

THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

"Friendship through Gardening"

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday,

January 16, 2024

9:30

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

HOSTESSES

Tracy 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
Elizabeth Cotton

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

www.huntgardenclub.com

JANUARY PROGRAM

Paul Sellin

"Attracting Birds to Your Yard"



Paul was here in the spring of 2019 to talk to us about plants for your garden that attract birds. After 5 years of gardening on his property near Ingram, he has learned so much more about what the birds need. He will discuss additional aspects of attracting birds, including water and shelter.



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.

Watch 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.

JO ELLEN MEYERS SHARP

MEMBERSHIP

2nd 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)
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Kathy Simmons (Mike)
PO Box 450, Ingram
210-827-5538
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In Memory

In memory of Beth Houser,
who passed
away in August,
a book was
purchased and
donated to the
Hunt School
Library.



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
Parliamentarian: 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.

Financial Review Bernadell Larson -
Preparation has begun on conduct-
ing the review of the HGC financial
records for the period of September
2022 thru August 2023. The pre-
liminary 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.

Post Office Kyra Bowman -
The Post Office garden commit-
tee 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.

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

Corresponding Secretary
Gretchen Harris -
3 Thank you notes,
1 sympathy card

**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 gar-
dening! What will be covered in
GS II:

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

**PLANT DISEASES & GARDEN PESTS
IRRIGATION AND WATERLAWN
ALTERNATIVES
GROWING GRASS
GROWING FRUIT
GROWING VEGETABLES**