

THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

"Friendship through Gardening"

Christmas Luncheon

**Tuesday,
Dec. 13, 2022
11:00**

Comanche Trace
Country Club

HOSTESSES

Judy Couger, lead
Joni Jones
Beth Gaddie
Laurie Catalani
Janet Reinwald
Sandy Griffin
Barbara Staggs

PRESIDENT

Laura Greenwood

FIRST VP (programs)

Nancy Huffman

SECOND VP (membership)

Carol Gannaway

THIRD VP (ways & means)

Alice King

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lanie Nickel

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Gretchen Harris

TREASURER

Patti Devlin

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Elizabeth Cotton

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

www.huntgardenclub.com



For those who have made their reservations:

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11:00 a.m.

President's Message

Holiday Greetings from your President:

During this holiday season, breathe in nature's crisp air; enjoy the chirping birds and the smell of a crackling fire or baked cookies. Take pleasure in the beauty of our community and warmth of friendships. I wish you all an incredible Christmas and a happy New Year!

Laura

Announcements

Karen Taylor will have "Gardener Parking Only" signs available for sale at the Christmas Luncheon. These signs are \$20.00 each and all funds go to TGC District VII. Grab one of these great signs for a last minute Christmas present for your favorite gardener!

Kathy Turner - TShirts -

Reminder: We have a new logo with our designation of **Garden Club of the Year for the 2nd year in a row.** short sleeve shirts are \$11.50 plus tax long sleeve shirts are \$16.95 plus tax for 2XL or 3XL add \$2.50 per shirt.

Please send me an e-mail with your

name, shirt size and color: white, pale blue or gray..

I would like to place the order soon. I will respond via e-mail with directions for payment. kaftdc@yahoo.com



Please make note:

The **March** and **April** programs have switched places per request by the Master Gardener presenter. The **January** presenter is driving from Austin so the program will be 50 minutes instead of our normal 30.

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

Social Media (Mitzi Silber)
Social Media has been extra busy this past month! In particular, we had a lot of coverage for the Discovery Garden Harvest Party, introduced the Spotlight section on the website and I believe we are all SO happy to have the lovely Hunt sign back to greet us. Both Facebook and Instagram interactions are higher this month. Instagram has had a huge increase, but that account is followed by a much smaller audience.

Financial Review (Bernadell Larson)

Still looking for interested members to review the Treasurer/Financial procedures and make recommendations on those 5 items the FR committee identified.

MEMBERSHIP

85 active members
39 associate members
124 total membership

NEW MEMBER

Linda Latch (Dave)
585 Fallow Run RD, Hunt
llatch63@gmail.com
830-238-3296 (c)432-528-0572
sponsored by Karen Taylor

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Laurel Paul
Fluffy Cash

Remember to let the Membership Chair, Carol Gannaway, know if you will be missing a meeting. Travel or illness are excused absences.
See Constitution, Article IV, Section 5 - Attendance. (pg. 25 of Yearbook)

Corresponding Secretary (Gretchen Harris)

I have sent 5 get well cards and 4 sympathy cards.

Post Office Landscape

(KyraBowman) - It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas with the addition of holiday poinsettias. The PO landscaping committee continues to water and maintain the two beds. Post office customers continue to mention how they appreciate the garden.

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Ways and Means (Alice King)

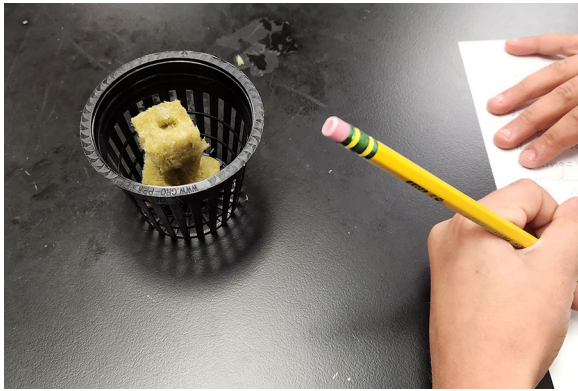
The house tour took in \$870 plus \$30 of extra donations. Katy Allen (Field Trips) sent a nice floral arrangement to thank the Schlunnegers.

Patti Devlin is helping with the garden journal that we have discussed and has some great ideas and information. We will work on that after the holiday.



Hunt Welcome Sign - (Cindy Janke) - The Hunt Sign is being decorated by the team for every holiday! Weezie, Joni, Barbara and Terry!





More Happenings

Hydroponics (Bernadell Larson) -

Hydroponic team had their first lesson with the fifth graders on Tuesday, December 6th. The students were introduced to the concept of hydroponic gardening and planted a lettuce seed. (The seed is placed in rock wool in a plastic basket and the basket is then placed in the system specifically designed for the school.) The students were very interested and asked some very good questions about the growing process. The next lesson with the team will be on January 10th, but Ms. Bradberry and the students will be monitoring the growth of the lettuce plants until the next lesson.

Bernadell is looking for a replacement for next Fall and it would be nice if those interested could shadow this season so they would see the entire session.



President's Garden - (Sue Hilton/Trish Stone)

December 2nd, Dusty Gilliam and I worked for several hours in the Presidents Garden, trimming and cutting back on the vegetation and pulling vines off the fence, among other things. Dusty used her string trimmer to cut back the grass from the front of that garden to the roadway, giving it a well cared for appearance! The dead Sotol "bloom spikes" were taken out as well.

The Mountain Laurel was given a pruning of unwanted new growth at its base, again making a neater looking result. More pruning appears to be necessary, saved for another maintenance visit. We also discussed future trimming back of the lantana after the winter. That is one enthusiastic plant which still had some blooms currently attracting butterflies, I am happy to report!

Bernadell Larsen weeded earlier in the summer, a mandatory job in any garden. We appreciate your hard work. Thank you, Bernadell

*Merry
Christmas!*

NOTE:

Our November speaker, Sharon Hixson, presented "Wildlife Value of a Messy Garden." The PDF of her presentation is attached for those who would like to see it.