

HOSTESSES

Lead: Barbara Byrd
Johnna Curle
Linnea Johnson
Liz Bond
Kelly Conley
Cathy Abercrombie
Fluffy Cash
Judy Couger
Diana Czar
Monica Hightower
Christine Morrison

Hunt Garden Club

HUNT, TEXAS

"Friendship through Gardening"

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A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Monthly Membership
Meeting

**TUESDAY,
MAY 18, 2021**

11:00

**May Location:
Bridget's Basket**

1551 Highway 39
Hunt, TX 78024

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

Officer Installation

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

MEMBERSHIP

80 active members
34 associate members
114 total members

Changes in Membership:
Judy Anderson - resigned
Vickie Van Pelt - resigned

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

• Weezie Johnston •

sponsored by Robin Wheeler

Patti Devlin

sponsored by Janet Reinwald

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

Bring a SALAD to share and a serving utensil!

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

RSVP By
Tuesday, May 4, 2021
To Judy Couger - 281-380-3397
judythurn1242@hotmail.com

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I can't wait to see everyone at the Installation Luncheon! We have so much to celebrate. And it's nice to be able to be together without being anxious about Covid - we can hug again! We'll meet again in September, until then have a relaxing and safe summer.

Elizabeth

Corresponding secretary (Ann Birkner)
Sent 3 Get well cards, 2 Sympathy cards,
and one Thank you card.



Texas Honeysuckle



Wildscape (Carla Stang)

The Wild Ones were at it again. We had a couple of work days the end of April – just before the wonderful rain - of weeding and additional pruning. We will be adding some mulch to some parts of the Wildscape where there are bare spots. Mulch will make it look nicer, plus, as you know, it helps with moisture control in anticipation of summer heat.

With the now sunny and warmer weather we expect the established native plants that survived the winter to jump into overdrive. It is nice that we have plants in different stages of maturity, which reminds us of the phrase about native plant growth expectations. Once planted, the first year the native plants “sleep”, the second year they “creep”, and the third year they “leap”. This saying is a nice way to remember to be patient with new plantings and allow Mother Nature to do her thing. On a sad note, we did lose a couple of our favorite pollinator plants, Pride of Barbados. These are the tall shrubby/ small trees with gorgeous orange blooms that are so prolific throughout the summer and into fall that the butterflies and bees love. The good thing is that this plant is very good at casting its seeds from their drying seed pods. We can already see a couple of volunteers popping up.

We will be making out a schedule for the summer for watering, weeding, and plant wellness checks. We’ll have each 2 person team rotate bi-weekly. We’ll also be scheduling a Wildscape team gathering to catch up and compare notes. Enjoy the spring and summer. See you all in the fall.

More Happenings

Beehive Project (Vivian Morse)

I picked up our nuc of Italian bees in Somerset; Beth Gaddie and I installed them in their new home.

All of our current Beehive Project members are remaining in the Project for the coming year:

Karen Taylor, Kyra Bowman, Beth Gaddie, Beth Houser, Martha Kimbrell, Monica Hightower, Kimber Malcom, and Vivian Morse. There is one new and exciting change, however: Beth Gaddie will be stepping up to chair the Project! We look forward to supporting Beth and raising bees for another year.

Discovery Garden (Laura Greenwood and Martha Kimbrell)

May 3 approximately 10 Discovery Garden ladies weeded. We have requested one more weeding day the week of May 10th. Martha will spray the vinegar solution to kill weeds between rows on Saturday, May 8th.

Faith has requested some ladies to assist her with the 4th grade harvest on May 19. The radishes will be ready and if the flowers are blooming, they will be cut for the students to take home.



Hydroponic Garden (Bernadell Larsen)

We had our seventh and final lesson on May 4th, where the students designed their own hydroponic system. We have to say that this was a very innovative group. Some students even incorporated solar into their design and one student took inspiration from Russian Nesting Dolls in her design. Check out some of the pictures on our website and Facebook pages.

We will have a harvest and celebration day on the afternoon of May 18th, and the students will get to sample some dishes made with their lettuce.

Arbor Day (Kathy Freeman)
 Hunt Garden Club participated at the Arbor Day celebration with the children at HCYR. With a generous donation from Pat Gordinier's father, William H Kolbe, we were able to support a tree planting for Arbor Day. Thank you Pat and Mr. Kolbe.



Clean up Day in the HCYR Courtyard

Hunt Garden Club's Kathy Freeman, Linnea Johnson, Cathy Abercrombie, Laura Greenwood, Pat Gordinier and Jackie Glaskill all gathered together on one last blustery morning in April to spruce up the Courtyard for Spring at the Hill Country Youth Ranch. We had a short discussion about "Sleeping Plants" aka dormancy. Each Garden Lady had the opportunity to work along side a child and mentor garden knowledge. Refreshments were served.

ATTACHMENTS

- Meeting Agenda
- Treasurers reports (4 pages)
- Updated Constitution
- Minutes of the April meeting

... and even more Happenings

Scholarship Committee (Ruth Johnson)

The Garden Club awarded scholarships to McKenna Burria of Tivy High School for \$1,500, Lawsin Wilt of Ingram Tom Moore High School for \$800 and Andrew Burroughs of Ingram Tom Moore High School for \$500. Committee members will be presenting certificates to the recipients at the applicable Senior Awards Night. The committee is meeting in May to refine the application and grading rubric to be used for next year.

Parliamentarian (Gretchen Harris)

Proposed changes to the Club's Constitution, Bylaws and the Addendum for Email Voting were presented to the Board on April 15th and again in a meeting held on April 19th, where more feedback on the proposed changes was collected. The final proposed changes were then provided to the Club via email and hard copies of the documents, with the changes, were made available at the April 20th general membership meeting. Gretchen Harris, Parliamentarian, summarized the proposed changes and invited any Club member to call, email or text her or Sandy Griffin with any questions or concerns about the changes. A final vote on the proposed changes will take place at the May 18th Installation Meeting. Proposed changes to the Club's Standing Rules will be finalized by the Executive Board in late May.

Social Media (Mitzi Silber)

Both Facebook and our website have been updated with photos of the Hydroponics Garden. The website did have 27 views in the past 30 days - let's see if we can boost those numbers! Facebook remains a busy page with almost 500 people reached in the past month! Go check out our sites and refer them to parents/grandparents of the Hunt ISD.



AWARDS!

	District VII	State	South Central
Arbor Day	1st	1st	1st +\$25
Backyard Wildlife Habitat	1st		
Butterfly Preservation	1st	1st	
Community Beautification		1st	
Community Gardens	1st	1st	
Community Concerns			1st +\$25
Directors Project Contest			1st +\$100
Donations/Contributions		Award	
Edible Gardens	1st	1st	
Kellogg Civic Achievement	1st	1st	
Landscape Design	1st	1st	1st +\$25
Outdoor Classroom	1st	1st	
Pollinators/Bees	1st		
Pollinators/Wildscape	2nd	1st	
President's Report		1st	
Publications/Newsletter	1st	1st	
Scrapbook 2 yr		1st	
Social Media/Facebook	1st		
Social Media/Website	1st	1st	
Special Achievement		1st	
Special Achievement/Bees	1st		
Therapy Gardens	1st	1st	
Yearbook	1st	1st	
Youth Program			1st +\$50



The school had all the awards framed, along with a picture of the students, which they plan on hanging on a wall at the school. Thought you might like to see how nice it turned out.

Silver Club Rating
GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR