150 from the Houston Federation of Garden Clubs.

As approved by the membership at the January HGC General Membership meeting, we have added a new line item to the budget for the Hunt School Hydroponics Project. This allocation will be \$300 annually.

### Announcement from Cindy!

The SCR convention will be held In San Antonio on April 28-29 at the Menger Hotel. Can you please check your calendars and let me know if you can attend with me? Sounds like there are some fun activities planned.

# 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 28-29**

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.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**"PLANT AMERICA"**  
**See How We Grow**

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGION CONVENTION**

**WHEN: APRIL 28-29, 2026**

**WHERE: HISTORIC MENGER HOTEL**  
**SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

Take a narrated boat ride along the beautiful San Antonio Riverwalk, enjoy two fun workshops, as well as speakers on orchids and lavender, and Red, White & Blue landscaping of Blue Star Memorial Markers. Tuesday will be Fiesta Day with a fabulous Design program hosted by San Antonio Judges Council and Wednesday dress in your Red, White and Blue Western wear and enjoy some Texas Hospitality!

### **Tuesday, April 28, 2026 (Fiesta Day)**

8:30am Leave for San Antonio Riverwalk for Boat Tour

12:00noon Lunch at Hotel and program on Lavender

1:30pm SCR 2025-2027 Executive Committee Meeting

3:00pm Resurrection Plant Workshop

6:00pm Dinner and Design Program provided by San Antonio Judges Council

### **Wednesday, April 29, 2026 (Western Day)**

9:00am SCR General Business Meeting and Awards Presentation

12:00noon Lunch and program on Orchids

1:30pm Red, White and Blue Workshop

5:00pm Reception honoring NGC President and SCR

If you are considering going to the

### **South Central Region's National Garden Club Convention**

held in San Antonio during April, use the attached PDF registration form where you can pick which activities you want to participate in. This registration form is only available to our district since we are so close. Hope you can join in the fun and learning.