

THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday,
April 15, 2025
9:30**

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

HOSTESSES

Mitzi Silber (lead)
Casie North
Lori Schreiner
Kathy Mater
Linda Latch
Laura Greenwood
Emily Petty
Martha Henderson
Michelle McGuire

PRESIDENT
Cindy Janke

FIRST VP (programs)
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
Laura Greenwood

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

www.huntgardenclub.com

"Friendship through Gardening"

APRIL PROGRAM

"WHAT'S THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES"

Hunt Garden Club Bee Committee



The members of the Hunt Garden Club Bee Project will be presenting the program that is available to local schools and clubs. This program is a basic introduction to the importance of bees in our ecosystem. We cover the parts of a bee and their life cycle. We talk about different jobs that bees have within the hive.

Our program covers beekeepers and the equipment they use in working with their hives. Finally, we discuss the importance of pollinators in our world and the part that bees play. Our mobile observation hive will be on display.



A Note from the President

*Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint,
and the soil and sky as canvas* Elizabeth Murray

There are few things that make me happier than wandering around a nursery and looking for "just the right thing" to fill that bare spot in my yard. I know that by August I will be tired of seeing brown and dried up grass, but the promise of new life and growth in the spring makes me smile and brings joy to my heart. I think the fresh green when trees are budding out is one of my favorite colors.

Karen Taylor and I attended the Texas Garden Club's state convention last week and it was great to hear what other clubs are doing in Texas as well as nationwide. We are part of a much larger sisterhood (although there are male club members) and we should be proud of all of all the great work our National Garden Club is doing.

Our newsletter this month outlines the many things our club does that bring beauty and new life to this area. Please be sure to check out what our committees are doing and make sure you are plugged into one or several of them.

Happy planting and happy spring!

Cindy

MEMBERSHIP

77 active members
42 associate members
119 total membership

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

(Chris Ann Brown and Penny Deupree)

Our latest clean-up was on Saturday, March 24, 2025. 11 volunteers picked up 5 large sacks of trash along Highway 39, the designated route for Hunt Garden Club. The volunteers were Pat and Gay Chaudoir, Diane and Dean DeKerlegand, Ruth and Ted Johnson, Weezy Johnson, Beth Gaddie, Kyra Bowman, Chris Ann and Bill Brown. The unusual items were a pair of women's underwear, an empty Kaluha bottle, and an embedded piece of sheet rock that Beth Gaddie pried off the road surface.

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

POST OFFICE GARDEN

(Kyra Bowman)

The PO garden committee successfully completed their spring work day. The team started on Thursday, March 20 by delivering all needed materials to the PO. The mulch, rocks, pots and plants were brought in by Laura Williams and Kyra Bowman with the heavy lifting done by Laura's husband, Randy. Friday morning another group arrived to pull weeds, add the rocks where needed, spread mulch, pot the abelias and generally tidy the area. Thanks to Pam Hardin, Pam Curtis, Laura Williams, Gay Chaudoir and Carol Gannaway for all their help. The garden looks lovely!



PRESIDENT'S GARDEN

(Bernadell Larson)

A Mexican Grass Tree has been planted in the garden where we had a blank spot. Stop by and check it out. Our Texas Redbud tree has struggled over the last few years and continues to struggle, but it did have some redbuds! We hope that it will survive another year or two.

BEEHIVE PROJECT

(Beth Gaddie)

The Bee Committee is excited to be presenting the program at the April Garden Club meeting. You will get all of the Bzzzz about our bees. We will be installing a new hive at the end of April and will be presenting our program at the Hunt School Science Alive Day in May

SOCIAL MEDIA

(Nicole Bilbao)

This month's views are up by 142% on Facebook and .4% on Instagram. If you have any photos to share please email huntgardenclubphotos@gmail.com

WILDSCAPE (Carla Stang)

The Wildscape team spent a few days pruning the hardy native plants in front of the HISD. Sadly, because of the lack of rain, there were only a couple of plants blooming. There were very few Blue Bonnets blooming and they were either in a crack in the pavement or butting up against a curb. And a lesser-known yellow native bloomer is the Huisache Daisy, that also apparently likes to be near cement, as seen in the photo. Most natives don't like to be pampered and these two living examples. Fortunately, most of us benefited from substantial rainfall this weekend. I'm sure the Wildscape will be showing us some renewal after that.

We're welcoming two new members to the team: Ginger Cave (and she even initiated her husband, Mike, on one of the workdays) and Joanne Williams. We were blessed on our Friday workday that a Road and Bridges crew was driving by and saw that we were loading the pickup truck w/the pruning debris. They were doing tree trimming work adjacent to the school and offered to mulch and remove our debris from that day. Perfect timing and a generous Hill Country friendly offer.





DISCOVERY GARDEN

(Megan Stolley, Haley Lehrmann)

The garden has come alive in the past month! The kids learned about photosynthesis and how the new compost equipment operates. We're looking forward to harvesting next month. Especially all the cabbage and cauliflower which have been thriving!



SCHOLARSHIPS (Ruth Johnson)

The Hunt Garden Club Scholarship Committee received seven applications for our traditional scholarship which met the requirements. We did not receive an application which met the requirements for the trades scholarship this year. After careful evaluation, the top three candidates were selected for awards.

Please meet our 2025 scholarship recipients.

Darcy Pfeffer, daughter of Deanna and Doug Pfeffer from Mountain Home was awarded \$1,500. Darcy attends Ingram Tom Moore High School and plans to attend Blinn College majoring in Pre-Veterinary Technology. She attended the Hunt School, and her accomplishments include National Honor Society, FFA, and Kerr County 4-H, West Kerr 4-H Club. She has attended both the Texas A&M Vet Camp and the Tarleton Vet Camp. Darcy is an active community volunteer and works at a local veterinary practice while attending high school.

Kaitlynn Smith, daughter of Cenisa Crider from Mountain Home was awarded \$1,050. Kaitlynn attends Harper High School and plans to attend University of North Texas majoring in Kinesiology followed by a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

She participates in the Harper FFA, band and played multiple sports. She also volunteers at stock shows, the Divide Wild Game Dinner and other community events. Kaitlynn also worked the past two summers.

Odalys Garcia, daughter of Erika Gallegos from Hunt was awarded \$1,000. Odalys attends Ingram Tom Moore High School and plans to attend University of Texas San Antonio majoring in Biology and aspires to become a Physician Assistant. She is a former student of the Hunt School. She is a member of National Honor Society and received multiple Awards of Excellence from Tom Moore High School. Odalys is an avid volunteer with the English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Hunt United Methodist Church and received an Assistant Appreciation Certificate for her work.

WELCOME SIGN

(Katy Allen)

Hello, Spring! The Hunt Sign was decorated on Sunday, April 6 and we are ready for Spring and Easter! We hope it will be a beautiful welcome to our wonderful Hunt!





Hunt Garden May Luncheon - 2011

"Ladies in White"

The May Installation Luncheon committee has decided to flashback fourteen years in the history of the Hunt Garden Club and use a theme that was very conducive to taking a beautiful historical photograph of our members.

The **MAY LUNCHEON** theme will be

"Ladies in White"

As before, it is recommended that you **wear white** (dress or pants is fine) and perhaps even a garden hat.

The luncheon will take place on

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

at

Moonshadow Haven

located in Mountain Home by the fire department at
118 Creek Ridge Trail W. with a zip code of 78058.

Please plan to arrive at **11:00**

so that a photograph can be taken promptly at **11:15.**

The installation of Officers will take place at **11:30.**

Lunch will be served at noon.

Bring a salad with notecard showing your name and allergens (no serving utensil required)

Please RSVP to Sandy Griffin at sandy@aggiehome.com.

HGC BULLETIN BOARD



FIELD TRIPS (Katy Allen)

What a great turnout we will have for the field trip to Wildseed Farms on Thursday, April 24th! 25 people have signed up so far....it's not too late to join us! We will meet in the Walmart parking lot at 10:00 am. The party van can hold 14, so we will need to take several cars, also. Please send me an email (katywcullen@gmail.com) if you'd be willing to drive and let me know how many can fit in your car! Looking forward to a fun day!!

AWARDS (Karen Taylor)

Cindy Janke and Karen Taylor were present at the 97th TGC Spring Convention in Nacogdoches to collect the State Awards for our club. Lee Taylor, TGC State President will be attending the SCR Convention in Albuquerque, NM and will collect any awards for our club that may be handed out at that time.

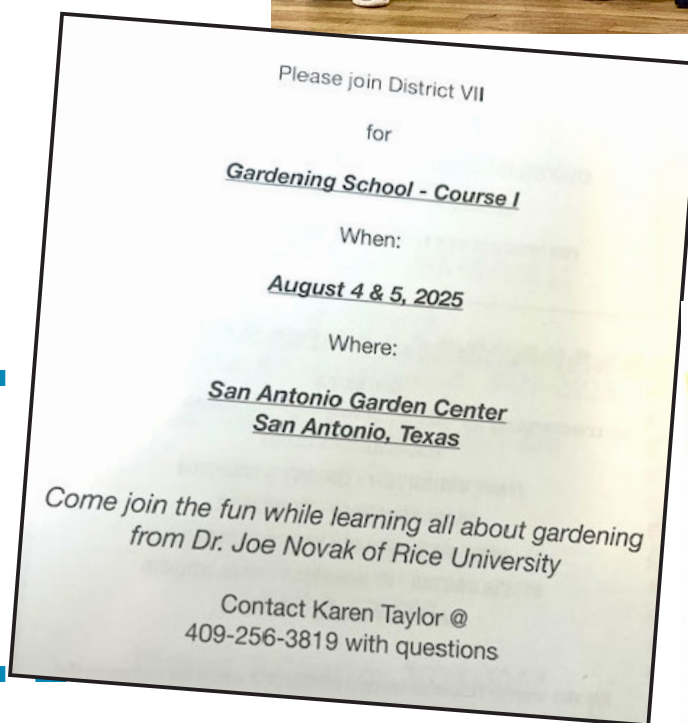
We will have our club award presentation at the May Installation Lunch.

Karen Taylor was installed as TGC Vice President of Scholarships at the 97th TGC Spring Convention.



SAVE THE DATES

- April 15 - Club meeting
- May 20 - Installation luncheon
- August 4-5 - Garden School in S.A.



ATTACHMENTS

- Treasurer's report
- Marchs minutes