

THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

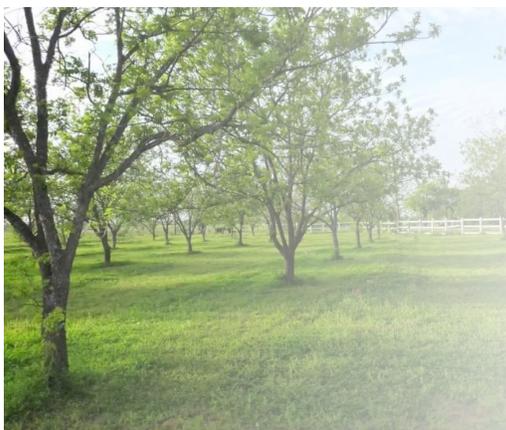
Hunt, Texas

"Friendship through Gardening"

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Organic Pecan Farming

Booka Michel



Booka is a staunch advocate for organic, sustainable farming and food production. He owns and nurtures one of only a handful of certified organic pecan orchards in Texas, which is located here in Hunt. He works to implement and coordinate sustainable farming practices throughout his orchard where he produces organic pecans for local and Austin retailers as well as use in local restaurants, camps and markets. Join us in listening and learning about Booka's experience in the organic pecan growing world.

Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday,
Nov. 16, 2021
9:30**

Bridget's Basket
1551 Highway 39
Hunt, TX 78024

HOSTESSES

Lead: Ruth Johnson
Betty Martens
Deborah Rommel
Laura Ann Wagner
Denise Cartwright
Marianne Crain
Cindy Janke

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

A note from your President:

Happy Thanksgiving everybody! We have so much to be thankful for, and so many Hunt Garden Club ladies to thank for all their hard work. Kudos to:

- Joni Jones, her fundraising committee and volunteers for an awesome Tree and Seed Sale
- Tracy Belew for our beautiful Garden Club of the Year tee shirts
- All the ladies who participated in Adopt-A-Highway and picked up trash on Highway 39
- Everyone who baked desserts for the Welcome to Fall Community Event at Bridget's Basket
- Our judges for the pumpkin carving contest at the Hunt School: Carol Gannaway, Penny Deupree and Ruth Johnson
- Our photo booth coordinator at the Hunt School carnival Denise Cartwright and her photographers Weezie Johnston, Trisha McMahon, Ann Birkner and Laura Greenwood
- Our truck decorator Gretchen Harris
- Denise Cartwright, Sandy Griffin and Bridget Symm for supplying hay bales and pumpkins
- Kristina Casanova and her team for their work on the Blue Star marker and the Veteran's Day Car Show - and to all the ladies who generously made donations
- Karen Taylor and all those who donated to Penny Pines
- And last but not least our hostesses from last months General Meeting that I accidentally forgot to give a shout out to: Eileen Parsons (lead), Georganna Bell, Laurie Cataloni, Gretchen Harris, Alice King, Laurel Paul and Bridget Symm
- Thank you to Sandy Griffin for arranging our awesome field trip to Mikey's Hydroponic Garden - it was fascinating and we so appreciate Melissa and Mikey's hospitality.

Two more big events coming up - Christmas decorating at Kerrville State Hospital on the 18th and dessert baking for the Hunt Volunteer Fire Department Meat Sale. Please sign up for both. (pg 5)
Such a busy month, and such a blessing to see things return to normal - which allows us to be together as a Club again. I wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving! **Elizabeth**

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MEMBERSHIP

76 active members
38 associate members
114 total membership

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Resignation - Erin Kummer

NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Turner (David)
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Hunt, TX 78024
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KaftDC@yahoo.com
(sponser Gretchen Harris)

Lindsey Roberson (Phillip)
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Hunt, TX 78024
512-529-5600
lindseyroberson@gmail.com
(sponser Betsy Feller)

Nominating Committee - Karen Taylor, Barbara Byrd and Gretchen Harris

The Nominating Committee has met and compiled a list of fantastic candidates for next year's six open officer positions. If you are contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee over the next few weeks, please be open to taking on what promises to be a fun role for the Club. You won't regret it!

Corresponding Secretary - Ann

Birkner— Five thank you notes for helping with the Hunt School carnival were sent to Denise Cartwright, Gretchen Harris, Bridget Symm, Sandy Griffin and Mikey's Hydroponic Garden



What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

Discovery Garden - Cathy Abercrombie, Ann Birkner

The Fall garden has provided an abundance of scallop squash, cilantro, lettuce, and radishes. Enough bounty in fact, that after our Harvest Party, the students were able to harvest a third bag of goodies from the garden. Mother Nature and the Garden Fairies have blessed this year's garden and the children are thrilled.

Fifth grade science teacher, Faith Bradbury, dressed up as a 'Hunt Garden lady' at the Fall Carnival wearing a Discovery Garden shirt, saying "the Garden Ladies are her and the students' heroes."



Gretchen Harris planned a fun Game Day and Harvest Party on November 9th.

Hydroponic Garden - Bernadell Larson

The team met with Faith Bradbury on Nov 3rd to plan the Spring semester. We are excited to offer a field trip for the students to Mickey's Garden this semester in addition to the classroom lessons. The growing system will undergo a minor design change and be reinstalled the week of January 3, with the lessons beginning on January 11th. We are looking forward to educating this next group of students.

Presidents Garden - Sue Hilton -

Further discussion of native plants and adapted plants, as listed by A&M. Small redbud fed. Maintenance as necessary.

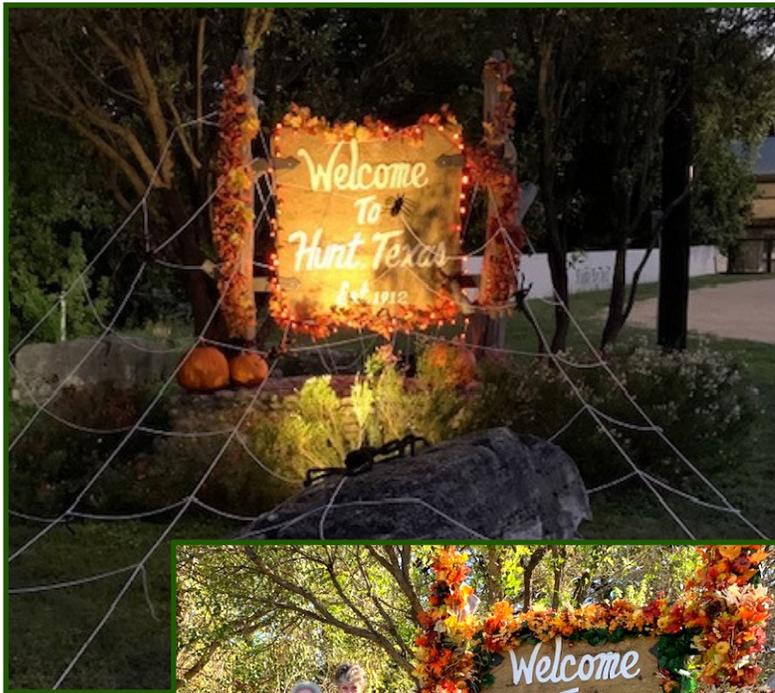


Wildscape - Carla Stang

The Wild One's had two planting days late in October at the Wildscape to put in over a dozen new plants. We also shifted a few plants to new locations to provide better sun or shade exposure for them. One focus area this fall was to put in more shade tolerant plants and ground covers in Bed 1 that has the large oak tree shading it. We also took the step to cage the new plants to protect them until they are more established next year since the deer don't always realize the plant they are eating is supposed to be "deer resistant"! Kyra, Monica, and Carla invested some sweat equity by cutting and pulling out some of the tough weed barrier in the shaded area so those plants can spread easier.



While most of our bloomers have completed their cycle, there are some that are putting out another blast of effort. For example, there are several Esperanza's (yellow and orange) with blooms and their branches are heavy with seed pods that we are patiently waiting to dry so we can harvest.



Even the leaf-eaten Turk's Cap are giving us a late show and the grasses are beautiful with their nice flowing seed-heads. A plant that got our attention on our work day was the *Dalea greggii*. It has really taken off in one of the peninsula's as a fabulous drought tolerant groundcover. It was actually getting a little too aggressive in its growth, so we trimmed it back. Several of the ladies took clippings home to experiment with propagating it. It's always fun to work in the garden and try new things. We'll have one last work effort this year to put down some mulch and tuck all the plants in for the winter and an administrative meeting to develop our improvement plans for 2022.



Hunt Welcome Sign - Cindy Janke

The sign committee has been busy with welcoming folks to Hunt with our seasonal decorations. We changed things up for Halloween with a VERY large spiderweb and lots of big and little spiders. The orange lights were a nice addition to this presentation. We will be changing to fall decor in November and on then to a festive Christmas look in December. We are happy to welcome new members Weezie Johnson, Katy Allen, and Lindsey Roberson. We always welcome more help so get in touch with committee chair Cindy Janke if you would like to join the fun.



Even more Happenings in Hunt Garden Club

Blue Star Memorial Marker - Kristina Casanova -

Workday held 10/18 where 3 Turk's Cap and 3 Texas Lantana were planted, and 8 bags of mulch spread to tuck plants in for winter. Flags were placed by for Veteran's Day. Currently planning 11/13 VA Car Show logistics and volunteer schedule. Contact Kristina if interested in volunteering.



Field Trips - Sandy Griffin - The field trip to Mikey's Garden in Hunt, Texas was attended by 29 people. Some attended lunch at Bridget's Basket after the tour. The garden includes a 6000 square foot greenhouse where several varieties of lettuce, kale, arugula, edible flowers and many culinary herbs are grown year-round. Thanks to Mikey and Melissa Maynard and Kim Barnett for a wonderful and informative tour.

Scholarships - Ruth Johnson

In October, the scholarship committee welcomed new committee members Martha Kimbrell, Liz Thomas, Bev Treml and Laurie Catalani. We're excited to have new members join us for the 2022-23 scholarship cycle. We reviewed the new poster created by Laura Harris and worked on the evaluation rubric. A big shout out of appreciation goes to Mitzi Silber for her hard work creating a scholarship page on the Hunt Garden Club website. The page should be live in the next couple of weeks so stay tuned for more updates.

3rd VP Fundraising - Joni Jones-

Results from the bake sale - \$540, Poster sales \$20 and seed sales \$6.

The **2022 Garden Guide Date Book** is ready for presale. I will have a sample and take your orders at the meeting. Or mail your check to Joni Jones, PO Box 443, Hunt, by Dec. 2. \$16 each.

Awards - Karen Taylor - Thanks to all the time and hard work of many of our committee chairs, we have submitted 20 awards. We will submit one more after the Blue Star event scheduled in November. Good luck to all who took the time to prepare awards this year!

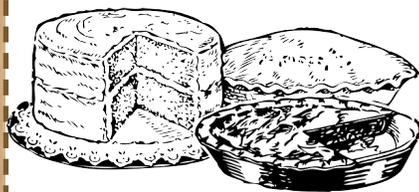
Penny Pines - Karen Taylor - We have collected enough for two \$68.00 donations to Penny Pines. We are \$20.00 short of completing a third. We'll have the jar at the next meeting for your spare change. I know we can scrape together enough for a third donation.

Adopt A Highway - Penny

Deupree - 12 people attended with 9 bags of trash collected. Next event date to be determined. Big thanks to all the help that joined us!!

HGC BULLETIN BOARD

SOME LOVE TO BAKE,
SOME NOT SO MUCH.



HVFD Meat Sale and Dessert Sale

If you would like to help,
please bring a whole dessert
(pie, cake, plate of cookies,
plate of brownies, etc.)
to the fire station by

11:00 am

Wednesday, Nov. 24th.

Sign up sheet available at Hunt
Garden Club meeting
or you can email
sandy@aggiehome.com.

All proceeds from the
Meat Sale and Dessert Sale
go to the Hunt Volunteer
Fire Department.



Angel Tree

*Gifts for the needy children and
their siblings at the Hunt School.*

**Pick up your Angel Gift tag at the meet-
ing or contact Gretchen Harris to get one.
Your \$15 gift should be wrapped with the
tag attached and delivered to the
Hunt School office by December 10th.**

We will be participating in the **CHRISTMAS DECORATING WORKSHOP**

at the **Kerrville State Hospital** on
Thursday, November 18th.

Arrival time is 9:30, and masks will be required.
Also, we will do rapid Covid tests when we arrive.

The following ladies have signed up:

Beth Houser, Lanie Nickel, Cindy Janke, Pam Hardn,
Jackie Gaskill, Pat Gordinier, Bev Trembl, Peni Foster, Janet
Reinwald, Elizabeth Cotton.

We would love for everyone to join us - please send
Elizabeth an email at moltemadre03@msn.com if you
can be there -the hospital appreciates it..

It should be fun!

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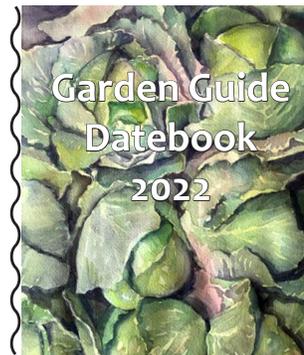
WANTED Grant Writer!

Anyone with grant writing
experience is needed to help
submit a grant to fund the
repairs on the
Discovery Garden green-
house.

Come visit the **Handmade Market**

at
Bridget's Basket
on **Saturday, Nov.27.**
Some HGC members will be
showing their artwork!

Garden Guide Datebook 2022



**The new 2022 Garden Guide
Datebook is ready for pre-
order! See Joni at the meeting
to order yours!
Or mail your check to Joni
Jones, PO Box 443, Hunt,
before Dec. 2.
\$16 each.**

CALENDAR

November 13 : Veterans Day Car Show
November 18: Christmas Decorations Workshop –
9:30am, Kerrville State Hospital
November 24: Desserts for HVFD Meat Sale
November 27: Bridget's Handmade Market
December 10 : Hunt School Angel Gifts
December 21: HGC Christmas Luncheon



Hunt Garden Club

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO A

Christmas Luncheon

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

Featuring

Schreiner University's

Dr. Don Crandall

Performing

Sounds of the Season

Please confirm your attendance
by mailing a check for \$30 per person

by Dec. 10, payable to Hunt Garden Club.

Mail to Kari Short, P.O. Box 1109, Ingram, TX 78025.

If you are bringing a guest, include that amount in your total.

Please indicate your meal selection on your check:

Pork, Chicken, Gluten-Free Pork or Gluten-Free Chicken

Any questions? Call Kari at 281-660-1708



MEAL CHOICES

Pork Loin

with apples and caramelized onions

Open-Fire Grilled **Chicken** Breast

with Fresh Herb Pesto topped
with a Chipotle Cream Sauce

Gluten-Free Chicken or Pork

Desserts served:

Pecan Pie or Chocolate Meringue

\$30

Cash Bar for Wine - \$8 / glass

