

# 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 19, 2024

9:30

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

## HOSTESSES

Robin Wheeler, chair  
Liz Bond  
Johnna Curle  
Sandy Hightower  
Trisha McMahon  
Christine Morrison  
Kari Short

## 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](http://www.huntgardenclub.com)

## MARCH PROGRAM

### A Glorious Community Garden

Pam Umsted

Master Gardener



The idea for **Glory Community Garden** was planted in 2013. It was a great idea, but it was unfunded. But by 2016, the first gardeners planted crops! Today the fenced garden consists of 35 beds, an equipment building, an event pavilion, and a water catchment system; additional storage and a "real" bathroom is scheduled for construction mid-2023. Come hear the inspiring story!

Pam Umstead became a Master Gardener in 2012. Glory Community Garden has been a favorite volunteer opportunity of hers since its inception. She also served as Chair of the UGRA EduScape Design Committee, and is the "Voice of the Hill Country Master Gardeners" delivering daily public service announcements on the Ranch Radio group of stations.

### A note from your President:

A few nice gardening quotes as we move into spring!

"My green thumb came only as a result of the mistakes I made while learning to see things from the plant's point of view." –H. Fred Dale

"Gardening requires lots of water, most of it in the form of perspiration." -Lou Erickson

"A good gardener always plants 3 seeds -one for the bugs, one for the weather and one for himself." – Leo Aikman

"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush." – Doug Larson

# MEMBERSHIP

**80 active members**  
**40 associate members**  
**120 total membership**

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Libby English and Linda Latch have requested a leave of absence.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Mary Jordan (Larry)

PO Box 198, Hunt  
mary.jordan6030@gmail.com  
612-807-6030

### Michele McGuire

PO Box 346, Hunt  
coachmcguire12@gmail.com  
310-773-1979

## Corresponding Secretary (Gretchen Harris)

Sent 4 get well cards and  
1 sympathy card

## Parliamentarian (Elizabeth Cotton)

Based on recommendations from the Financial Review Committee's review, the Executive Board submits the following **By Laws addition** to the Hunt Garden Club general membership for their consideration. The addition will be voted on at the April general meeting.

Section 10. Keep what is written in this section of the yearbook in place, and add this sentence at the end: Increases to the approved budget less than \$200 shall be approved by the Executive Board prior to any expenditure. All line item additions to the approved budget, and increases to the approved budget exceeding \$200, shall be reviewed by the Executive Board and then presented to the general membership for approval at the next general membership meeting prior to any expenditure.

## What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

### Mo Ranch Greenhouse (Karen Taylor)

We had two work days at the greenhouse, March 6 and 7. One day was spent cleaning the beds on the outside of the greenhouse and the second day was spent planting herbs, peppers and flowers on the inside. Everything that was planted last spring and fall are looking fabulous.



**Bees (Beth Gaddie)** - Spring is here and our bees are venturing out in search of nectar. We have one hive going and in April we will be replacing two hives that were lost. Our committee is working on a program that will be available to local schools and organizations. We will premier this program at next April's meeting! We encourage members to come and learn more about our bees!

### Scholarships (Ruth Johnson)

We've had a positive response to our scholarship applications! It will be hard to choose from these very qualified students.

**Awards (Karen Taylor)** The club picked up some awards at the District Convention in February. Come to the Installation Luncheon in May to see what awards we have won!!

### Blue Star Memorial Marker

**(Kathy Turner)** - I checked on the plants last week and they were just beginning to bud out.

**Post Office (Kyra Bowman)** - The Post Office committee welcomes a new member, Mary Jordan to our team. A work morning is scheduled for April 6. This will be a pre-eclipse event. Weeds out, mulch in.

**Treasurer (Patti Devlin)** - Attached are the January treasurer's reports.

## More Happenings

**Wildscape (Carla Stang)** The Wildscape team will be meeting on March 23 and 24 for our spring clean-up. The last couple of years have been pretty lean in the Wildscape due to the drought and excessive heat, so we were reduced to letting the natives just do their thing. Even though we're technically still in a drought, this year looks a bit more promising and we're planning to plant some new native plants after we take stock of the current status of plants. The huge Blue Bonnet display this year is reduced and only in the lower bed for some reason. And have you noticed the beautiful Mountain Laurel displays around town? It's a banner year for their blooms! It's always a surprise to see what Nature will show us each year. If anyone would like to join the Wildscape team, please contact me, we'd love to have you.



### **President's Garden (Bernadell Larson)**

A group of 4 past presidents (Sandy Martin, Karen Taylor, Gretchen Harris & Bernadell Larson) of the Hunt Garden Club met on President's Day (Feb 19th) at the President's Garden at the Hunt VFD to get the garden ready for Spring.

The HGC Presidents' Garden at the HVFD station and Community Center is an ongoing project that was originally designed to beautify a narrow, barren plot of land at the entrance to the Hunt VFD. The garden was started in 2000 and over the years it has evolved into a garden that demonstrates how low water use and fire-wise gardening can provide enjoyment to the community approaching the building and how it can provide food for the birds and bees.

It also honors the 40 women who have served as a President of the Hunt Garden Club and who have assumed responsibility for its maintenance.



### **Discovery Garden (Megan Stolley and Haley Lehrmann)**

The Purple Team did a composting lesson on February 27 and all teams planted seeds on March 5.

# HGC BULLETIN BOARD



## Adopt a Highway

(Penny Deupree and  
Chris Ann Brown)

We will meet on

**April 20 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 March program)

to go on a field trip to the Garden,  
scheduled for

**May 9 at 10:00 am**

**Social Media (Mitzi Silber)** - Social Media continues to be a bit slow - if I don't have news and photos provided, I can't post anything! Facebook had 966 interactions last month and Instagram only 50. Please use this email to contact me: huntgarden-clubsocialmedia@gmail.com



**Committee, Project and  
Activity Leader roles are filled except for**

**Scrapbook**

(Computer designed with info of the year's activities)

**Talk to Laura if you might be  
interested in helping!**

**May 21 Hostesses for the  
Installation Luncheon**  
Kathy Freeman will hold a Committee meeting immediately following the General Meeting on March 19. Please attend this important planning session.

## SAVE THE DATES

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

**April 20** - Adopt a Highway Trash Pick up

**May 9** - Field Trip to Glory Community Garden

## ATTACHMENTS

Meeting Agenda  
Treasurer's report  
March meeting minutes