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President Phyllis Tucker opened the May 9th meeting of the Mount Airy Claybreakers at the home of Peggy Martin. A Plant exchange and a wonderful Mexican dinner prepared by Peggy Martin preceded the meeting. May Kemp read the minutes which were approved as read. Treasurer, Marie White, reported a balance on hand of \$1,159.77 (minus \$25.) and stated that yearly dues are due. Historian, Marian Moreland reported that the scrapbook will be displayed next month. Marie White reported on the Federation. There were over 200 women there. Among the helpful hints brought back were to put pantyhose pieces over pinholder flower holders before putting on oasis. It helps to remove oasis later. Don't get the oasis too wet, the quality of oasis also helps. Dip flowers in vodka for longer lasting stems. Pour boiling water over oasis and it will reconstitute. Always cut flower stems at a slant.

At this point there was a break in the business of the meeting while Peggy Martin explained Moribama in the Ikebama style of flower arranging. Liz Saniga and Marilyn Berkut created arrangements in this style while the meeting continued.

Esther Neckere, Horticulture, pointed out the articles in the June Issue of Better Homes and Gardens. It discussed the safety of ponds, showed a box with a bubbler, ferns and rhododendrons. She felt it was a wonderful culmination to a years study. She also pointed out the braided rug garden in the April issue of Victoria. Elaine Arnold, Civic Development reported on the successful work session on the 22nd of April at Holloway Park. Peg Stoval, Betty Abercrombe, and Elaine worked at the park. Betty also planted daisies and ornamental grass. We still need another work day. Ann Williams suggested planting white azaleas in the garden for contrast. Marian Moreland made a motion, seconded by Esther Neckere to have Elaine purchase as many as needed. So moved. May Kemp, Publicity, reported that an article had been sent to Elsie Sweeney, for the Enquirer Gazette. She also passed around the copies of John Peter's program on shade perennials. Phyllis s Tucker passed out a sheet on how to volunteer at the Arboretum. Sunshine Chairman, Margaret Hicks reported that a card was being circulated for Bob Harrison. ^{Dette} Peggy Garrison, chairman of the Nominating Committee reported the following slate of 1996-97:

President.....Betty Abercrombe
Vice PresidentPeggy Martin
Recording Secretary.....May Kemp
Treasurer.....Anne Williams
Corresponding Secretary.....Jimmy Nell Findley
Historian.....Marie White

The slate was approved unanimously. Phyllis gave thanks to the nominating committee for a job well done.

The next meeting will be a pot luck dinner at the home of Joyce Meyers. A sign up sheet was passed around. Peggy Martin displayed the arrangements done by Liz and Marilyn. Phyllis announced that three awards were won by the Club. These were for contributions to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, World Gardening, and the Rae Kimmel Scholarship Citation

Under New Business Peggy Garrison announced that the 20th anniversary of the Mount Airy Claybreakers was coming up. Peggy Martin has applications for the Prince

George's Beautification Contest. A 50 50 raffle was held. Esther Neckere made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marilyn Berkut, and passed