

THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

"Friendship through Gardening"

MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday,
February 20, 2024
9:30**

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

HOSTESSES

Beth Gaddie, chair
Nicole Bilbao
Judy Cougar
Janet Reinwald
Mitzi Silber
Beverly Trembl

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

The Natural and Human History of the Lost Maples Area

Greg Walton

Greg Walton will cover the flora, fauna, geology and human history of the Lost Maples area of Texas.

Topics of special emphasis include the plants of the area, particularly maples and cypress trees and the many rare and endemic plants in the park, human habitation patterns, local folklore, and the evolution of Lost Maples as the Texas Parks and Wildlife's first State Natural Area.

Greg's family has ranched in the Sabinal Canyon since 1895, and he manages the family ranch there.

A hundred years ago, his ancestors owned much of the land which is now the Lost Maples State Natural Area. He is a founding member of the Friends of Lost Maples.

*See the Lost Maples hiking trails
on display at the meeting!*

President's Message

Did you know that the Month of February has 108 Holidays or Observances? I'm not sure if some of them are for purposes of selling greeting cards, making recipes, or something else, but I got a kick out of how many were listed!!!

Ones you are probably familiar with:

- ♦ President's Day
- ♦ Mardi Gras
- ♦ Groundhog Day
- ♦ Ash Wednesday
- ♦ The Super Bowl
and of course
- ♦ Valentine's Day!

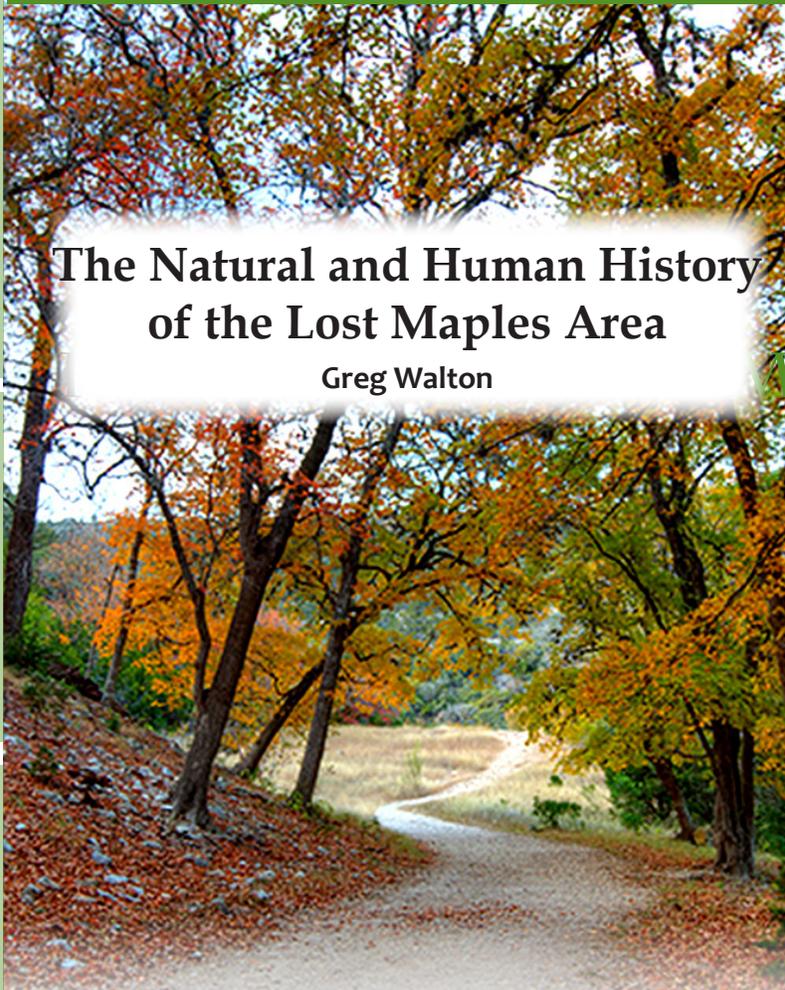
The lesser known or not known until now, but certainly Garden Related:

- ♦ Carrot Cake Day
- ♦ Plum Pudding Day
- ♦ Cabbage Day
- ♦ Strawberry Day
- ♦ Cook a Sweet Potato Day

But this is Valentine's Day month so we need the two sweetest to highlight the list:

- ♦ Cream Filled Chocolates
Day
- ♦ Chocolate Covered Nut
Day

I hope your February is filled with festivities and lots of fun food!!



MEMBERSHIP

80 active members
40 associate members
120 total membership

Corresponding Secretary

(Gretchen Harris) -
Thanks to Peni Foster for sending two sympathy and six get well cards on behalf of the Club in my absence..

Discovery Garden

(Megan Stolley, HaleyLehrmann)
We held a planning meeting in preparation for the spring semester at 2 pm on Thursday, January 18th at the Hunt Store. We gave an overview of the semester and emailed all the ladies with their assignments. We need new volunteers, lots of students and not enough ladies!

On Feb. 13, our first day back in the garden, the students pulled many of the winter weeds, planted seeds in the greenhouse, and found some cilantro and lettuce from the fall garden.

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

President's Garden

(Bernadell Larson)
It looks like the garden made it through the freeze with minor damage. A workday is scheduled for Monday, February 19th to weed and cut back the lantana.

Scholarships (Ruth Johnson)

March 8th is the deadline for students applying for either of the Hunt Garden Club scholarships. The committee met and developed a rubric for evaluating applicants for the trades scholarship. Our next meeting is March 26th to evaluate and choose this year's recipients.

Financial Review

(Bernadell Larson)
Financial Review: The committee has completed the review of the club's financial records for the September 2022 thru August 2023 period and submitted their findings and recommendations to the Executive Board. Please contact the committee if you would like to view the submission or the detailed review records. The committee confirmed that good accounting practices were used and did not find any major issues that would cause concern.

Post Office (Kyra Bowman)

We are currently letting the garden sleep until spring.



HGC BULLETIN BOARD



Adopt a Highway
(Penny Deupree and Chris Ann Brown) -
We will meet on
March 9 at 8:30
at Chris Ann Brown's - 907 Hwy 39.
Park at the tennis court by the goats.
RSVP so we can make up the teams.
cabrown12446@gmail.com
penny@the deuprees.com

FIELD TRIP

(Katy Allen)
Working with
Glory Community Garden
(our next program)
to go on a field trip to the Garden,
tentatively scheduled for
May 9 at 10:00 am
(More to come)

YOU ARE NEEDED!

Here's an opportunity to get involved
and participate in your club!

We need a **chair** for these four positions.

*Contact the previous chairs who will gladly assist you
in learning what is involved.*

Blue Star Memorial Marker

(maintenance of the marker at the Kerrville VA hospital)

contact: Kathy Turner

Scrapbook

(digital photos and info of the year's activities)

contact: Beth Gaddie

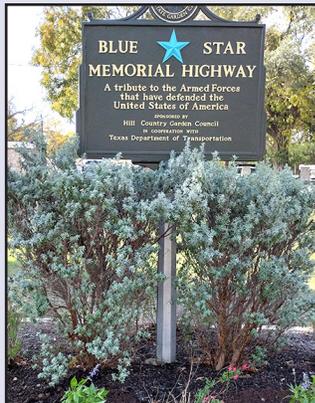
Words of Inspiration

at each meeting.

Contact Nancy Atkins

Post Office flower beds.

Contact: Kyra Bowman



SAVE THE DATES

February 28 - District VII Spring
Convention - San Antonio

March 9 - Adopt a Highway
trash pick up

March 19 - HGC monthly
meeting

April 8-12 - Texas Garden Clubs
Annual Convention - Abilene

May 9 - Field Trip to Glory
Community Garden

NOTE

The May Installation
committee will meet
directly after the
Garden Club Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

February Agenda
Treasurer's report
Review of financial records
January meeting minutes