

MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB
MINUTES - MARCH 12, 2009

The Club met at the home of Lorraine Leonard. Lovely refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Pam Smart presented an interesting program on "The Amazing Gourd. She told us how to grow Ornamental and Hard Shell Gourds, had a large display of hand-decorated Gourds and also gave members literature on how to make Gourd Houses and Bird Feeders.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President, Julie Harrison. There were 20 Members present and one Guest, Marsha Kirchhoff. Each Member responded to the March question "Name Your Favorite Tree and Why".

MINUTES from the February 2009 Meeting were read by Arminta Donovan, Recording Secretary. There were two (2) Corrections i.e, Marian Moreland's "Garden Library" books are from Peg Martin NOT Peg Stovall; Julie asked Iona and LENAY, not Jackie, to try and find out why Members are not going to attend Meetings.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Jackie George read a gracious note from Maria Arnold.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Elaine Arnold reported \$1,177.40 in the Treasury. She also read the names of those who have paid their Dues.

HISTORIAN - Pam Smart had no report.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - Lorraine Leonard said it is time to start work on Hollaway Park.

CONSERVATION - Gilda Allen asked Members to use cloth bags instead of plastic bags at the grocery store. 10% of trash along the coastline is plastic bags. The cost to recycle the plastic is prohibitive. Also, TARGET has the most "Green" products.

HHORTICULTURE - Marian Moreland brought branches of Japonica and Flowering Quince, also Daffodils. She asked members how they were coming along on their Terrariums.

TELEPHONE - It was noted that Jackie Pugh will be retiring in June. Hopefully, she will be able to attend more meetings.

MEMBERSHIP - Sonia sent a letter to Dorothy Weberling asking that she consider becoming an Inactive Member since she has not been attending Meetings for nearly three (3) years. At a later date, if she wanted to renew her active membership, she would be free to renew if there was an opening. Dorothy agreed to the above. We will then have an opening for one new Member, thereby keeping the Membership at 24 according to the By-Laws. Elaine will return Dorothy's Dues Payment and Telephone Committee will no longer contact her. Marsha Kirchhoff is interested in becoming a Member and can be installed at the April Meeting.

PUBLICITY - Mary Jane had no report.

PROGRAM - Marilyn said that Anne DeBoeser will present the Program on "Simply Ikebana" at the April Meeting.

SUNSHINE - Mary Beth had no report.

Julie said some members might be interested in training to become a Judge and serve on the Judges Council - a great way to meet people who share the same interests and who like to travel and study.

Julie attended the District I Awards Meeting and was very pleased to announce that our Club received nine (9) out of 14 Awards! Also, Sonia Johnson will be the new Recording Secretary for District I. She said that the Blue Star Memorial Markers honor men and women who served in World War II. Markers are on highways all across the U.S., Hawaii and Alaska. Several Clubs have donated monies to erect markers in Cheverly and along Rt 301. Julie encouraged Members to attend the Spring Luncheon in April.

OLD BUSINESS - We will be making the Flower Arrangements for the Veterans on Saturday, May 9th. Cans will need to be spray-painted - take to Sonia's home. Gilda mentioned a wholesale flower market on Florida Avenue in D.C. where we can purchase flowers.

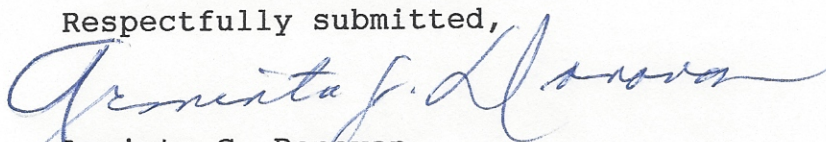
NEW BUSINESS - It was decided to have our Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 2nd at Julie's home. We will also have Yard Sale Items and Baked Goods at the Plant Sale. Linda said there is also a Flea Market in Upper Marlboro but members decided that we tend to "get lost" at these large sales.

Julie told us about a bus trip from Greenbelt, MD to see gardens at Old Londontown on April 30th. There will also be High Tea at Old Reynolds Tavern - Cost is \$68.00. Beautification Awards 2009 Applications need to be filled out and returned to the Beautification Committee by May 22, 2009.

There being no further business, Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. A 50/50 was held.

NEXT MEETING - Thursday, April 9, 2009 at the home of Elaine Arnold.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arminta G. Donovan", written over the typed name.

Arminta G. Donovan
Recording Secretary