

THE GARDEN DISPATCH

Newsletter of the Hunt Garden Club

Hunt, Texas

A member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

"Friendship through Gardening"

MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday,
Nov. 19, 2024
9:30**

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

HOSTESSES

Elizabeth Cotton, lead
Johnna Curle
Monica Hightower
Linnea Johnson
Debe Palmer
Lindsey Roberson
Kari Short

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

NOVEMBER PROGRAM "TROPICAL INDOOR AND PATIO PLANTS"

Kay Nelson



Kay is a Hill Country Master Gardener, with a Horticultural Degree from Texas A&M. There is nothing like plants in your home, patio and office to help you relax, focus and enjoy your surroundings.

This presentation will define what tropical plants are and the many benefits they provide. Learn about the most common varieties of tropical plants, as well as how to select the right ones for your space. Included are tips on how to maintain and keep your plants healthy for

President's Message

As I was thinking about this month, I came across a quote from Penny Dupree's great grandmother who wrote *The Secret Garden*. In it the old gardener says to Mary, the main character:

"There's naught as nice as th' smell o' good clean earth, except th' smell o' fresh growin' things when th' rain falls on 'em."

In November we are encouraged to remember all the many things we are thankful for. While we often don't get the smell of rain, we ARE thankful for every drop that falls. I hope you can take a few minutes to remember all the blessings we DO have this month. For me, my garden is one of them as I am still reaping produce from tiny seedlings planted last spring.

Wishing you a season of gratitude, Cindy

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- The Bees!
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- Opportunities to get involved!
- Treasurer's Report (attached)

WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE ???

Ladies, we have an exciting new development that we would like for you to weigh in on. Please make sure you join us on November 19 as we reveal the possibilities. Come vote on your favorite See you soon!

MEMBERSHIP

76 active members
42 associate members
118 total membership

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Valerie Oldfather
PO Box 556, Hunt
vko@gvtc.com
210-288-5159

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Liz Bond

RESIGNED
Lynn Jordan

Remember to let the Membership Chair, Martha Kimbrell, know if you will be missing a meeting. Travel or illness are excused absences.

What's Happening in Hunt Garden Club?

Social Media and Website

(Nicole Bilboa)

We've gained a few new followers on Instagram and Facebook. As the busy holiday season approaches, please remember to send in your garden club project photos to huntgardenclubphotos@gmail.com or tag Hunt Garden Club on Facebook. We also welcome photos of your gardens or travels. Thank you all for liking and commenting on our posts.

Did you know that the most recent Garden DisPatch newsletters are saved on our website for your reference? (They are located under the About Us tab at the bottom of the page).

Bee Hive Report – (Beth Gaddie)

The Bee Project Committee has put the bees to bed for the winter. We will not be disturbing them until the spring. But that doesn't mean we are not doing anything. We have our bee presentation that is available to groups. Please let me know if you have a group we could contact to give a presentation. We also submitted a grant proposal to the WholeKidsFoundation to place a bee hive at the Hunt School. In December notification will be sent if we receive the grant.



Dusty Gilliam always has an entertaining Horticulture report!

Post Office (Kyra Bowman)

At a recent workday the team added mulch and rocks. We did general cleanup to get ready and put the garden to sleep for the winter.

Corresponding Secretary - (Tess Tolliver)

- 1 Thank You card
- 1 Get Well card

Financial Review Committee (Bernadell Larson)

The current Financial Review Committee consists of Ruth Johnson, Sandy Hightower, Bernadell Larson, with Patti Devlin being a valuable resource to the committee.

The committee has completed its' review of the HGC financial records for the period of September 2023 thru August 2024.

It is currently in the process of compiling the results and recommendations and will submit a final report to the Executive Board by November 30, 2024.



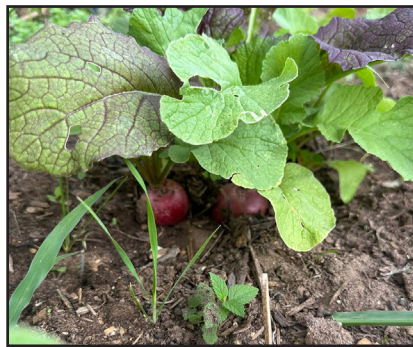
The bright minds at the Hunt School never disappoint. Hunt Garden Club members **Ruth Johnson, Tess Toliver and Weezie Johnson** judged this year's pumpkin decorating contest. The students created many clever and spectacularly spooky pumpkins to judge.

More Happenings

Discovery Garden

(Megan Stolley and Haley Lehrmann)

The harvest this year was much improved over recent years. The Green team presented a lesson on what type of everyday items are derived from plants. Our harvest celebration was held on 11/12 with lots of games and snacks for the children.



Hydroponics (submitted by Faith Bradberry)

The Hunt School has a hydroponic tower garden located in the Hunt School Cafeteria. The Hunt Middle School STEM / Garden class has been maintaining the garden by monitoring pH and nutrient levels. The tower has produced various herbs, several types of lettuce, and celery that have been incorporated into the Hunt Cafeteria lunch program.



Ways and Means (Diane DeKerlegand)

We would like to remind everyone that **Seed Packets** will be for sale at the meeting (\$4 ea or three/\$10).

Posters, notecards & prints will also be for sale.

Please remember to bring \$ and stock up for the holidays.



BULLETIN BOARD



ANGEL GIFTS

Each year members choose to give Christmas gifts to needy children.

Sign up for one or more Hunt School Angel Gift Tags at the meeting.

Wrapped gifts due to school by **Dec. 6** \$25 limit.

Attach angel tags to wrapped gifts.

Our club raised \$336 to send to the National Garden Club's Disaster Relief Fund.

We passed the hat for this donation.

This money will go toward helping other garden clubs in hurricane ravaged areas to replant and rebuild.

Ways & Means will be having a **SPRING GARAGE SALE** in the Hunt Pavillion. **Saturday, April 26.**



We will also be selling seeds and herbs.

Baked goods

for HVFD Meat Sale:



We are asking for baked goods to sell at the Hunt Volunteer Fire Department Meat Sale. We also need dessert items for the Pathway Boys, so they can have a special Thanksgiving.

Along with a request for baked goods, we also need volunteers to work shifts on the day of the meat sale.

The meat sale is on **Wednesday, Nov. 27th, from noon until 3:30pm.**

Please reply directly to me, Karen Taylor at karentaylor82757@gmail.com and let me know if you will provide a baked good and/or work a shift at the meat sale. Please also specify if your dessert is for the meat sale or the Pathway Boys.

Email with your baked item and if you will work a shift, no later than 11/14. Once I have a list of volunteers, I'll send out specifics on when and where to deliver your items along with a work schedule for the day of the meat sale.

Karen Taylor

ATTACHMENTS

Minutes of Oct meeting
Treasurer's Report

Thank You

Ruth Johnson
Barbara Staggs
Elizabeth Cotton

for agreeing to be the Nominating Committee for Board positions being vacated after May 2025.

If one of these ladies comes to you about a Board position, please consider agreeing to take it.

They have been doing thoughtful work around who could fill these roles. Also, if you have an interest in any of the Board roles, feel free to reach out to them!!!!

NEEDED:

The club will be needing a new **TREASURER** for next year. If you have prior experience with spreadsheets, please consider taking this important position.

CALENDAR

December 1 – Cut off date for reservations to the Christmas Luncheon

December 6 – Angel gifts are due back to Hunt School

December 10 – Christmas Luncheon

January 21 – First meeting of 2025

Your invitation to the HGC Christmas Luncheon

Make your reservation with your check at the November meeting

Just a quick reminder that our Christmas luncheon will be held on December 10, 11 a.m. at the Zanzenberg Tavern in Center Point. Carpooling will be available from the Hunt Methodist church. Please sign up at our November meeting if you want to be driver or rider. There is also a large van/bus available so please see Melissa Clark-Maynard if you prefer that form of transportation.

HUNT GARDEN CLUB
Christmas
LUNCHEON

10 DECEMBER | 11 AM

ZAZENBERG TAVERN
217 RANCH TO MARKET 480
CENTER POINT, TX 78010

"Christmas Past"

YOUR RESERVATION CHECK IS PAYABLE
AT THE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER
MEETINGS OR MAIL TO HGC, PO BOX 873
BY DEC 1

PAYMENTS CAN ALSO BE MADE
THROUGH ZELLE TO
HGC.DUES@GMAIL.COM, INCLUDE YOUR
NAME AND EVENT IN THE MESSAGE
SECTION.

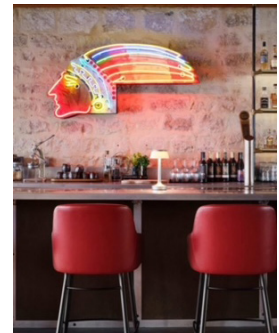
SIGN UP FOR RIDERS AND DRIVERS AT
THE NOVEMBER MEETING

CARPOOLING A MUST WITH AVAILABLE
DOOR DROP OFF

\$35

Tickets may be purchased at our November meeting for yourself and a guest if you would like to bring someone. Tickets are \$35 and can also be purchased by sending a check to our PO Box 873. The reservation cut-off is December 1 so make your plans now.

Parking is limited thus we encourage carpooling. Handicap accessibility is available at the front door along with assistance. Callie Ann Stelter will be providing music. We hope to see many of you there. Please contact Melissa if you need more information.



Zanzenberg Tavern
in Center Point.