

Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club

Breaking News

Spring/Summer 2017



Calendar of Upcoming Events



Jul 22

Annual Picnic

Sep 14

Club Meeting

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Next edition will be
published Oct 2017. Send
input to Deborah by
Oct 15th and include
captions for photos.

Earth's Treasures

No one provided a horticulture article this quarter.
Please consider writing one for the October newsletter.



BUSY BEE AWARD

Lorraine is always working on a few projects, her talents have proven to be far reaching. She has provided our club with a lot of interesting information on horticulture and design. She is always encouraging and helping members prepare horticulture entries for the county fair. Lorraine has done a lot of publicity for our club, from articles in neighborhood newsletters to working with children on poster and poetry contests, and now taking on Historian/Photographer co-chair during a year we are celebrating 40 years of stewardship as well as Officer Installation Committee Chair. Lorraine's willingness to assist is a major asset, we are grateful to have her in our club. Thank you Lorraine.

Award citation above by Lenay O'Quinn.
Photo by Pam Smart.



District 1 Busy Bee Award
presented by Julie Harrison to
Lorraine Leonard at the
Anniversary/Installation Dinner

President's Corner

The Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club's 40th Anniversary Celebration was a great success. Thanks to all of you for attending. A special shoutout goes to Elaine Arnold and her committee who worked hard to put the event together. Our theme for the coming year is "Growing For The Table." We would like to include as many of your ideas as possible that were mentioned at the May meeting. Please let me know if you have other ideas or know of great speakers.

This summer, please take pictures of flowers or special nooks in your gardens. We plan to use these pictures in a project to be used as a fundraiser at the Surratts House "Merry Month of May" festival. If you do not have an eye for picture taking, Linda Millette will come to your garden and find a picture-worthy bloom. I'll see you at the picnic on July 22. Stay cool!

Esther



Pam's home in Marshall, VA is in zone 8, so their Cherry Blossom trees bloom late. These are photos from the end of last March. Pam's mother gave her a tiny cherry blossom seedling about 12 years ago. The seed was collected by American Forests from one of the original Yoshino Cherries planted by Mrs. William Howard Taft on 3/29/1912 around

the DC Tidal Basin. Apparently the original 2,000 trees sent in 1909 did not survive so this tree came from a seed collected from the shipment in 1912. "It is a sight to see and makes me think of mom and her love of nature every year when it blooms."

Article and Photos provided by
Pam Smart



More Photos from Pam's Marshall, VA Home



Our History

Thanks to our Historian, Linda Millette, for the many presentations over the year on our Club history. We learned a lot about our beginnings and the many activities the Club has participated in over our 40 Years. We end our Anniversary year with one last article.



In 2013-2014, we participated in the NCAGC "Lots to Shout About" project, which-in reading through the minutes helped me learn a lot about our club and past activities. There was one area that was a surprise to me, and that was that we provided a lot of food support, as well as "hostessing" for events outside our club. To this day, we continue to help provide food for District and NCAGC meetings when asked. But, now let's look backward.

Article by Linda Millette



PROVIDED FOOD for: PG Country Beautification Awards ('83); the National Federation luncheon and meeting ('04); the fall NCAC meeting ('09).



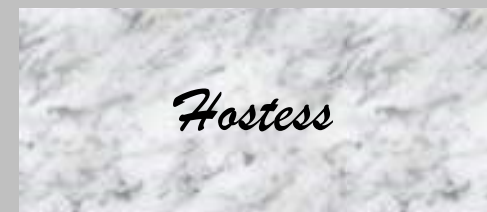
FURNISHED REFRESHMENTS for: District 1 meeting ('86); the State Federation meeting ('95); and the Presidents' Coffee ('96).



PROVIDED LUNCHESES for: the Federation Advisory Board ('91); the Tancove Garden Club meeting ('92); the flower show judges for District 1 Flower Show ('93); for 14 people at the Federation meeting ('93); for Federation meeting in Spring ('99); for flower show judges ('01).



BAKED AND PREPARED FOOD for box lunches for Landscape Design Critics trip ('93).



SERVED AS HOSTESSES at PG County Beautification Awards ('87); and for City of Bowie Beautification Awards ('97); at the Christmas Greens Show at the US Botanical Gardens (1980 through 1990); and at the Needlework and Quilt Show at Woodlawn Plantation in VA (1983 through 1985).

We were a busy club.

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Photos provided by
Pam Smart and Linda Millette



The Mount Airy Clay Breakers Annual Plant Sale was held at Pam Smart's home this year on May 6th. It was a cold soggy day but we made over \$325, despite less plant contributions and a thin crowd (likely due to the rain and cold temps). Thanks to Marilyn (who did double duty), Linda, Julie, Pat and Lorraine, Carol, Dot, Joyce, and Diana for helping at the sale! Thanks to Esther, Marilyn, Iona, Deborah, Pat, Julie, Linda, Diana, Carol and Jessica for your donations! Thanks again to Jessica for the beautiful sign.

And special thanks to Pam for hosting, working the sale, donations, advertising and everything else needed to make this a success!



The Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club, represented by Marilyn Burkut and Esther Neckere, participated in the Surratts House "Merry Month of May" celebration on 6 May with a plant sale that included Shasta Daisies, Gerbera Daisies, and Lantanas. We were among other vendors selling goats milk soap, honey, jams, lavender products, basket weaving, meat, and vegetable and flower and vegetable seedlings. The organizers were extremely hospitable and are looking forward to having us in next year's event.



Our Garden Club Picnic is Saturday, July 22 at 1PM with a rain date of Sunday, July 23 at Pam's home 9714 Dale Drive. Please let your caller or Pam know what you are bringing by Jul 8th — appetizer, vegetable, beverage or dessert. We are also doing a gift exchange so please bring something garden related, wrapped or unwrapped. Don't forget we are also doing a White Elephant Sale, and in preparation for the PG County Fair, bring a piece of horticulture in an appropriate sized green bottle. We will be outside so bring sunscreen and a lawn chair, if you wish!! See you there!!





The Mount Airy Clay Breakers held their 40th Anniversary Celebration in conjunction with their Installation on Jun 7, 2017 at the Clubhouse at Marlton Golf Club. There was a wonderful reception outside in the pavilion to start our evening off with lively conversation beginning at 5pm followed by the Installation of Officers for 2017-2019. We then had a lovely buffet dinner with an Anniversary Program consisting of words from our Master of Ceremonies, Gilda Allen, our incoming President, Esther Neckere and our Historian, Linda Millette. The evening finished with a visual presentation showcasing the Club over its 40 year history. The Anniversary Committee led by Elaine Arnold with committee members Linda Millette, Esther Neckere, Julie Harrison, and Gilda Allen did a marvelous job and we had a wonderful evening! Special thanks to Esther for the table favors, Mike Hall for technical support, Linda Millette and Deborah Determan for the visual presentation, and Charlie Arnold for the invocation which included a moving poem he wrote about our recently passed member, Marian Moreland. Lenay O'Quinn, our outgoing club President, on behalf of the club presented beautiful gardenias to club members at the end of the evening.



Reception



Installation



Dining Room



**2017-2019 President
Esther Neckere**



Historian Linda Millette

**Floral Arrangements
by Arminta Donovan**

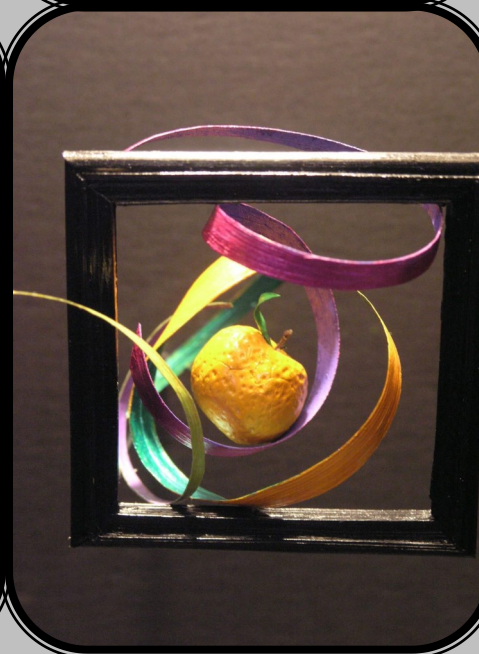
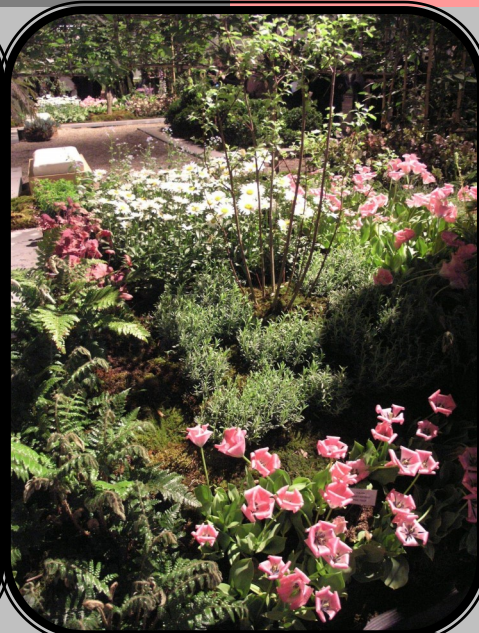


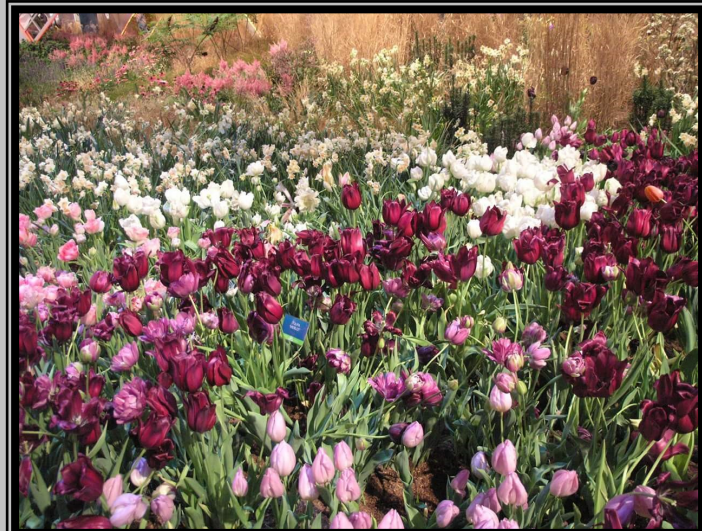
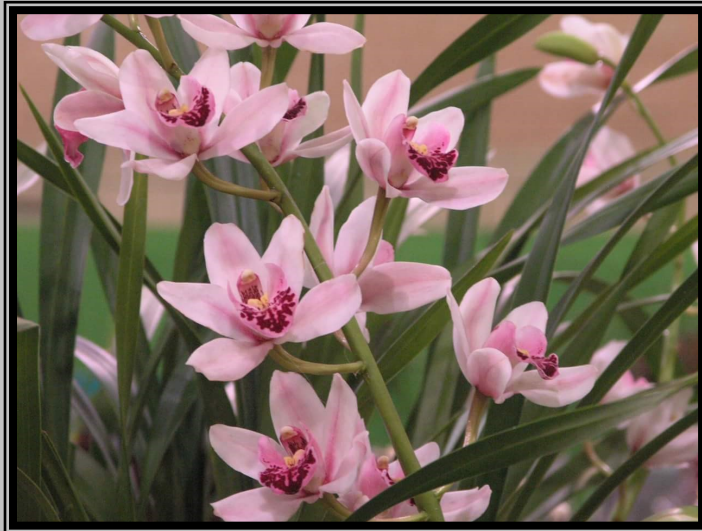
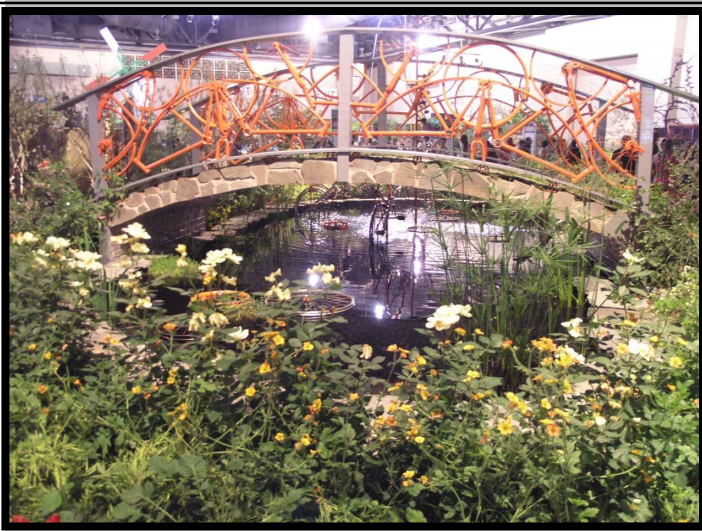
Farewell to Lenay

Our outgoing Club President, Lenay O'Quinn, is also leaving the club. We wish her the very best and thank her for these wonderful photos of the Philadelphia Flower Show, held last March.

Thank you, Lenay!

Stay in Touch!





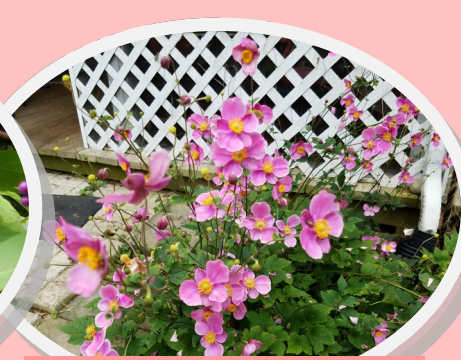
Photos from Lenay's Garden



Fallopia—Japanese Knotweed



Callicarpa—Beautyberry



Anemone September Charm



Hibiscus—Lord Baltimore



Morning Glory—Big Blue



Harlequin Glorybower Tree



Guara, Sweet Potato Vine, Lobelia



Plant Sale Surprise—Unknown

