

# THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

## Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday,  
Feb. 15, 2022  
9:30**

Bridget's Basket  
1551 Highway 39  
Hunt, TX 78024

## HOSTESSES

Lead: Karen Taylor  
Lynne Williams  
Patti Devlin  
Kathy Mater  
Liz Thomas  
Nancy Atkins  
Joni Jones

**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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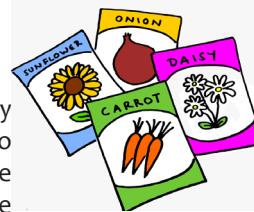
*"Friendship through Gardening"*

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual HGC Seed Swap and Book Swap!

#### What is a SEED SWAP?

A gathering of people, usually gardeners and farmers, who have come together to share seeds. The seeds can include



locally saved seeds, excess bought seeds, seeds brought back from another region or country, or excess seeds that a seed company donated — you decide what you want to swap. A seed swap is an opportunity for gardeners to organize their seed collections and get rid of the ones they don't want. They can also use the event to pick up seeds that they do want to grow. In all, it's a win-win for gardeners and reduces wastage and cost.

Our event is about giving seeds a chance to grow, saving money on buying new seeds, creating an opportunity to pick up new varieties, and making the event a social gathering where gardeners can talk about all things green and growing.

#### Tips for a Successful Seed Swap

1. Seeds should only be saved from trusted and proven varieties.
2. Consider the viability of the seeds. The older a seed is, the worse its germination rate will be. Limit the swap to seeds no more than 2 years old for the best quality.
3. Make sure you include enough seeds in each packet to ensure a decent harvest. A dozen tomato or pepper seeds is more than enough, but for a crop like corn or beans, it makes more sense to include at least 20.
4. Packaging is important. Mini plastic zip-top bags or manila coin envelopes make great seed packets. Organize and label the seed packets with the variety, basic growing information, and your name so the recipient can contact you if they have any questions.

#### What is a BOOK SWAP?

Book swapping or book exchange is the practice of a swap of books between one person and another. It provides an inexpensive way for people to exchange books, find out about new books and obtain a new book to read without having to pay. Books are a banquet, and when it comes to luscious descriptions and delicious dialogue, nothing beats sharing the wealth with a friend -- or lots of friends. That's where a book swap can make your reading life richer. Sure, you'll net a few more fun books to read, but you'll also be able to share your favorites with people who also think a great book is a moveable feast. Our book swap will be a great way to pass on books you love and find new treasures from those you trust.

#### Books to Swap at the Hunt Garden Club Meeting

- Gardening Books (*relevant to the Texas Hill Country*)
- Cook Books
- Novels (related to gardening or cooking)
- Local Authors or Books Related to Local Topics



#### Tips for a Successful Book Swap

1. You can leave as many books as you like, just make sure they are your own.
2. Make sure your book is clean and in good condition.
3. Leave a note as to why you liked your book or books for the next reader.

*\*All unclaimed books will be donated*

## A note from your President:

I am so happy that we can resume our meetings this month! We have a lot to cover - we will elect the new slate of Officers Tuesday. We do have an opening for Third VP (Fundraising) if anyone would like to volunteer to fill that spot. We will also accept the Financial Review and go over some changes to the Constitution, By Laws and Standing Rules. (Both of these are attached.) Our Seed and Book exchange promises to be fun as well. Can't wait to see everyone there!

Elizabeth

## What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

### Blue Star Memorial - Kristina Casanova

Scheduled workday at 11 am on 2/14 to trim the tree, plants and to check on the beds that were mulched early November. Back up day on 2/19 if inclement weather.

### Social Media - Mitzi Silber

Social media has gotten a little busier this past month, thanks to some National Garden Club contest offers for the children and lots of interest in the Hydroponics program. We have a couple of new followers this month. I found it interesting that our metrics show that between 18-19% of our 'Likes' and 'Followers' are men! Maybe it's wives using the hubby's accounts? Who knows!

### Scholarships - Ruth Johnson

The scholarship committee met on January 27th to continue working on the evaluation rubric and kick off the publicity push. Keep an eye out for the new poster in local businesses. Scholarship applications are on the website and are due no later than March 11, 2022. Questions may be emailed to HGCscholarships@gmail.com. The committee welcomed new member Diane Dekerlegand. The next meeting is scheduled for March 29th at 10:30.

### Hunt Welcome Sign - Cindy Janke

Big changes for the Hunt welcome sign committee! In December we learned that the present owner of land around the sign would like the sign moved. It has been removed and being stored. Discussions are continuing as to where the sign will be placed and ongoing responsibilities of our committee. Stay tuned for the next chapter of the story!

### Discovery Garden - Cathy Abercrombie

The Spring 2022 Discovery Garden calendar:

Feb 22 - Lesson - Soil and H2O, pre-planting.

March 1 - Planting Day -

tomato plants, spinach, bok chou, radishes, basil

March 8 - Lesson - Nature Class Web.

March 22 - Lesson - Secret Smells.

April 5 - Lesson - Reading.

April 12 - Lesson - Earth Apple

April 26 - TBD

May 3 - Harvest and Games



### Hydroponic Gardening - Bernadell Larson

We had our first lesson with the 5th graders on January 11th, where the students learned about hydroponics and planted their own lettuce seed.

The picture shows the lettuce plants after 2 weeks growth. As of February 1st, the students have had 3 lessons and appear to be excited about the hydroponic growing system.



# MEMBERSHIP

80 active members  
38 associate members  
118 total membership

## CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

*changes in phone numbers:*  
Kyra Bowman *cell only* 830-238-3005  
Melissa Clark-Maynard 830-238-3680  
Grace Crites 830-739-0969

## NEW MEMBER

sponsored by Denise Cartwright

### **Terry Staub** (John)

1755 Hwy 39  
Hunt, TX 78024  
terrystaub56@yahoo.com  
432-553-6109

### Corresponding Secretary - **Ann Birkner**

Sympathy cards:

Pat Gordinier - father's death

Tom Lussen - death of wife Cecelia

Get Well card:

Penny Dupree

## RETIREMENT

On Jan 28th, a small contingent of HGC Ladies (and spouse) attended a retirement celebration for Maribelle at the HISD. Maribelle served as the wonder woman of the HISD grounds for 27 years! Many HGC Ladies have known her over the years and were recipients of her support and assistance for any and all of our activities at the school. She was presented with some begonias and a succulent plant as a token of our appreciation and well wishes in her retirement. She will be missed.

## TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

# District VII Spring Convention

**March 29, 2022**

Registration - \$25 / \$30 Late Registration (after March 15th)



Don't be late for this very important date!

Join the Mad Tea Party  
Wear your favorite Tea Party Hat!  
Just for fun (no contest this year)!

**Door Prizes! Silent Auction!  
Raffle Items!**

We will meet at the **San Antonio Garden Center**  
3310 N. New Braunfels @ the corner of Funston and N. New Braunfels  
210-824-9981

Schedule:

Registration, Hospitality & Shopping!!! 9:15 am  
Welcome 10:00 am Business Meeting 10:15 am  
District Awards 11:15 am Lunch and Door Prizes 12:00 pm

### **Program on Orchids**

presented by Luis Valdez 1:00 pm  
Raffle and Announcements 2:00 pm Adjourn 2:30 pm

*"We're All Mad Here"*

See attached registration form to sign up!

## HGC TRASH PICK-UP

**Sat. March 19**

8:30 a.m.



1.3 miles past  
Hunt Store  
907 Hwy 39.

Tennis court  
parking lot.

Bring gloves  
and picker if

you have one.

**And bring a friend too!**

Planning ahead for the  
March meeting...  
We're asking all members  
to email or send a  
**childhood photo**  
of themselves to see if  
others can guess  
who you are!  
sandy@aggiehome.com  
or Mail: PO Box 873, Hunt  
**Send by March 8.**

## ATTACHMENTS

Meeting agenda  
Treasurer's Report  
Nov. mtg minutes  
Const. & By-Laws changes  
Dist. VII Spring Convention  
registration form