

MT. AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB  
MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 8, 2005

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President, Mary Jane Bishop with an exercise on how to judge a floral exhibition. We were led by Anne DeBoeser in applying the guidelines used in assessing floral arrangements. Three arrangements prepared by using the colors in three paintings were done by Elaine Arnold, Mary Jane Bishop and Dot Lower<sup>and</sup> were judged on the basis of conformance, design, artistic concept, expression and distinction and points were awarded. Following refreshments provided by Ann Williams and Mary Beth Cecil, the 17 members present settled down to business.

HORTICULTURE - Arminta showed a photo of an Orienpet Lily. She also read a bit of information on it. She shared samples of her blooming Hardy Begonia. Ann had potted succulents found in her garden to share with us. Elaine passed around a sample of a wild flower called Meadow Beauty. She also mentioned an invasive plant called Myriophyllum Aquaticum i.e., Parrot Feathers which was covering the surface of the Mount Airy pond. She further noted that a moth might have been identified which may prove to be a deterrent to the spread of this plant.

CONSERVATION - Arminta brought to our awareness an article on Mulching written by Gilda Allen published in the September edition of the Marlton Advocate.

SUNSHINE - Mary Beth showed us a beautiful photograph of her Night-Blooming Cerus. Elaine threw out an invitation to those of us who would want to join her on a mushroom hunt.

TREASURER 'S REPORT - The balance reported as of 9/08/05 is \$1,503.38.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - Lorraine <sup>told us she would be at</sup> Hollaway Park between the hours of 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM on the following Monday. She reminded us of the fund-raising project "The School Bonus Box Tops". Mary Beth volunteered to keep the box containing the coupons.

PROGRAM - The members were presented with the Program booklets for 2005-2006. The necessary corrections were made.



CORRESPONDENCE - Mary Jane was sent an e-mail from Gilda informing her of a relapse in her mother's health. She would therefore be away for the month of October and would not be able to host the Meeting. Carol Ober, Marilyn Berkut and Anne DeBoeser volunteered to host the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - Mary Jane made it known to us that the gardening tips which are to be a part of the fund-raising book have to be submitted by October 15.

Lorraine invited us to the District Meeting to be held in September at which time an Entomologist would be the guest speaker.

Esther Neckere presented us with the Memory Book for 2004-2005.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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