

THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday,
April 19, 2021
9:30**

**Hunt United Methodist
Church Fellowship Hall**

120 Merrit Rd.
Hunt, TX 78024

HOSTESSES

Trisha McMahon (Lead)
Ginger Cave
Constant Masterson
Sue Hilton
Fluffy Cash
Kathy Turner
Terry Staub
Lindsey Roberson
Bernadell Larson

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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APRIL PROGRAM

**Protecting the Land for
our Future!**

Becca Manning
Superintendent - South Llano River State Park
in Junction, TX



Becca's day revolves around stewardship and management of the South Llano River State Park's approximately 2600 acres which provide a refuge for wildlife and people on the southwestern edge of the Texas Hill Country. Paddling, floating, fishing, hiking, biking, nature watching, camping, star-gazing, junior ranger programs and much more!

Join us in learning more about this amazing state park and Becca's role in stewarding the future of environmental conservation.

A note from your President:

I hope everyone had a great time at the birthday party - Tracy Belew and her committee of Beth Gaddie, Lanie Nickel, Kyra Bowman, Sandy Griffin, Diana Czar, Melissa Clark-Maynard, Pam Hardin, Penny Deupree and Dusty Gilliam did an awesome job. It was so much fun-thank you ladies!



The District VII convention was fun as well. District Director Karen Taylor had arranged an interesting program on orchids, and the decorations, food and silent auction were over the top. District Officers Barbara Byrd, Sandy Griffin and a big group from our club were there: Laura Greenwood, Gretchen Harris, Janet Reinwald, Nancy Huffman and me.

Penny Deupree and Chris Ann Brown orchestrated a successful Highway 39 trash pick up with the help of Ruth and Ted Johnson, Janet Reinwald, Ann Birkner, Becky Key, Weezie Johnston, Alida Shimek, Nancy Atkins, Diane DeKerlegand, Kyra Bowman, Bill Brown and Tom Deupree. We appreciate all of you keeping Highway 39 looking beautiful.

I want to remind everyone that **we are returning to the Hunt United Methodist Church** for our April General Meeting. And yes, there will be egg casseroles! Please thank Bridget and Bill Symm when you see them-we could not have stayed as active during Covid without their generous hospitality. We appreciate everything they have done for the Hunt Garden Club!. See you at the General Meeting, and please RSVP to the Installation Luncheon in May!

Elizabeth

MEMBERSHIP

80 active members
39 associate members
119 total membership

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Mary Hayes moved to Associate

Corresponding Secretary - Ann Birkner

6 notes sent.

Get well:

Diana Czar, Judy Couger
Robin Wheeler, Beth Gaddie
Georgia Roth

Thank you: Bridget Symm

Sympathy: Cindy Janke

Post Office Landscape (Kyra Bowman) – The Post Office garden team trimmed up the flower beds, removing the non-survivors from the hard winter. The two pots were replanted with purple fountain grass. Salvia was added, the weeds removed and the nerve daisies were split to better balance the beds. Say kind words to the daisies when you are at the post office. They were quite shocked by the procedure.

Social Media (Mitzi Silber) – This past month, our Social Media accounts have been busier than usual. Everyone likes seeing our pretty flowers in the Wildscape and at the Post Office. And of course the postings depicting the work (and fun) by the Discovery Garden children is always a hit! Our Facebook page reached almost 1200 people this past month and Instagram had 119 contacts. There should be a lot of news this next month, so stay tuned!



What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

Scholarships (Ruth Johnson) – The Hunt Garden Club is proud to announce that since 2007, the Club has awarded over \$35,000, or around \$3,000 per year, to area high school seniors in recognition of their academic excellence and community service. The Club will award \$3,000 again this year to three highly qualified applicants in the amounts of \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500. Names of the recipients will be announced in the May report after notification to all applicants has been completed.



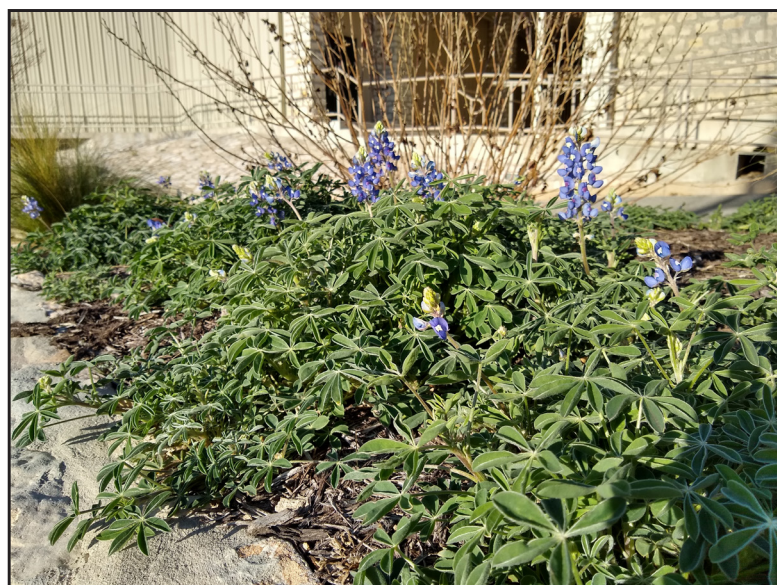
Our committee grew from 5 to 10 members this year which brought additional ideas, perspectives and improvements. The committee worked over the summer to review the requirements, revise the application, develop the process for electronic submissions including a QR code to access the website, refine the rubric to evaluate the application packets and revise the publication process to include a radio spot and expanded social media postings. We streamlined our process to review the application packets and provide anonymity for the evaluation process. We continued to grow our relationships with the counselors at the local high schools which proved to be key in receiving a larger number of high-quality application packets.

The results of these efforts are reflected in both the quality and quantity of applications submitted. We received 11 applications this year with the number meeting our requirements increasing from 30% last year to 80% this year. Students from twice as many schools submitted applications this year which included Ingram TM, Tivy, Harper and Our Lady of the Hills High Schools. We had a group of applicants with impressive qualifications and have a goal to increase our awards next year.

Adopt A Highway (Penny Deupree) – We covered from the intersection of 1340 to Rustic Hills on Hwy 39 and picked up enough trash to fill four of the large white bags with our black bags. Greatest number of participants that we have ever had!!



Thanks to the gals and guys that helped this month!! Penny and Tom Deupree, Chris Ann and Bill Brown, Ruth and Ted Johnson, Ann Birkner, Janet Reinwald, Kyra Bowman, Nancy Atkins, Alida Shimek, Becky Key, Weezie Johnston and Diane Dekerlegend.



Wildscape (Carla Stang) – The Wildscape ladies had 2 very productive spring pruning and clean-up days the end of March. This is a time of year to take stock and be amazed by nature. We cut back the plants, some to mere inches above ground, only to see them grow anew in height and width and bloom throughout the growing season. Some of the plants we planted in the fall are starting to peek out a little green, which is always reassuring to see. Our “secret Bluebonnet garden” is in full bloom and a Mountain Laurel on the opposite side of the Wildscape is

loaded with blooms...for the first time in my 5 years of being on the Wildscape team. It’s a shrub that is practically neglected, but this year it is gorgeous...and smells lovely. Unfortunately, none of us are getting any rain so we’ll need to activate our watering schedule, especially for the new plants...and we’re thankful for the many other established native plants with low-water needs that don’t need as much TLC.



*Your
Invitation
to the Spring Luncheon*

Art in the Garden

HUNT GARDEN CLUB
SPRING LUNCHEON

Tuesday, May 17th, 11 am-1 pm

The Roadhouse (formerly Elaine's Table)

1621 TX-39, Hunt, TX 78024

RSVP by Friday, May 6th to gganna@yahoo.com

Please bring a salad to share.

CALENDAR

April 19-21: SCR Convention, Galveston, TX

April 26: Hunt School Volunteer Appreciation Brunch,
8:30-10:30, Multipurpose Room (see next page)

May 2-5 : TGC 94th Annual Convention, Austin, Tx

May 7 : Beast Blast

May 17 : Installation Luncheon, 11:00 – 1:00,
The Roadhouse, Hunt, Tx

ATTACHMENTS

Minutes of March meeting

Meeting agenda

Treasurer's Report

JOIN US FOR A

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

In appreciation for all you do!

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

8:30-10:30 am

Multipurpose Room

RSVP TO VERONICA HERNANDEZ

(830) 238-4893 OR

VHERNANDEZ@HUNTISD.ORG

Dear Hunt Garden Club Members, I just wanted to drop you this note about my children's book, **A House for Wren**. It is nature-oriented and very "floral," and I'm hoping your garden club members might need some copies. As Mrs. Wren says (in the book) when she describes her dream home... "Oh, and I love flowers, too. It would be nice to live near a garden." The book is hardcover (a good read for ages 4-10) and is available on Amazon. Below is the link where the books may be purchased and where you can also see a couple of the inside page spreads:

https://www.amazon.com/House-Wren-Julie-Beever/dp/1645431207/ref=sr_1_2?d-child=1&keywords=a+house+for+wren&qid=1620766360&s=books&sr=1-2



About the book...A House for Wren showcases a number of colorful Texas birds and their nesting habits as the Wrens search for the perfect house for their growing family (with the assistance of Ms. Green Jay, their very capable real estate agent). I worked closely with my illustrator trying to get not only the birds right, but also to include plenty of colorful flowers and shrubs (such as pomegranate and bottlebrush). **Spoiler Alert: The home the Wrens end up choosing is the birdhouse being built by the human family as the story progresses. Hope you will take a look! Very sincerely, Julie Beever Pearsall, Texas (where I was an elementary reading teacher and dyslexia coordinator for most of my 21 years in education) P. S. It is not in my nature to "push" my book, but my publisher told me this is what authors should do. I still probably wouldn't do it if I hadn't been getting some nice feedback about A House for Wren. :)

Thank you again, Julie