

# THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

*"Friendship through Gardening"*

## MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday,  
Sept. 20, 2022  
9:30**

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

## HOSTESSES

Lead: Linnea Johnson  
Kari Short  
Barbara Byrd  
Deborah Rommel  
Terry Staub  
Bernadell Larson  
Elizabeth Cotton

### PRESIDENT

Laura Greenwood

**FIRST VP** (programs)  
Nancy Huffman

**SECOND VP** (membership)  
Carol Gannaway

**THIRD VP** (ways & means)  
Alice King

**RECORDING SECRETARY**  
Liz Bond

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**  
Gretchen Harris

**TREASURER**  
Patti Devlin

**PARLIAMENTARIAN**  
Elizabeth Cotton

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

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## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

### "Sustainable Soil"

**David Vaughan**

Certified Arborist, ArborVaughan Consult, LLC



Soil is teeming with life. Most of it is microscopic and forms a food web that provides trees and other plants with the water and nutrients they require.

In exchange, plants provide all of the carbon required for life in the soil.

- David is an arborist in San Antonio since 1978.
- A consulting arborist, ArborVaughan Consult, LLC.
- Bachelor of Science in Forestry from S.F.A. SU. 1971.
- Master of Agriculture in Natural Resources Development from Texas A & M, 1977.
- Among the first group of 19 arborists certified in Texas.
- Texas Oak Wilt Certified and Qualified
- Texas Wildfire Risk Reduction Qualified.
- Organic Certified, Texas Organic Research Center.
- Currently serving on the Board of Directors for Alamo Forest Partnership and San Antonio Arborist Assn.
- Former member Board of Director for International Society of Arboriculture, Texas Chapter.
- Member American Society of Consulting Arborists.  
<http://davidvaughanarborist.com/>

## What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

**Awards** (Karen Taylor)- Committee Chairs and Project Leaders, if you haven't heard from me already, you'll be hearing from me soon to get started on this year's award submissions. Awards submissions are due to the District no later than November 1st, so I'll be asking everyone to get their awards in to me, Carol Gannaway or Ann Birkner, no later than October 15th.

**Blue Star Memorial Marker** (Kristina Casanova) - Due to the extreme drought, we implemented a watering schedule starting in May through early October. Like everywhere in the Hill Country, the garden struggled with no rain, extreme heat, and lost a few plants. Recent rains revived native plants, especially the Cenizos and Salvias, and cooler temperatures bring welcome relief. Keep praying for rain to recharge aquifers!



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**Beehive** (Beth Gaddie) - We have had a very busy summer. For the first time, we are running two hives. Due to the extreme drought, we have had to feed the bees on a weekly basis. While feeding all summer long is not ideal, our bees have been hard at work making honey stores for the winter. Several members of our group attended the last Hill Country Beekeepers Association meeting. The speaker reminded us that beekeeping is not an easy task and that the goal of any first year hive is to make it through the winter. We are super excited about our mobile observation hive and will be looking for opportunities to use it to educate on the importance of bees in our ecosystem.

**Financial Review** (Bernadell Larson) The committee will conduct the review after the HGC September 2021 thru August 2022 financial books close. Discussions are underway for a late September or early October date.

**The President's Garden** (Sue Hilton / Trish Stone) - The Presidents Garden has added more rock to help maintain the soil's moisture content and to discourage weeds. The heat/drought this summer and water restrictions discouraged the planting of any new specimens. Weeding by Bernadell helped greatly with the upkeep. Thank you for positive comments.

**Post Office Landscape** (Kyra Bowman) – We continue to water (thanks for the rain!) and monitor the Post Office garden.

**Adopt A Highway** (Penny Deupree) Working on October Adopt A Highway. Firm date to announced later. highway 39 needs a fall cleanup.

## MEMBERSHIP

79 active members  
39 associate members  
118 total membership

### CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

**Shelley Royer - LOA**

### NEW MEMBER

**Debe Palmer**  
1969 Hwy 39, Hunt  
grandgoddess@yahoo.com  
830-238-4475 / 210-413-2654  
sponsor - Elizabeth Cotton

**Corresponding Secretary**  
- **Gretchen Harris**  
4 Sympathy Cards and  
5 Get Well Cards

**Social Media** (Mitzi Silber) – Social Media is looking forward to a new year in our gardens and with our projects in the community! If you have photos that you would like posted, please email them to: [huntgardenclubsocialmedia@gmail.com](mailto:huntgardenclubsocialmedia@gmail.com)

I have been updating our website with Tree and Seed Sale information, as well as other updates. Please check it out: <https://huntgardenclub.com>. You can also find more current information and photos on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Let's have a Golden Year!

**Communications** (Kari Short) - I am planning to write an article on cyber crime for the paper. I've been speaking with law enforcement officers. It is a common problem.

**The Hunt Welcome Sign** (Cindy Janke) - The welcome sign committee has had a hiatus since we had to remove the sign last winter. Currently we are in negotiations with the Hunt Preservation Society to do a beautification project around the limestone "Welcome to Hunt" sign. We have a landscape plan and a preliminary budget. There will need to be a fundraiser held by the Garden Club to finance this project. The projected time line to begin is in the spring of 2023. What is to be done with the old sign has not been decided yet. All this is a work in progress and no final decisions have been made yet.

**Ways and Means (Fundraising)** (Alice King) - Our annual **Tree and Seed Sale** is scheduled for October 14 and 15 from 10:00 – 2:00 at Bridget's Basket front field. Trees sales are pre-order only this year so please get your order in before October 9. We are offering trees that are native or well-adapted to our area. If you have lost any trees due to drought these should be good replacements. We will also have a good variety of seeds for sale, including some truly deer-proof wildflowers. We hope to see you there!

SEE THE FLYER ON THE LAST PAGE, AND THE ATTACHED ORDER FORM.



**Wildscape** (Carla Stang) – The Wildscape Team met to discuss or ideas for planning improvements in the Wildscape for 2023. We have some really nice ideas to educate the students and public and enhance the bird features of the garden. In terms of managing the Wildscape during the drought we're having, we took a decidedly conservative approach to watering over the hot summer months. Like our own plants, there have been fewer blooms, less growth, and overall sad looking plants.

Once again we have put our faith in native plants' abilities to "do their thing" through the heat and lack of water; we hope they've been putting their energies below the soil into their root system to survive. We have had a couple of superstar performers even in the drought which has allowed us to harvest some seeds. The Pride of Barbados, Esperanza, Pearlvine Milkweed, and Desert Willow were a bit late to bloom, but have steadily bloomed throughout the summer.

A visit to our Wildscape showed the benefits of our recent rain and Wow! Our American Beauty Berry is producing beautiful fruit, the milkweeds have flowered and another has produced pods, the Turk's Cap, Esperanza and Pride of Barbados look glorious and our different sages are blooming. It's amazing what a relatively small amount of water has done after our many months of drought. Hoping the butterflies and bees will come back!

Since the fall remains hot, albeit with some rain, we won't be planting any new plants until we see what the spring brings! It's always a learning experience and fun to see how nature responds to the current environment.



# HGC BULLETIN BOARD



## Dues are DUE!

September is the time to pay your annual dues!  
**Active members - \$35**  
**Associate members - \$15**  
 Please pay Patti Devlin at the meeting, checks preferred, made out to Hunt Garden Club.  
 If you can't be at the meeting, mail your check to HGC, PO Box 873, Hunt 78024

## CALENDAR

- Aug 5-7 Gardening School, Course III - San Antonio, TX
- Aug 31 District VII Scholarship applications due
- Sep 20 Hunt Garden Club meeting - dues are payable
- Sep 26 -27 Landscape Design School, Course I, College Station, TX
- Sep 26-29 Flower Show School IV, Houston, TX
- Oct 1 TGC Scholarship applications due
- Oct 2 - 4 Flower Show School Symposium, San Antonio, TX
- Oct 18 Hunt Garden Club meeting
- Oct 24 District VII Fall Convention - San Antonio, TX
- Oct. 29 Halloween cake or pumpkin judging at Hunt School
- Nov 15 Hunt Garden Club meeting
- Nov. 10 Christmas decorations workshop - Krvl State Hospital
- Nov 1 Awards deadline
- Dec. TBA Hunt School Angel Gifts due
- Dec 13 HGC Christmas Luncheon - Comanche Trace Country Club

## The 2022-2023 Yearbooks are here!

Be sure to pick up your new yearbook at the meeting!



Hunt Garden Club kicked off our new "Gold" year with the new member orientation. Chairmen described their activities to some of the new faces that will be working on our committees!

## ATTACHMENTS

- Minutes of April meeting
- Meeting agenda
- Order form for Native Trees
- Treasurer's Report
- Budget





## **TREE and SEED SALE**

By Hunt Garden Club

**8 Varieties of Native Trees**

**5 gallon size \$40**

*Presale only.*

*Pick up for trees and to select seed packets will be*

**Friday Oct. 14** 10 am – 2 pm

**Saturday Oct. 15** 10 am – 2 pm

**PECAN**

**TEXAS REDBUD**

**BALD CYPRESS**

**SYCAMORE**

**CEDAR ELM**

**BUR OAK**

**LIVE OAK**

**TEXAS RED OAK**

A good variety of **SEEDS**, including native wildflowers,  
will be available for purchase!

For information, please email Alice King,  
alice\_king@att.net

**Trees must be pre-ordered.** The form may be printed at:

**<https://www.huntgardenclub.com>**

The deadline for pre-orders is **Oct. 9**

Checks only please.

**TREE pick up will be at BRIDGET'S BASKET's Front Field**

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