

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. 17, 2024
9:30

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

HOSTESSES

Katy Allen, Lead
Tracy Belew
Judy Couger
Marianne Crain
Ruth Johnson
Megan Stolley

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Cindy Janke

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Karen Taylor

SECOND VP (membership)
Martha Kimbrell

THIRD VP (ways & means)
Diane DeKerlegand

RECORDING SECRETARY
Pam Curtis

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
Tess Tolliver

TREASURER
Patti Devlin

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

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



**"AWARDS -
WHAT'S INVOLVED IN
APPLYING FOR AWARDS
AND WHY WE DO IT"**

Karen Taylor
District VII and Hunt Garden Club
Award Chair

Karen began writing up awards for our club
in 2016, submitting only 3 awards that year.
In 2021 we submitted 22 awards and our club
was **TGC Garden Club of the Year**.

Find out why we submit awards and
what is involved in doing so.

Inside this issue:

- Membership
- Discovery Garden
- Awards
- Mo Ranch Greenhouse
- Social Media
- Bee Hives
- Scholarships
- Wildscape
- TREE SALE!
- Treasurer's Report (attached)
- Opportunities to get involved!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you picked up your 24-25 yearbook yet? Be sure to get one as you check in at our September meeting. The cover that Janet Reinwald put together particularly impressed me. I loved seeing pictures of our projects. But what stood out was the first word - SERVES. The Hunt Garden Club today is primarily a service organization for our community - a far cry from our early days.

As we begin another year together, I would love for each of us to consider how we can serve the Hunt community through our various projects. It would be amazing if each member served on a committee as well as having hostess duties once a year.

We have projects with minimal commitment and some which require more. Check out our community projects and club activities listed in the yearbook and see where you might make a contribution.

This quote by Desmond Tutu resonates with me:

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world".

What's the little bit of good that **YOU** can do?

Cindy Janke

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

MEMBERSHIP

80 active members
41 associate members
121 total membership

Please **WELCOME** our **NEW MEMBER**



Casie North (Andy)
275 Huntleigh, Ingram
casienorth@gmail.com
512-789-7901

IN MEMORIAM

We remember these long time members who passed away this summer



Connie Townsend (1997)



Lyneen Williams (2015)



Janey Crum (2001)

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Resigned:

Nancy Atkins **Mary Ann Mobley**
Jackie Gasgill **Betty Martens**

Moved to Associate:

Bev Trembl **Penny Deupree**
Dusty Gilliam **Sandy Griffin**

Moved from LOA back to Active:

Lea Bitner

Information Changes:

Elizabeth Cotton
cell # only 713-854-1641
Laura Portwood
10046 Olympia Dr,
Houston 77042
713-202-0753
Weezie Furbush
135 Plaza Dr. Apt 1118
Kerrville

Bee Project - Beth Gaddie

There is a lot of buzz around the bee project. We have two hives that are filled with bees doing their thing. Our 11 committee members have faithfully fed and cared for our hives through the hot summer months.

We are developing a bee presentation that can be brought to schools and civic organizations. Our mobile observation hive will be a part of the presentation during spring and summer months.

Lastly, we are working with the Hunt School to apply for a grant through the WholeKidsFoundation to place a bee hive at the school.

Pollinator Garden at the HCYR - Kathy Freeman

Success Ladies! The Courtyard at the Hill Country Youth Ranch Fine Arts Building is performing exactly as you had planned 4 years post op! It's a POLLINATOR GARDEN with lots of butterflies!

Our painted rocks need to have a clear coat of acrylic and I will be going out shortly to preserve these treasures. Thank you again for making those children have an environment like our pollinator garden.

Scholarships - Ruth Johnson

The Scholarship Committee will have their kick-off meeting Tuesday, October 1, at Hunt UMC at 11 am. We will be reviewing the calendar and applications for the upcoming year.

Wildscape - Carla Stang

The Wildscape team met in late August, before school started at HISD, to trim plants and do general sprucing up before the kids and teachers returned. All in all, it has been a pretty good year in terms of rainfall and many of the new plants we planted in the spring survived the heat we always get in the summer, albeit with a little extra watering since they were new.



Currently, the American Beauty Berry is showing off its purple berries! They sure have been a constant performer at the Wildscape, regardless of what the weather is. And the several Esperanza, Lantana, and Pride of Barbados plants never seem to disappoint either. Through the summer we

also had nice blooms and subsequent seed pod production on the Texas Milkweed and Pearl Vine Milkweed. We are watching for late-season blooms that will be important to Monarchs and other pollinators as they move through our area on their migration south.

We want to welcome Lynn Jordan to the Wildscape team. Lynn attended the HGC orientation and expressed her interest right then!



Diane, Nancy, Alice, Weezie, Carla, Kathleen

More Happenings

Social Media - Nicole Bilbao

This Summer I met with Mitzi Silber, in order to transition the duties of her position, during this meeting Mitzi gave me the passwords and an introduction to her job responsibilities.

The following is a summary of the social media and website functions-

1. Social Media Performance:

- The club's social media platforms were reviewed, including Facebook and Instagram.
- Engagement metrics such as likes, comments, shares, and followers were analyzed to gauge the effectiveness of our social media strategy.
- It was noted that there has been an increase in followers and engagement on both platforms over the past year. Currently the club has 385 Facebook followers and 227 Instagram followers indicating a growing online presence and audience reach over this past year.

2. Content Strategy:

- Mitzi and I discussed the content strategy for social media, including the types of content being shared, frequency of posts, and engagement tactics.

3. Website and Social Media Performance:

- The performance of the club's website was also reviewed.
- It was noted that there has been an increase in website traffic over the past year, with a higher percentage of visitors staying on the site for longer periods.
- We discussed potential website improvements and enhancing user experience.
- I have created a new email **huntgardenclubphotos@gmail.com** for members to submit their photos for use on our website and/or social media platforms.
- I have updated the club's website using the new art from the directory provided by Janet Reinwald.

4. Budget:

I submitted an estimated budget of 162.88 to Patti Devlin. These funds will be used for the annual renewal of the Garden Club website (GoDaddy).

5. Future Plans:

- Mitzi and I discussed future plans for enhancing the club's online presence.
- It was agreed that regular monitoring and analysis of social media and website performance will be helpful for measuring the success of our online presence.
- Mitzi informed me that it would be instrumental to provide instructions as to how members can submit their own photos for social media.
- Mitzi explained that I am encouraged to take photos for social media during regular meetings in the future and to recognize any awards or accomplishments of the club.
- I have added a new privacy setting in which I will be notified before an unauthorized user tries to tag us on Facebook. This will help prevent "spam".
- I plan to update the club's website as often as possible to add current newsletters and photos.

Discovery Garden - Megan Stolley, Haley Lehrmann



Summer sunflowers make way for the fall planting. All the garden lady teams worked hard clearing out the weeds so all the beds were ready for the students to plant their seeds on Tuesday Sept. 10.

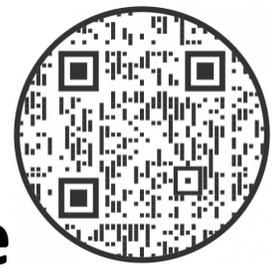
Planted in the garden:

*Zinnias - Cucumbers
Radishes - Beans
Beets - Spinach
Lettuce - Bell peppers*



Mo Ranch Greenhouse - Karen Taylor

I met with both the President, Tim Huchton and Head Groundskeeper, Aroldo of Mo Ranch on Wednesday, September 11th. Tim and I discussed moving forward with the Hunt Garden Club providing lessons to Mo Campers beginning next summer. These discussions are in the early stages and there are several components to be hammered out, but I believe with so many HGC members we can come up with a system that will allow us to spread the lessons out among us. Aroldo and I discussed the current shape of the inside of the greenhouse. The outside beds look awesome, but the herbs we planted inside are not really working out. We both agreed to remove all the herbs and go back in with ferns, which is what they originally had inside the greenhouse. Lastly, we will need to have a fall work day to do some weeding and cutting back of some of the plants. I'll send a notice out to the Mo Ranch Greenhouse team soon with details.



Hunt Garden Club Tree Sale

Presale Only Native Tree Sale

Pickup your tree order: Friday, Oct 4th & Saturday Oct 5th

10:30am-2:30pm

Bridget's Basket, 1551 Highway 39, Hunt, TX

Ten varieties of *five-gallon* sized native trees are available for **\$40 each**:

Bald Cypress

Burr Oak

Cedar Elm

Chinkapin Oak

Live Oak

Pecan

Possumhaw Holly

Roughleaf Dogwood

Texas Ash

A variety of **SEEDS**, including **wildflowers**, will be available for purchase at the tree pickup

Trees must be pre-ordered. Quantities may be limited based on availability. **Checks only please.**

The deadline for pre-orders is **Sept 28**

For order info and form, scan the QR code on this flyer. Questions- email Diane D. (Hunt Garden Club Ways & Means) at dekerlegand@aol.com

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.



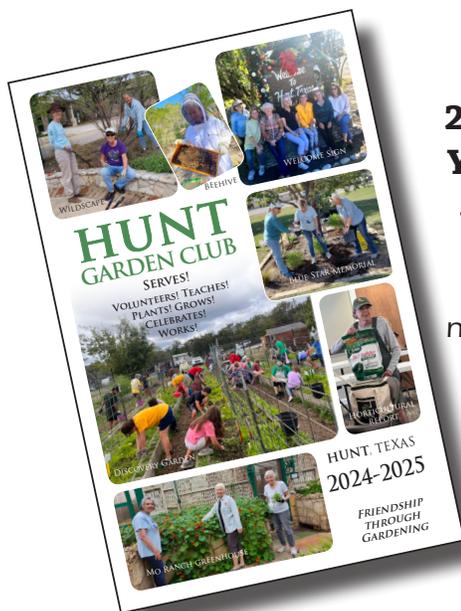
ATTENTION

Associate Members!

You are encouraged to attend the meetings so you can be included in a drawing for

"Associate of the Month"!

Each month the winner will receive a prize!



The 2024-2025 Yearbooks are here!

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

Thanks to new member Casie North for volunteering to be the back-up publisher for the newsletter!! She will be producing the October issue.

CALENDAR

- September 17 – Hunt Garden Club Meeting (Dues are due)
- September 16-17 - Landscape Design School
- September 16-19 – Flower Show School
- September 27-29 - Environmental School

ATTACHMENTS

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