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Hunt Garden Club

HUNT, TEXAS

"Friendship through Gardening"

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**Monthly Membership
Meeting**

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 20, 2020
9:30**

**October Location:
Bridget's Basket**

We will meet at the barn
for a tour of the vinyard

**1551 Highway 39
Hunt, TX 78024**

Viticulture in the Texas Hill Country

PENNY ADAMS

FIRST FEMALE WINE MAKER IN TEXAS

Penny Adams is a horticulture graduate from Texas A&M and pursued a Masters degree in California from Fresno State. She is a long-time pioneer of the Texas wine industry whose true love is the vineyard. She says "You can't make good wines without good fruit." Join us in listening to Penny's journey though the Vitaculture industry in Texas and what her thoughts are on what the future holds!

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Our October general meeting will be held on Tuesday October 20th at 9:30 at the barn at Bridget's basket. Again we will have social distanced chairs (no tables), a snack in a bag, and face masks will be required. It will be a short meeting followed by our viticulture program. Please wear closed shoes if you want to walk in the vineyard. Please RSVP to Beth Gaddie at bgaddie21@gmail.com even if you are not attending. If you are not comfortable coming to the meeting we understand - your absence will be excused. I look forward to seeing y'all there. It promises to be a great program!

Elizabeth

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

President (Elizabeth Cotton) – Thank you for coming to our October meeting, and thanks to Bridget for letting us meet here again!

3rd VP Finance (Pam Hardin) – I have been contacting members to be on my committee for future fundraisers.

Corresponding Secretary (Ann Birkner) - I sent 2 thank you cards for donations.

Associate Member Contact (Patti Couger) - I sent out a second reminder to Associates to pay dues and I feel certain that a few more will send in checks.

Awards (Karen Taylor) – The Awards Committee is hard at it proofing awards and getting them printed and ready for the November 1 deadline.

Parliamentarian (Gretchen Harris) Due to the inconsistent terms and definitions used in the Club's current Constitution, By-laws, E-mail Voting Process and Standing Rules, I have been tasked to form a committee to review them and make a recommendation to the Club for changes that align and clarify the documents. If anyone in the Club has experience with this kind of project and would like to lend me a hand, it would be much appreciated. Just call or email Gretchen Harris.

Discovery Garden (Laura Greenwood/Martha Kimbrell) – On September 28th approximately 10 DG ladies removed bed coverings, weeded the entire garden, turned over the soil and planted crimson clover in all the beds.

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MEMBERSHIP

77 active,
34 associate members
totaling 111.

Resigned: Martie Kluting (Active) and
Dorothy Coppinger (Associate)

Klara Barker receives her Lifetime Membership in Texas Garden Clubs. She has been a member of Hunt Garden Club since 1977, a member for 43 years! She only recently changed her membership from Active to Associate.

Beehive Project (Vivian Morse) – Project members harvested three honey frames from the hive on September 4th. To help replace that honey, members have been pouring sugar syrup for the bees so that they can rebuild their stores in preparation for the approaching winter months. The bees have had a notable population expansion over the summer and early fall, and have been very actively building new honey comb in the upper super. They should be able to handle the winter, and its dearth of flowers, well.



Hunt Welcome Sign (Kathy Freeman) - Things are getting Spooky around Hunt! Check out our new updated Halloween Presentation at the Welcome to Hunt Sign at night! Let us goblins know what you think. Speaking of Goblins, we have a new one joining our committee! Welcome Liz Bond! Pictured: the Welcome Sign committee (before the Halloween decor)

More Happenings

We encountered a few issues that needed addressing. One of the sprinkler heads was broken, so we had that repaired by Ligon Plumbing and the school had to call an electrician to repair a problem with the pump. The school switched the water source from city water to rainwater since the rainwater collection system is full and operational. The Hydroponic Garden project is moving forward under the guidance of Melissa and Mikey Maynard.

Bernadell Larson will be the liason between the Maynard's, the school, and Discovery Garden. Monies have been allocated for the project, and Karen Taylor is applying for more monies through a grant. And thanks to Melissa Maynard, the scope of the greenhouse project has been completely revamped. Instead of replacing the panels on the greenhouse, indoor grow lights and a timer will be installed for a fraction of the costs. Marilyn Butcher presented the Youth Award guidelines, and they have been forwarded to the school. The Discovery Garden has applied for three awards this year – The Kellogg Civic Achievement Award, The Edible Garden, and #13 Youth Award.

Community Relations (Kathy Freeman) - Several Garden Club members graciously joined a project sponsored by the Hill Country Youth Ranch. A paint party focused on providing a fund raising avenue for their annual Hooves and Boots Event. The children produced Western themed Pop Art, which will be featured in an online auction to raise money for the children's needs. A big thank you to our participants Nancy Huffman, Janet Reinwald, Vivian Morse, Judy Cougar and Kelly Conley.

HGC Kayaking Group - Many members of the group met for the last time this season at Bernadell Larson's beautiful Guadalupe riverside for a fun kayak trip and social time. We will start up again next April. Contact Kathy at kmater614@gmail.com to get on the email list for notifications of the monthly trips.





Wildscape (Carla Stang) - Kyra Bowman's home is conveniently located and she hosted the Wildscape team for our annual planning/planting meeting on Sept 22, 2020. The weather cooperated and we sat outside, distanced from each other, and discussed our "want to do" and "need to do" ideas. The Wild Ones welcomed new and new-ish members: Kyra Bowman, Christine Morrison, Kelly Conley, and Kristina Casanova. High on the Wildscape priority list was to purchase new plants from the Fall Plant Sale (joint sale by Riverside Nature Center, Texas Master Naturalists, Native Plant Society of Texas). We were fortunate to receive a very timely and generous anonymous donation. That, in addition to our annual budget, gave us more purchase power this year!

The stars were aligned for our team of ladies to launch a significant makeover of the Wildscape this fall. Our vision includes removing several plants that were either in the wrong place, or overgrew their space, etc. and also removing large sections of weed barrier. We worked for about a two week period prepping beds and planting 54 native plants and scattering some native seeds. Our focus is on creating areas of massed plants of the same or similar type. This will have a nice visual affect as well as foster natural reseeding and propagating of plants.

The cherry on top of all of this work in the Wildscape was the work Lyneen and her husband Morgan did to make new markers for each section of the Wildscape. The brightly colored ceramic images are adorable. As one passer-by said, "They are a definite upgrade!"

HGC BULLETIN BOARD

Hunt School Carnival

Also due to the Corona virus, the annual Hunt School October Carnival has been canceled this year. For many years, our club has volunteered to do the cake judging and the photo booth.

CANCELED!

Decorating at the Kerrville State Hospital

".... Due to the ongoing Covid restrictions, we are unable to have the Garden Clubs on campus to bring us the first signs of Christmas. Thank you to each Garden Club and each member for your continued support over the years."

ATTACHMENTS

Minutes of Sept meeting
Treasurer's Report
Meeting agenda



- | DATE | EVENT |
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| Oct 17 | Dark Sky Month Awareness Event and Wine Walk, sunset to 9:00 pm (Bridget's Basket) |
| Oct. 18-21 | TGC Fall Convention - YO Hotel, Krvl |
| Oct. 20 | Hunt Garden Club meeting |
| Oct. 27 | District VII Fall Meeting CANCELED |
| Nov. 1 | Awards applications due |