

THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

"Friendship through Gardening"

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday,
Nov. 15, 2022
9:30

Hunt United
Methodist Church
120 Merrit Rd.
Hunt, TX 78024

HOSTESSES

Denise Cartwright*
Kathy Freeman
Kyra Bowman
Christine Morrison
Martha Kimbrell
Laura Ann Wagner
Sandy Hightower

PRESIDENT
Laura Greenwood

FIRST VP (programs)
Nancy Huffman

SECOND VP (membership)
Carol Gannaway

THIRD VP (ways & means)
Alice King

RECORDING SECRETARY
Lanie Nickel

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Gretchen Harris

TREASURER
Patti Devlin

PARLIAMENTARIAN
Elizabeth Cotton

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

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

The Wildlife Value of a Messy Garden

Sharon Hixson

Native Plant Society of Texas, Kerrville

Gardens are alive. No matter what time of year, if you quietly listen and watch, you will notice the plethora of activity. From budding flowers in the spring to the rustle of withered seedheads in the fall, our gardens are supporting animals of all shapes and sizes. Here's a secret not all gardeners know—if you choose to be a messy gardener in the fall and winter—the wildlife value of your garden soars.



This program discusses the benefits of a messy winter garden, suggests ways to create a dramatic winter landscape, and how to make "messy" look good.

President's Message

Ladies, some fun Thanksgiving facts you may not know:

- The first Thanksgiving was held in 1621, it included venison, duck fish and lobster, but no turkey.
- Sarah Josepha Hale, the writer of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" convinced Abraham Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a National Holiday.
- And Thanksgiving is the busiest day for PLUMBERS !!

Have a wonderful holiday eating things from our garden - green beans, squash, pumpkin, carrots, spinach, potatoes, corn, cauliflower, celery, onions and whatever you love!

"May the wishbone snap in your favor this Thanksgiving."

Laura

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What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

Awards (Karen Taylor) - With the help of many club members, we submitted 18 awards for this year. We'll apply for one more after the workshop at Kerrville State Hospital. This isn't as many awards as we've submitted in the past few years, but it's still a lot and I want to express my thanks to all that worked on awards and submitted them to me so quickly.

MEMBERSHIP

83 active members
39 associate members
122 total membership

NEW MEMBERS

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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)

As of October 31, dues have been paid by 63 of the 80 active members and by 11 of the 39 associate members.

If you haven't paid yet, please pay at the meeting, or mail your check to PO Box 873, Hunt.

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?



Discovery Garden

(Cathy Abercrombie/Ann Birkner)

The Fall 2022 Discovery Garden has been challenging, experiencing broken water pipes and the water inadvertently being turned off. Hand watering was insufficient to fully bring in the seeds planted in September, even with replanting efforts. We have 46 third and fourth grade students this year and 32 garden ladies.

Even with all the challenges, the garden has recovered and is producing some lettuce, radishes, basil and broccoli. All 10 tomato plants have grown and are full of ripening tomatoes. The Harvest Party was November 8th with the ladies leading games for the students and providing cookies, fruit, drinks and veggie snacks for the party. Thanks to Linnea and Dennis Johnson for completing the cleaning of the very hard-to-reach greenhouse roof.



More Happenings

Hunt Welcome Sign (Cindy Janke) -

We're back! The Welcome Sign committee is thrilled that after yet another restoration, the sign will again welcome folks to Hunt. Many thanks to Kathy Freeman who negotiated with the property owner for its return. A clean up crew worked hard to get the property back in shape and the sign will be up this month with all its decor to celebrate the holidays. Hurrah!

Hydroponics (Bernadell Larson)

The team is excited to start our third year of teaching hydroponic gardening to the 5th grade students at the Hunt School. Lessons will start on December 6th, take a break for the Christmas holidays, and continue again in January.



Financial Review (Bernadell Larson) -

Financial Review - The committee completed the review of the HGC records for the period of September 2021 through August 2022 and found the financial management to be sufficient. A detailed report has been submitted to the Executive Board with observations, findings, and recommendations.

Social Media (Mitzi Silber) -

In order to attract more attention to our website (huntgardenclub.com), a new page has been added to the website called "Spotlight". The idea is to provide an in-depth feature on a club project, one at a time. Please go check it out and feel free to send your feedback: huntgardenclubsocialmedia@gmail.com.

It's time to freshen up Facebook a little, so I am currently adding some new videos to the site.

Kerrville State Hospital Decorating

Ten of our members enjoyed decorating at the Kerrville State Hospital November 10, sprucing up poinsettias, fluffing wreaths and decorating the Christmas tree.



Monolith House Tour

If you have signed up for the tour on Wed. Nov. 16, pay your \$10 at the meeting or at Bridget's.

There are a few spaces left if you want to sign up or invite a guest.

Baked goods for HVFD Meat Sale:

An email was sent to all club members asking for baked goods and volunteers to help sell them at the upcoming HVFD Meat Sale. All proceeds benefit our firefighters.



ANGEL GIFTS

Each year members choose to give Christmas gifts to needy children.

Sign up for one or more **Hunt School Angel Gift Tags** at the meeting. \$15 limit. **Wrapped gifts due to school by Dec. 9**



Adopt A Highway TRASH PICK UP

November 19, Saturday

8:30 am

Chris Ann Brown's tennis court parking lot
1907 Hwy 39

Bring gloves, a picker-upper and a friend.
Sign up or call Penny Deupree if you can help.

Your invitation to the HGC Christmas Luncheon

Make your reservation with your check at the November meeting



Hunt Garden Club Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Commanche Trace Country Club

11:00 a.m.

\$35 per reservation. Due by Dec. 1

Guests welcome!

Bring a check to the November meeting,
or mail check made out to HGC to Judy Couger, PO Box 875, Hunt
Indicate any special requirements, such as gluten free.

Parking: Drop off on upper level. Parking on lower level, steps up to entrance.

BUFFET

"Tour of Tuscany"

Caesar Salad Bar
Chicken Cacciatore
Italian Sausage Pork Loin
Lemon Herb Linguine
Roasted Vegetables
Tiramisu

Cash Wine Bar

Entertainment
Harpist