

Merry Christmas!

Hunt Garden Club

Happy New Year!

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A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! Even though we have not been able to meet in person, the ladies of the Hunt Garden Club have been busy. Karen Taylor organized the following ladies who prepared whole desserts for the Hunt Volunteer Fire Department's meat sale: **Liz Bond, Kyra Bowman, Lyneen Williams, Lanie Nickel, Karen Taylor, Joni Jones, Peni Foster, Mitzi Silber, Beverly Trembl, Sandy Griffin, Connie Townsend, Janelle Carothers, Cindy Janke, Linda McGee, Kimber Malcolm, Kathy Mater, Carol Gannaway, Carla Stang, Kathleen Cook, Vicki VanPelt, Deb Hayes, Beth Houser, Ann Birkner, Dusty Gilliam, Judy Couger and Tracy Belew.** We thank all of these ladies, and the one or two we may have missed who did not sign up but brought a dessert – they raised \$1,100. for the HFVD. Well done!

Kathy Freeman and her Hunt Welcome Sign Committee deserve kudos for winning third place in the West Kerr Chamber of Commerce's Fall Decorations Contest. And please check out the sign now that it is decorated for Christmas – the lights are beautiful (try and drive by it at night)! Last but not least, a big thank you to **Mitzi Silber** for our facebook page and HGC website – she has done an outstanding job! And we are on Instagram too thanks to **Beth Gaddie**.

We look forward to being able to resume meetings in the new year, as well as all our other activities. In the meantime, I wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas – enjoy your families and time with friends. See you in 2021!

Elizabeth

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

2nd VP Membership (Beth Gaddie) – 79 Active, 34 Associate, 113 Total Resignation – Alana Little

Corresponding Secretary (Ann Birkner) – 2 sympathy notes sent: Laurie Catalani for the loss of her husband and Liz Bond for the loss of her brother.

Awards (Karen Taylor) – My thanks go out to everyone who took the time this year to submit awards for the different activities and projects that our club is involved in. In all there were 30 award submissions and I have it on good authority that we did extremely well at the district level, as I'm sure we'll also do at the state and national levels. Preparing these awards is very time consuming and again, I thank you! I would also like to give a shout out and a big thanks to my new Awards Team, Carol Gannaway and Ann Birkner. They were invaluable to me in the process of receiving everyone's awards and preparing them to send on to district. And lastly, when it came time to judge other clubs awards at the district level, I had Barbara Byrd, Kristina Casanova, Carol Gannaway and Janet Reinwald step up to help me get this done. None of these ladies have ever judged awards but did a great job. State judging will happen later this month, then awards are forwarded to regional and national. Good luck everyone!!!

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More Happenings



Hunt Welcome Sign (Kathy Freeman) - Seven ladies of the Welcome to Hunt Sign Committee met on a cold blustery day and disassembled the fall presentation and decorated the sign for the holidays! We're especially proud of our third place award we received from the West Kerr Chamber's Fall Decoration Contest. The holiday decorations will conclude our annual 2020 signage. We hope you enjoyed the displays and that they put a smile on your face!

Social Media (Mitzi Silber) - The HGC Facebook page has seen a lot of activity this past month! Kathy Freeman and I are working together to bring a new 'series' for Facebook - "What you didn't know about your club Officers". Be sure and keep checking Facebook for this activity. Don't forget to please take a look at the HGC website. Our beautiful newsletters are now there as well as the 2021 Scholarship Application. Go to: www.huntgardenclub.com.

Wildscape (Carla Stang) - Plants in the Wildscape were still looking good until the first couple of freezes hit early in December. Winter in the Wildscape means it's time to trim some of the foliage from larger plants back a bit until our major pruning time in February. This "minor" trimming is one way to encourage reseeding of the native plants by leaving the seed heads after the trimming. Also, even though our inclination might be to rake up leaves and other plant/leaf debris this time of year, it's important to leave it be for now because there may be native bee eggs in hollow stems or butterfly chrysalis and cocoons in the leaf litter or dormant plant material. It's OK to take a step back and let Mother Nature do her thing. We're excited to see how our new and existing plants fare over the winter. During the gardening break in the winter, several members of the Wildscape team will be completing work that had been started last year to update a diagram/map of all of the plants. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Beehive Project (Vivian Morse) - We have added a new member: Kimber Malcolm. Our project now totals eight members. Welcome Kimber!

Communications (Kari Short) - If you are not receiving HGC communications please contact me at karishort@karishort.com. Also, I will place the name and contact information of the sender at the beginning of each email that I distribute to the membership for the club. This should make it easier for you to communicate directly with the appropriate person should you need to. Thank you.

Scholarships (Gretchen Harris/Ruth Johnson) - The 2021 Scholarship application is available on the Hunt Garden Club website and Facebook page. Committee members have volunteered to serve as liaisons with the 4 area high schools (Tivy, Ingram, Harper and Our Lady of the Hills) and have delivered the applications. The application deadline is Friday, March 12th. If you know a student who meets the eligibility requirements, please encourage them to apply.

Nominations - The nominee for Third VP (finance) is **Joni Jones** and for Recording Secretary it is **Diana Czar**. We will accept nominations from the floor in January, and then confirm these candidates.

Angel Gifts - Generous volunteers in the Club provided gifts for 72 children this year through the Hunt school Angel Gift program. Thank you all for making a child's Christmas a little brighter this year.