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The April meeting of the Mount Airy Clay Breakers took place on Thursday, April 14th, at Clinton Presbyterian Church. Marion brought a guest, Melissa, her neighbor.

Our program was entitled "Hodgepodge" and Anne DeBoeser, club member and Master Accredited Flower Show Judge, gave the group a demonstration of how to use ordinary and not-so-ordinary plant materials and containers to produce a range of beautiful flower designs.

We then broke for delicious refreshments provided by Dorothy Weberling, our hostess for the evening.

Diana gave the group a rundown on what awards the Mt Airy Clay Breakers received at the National Capital Area awards presentation. One award, for the greatest percentage of club growth with new members, was a sturdy trowel, which we awarded to new member Arminta Donovan, by raffle. Lorraine presented the group with the book of evidence on our National Garden Week project of June 2004. Marilyn lead the group in a horticultural discussion of many samples that the group brought in and passed around. Mary Jane appointed a nominating committee: Elaine Arnold, Arminta Donovan and Lorraine Leonard. Lorraine talked about the PG County Beautification Awards and encouraged members to enter. Dorothy gave the group details on the plant sale and provided us with extra pots.

The meeting ended at 9:30.

Lorraine Leonard, chair of the nominating committee, made a motion to amend the club bylaws to allow officers elected and installed to serve three years in office, with additional years if necessary. The amendment was approved by the members present (17).
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