

# THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

## MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday,

January 18, 2022

9:30

Bright's Basket  
1851 Highway 39  
Hunt, TX 78024

**CANCELED  
DUE TO COVID!**

## HOSTESSES

Lead: Liz Bond  
Bernadell Larsen  
Barbara Staggs  
Susie Hackleman  
Kathy Mater  
Johnna Curle  
Fluffy Cash

## 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 Aitiity Leaders are listed  
in the Yearbook

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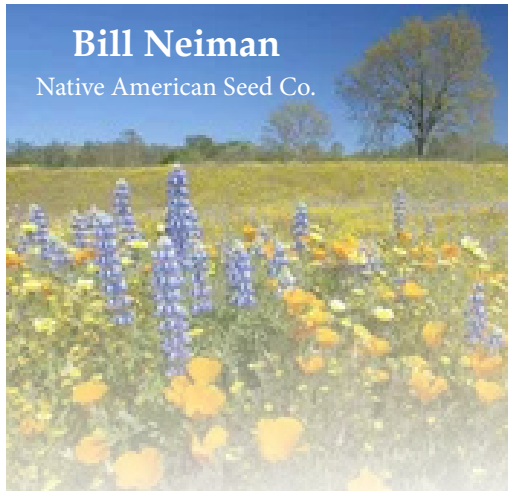
*"Friendship through Gardening"*

## JANUARY PROGRAM

### Time to Redefine Landscaping

Bill Neiman

Native American Seed Co.



Much is said about "releaving" America, but little is said about what species we should be planting. After a fifteen-year experience in nursery and landscape construction, Bill Neiman found himself redefining his job. He wanted to provide alternatives for people who would actually like to DO something about their environment. He wanted to help people learn how preserving our water resources and providing the plant diversity helps preserve wildlife and promotes a sustainable future.

Join us in learning how we can improve our landscape by incorporating native plants and practices.

### A note from your President:

Happy New Year everyone!! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. Our Christmas party hosted by Kari Short and her committee members Linnea Johnson, Becky Key, Martha Henderson, Kimber Malcolm, Janet Reinwald and Monica Hightower was fantastic - good food, friends and music - thank you to those ladies! We are off to a good start in 2022.

District VII gave us a redbud tree for Arbor Day which was planted by the mural at the Hunt Post Office by Karen Taylor, Kyra Bowman, Pam Hardin, Ann Birkner and Carol and Geoff Gannaway. Please thank those folks when you see them and stop by and look at the beautiful tree and plaque.

The Financial Review has been completed - thank you to Bernadell Larson, Kristina Casanova and Ruth Johnson. They did an outstanding job with the review as well as creating procedures for this process in the future.

Cindy and the Welcome Sign committee have been busy - the Christmas decorations were beautiful, a fitting end to the sign's last days in it's long-time location. Due to construction planned for that site it will be necessary for us to relocate the sign. Cindy Janke and Weezie Johnston have been talking with the Hunt Preservation Society to see about moving the sign to their property. Thank you to these ladies for their efforts on behalf of the Hunt Garden Club.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the General Meeting on the 18th- it's election day!  
Here is the proposed slate:

President - **Laura Greenwood**  
First VP (Programs) - **Nancy Huffman**  
Second VP (Membership) - **Carol Gannaway**  
Third VP (Fundraising) - **Linnea Johnson**  
Recording Secretary - **Liz Bond**  
Corresponding Secretary - **Gretchen Harris**  
Treasurer - **Patti Devlin**  
Parliamentarian - **Elizabeth Cotton**

**Wildscape** (Carla Stang) – There were many Wildscape ladies’ hands and backs present at the Wildscape at HISD on Dec 12th . We primarily spread mulch around the base of all of the newly planted native plants. Some of the newbie plants seem to be doing well and a couple (we hope) are putting their energy growing a strong root system below the soil... because they don’t look so good above ground. We are so excited to see the expanding “crop” of Blue Bonnets that have slowly been emerging through the fall in one of the beds. We are wondering if there was a Blue Bonnet fairy who scattered some seed earlier in the year?? There are some even growing in the cracks of the sidewalk!

The Wildscape Team has had some personnel changes over the last several months. Lyneen Williams has regrettably stepped down – she was a long-time “Wild One” and we’ll miss her dedication, and knowledge of plants and butterflies. Kari Short also stepped down...she’s a very busy lady these days and needed to re-prioritize her time. You both will be missed. I’m not sure when I last made a formal welcome to new Wildscape Team members, so I’ll list new ladies now: Alice King, Diane Kerlegand, Katy Allen, Lanie Nickel, Laurel Paul, Nancy Atkins, Trisha McMahon, and Weezie Johnson. We are grateful for such a vibrant and energetic Team!

## What’s Happening in Hunt Garden Club?



**Post Office** (Kyra Bowman) – The Post Office team has been actively observing and maintaining the two beds on either side of the entrance to the building. Each member of the team has a two week shift for watering, weeding if necessary and general observation. Marilyn Butcher, a team member, has donated two large pots with lavender and they add nice height to the beds. She decorated the lavender “trees” during the holidays. In addition, the Hunt Garden Club received a tree in honor of Arbor Day from the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc, District VI. The tree, a redbud, was planted on the side of the Post Office by an enthusiastic team bearing shovels, aided by Geoff Gannaway.



**Arbor Day Tree Planting** (Karen Taylor) - District VII needed to plant a tree in 2021 for Arbor Day. It was decided to plant the tree in Hunt! After some consideration, it was decided that the Hunt Post Office would be a perfect location. TGC, Inc. provided a beautiful plaque and District VII provided a redbud tree, quite fitting since it’s the Hunt Garden Club’s club flower. The tree was planted by members of the Post Office Project committee, Kyra Bowman, Carol Gannaway, Ann Birkner, Pam Hardin and Karen Taylor. A huge thanks goes out to Geoff Gannaway for joining us and being a big part of a successful planting.



# MEMBERSHIP

79 active members  
38 associate members  
117 total membership

## Associate Member Liaison

(Patti Couger) – In accordance with the protocol established in 2020 to create a new subcategory within the Associate Member designation, I am recommending that the following individual be designated **Honorary Associate Member** thus exempting her from member dues for 2021-22:

**Mary Ann Mobley,**  
member since 1994.

## UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOKS

Here are the members who  
have joined since  
September 2021:

### Bitner, Lea

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### Shimek, Alida

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### Turner, Kathy (David)

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## Penny Pines (Karen Taylor)

At last count, Hunt Garden Club had purchased 10 Penny Pines plantings. Those were all purchased by individuals in our club! The club will be purchasing 3 plantings before the contest deadline of January 31st, funds provided by YOU via the Penny Pines jar that has been put out at our club meetings. You still have time to get in on the fun if you'd like to purchase a planting!

## Hydroponic Garden

(Bernadell Larson) – We are excited because this year is going to be even better than last year. Upgrades to the hydroponic growing system have been made and installed at the school, and tweaks to the lesson plans have been made. On Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, we introduce hydroponic gardening to this year's 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and let them plant seeds.

## Corresponding Secretary

(Ann Birkner)  
Sympathy card to Betty Martens  
Thank you card to Geoff Ganaway

## Social Media (Mitzi Silber) –

Interactions on the garden clubs' Facebook and Instagram are down a bit this past month. Our audience was rightfully celebrating the holidays with family and friends! If you have a Facebook account, please make sure you click the Like button on our page or better yet find the Follow button and click it. If you are so inclined, please go one step further and write a review! The only reviews for our Facebook are currently several years old. Be honest - good or 'a little' bad :)

## Welcome Sign (Cindy Janke) –

Lots of news from the Welcome Sign committee.

(see Announcement)

We enjoyed putting up our Fall and Christmas presentations.

Both were lit because of the generosity of Larry Graham.

We are happy to welcome new members Barbara Staggs and Lea Bitner to our committee.

Lea saw us working outside her kitchen window and came to join the fun. Next up - a spring presentation when it gets warmer!





## ANNOUNCEMENT

### WELCOME SIGN

From Cindy Janke:

During the month of December I had a phone conversation with Larry Howard who is developing the lots that the HGC welcome sign is on. Basically, he wants the sign moved but also stated he wanted to be a good neighbor and is willing to help pay for costs to relocate it.

In discussions with Elizabeth Cotton, we decided I should get in touch with the Hunt Preservation Society. On 1/8/22 myself and Weezie Johnston (who is on the sign committee and the board of the preservation committee) met with Ross Rommel, Larry Graham, Sharon Fell, Sonny and Sue Dale Baldwin, and Peter Johnston to discuss cooperative efforts to move the sign.

A number of ideas were suggested as to where the sign should go: before or after the bridge that crosses the river on 39, to the west end of Hunt coming from the south fork of the Guadalupe, in the Presidents Garden at the Fire Department, by the VFW sign at the building on the corner of 1340 and 39.

It was noted that our sign has much of the same verbiage that the sign across the street has that was put up by the preservation society.

The best idea put forth that I said I would take back to the Garden Club, is to have more cooperation between the garden club and the preservation people. It would

look like this: we would decorate the limestone sign that says Hunt TX, Est. in 1912 as well as perhaps creating new plantings along the rail fence that runs behind the limestone sign.

The existing HGC sign would be moved (just the sign itself, not the rock base) to the property owned by the preservation folks. Ross suggested we put it close to the flagpole, light it, and we would like to put a plaque near it telling of the sign's history (it's colorful!) and Norma Jean Bond's contributions in getting it put up. (She was president of the HGC and spear headed the project. Bruce Bond Sr. made the rock base.)

Members of the sign committee who were there taking down Christmas decor were excited by this suggestion. It will need to get approved by the executive committee and perhaps the membership as some funds may need to go toward this project that were not included in this years budget.

In addition the preservation society would like to see the pavilion used for more community events, like the Christmas caroling last month. (It cannot be used for private events because of liability). Preservation folks would love for HGC to take an active role in getting that space utilized more.

After working on the sign committee for 5 years, I think this is a winning proposal for everyone.

### CALENDAR

January 14–16:  
Environmental School #3 – Groesbeck, TX  
January 24–27 :  
Flower Show School III – Houston, TX

### ATTACHMENTS

Meeting Agenda  
Treasurer's report  
Financial Review report  
Nov. general meeting minutes