

THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

"Friendship through Gardening"

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday,

March 21, 2023

9:30

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

HOSTESSES

Mitzi Silber, chair
Carla Stang
Ann Birkner
Chris Ann Brown
Beverly Treml
Bridget Symm
Kelly Conley

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

MARCH PROGRAM

Leslie Jones

Communications Coordinator,
Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau

"Dark Skies: Why They Matter"

Leslie Jones will offer insights into causes of light pollution. She has suggestions for common sense solutions that individuals and communities can employ to regain and retain the clarity of our Hill Country skies.

A note from your President:

Our Club wouldn't be successful without all of you.

I was nervous about co-leading the Discovery Garden, but it was so fun watching the children enjoy working in the dirt and being so happy just to be there!!! I still work in the Discovery Garden and will continue to do so as long as I can. Believe me, the role of Club President was not something I had wanted to do, but they asked me, and I didn't actually have a reason not to, just fear of the unknown. Soon I will finish my first year, and I am so glad to have had the opportunity!

We need YOU to step up and fill roles being vacated, you may find out it was the best move you made, so please consider leading a team or taking on a larger role in the areas that interest you.

Laura

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

Blue Star Memorial Marker

(Kristina Casanova) - A workday tentatively scheduled for March 20 for trimming and spreading 8 bags of mulch in preparation for another dry spring. BSM would like to recruit additional members to help as the group is down to 5 members! We will be working on a watering schedule again as well as a flag schedule for 2023 and desperately need more help! Please contact Kristina if you can assist.

President's Garden (Sue Hilton) - Fall leaves are gone and all plants have been pruned in anticipation of spring. The Mountain Laurel is already in full bloom.

MEMBERSHIP

82 active members
40 associate members
122 total membership

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Resignation:

Fluffy Cash

Move to Associate:

Georganna Bell

Betty Martens

Corresponding Secretary

(Gretchen Harris) -

Four get well cards and
one thank you card.

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

Social Media (Mitzi Silber) -

The biggest news for Social Media this past month is the new featured Spotlight story on our website.

Our feature this month is on our **Wildscape** - check it out for some history and Wildscape happenings. I am excited about Spotlight, as our website was visited just over 300 times this past month! The website is also seeing activity with our Scholarship applicants. Currently, Facebook has 358 followers and Instagram has increased to 213 followers. All good things!

Treasurer (Patti Devlin) -

Every year, we have the opportunity to contribute to various funds and projects managed by **Texas Garden Clubs**. There is a form attached to the newsletter. If you wish to contribute to any of these, you can either (a) give directly to TGC using the instructions on the form or (b) give a check to Patti, who will forward them on to the TGC. Please be sure to note where you want your contribution used.

The Financial Guidelines Review Committee has met twice and agreed on some guideline proposals.



HISD Wildscape (Carla Stang) -

We are all anxious to get our pruning shears on those plants at the Wildscape! With the warm weather we've been having it's tempting to get in there and whack down the unattractive stems and tidy things up. But we will exercise patience and wait and watch the new growth continue...and hope we don't have another freeze that will set the plants back a bit. The Bluebonnets continue to grow and show themselves, but haven't bloomed yet. The Mountain Laurel that bloomed so prolifically last year has a lot of seed pods this year and has a pretty nice set of blooms again.

The Wildscape is featured in the Spotlight on the HGC website - thanks Mitzi! **The Wildscape is 10 years old!!**

More Happenings



Awards - (Karen Taylor) - All committee chairs, please be sure you're taking pictures for awards and more importantly, NGC is really wanting to see letters of appreciation or newspaper write ups.

On another note, District VII and TGC awards will be presented at our April 18th meeting, rather than the Spring Installation Lunch.

We'll know then if we get Garden Club of the Year again....third times a charm!



Discovery Garden (Ann Birkner, Kathy Abercrombie) Last week in the garden the children planted okra plants. Each child got their own little seedling for their plot. They also planted some squash seeds.

The radishes are starting to come up, which is why we always plant them. They are guaranteed to come up and quickly. We had also planted greens that should be up soon.

Denise had a few of the boys working the compost (a couple were pretty vigorous with their work.) A few of the children got a bucket of the compost and sprinkled it on their section of the garden.

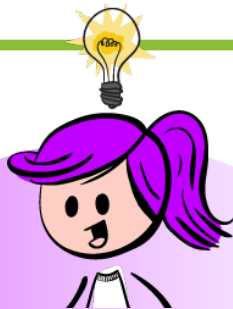
Our times in the garden are short but lots of fun with everyone milling around, pulling weeds, asking what is this? and watching their little seeds and seedlings grow into nourishing vegetables.

We also have a volunteer hyacinth flower. We have no idea how it got there, but as with other volunteer plants, we keep the ones we like and pull the ones we decide are weeds



Ways and Means (Alice King) I continue to sell the Historic Hunt posters to the Hunt Store and the Market at Bridgets as needed. I also have some note cards - perhaps we could offer those for sale to the members.

Alice is stepping down from her role after May, so we need a volunteer to replace her.



Would you like to volunteer as the **HGC Ways and Means Chair?**

All you need is a **good idea**

for money raising projects for the Club.

Talk to Laura!

Hydroponic - (Bernadell Larson) - Lessons were completed and Harvest Party was on Jan 23rd.

Bernadell is stepping down as the Hydroponics coordinator, so we need a volunteer to fill this role for the Fall.

Financial Review Committee (Bernadell Larson) - The 2021-2022 Financial Review was completed and report accepted.

HGC BULLETIN BOARD

HGC Adopt-A Highway



TRASH PICK-UP

Sat. April 1
8:30 a.m.
1907 hwy 39.

Tennis court parking lot.

Contact Penny Deupree or
Chris Ann Brown if you can make it.
Bring gloves and picker
if you have one.
And bring a friend too!

Field Trip!

Hill Country Youth Ranch Tour
Thursday, April 27th @ 10:00.

We'll meet at Bridget's Basket at 9:15
and carpool from there. There is plenty
of parking at the Youth Ranch if
you want to take your own car.

The tour should take about 1 1/2
hours. I'll pass around a sign up sheet at both the March
and April meetings.

Questions? Email Katy at katywcallen@gmail.com,
or call: 713-703-3612.

HCYR : 3522 Junction Hwy, Ingram
guides: Katy Allen, Wynita Yancy



Help Wanted !

If you're new to the club, or just haven't gotten involved yet,
check out these committees that you might be interested in.
Contact the committee chair for more information.

- Beehive.....Beth Gaddie
- Blue Star MemorialKristina Casanova
- Discovery GardenAnn Birkner/
Cathy Abercrombie
- HISD HydroponicsBernadell Larson
- Field Trips.....Katy Allen
- HISD WildscapeCarla Stang
- Hunt Welcome SignCindy Janke
- Post Office Landscape.....Kyra Bowman/
Carol Gannaway



SAVE THE DATES


- April 1 - HGC Trash Pick-Up, Hwy 39. (see info above)
- April 10-13 - TGC Annual Convention, Austin, TX
- April 27** - Field Trip Tour of the Hill Country Youth Ranch
- May 16** - May Garden Club Luncheon (not the 23rd)

"Launching Hunt Garden Club's 70th Year!"

See your Invitation on the next page!

ATTACHMENTS

- Meeting Agenda
- Treasurer's report
- TGC Contributions Form
- February meeting minutes



We are launching into our
70th year!

You are invited to the

*Hunt Garden Club
Platinum Luncheon*

Celebrating 70 Years of Service

May 16, 2023

*Heart O' the Hills Camp
2430 Hwy 39*

Gather at 11:00 am, lunch at 11:30

Please bring a salad to share, serving spoon,
and a card with salad ingredients.

RSVP to Trisha McMahon
at trishakster@gmail.com
by May 2