

THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

"Friendship through Gardening"

MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday,
Sept. 19, 2023
9:30**

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

HOSTESSES

Lead: Sandy Griffin
Pam Curtis
Ginger Cave
Libby English
Becky Key
Kathy Mater
Barbara Staggs

PRESIDENT

Laura Greenwood

FIRST VP (programs)

Nancy Huffman

SECOND VP (membership)

Carol Gannaway

THIRD VP (ways & means)

Diane DeKerlegand

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

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



"Solar Eclipses"

Jeff Stone

Jeff's talk will cover why eclipses happen, when it will happen here (OCTOBER 14), and how to prepare for the event and viewing safely.

Jeff worked almost 100 Shuttle flights in the Mission Control Center, and was honored to serve on the last shift of the last Space Shuttle flight, STS-135.

Jeff has witnessed and photographed several solar eclipses and many lunar eclipses. The culmination of his eclipse experiences will be the 2023/2024 solar eclipses in Kerrville.

Since moving to the hill country in 2020, Jeff has been active in the Kerr County Friends of the Night Sky, a volunteer group dedicated to preserving our night sky resource through education and awareness. He is also serving on the Kerrville City Solar Eclipse Education and Outreach Committee.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Take care of yourself like a human plant.

- Always stay hydrated,
- Catch some daily sunshine,
- Nourish yourself with what your soil needs,
- Use some support when you need it,
- Give yourself space to grow,
- Let go of things that no longer help you,
- Remember, life can cut you down but you can grow back stronger, and
- Know that nothing is meant to bloom all the time!

-Martha Brook-

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

70th Anniversary Celebration

Plans have been made and invitations have gone out (see back page) for our upcoming 70th Anniversary Celebration, which will be held at Club Charles on Tuesday, October 17th from 3pm to 5pm. We will not have a regular club meeting that morning. Club members are to have their reservation checks to the club PO Box no later than October 1.

MEMBERSHIP

78 active members
40 associate members
118 total membership

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Resigned: Kelley Conley
Leave of absence:
Penny Deupree
Sue Hilton

Corresponding Secretary - Gretchen Harris

summer correspondence:
Thank You - 7, Get Well - 14
Farewell - 2, Sympathy - 2
Thinking of You - 1

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

President - Laura Greenwood

We had three email Board decisions - in April, May and August.

1) The Bee Committee (Led by Beth Gaddie) sorted through all of the equipment to determine what was still good and what needs to be replaced. They have a budget of \$200 for the year. Have purchased 2 nucs of bees. They cost \$200 each. Beth paid \$400. The club will pay for one from our budget and the committee has paid for the other. Beth submitted the receipt for repayment from the club.

They needed to replace two of the feeders before getting bees on May 6. With shipping these cost \$79.56. Beth ordered them because they need to have them. Asking the board for an extra \$79.56. The committee pays for food and other incidentals and don't mind it but I would rather have the club pay for equipment.

The motion by Patti Devlin to approve the overspend on the bees for \$79.56 was unanimously approved by the Board on April 25, 2023 at 7:53 am.

2) The motion by Patti Devlin to approve an \$80 overspend for the Hunt Garden Club yearbook was seconded by Carol Gannaway and has been approved unanimously by the Board at 1:27 pm on May 21st, 2023.

3) The motion to approve the \$2,000 for the Anniversary Celebration was successful, with one member not responding and all other members voting in favor. Submitted at 6:29 pm on Thursday, August 10, 2023.

Wildscape - Carla Stang

Wildscape in the Summer of 2023
A few words of disappointment and hope. Another summer of awful drought has deprived us all of lovely blooms and prolific greenery in our gardens and alas, the HISD Wildscape, too. Albeit not a stunning growing season typical of what we are used to having, the Wildscape has had a few mature natives give us some color this summer. Of note, Pride of Barbados, Esperanza, and to some degree Turk's Cap have done OK, in spite of such little rain and no supplemental watering by the Wildscape team due to the drought restrictions. In spite of our disappointment, we try to keep positive in the knowledge of how well native plants can rebound after drought. It is even possible that we could see some burst of life and colorful blooms in many of the natives yet this year if we get enough rain.

We did have had a superstar performer this summer...the Pearl Vine Milkweed...it seemed to thrive and gave us a living example of something beating the heat and drought. We even bought a new trellis for the vine to grow on!



3rd VP Ways and Means - Diane DeKerlegand -

We are postponing the tree & seed sale due to the drought. Hoping to find an alternative project (like a cruise raffle), but still working details.

Treasurer - Patti Devlin

Attached to the newsletter is the financial report for August of 2023. The budget and designated fund reports reflect the end of year financials. The other attachment is the proposed budget for 2023-2024. Please review this carefully as it will be discussed at the September meeting. There will not be copies provided at the meeting, so feel free to print this out, if desired. Dues are due. See information on the last page.

Blue Star Memorial Marker -

Kathy Turner - The Blue Star Memorial committee members have been troopers to water the plants at the marker this summer during this heat. Hand watering has become the choice recently due to watering restrictions and the weight of the hoses. We will meet as a group in the fall to discuss plans for next year.

Awards - - Karen Taylor

I have reached out to the different committees with details on submitting awards this year. Awards should be to me no later than October 15th so that I can prepare them for district judging.

Social Media - Mitzi Silber

Social Media is so happy to be back with meetings and activities to report on. Please send your pictures, and a brief description if needed, to: huntgardenclubsocialmedia@gmail.com



More Happenings

Discovery Garden - Megan Stolley and Haley Lehrmann

In the summer, we cleaned out the garden, met with the school and got a list of our 4th and 5th grade students. The Discovery Garden ladies met in August and we discussed the lessons they would be giving to the students throughout the year (out of the Junior Master Gardner curriculum). The student names were painted on the signs and placed on their individual student plot.

First Garden Day was 9/5/23. We discussed safety in the Garden and rotated teams with two activities - a get to know you game and a demonstration of a pre-planted plot - to get them excited about the garden.

Tuesday 9/12/23 we prepped the garden beds and planted seeds! We gave a short intro to the kids on the game plan before breaking off into the garden. The beds are in pretty good shape, the kids pulled any debris out and level their plots.



Mo Ranch Greenhouse project - Karen Taylor

Phase one of the Mo Ranch Greenhouse project is mostly complete, The beds outside the greenhouse turned out beautifully thanks to our huge team of 24! We will begin phase two in the next few weeks, where we'll begin to plant on the inside of the greenhouse. This has been a fun and worthwhile project and has garnered a relationship between Mo Ranch and the Hunt Garden Club, which I hope will last for years to come.



President's Garden - Bernadell Larson (substitute for Sue Hilton while on LOA)

When the cooler weather arrives, I will schedule a workday to get the garden ready for the winter. I requested a budget of \$125 for this cycle, thinking we might need rocks and/or plants. However, the garden has weathered the summer heat quite well, thanks to Sue's and Trish's design. If you have any suggestions or comments, please see me at a meeting or email me.

Scholarships – Ruth Johnson -

We are working on the calendar, updating the standard application and developing an application for the trade specific scholarship. The committee will kick-off the year with a meeting in October. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Ruth Johnson at 713-819-3744.

Post Office Landscape - Kyra Bowman -

We are working to keep the garden alive without using all the available water in Hunt. Added mulch to the new addition— the nolinias. The team has the watering schedule for the time I am away.

HGC BULLETIN BOARD



Dues are DUE!

Garden Club dues are due and payable in September.

Dues are **\$35** for active members, **\$15** for associate members.

We accept cash, check and now Zelle online payments. Most banks have Zelle available in their web banking.

To send your dues using Zelle, go to the Zelle section of your bank's website. Send your payment to **HGC.dues@gmail.com**

Be sure to put your name and "DUES" into the "Message" section, so we can credit the dues to you.



The 2023-2024 Yearbooks are here!

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

CALENDAR

- September 19 – Hunt Garden Club Meeting (Dues are due)
- September 25-26 - Landscape Design School
- September 25-28 – Flower Show School
- October 17 – HGC 70th Anniversary Celebration 3-5:00 pm (No morning Meeting)

HATS OFF TO HUNT GARDEN CLUB
Please join us for a fun afternoon, honoring
70 Years of Friendship Through Gardening!

at a celebratory
TEA PARTY
complete with hats, gloves, pearls and tea, of course - fun for all!

Tuesday, October 17th | 3-5pm
Club Charles
720 Water St, Kerrville, TX
Cost per person is \$30.00 (gratuity is included)
Your check mailed to HGC, PO Box 873, before October 1, is your RSVP

ATTACHMENTS

- Minutes of April meeting
- Meeting agenda
- Treasurer's Report
- Budget