

The May meeting of the Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club was held at the home of Diana Morse with 17 members present.

Program:

The program consisted of a plant exchange and examples of horticulture from members' gardens. Each contributor described the plant materials she had brought. Julie Harrison critiqued each one for its suitability for entering specimens in the horticulture division of the Prince George's County Fair this fall. Pat Hall gave an interesting report on the "black knot fungus, a common problem in the northeastern states, which seems to mostly affect fruit trees. The treatment suggested was to prune the trees and treat them with a fungicide in the spring when spores are most active.

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Old Business: Treasurer's report: Elaine Arnold, treasurer, reported that the plant sale on 7 May earned the club \$400, making a total of \$1,800 in the treasury. Kudos were given to Lenay O'Quinn for organizing the plant sale. Marsha Kirchoff read thank you's from NCAGC for the ad we placed in the convention brochure, from Ann Williams for the card party, and from Dot Lower for the birdhouse she received while recuperating from surgery. Club members: Mary Jane Bishop has resigned from the club due to an unpredictable work schedule; Ann DeBoeser is doing ok but still is experiencing health problems. The luncheon for installation of NCAGC officers (attended by Pat Hall and MaryBeth Cecil) featured a well-known flower arranger, who now has a shop in Hanover, PA. She turned out up to 1,200 to 1,800 arrangements a day when she worked in Las Vegas. Gilda Allen reported on the Children's Garden, which now has 21 children participating, from 9 to 12 years old. The salad garden with arugula, lettuce, green onions, parsley, and chives was a success—all children ate the salad. The next project is a pizza garden with tomatoes, onions, basil, thyme, and oregano. The objective of the project is to make soil, grow plants, harvest, and eat.

New Business: 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, with additional years if necessary. The amendment was approved by the members. The new slate of officers for 2011-2012 is Julie Harrison, President; Gilda Allen, Vice President; Treasurer, Carol Ober; Recording Secretary, Esther Neckere; Corresponding Secretary, Marsha Kirchoff; Historian, Pam Smart. The end of season dinner will be held at Mama Stellas at 6:00 on Thursday, 9 June. The District 1 meeting will be held Saturday, 11 June at the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens at 10:00 a.m. Guests are invited to accompany members on the 11:00 tour. Pam Smart offered to hold the summer picnic at her home or cabin. Members are asked to bring something you have grown in a container garden—flowers; herbs, etc. Container should not be too cumbersome. Julie Harrison requested that members contribute ideas for next year's programs. Lenay O'Quinn won the 50/50. The meeting adjourned at 0930.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Neckere, Recording Secretary