

THE GARDEN DISPATCH



A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday,

March 17, 2026

9:30

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

MARCH PROGRAM

HILL COUNTRY YOUTH RANCH PROGRAMS

Joan Wood

Founder of Full Circle Foundation

In the last year, Joan's foundation has renovated a shed to become a home for chickens, revived a vegetable garden for the children, as well as restored their greenhouse into working order and growing crops.

An occupational therapist by trade, she also is in charge of their equine program. Come be inspired by her story and passion for the children.

HOSTESSES

Kari Short (chair)
Martha Henderson
Valerie Hiller
Mary Jordan
Megan Stolley
Rosemary Kasprzak

PRESIDENT
Cindy Janke

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Karen Taylor

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Martha Kimbrell

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Trisha McMahan

TREASURER
Diane DeKerlegand

PARLIAMENTARIAN
Laura Greenwood

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of my favorite colors is the fresh bright greens of grass and trees that we get in spring. After our recent rains, it's popping up everywhere. I have to admit I was getting pretty tired of winter browns and grays.

I am thankful for changing seasons as they seem to give hope and anticipation to each new one. Whether it's looking forward to Christmas or what to grow in the garden this year, we are challenged in new and different ways.

As a club we are seasonal too. Our projects and leadership change. We switch our affiliation from active to associate. But one thing can remain the same - our friendships and service to our community.

Our club motto "Friendship through Gardening" says it all. This month, I am deeply grateful for the friendships I have made through the Hunt Garden Club. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Cindy



What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

MEMBERSHIP

76 active members
51 associate members
127 total membership



Adopt-A-Highway (Gay Chadoir)
I had the Hunt Garden Club trash pick up signs reinstalled after the flood along our 2 miles of FM 39. The date for the next trash pickup is April 11th, the Saturday after Easter.

A rain date if needed will be the following Saturday. I'll ask for volunteers at our March club meeting and pass around two signup sheets.

I will be getting our vests, grabber sticks and bag supplies from Chris Ann Brown.

Correspondence

 (Trish McMahon)

1 thank you note
3 Get well notes

Scholarships

 (Ruth Johnson)

Applications are due on March 13th and the committee will be reviewing them on March 24th.

Social Media

 (Nicole Bilboa)

We've been actively promoting our fundraiser this month and continuing to share the link across our platforms. You can help us with our fundraising efforts by liking and sharing these posts. We're also posting our monthly hostess spotlight to recognize our members who host our meetings.

Don't forget to email photos of your garden club projects to huntgardenclubphotos@gmail.com so we can feature them!



Presidents' Garden

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 (Laura Greenwood)

On February 16th, Bernadell Larson, Sandy Martin and I worked in the Presidents' Garden, pruning, and cleaning the garden for Spring. I returned to add 13 bags of new river rock and one bag of mulch under the tree.

Treasurer's Report

 (Diane DeKerlgand)

In February, we received a memorial garden donation of \$100 from the Dogwood Garden Club in Lufkin, TX.



Bee Report

 (Beth Gaddie)

We submitted our Year One grant progress report to the Whole Kids Foundation. We were happy to report that the two hives at the school are full of bees and doing well. We have had 21 middle school students interact with the bees on a regular basis. While the events of this past year have required some changes in our plans for the students, we have adapted and the kids are super excited about their bees. And of course Ms. Bradberry is an amazing teacher and bee mentor for the kids.



More Happenings



Discovery Garden (Megan Stolley) The spring semester of garden kicked off this month. The first week, students prepared their plots by adding soil and compost. Last week was planting day! We planted tomato and pepper plants, lettuce, radishes, carrots, black eyed peas, onions, straight neck squash and bush beans. We're looking forward to a big harvest in a couple months!



And More Happenings



WILDSCAPE (Carla Stang)

By the time you read this, the Wildscape team will have done some spring pruning and tidying up. I don't have a lot of specific observations, since the work-days haven't happened yet. However, an obvious observation is that one of the Mountain Laurel shrubs has a lot of purple bloom clusters as seen in the photos. From what I've seen in and around Hunt and into Kerrville, Mountain Laurels are having a great year so far; lots of shrubs heavy with blooms and oh so fragrant. They're supposed to smell like grape Kool-aid...but that comparison is lost on my nose.

Usually, we would be seeing bluebonnet rosettes starting to pop up about this time, but nothing so far. We'll have a more detailed report on the plant status of the Wildscape in the April newsletter.

We'd love to have some new faces on the Wildscape team...If you are interested in helping, contact Carla Stang at stangs94@outlook.com.

Mo Ranch Greenhouse (Karen Taylor)

We had a great spring cleanup day at the Mo Ranch greenhouse this past Wednesday, March 11. Thirteen fabulous ladies came out and worked hard at cutting back plants, replacing plants and cleaning up leaves and weeds.



SOUTH CENTRAL REGION GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

2026 Annual Meeting & 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. See attached registration form for more details.

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CALENDAR

March 17 Dist. VII Spring Convention - San Antonio

April 7-9 TGC Spring Convention - Houston

April 28-29 SCR Annual Convention - San Antonio

**1-4
PM**

**SATURDAY APRIL 4TH
AT LJ VINEYARDS**

**FREE
EVENT**

LJ VINEYARDS
1551 TX-39
HUNT, TX 78024



EASTER EGG
HUNTS BEGIN
AT 1PM

Rooted in Hope

COMMUNITY EASTER EVENT



**GARDEN
CRAFTS**

**EGG
HUNT**

**FOOD AND
BEVERAGES**

**EASTER
BUNNY**

**LIVE
MUSIC**

Rooted in Hope is a free community gathering created in partnership with Hunt Preservation Society, Hunt Baptist Church, Hunt Methodist Church, and St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Join us for an afternoon of connection with garden crafts and an egg hunt in the beautiful setting of LJ Vineyards. All are welcome as we come together to celebrate resilience and new beginnings.

Families impacted by flooding may RSVP for a flowering plant or starter garden kit. Guest session with speaker Keri Wilt or Kerr County Love Project tile mosaics starting at 2PM. Scan the QR code or visit stpeterskerrville.com/rootedinhope

