

# THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

*"Friendship through Gardening"*

## Christmas Luncheon

**Tuesday,  
Dec. 21, 2021  
11:00**

River Hills Country  
Club

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

For those who have made their reservations:

*Tuesday, December 21*

**RIVERHILL COUNTRY CLUB**

Mansion Grill 100 Riverhill Club Ln. E

11:00 a.m. - Registration 11:15 a.m. - Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. - Lunch is served



### A note from your President:

Merry Christmas everyone! The Hunt Garden Club is back at it full time-we had a busy Fall and we look forward to a full Spring as well.

I want to thank **Kristina Casanova** for an outstanding job on the Veteran's Day Car Show, and give a shout out to the Blue Star Memorial Marker Committee and helpers: **Kathy and Dan Mater, Carla Stang, Eileen Parsons, Carol and Geoff Gannaway, Mitzi Silber, Peni Foster, Gretchen Harris, Barbara and David Staggs, Karen Taylor and Linnea and Dennis Johnson**. And thank you to all the folks who donated to this worthy cause as well.

The decorating at the Kerrville State Hospital was fun and festive. Thank you to **Cindy Janke, Pam Hardin, Jackie Gaskill, Pat Gordiner, Peni Foster, Janet Reinwald, Dusty Gilliam and Kyra Bowman** -we fluffed bows and spread a lot of hot glue on everything.

**Johnna Curle** was a trooper and stepped in to take notes for the November Board Meeting - we appreciate it greatly.

And thank you to all the dessert bakers and workers for the HVFD meat sale/Pathway Boys - it was a huge success, raising over \$1,400.

We are still collecting for Penny Pines - thank you to **Karen Taylor** and everyone who has donated.

Our Nominating Committee did a great job filling the slate of Officers for next year. Please thank **Karen Taylor, Gretchen Harris and Barbara Byrd** when you see them, and congratulate the new Board Members as well.

The Financial Review has been completed. A big thank you to **Bernadell Larson** and her Committee Members **Ruth Johnson** and **Kristina Casanova** for their hard work on this.

The Hunt Garden Club Christmas caroling was a huge success - thank you to **Beth Gaddie** who spearheaded the revival of this Hunt Community tradition, with the help of **Kyra Bowman**, the Hunt Preservation Society and Ross Rommel. Other helpers and dessert bakers include **Ruth and Ted Johnson, Alida Shimek, Sandy Griffin, Gretchen Harris, Tracy Belew, Nancy Atkins, Sandy Martin, Mitzi Silber, Buff Adams, Stephanie Miller, Paul Hollrah and Todd Gaddie**. The Bookers kindly led us in song and provided musical accompaniment, and Paul Harris gave a beautiful blessing. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Thanks go out to **Cindy Janke** and the Hunt Welcome Sign Committee - **Barbara Staggs, Liz Bond, Katy Allen, Betsy Feller, Weezie Johnston and Lea Bitner**. The Christmas decorations are beautiful!

Thank you to **Kari Short** and her Committee: **Linnea Johnson, Becky Key, Martha Henderson, Kimber Malcolm, Janet Reinwald and Monica Hightower**. They have planned a beautiful Christmas Luncheon - I look forward to seeing you all there!

I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas with their loved ones, and a happy new year!

**Elizabeth**

### HOSTESSES

Lead: Kari Short  
Becky Key  
Janet Reinwald  
Monica Hightower  
Linnea Johnson  
Kimber Malcom  
Martha Henderson

**PRESIDENT**  
Elizabeth Cotton

**FIRST VP** (programs)  
Bridget Symm

**SECOND VP** (membership)  
Beth Gaddie

**THIRD VP** (fundraising)  
Joni Jones

**RECORDING SECRETARY**  
Diana Czar

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**  
Ann Birkner

**TREASURER**  
Tracy Belew

**PARLIAMENTARIAN**  
Gretchen Harris

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

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**Nominating Committee -  
Karen Taylor, Barbara Byrd and  
Gretchen Harris**

The Nominating Committee has successfully identified a candidate for each open position on the Board for next year.

The nominees are as follows:



**President**

Nominee: Laura Greenwood



**1<sup>st</sup> VP – Programs**

Nominee: Nancy Huffman



**2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Membership**

Nominee: Carol Gannaway



**3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Fundraising**

Nominee: Linnea Johnson



**Treasurer**

Nominee: Patti Devlin



**Recording Secretary**

Nominee: Liz Bond



**Corresponding Secretary**

Nominee: Gretchen Harris



**Parliamentarian**

Nominee: Elizabeth Cotton

This slate will be announced at the Christmas Luncheon. Subject to nominations from the floor, election may be made by acclamation. Election will be at the January 2022 general membership meeting and officers will be installed in May of 2022. If anyone is interested in nominating themselves or anyone else for any of these positions, please notify any member of the Nomination Committee.

# MEMBERSHIP

**79 Active, 38 Associate,  
117 Total**

New members:

**Lea Bitner**

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**Diane DeKerlegand (Dean)**

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**Corresponding Secretary -  
Ann Birkner**

Sent four Thanks you notes  
and one Get Well card

## What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

**Scholarships - Ruth Johnson –**  
The scholarship committee met in December and is continuing to review and refine the rubric and our publicity plans. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 27th.

**Hydroponic Gardening-  
Bernadel Larson**

Work is still progressing on the minor design change to the growing system and lesson plans will be ready when the project kicks off on January 11th.

**Financial Review -  
Bernadel Larson**

A review of the Hunt Garden Club's financial records for the immediate past garden club year (September 2020 thru August 2021) was performed on November 29, 2021. A final report will be presented to the Board of Directors at the January Board meeting.



**Wildscape - Carla Stang**

Nothing much happening in the Wildscape for December other than the team will be putting down some mulch around the new plants to tuck them in for the winter. For those who are interested...there are lots of the Esperanza (Orange Jubilee – a cultivar of "Yellow Bells"/ Tecoma sans) seed pods ripening on the 2 plants in the Wildscape that you are welcome to harvest. Please take only those pods that are brown and dried and about to split open. This variety of plant loves the full, hot sun; can tolerate virtually any soil type and will grow quickly to over 10 feet tall and 6 feet wide unless you keep it under control; thrives on very low water and is a great pollinator plant for bees, butterflies, and hummers.





## Blue Star Memorial Marker - Kristina Casanova

Saturday, November 13th presented itself with glorious weather for Hunt Garden Club's Blue Star Memorial Committee as sponsors at the 19th Annual Veteran's Car Show Event.

The day started at 0800 meeting Kathy & Dan Mater to unhitch their "Lil' Tow Mater", a 1946 Willys Jeep, at the Blue Memorial Marker Garden where it was decorated with bunting, flags, Fall pumpkins and our Hunt Garden Club banner.

Early arrival enabled us reserve 3 spots together where we setup a table with Blue Star Marker information and our seed packets. The 3 cars entered in the show by Hunt Garden Club members were:

- **Kathy & Dan Mater's** red 1965 Ford Mustang Fastback
- **Barbara & David Stagg's** Carousel Red 1969 GTO Judge, which won **FIRST** Place in GTO Category!
- **Dennis Johnson's** Reef Turquoise 1966 GTO with all original, which finished 3rd in GTO Category!

As the day progressed, HGC received a \$20 donation and sold \$41 in seed packet.

Again, thank you to those of you who donated, allowing us to achieve Platinum sponsorship, and a HUGE thank you to all the HGC volunteers for their participation and to my Blue Star Committee members.

Car Show Day Volunteers:

**Kathy & Dan Mater, Carla Stang, Eileen Parsons, Carol & Geoff Gannaway, Mitzi Silber, Peni Foster, Gretchen Harris, Barbara & David Stagg, Linnea's husband, Dennis Johnson, Kristina Casanova.**

Blue Star Memorial Committee Members:

1. Kristina Casanova (Chair)
2. Carol Gannaway
3. Kathy Mater
4. Carla Stang
5. Eileen Parsons
6. Karen Taylor



Event details provided by Rodney J. Risemas, CAVS, U.S. Army Retired, summarized there were 119 car show participants. The event grossed \$18,255.10 and netted \$13,596.25 (of which \$11,478.75 monetary, \$2,117.50 non-monetary). There were 33 organizations/individuals who provided sponsorship, and 31 volunteers who provided 209 hours of service.



Staggs Trophy







The Hunt Welcome Sign takes on a Christmas decor.  
Thanks to the Welcome Sign committee:  
Cindy, Liz, Katy, Barbara and Betsy.



Christmas Caroling at the Hunt Pavillion

