MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 9:30

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

### HOSTESSES

Ttracy Belew (lead) Kathleen Cook Martha Henderson Constant Masterson Weezie Johnston Terry Staub Bridget Symm

### 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 ELL ALL CONTROL

Elizabeth Cotton

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

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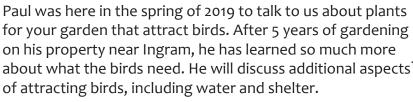
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"Friendship through Gardening"

## JANUARY PROGRAM

**Paul Sellin** 

## "Attracting Birds to Your Yard"





Photographing birds and recording their calls and songs are Paul's ways of documenting his experiences. Cornell University's eBird app is his favorite location to keep track of his birdwatching efforts, where he is ranked in the top 20 in Texas and #1 in Kerr County.

### President's Message for 2024

- Happy New Year! Hope is at the center of the gardener's soul. We hope the seeds will sprout.
- Appreciate all that Mother Nature offers and build an understanding of how the environment and ecosystem work.
- Patience is what we learn from Mother Nature. You just can't hurry Mother Nature and you can't control the weather.
- Plant something new. "I always tell people to try at least one new plant every year. There's too much out there not to experiment,"
- Yesterday is yesterday. Don't beat yourself up because a plant died.
- Never ever apply an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide unless you know exactly what you are treating. Using an insecticide to control a fungus is a waste of money, product and bad for the environment.
- Examine attitudes about bugs. They are not all bad. In fact, most of them are good. We have them to thank for the tomatoes, squash, apples and most of the other foods we eat. Bugs also are a prime food source for birds. No bugs no birds.
- **W**atch what happens in the landscape. An occasional walk through the yard can be quite revealing.
- Yes! You can grow that. Give it a try.
- Educate others about the joys of gardening and share your expertise.
- Ability comes with practice, honed by our garden successes and failures.
- Respect and nurture Mother Nature in your garden. And, hope for the best in 2024.

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## MEMBERSHIP

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership - Carol Gannaway

### **2023 YEAR IN REVIEW**

We started 2023 with 85 active and 39 associate members..

### In 2023

We ended the year with **80 active and 40 associates** 

- 8 Active members resigned
- 2 Associates resigned
- 3 Moved from active to associate
- 1 Leave of absence

### We gained 6 new members:

Tess Tolliver Haley Lehrmann Jane Reed Courtney Garrison Mary Barbara Gold Lori Wright

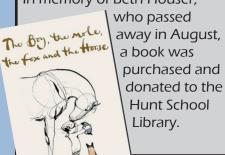
# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ceci de la Torre (Steve) PO Box 492, Hunt 830-230-3243 / 713-303-9866 ceci.delatorre@outlook.com

Kathy Simmons (Mike) PO Box 450, Ingram 210-827-5538 kathy@simmons.net

### **In Memory**

In memory of Beth Houser,



## What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

## NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS for 2024-2025

President: **Cindy Janke** 1st VP - Programs: **Karen Taylor** 2nd VP - Membership: Martha Kimbrell 3rd VP - Ways and Means: **Diane DeKerlegand Recording Secretary: Pam Curtis Corresponding Secretary: Tess Tolliver** Treasurer: Patti Devlin Parlimentarian: Laura Greenwood

### Treasurer Patti Devlin -

See attached Treasurer's Report. The club closed out 2023 with cash on hand of \$25,266.31. We are over our expected revenue by over \$1500 and under our expected expenses by over \$6,000.

The Club thanks the members who made donations in memory of Tom Deupree. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated.

Post Office Kyra Bowman The Post Office garden committee met at my house for a holiday
brunch on Dec. 14. We briefly
discussed plans for spring. The two
pots by the door now have small
evergreen trees for the winter. The
committee continues to weed and
water as needed.

### **Corresponding Secretary**

Gretchen Harris -

3 Thank you notes, 1 sympathy card

### NOTE:

Hostesses for May 21 Installation Luncheon:

Please attend a kick off meeting after the January 16 Garden Club Meeting if possible. Kathy Freeman (Lead)

### **SAVE THE DATES**

February 5-6 - Gardening School -San Antonio February 22 - District VII Spring Convention - San Antonio April 8-12 - Texas Garden Clubs Annual Convention - Abilene Financial Review Bernadell Larson - Preparation has begun on conducting the review of the HGC financial records for the period of September 2022 thru August 2023. The preliminary guidelines for selecting the transactions to be reviewed have been developed and are awaiting final approval. We hope to have the review completed in January.

### **Discovery Garden**

Megan Stolley and Haley Lehrmann-In preparation for the spring semester, we will be having a planning meeting at 2pm on Thursday, January 18th at the Hunt Store. We will give a general overview of the semester and assign each team their lesson

### NGC Gardening School -Course II

Contact Karen Taylor if interested. The deadline for signing up for the upcoming Gardening School II is January 19th. The class will be held at the San Antonio Garden Center on February 5 & 6, 2024. Classes do not have to be taken in order. Our class is taught by Dr. Joseph Novak of Rice University, who is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to all things gardening! What will be covered in GS II:

PLANT DISEASES & GARDEN PESTS IRRIGATION AND WATERLAWN ALTERNATIVES

GROWING GRASS
GROWING FRUIT
GROWING VEGETABLES