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Hunt Garden Club

HUNT, TEXAS

"Friendship through Gardening"

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A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Monthly Membership Meeting

**TUESDAY,
APRIL 20, 2021
9:30**

**April Location:
Bridget's Basket**

1551 Highway 39
Hunt, TX 78024

APRIL PROGRAM

Young Living Essential Oil

Mary Liz Eastland

Join us in learning more about the natural living environment and wellness approach of essential oils and Mary Liz's journey with Young Living.

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

Treasurer (Tracy Belew) – see attached Treasurer's report.

Parliamentarian (Gretchen Harris-Report given by Sandy Griffin) – Please read attached Report.

The final draft of the updated Constitution, Bylaws, addendum for Email Voting and Standing Rules for the Club has been completed. The updated documents clarify terms, guidelines, roles and responsibilities of all club members and provide consistent language throughout. These updates will be attached to the newsletter for all members to review. There will be time on the April general meeting agenda for questions from members and a vote to approve the updates will be held at the general meeting in May.

Beehive Project (Vivian Morse) - In spite of our precautions taken prior to the February storms - including insulating the hive with bales of hay and a heavy duty canvas oil tarp - our bees did not survive the historically low and prolonged winter temperatures. This loss is an obvious setback to the Project's plans for providing lessons at the Hunt School via the Discovery Garden program. The good news is that, even though there were bee losses locally, other beekeepers' hives survived the severe cold, and honey bees (and bumble bees) can now be seen around the emerging spring wild flowers.

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I want to thank our two members who are rotating off the Board – Pam Hardin and Johnna Curle. These ladies did an outstanding job! I also want to thank our Nominating Committee – Bernadell Larson, Martha Kimbrell and Beth Gaddie. It is a lot of work and these ladies did a fantastic job finding candidates for the spots being vacated. Well done ladies!

Elizabeth

At this meeting we will vote on

Officer Nominees:

President - **Elizabeth Cotton**
1st VP (Programs) - **Bridget Symm**
2nd VP (Membership) - **Beth Gaddie**
3rd VP (Finance) - **Joni Jones**
Recording Secretary - **Diana Czar**
Corresponding Secretary – **Ann Birkner**
Treasurer – **Tracy Belew**
Parliamentarian – **Gretchen Harris**

Three of our HGC Members were installed as **District Officers** at the TGC District VII Spring Convention on March 31st at the San Antonio Garden Center:



Karen Taylor (Director), **Sandy Griffin** (Recording Secretary) and **Barbara Byrd** (Corresponding Secretary)
Congratulations ladies!

A \$350. donation will be made to Bridget's Basket by the Hunt Garden Club. We are so thankful to have had this beautiful place to hold our meetings this year. Because of their generosity we were able to continue to meet as much as possible during the pandemic. Thank you!

More Happenings

Blue Star Memorial Marker (Karen Taylor) – The BSM committee met on Sunday, March 21st. Luckily, none of the existing plants at the BSM were killed during the hard freeze we experienced in February. We cut things back, trimmed the oak tree and cleaned up the area. No new plants will be added this year, so maintenance moving in to the summer months will hopefully be minimal.

Scholarships (Ruth Johnson/Gretchen Harris) – The committee met to review scholarship applications. We had several very qualified candidates and are working to finalize the awards



Awards (Karen Taylor) - Our Club received 17 **FIRSTPLACE** awards and one **SECOND PLACE** at the **District VII Convention** – well done ladies!

The Hunt Garden Club also raked in the awards at the **Texas Garden Clubs 93rd Annual Spring Convention**. It was my pleasure to have Gretchen Harris, Barbara Byrd, Sandy Griffin, Janet Reinwald and our club President, Elizabeth Cotton attend the Awards Banquet and share in the excitement of the evening. Rather than wait until the May Installation Luncheon to present the awards, we have decided that it will be done at the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, April 20th. Please plan to attend to show all of the recipients how much we appreciate their hard work! There may even be an added surprise at the meeting.



Hydroponic Tower (Bernadell Larson) – The children are very interested and excited about their hydroponic garden. The first lesson was on March 23rd discussing the history of lettuce and the rock wool growing medium, with the students starting their seed. The next week was spent discussing the food distribution system and the differences between local/regional and national/international systems. At the third week lesson, the students measured their plant's root and top growth and prepared their lettuce for planting in the hydroponic system. The lesson are scheduled to wrap up on May 4th, with some type of project celebration on May 18th.

Adopt-A-Highway (Chris Ann Brown) - HGC participated in the annual Texas Trash Off Day sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation Saturday, April 10th. Members who helped were Kyra Bowman, Joni Jones, and Pat Gordinier. Four sacks of Highway 39 trash were collected and left under the Hunt Garden Club sign at the intersection of 1340 and 39.

Post Office Project (Karen Taylor) Members of the Post Office Project Committee met on Sunday, March 28th to assess what the effects of the 2021 winter storm had on our plants. We lost all but a few and they will be replaced in the coming weeks. The ladies removed dead plants and cut back some in hopes they would come back.

In the Spring Lone Star Gardener, see the wonderful article written by our own Kari Short about Hunt Garden Club, pgs. 14-16, all about our courtyard work at the Hill Country Youth Ranch.

<https://texasgardenclubs.org/lone-star-gardener>



Hunt Welcome Sign (Kathy Freeman) –
 A handful of Welcome Sign Committee members met to assemble the Hunt Garden Club's spring presentation. We hope you'll enjoy the delightful spring floral arrangement. Cindy Janke applied chicken poop on the newly emerging salvias. Betsy Feller applied a fresh layer of mulch to the beds. Enjoy!



.... and even more Happenings

Discovery Garden (Laura Greenwood/Martha Kimbrell) - On March 24 we met with Maribel at the Discovery Garden to test the equipment post freeze. Discovered a crack in the piping from the pressure tank and one on the pump in the greenhouse. There were also 2 sprinkler heads broken. Effective April 2 everything is repaired. (So we can now use the water catchment.) We also met with Faith Bradberry (science teacher) and presented her with the DG award certificates from last year. We discussed plans for the 4th graders to plant flowers and radishes. On March 29, approximately 12 ladies from the DG team spent all morning moving compost onto the garden beds in preparation for the 4th graders to plant. We delivered seeds and planting instructions to Faith. The 4th graders planted marigolds, zinnias and radishes in the garden the same week.



HISD Wildscape (Carla Stang) – The Wild Ones have sprung into action! We had two spring work-days at the Wildscape mid to late March and got a lot done! We were pleasantly surprised to see Blue Bonnets – surprised because they were in a different location than they had been before! How'd that happen? LOL! Of the many plants we put in the ground last year and tucked in for the winter I'm happy to report that most of them were poking their green leaves out of the ground or leafing out on branches. We did have a few casualties, whether from the ice storm or other predation. It's always amazing to give the plants their annual "haircuts" and see what they become in such a short time. We have a lot of beauty to look forward to. After our hard work we wandered over to "Kyra's Kottage" for a lovely outdoor snack lunch and catch-up time.



ATTACHMENTS

- April meeting agenda
- Minutes from March 2021 meeting
- Treasurers Report (3 attachments)
- Constitution and By-Laws revisions

See your Invitation
 to the
 May Luncheon
 on the next page!

MEMBERSHIP

- **80 Active Members**
- **34 Associate Members**
- **114 Total**
- ***WELCOME our Newest Member***
- **Alice King** (Carla Stang)



Let's Celebrate

The Hunt Garden Club

Invites you to

The Installation of
2021 - 2022 Officers

TUESDAY, May 18, 2021

11:00/Gather 11:30/Installation 12:00/Lunch

What to Bring: Salad

Where: Bridget's Basket
1551 TX 39, Hunt, TX 78024

RSVP By

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

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