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MT. AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2007

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

It was a lovely evening and we again thank our planning committee. Thanks Julie, Pam, Elaine, Marian, Esther and Mary Beth for a job well done. We also thank Esther and Mary Jane for helping things along by serving the cake.

ANNUAL PICNIC

Our annual picnic will be hosted by Joyce Meyer at her home. It's planned for Saturday afternoon, August 18th. All members, relatives and friends of members are invited. The picnic will take the usual form of each member in attendance bringing a dish. We want this to be an enjoyable time following on the heels of our anniversary dinner. To ensure smooth planning we would suggest that you get in touch with Jackie George or Joyce as early as possible, the latest being August 12th. Joyce will need to be informed of the dish you will be bringing and the number of persons that will be accompanying you. Remember to bring something from your garden for the fun flower arrangement.

GARDEN TOURS

On Sunday, June 3rd, Diana, Gilda, and Lorraine went on a Secret Garden Tour in Annapolis. Despite the rain, they found it enjoyable. Also, on Tuesday, June 19th, a group consisting of Julie, Arminta, Carol, Gilda and Sonia visited the "Red Chimney Flower Farm" in Bowie. It was a pleasurable experience.

HOLLOWAY PARK GARDEN UPDATE

Our little garden was entered into the 2007 Prince George's County Beautification awards. We have done an extensive revitalization of the garden. The liriopes which had become well established and provided a kind of shelter for a stubborn grass weed were replaced. Instead we have planted some perennials like coreopsis,

english phlox, cat mint, azaleas, stella doro lilies, sedums, creeping phlox, and bachelors buttons. This is still a work in progress. All of the perennials mentioned above were harvested from the gardens of club members. All contributions (i.e. perennials and annuals) are welcomed. Contact Lorraine if you desire to contribute a plant.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE

Attention all members: Sonia needs any changes to your e-mail address for the new book which comes out in the fall. Please call Sonia (301) 627- 8613 or e-mail her at epj8@netzero.com as soon as possible.

Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville, MD is having a "Perennial Affair 2007" tomorrow and Sunday. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, June 23rd

10:00 am "Patio Water Gardening Garden"

10:00 am "Expressive Painting Workshop"

11:30 am "Absolutely Beautiful Containers" Gardening"

1:00 pm "Rain Gardens"

2:00 pm "Expressive Painting Workshop"

2:30 pm "Perennial Favorites"

Sunday, June 24th

11:00 am "Continuous Color"

12:30 pm "Clematis"

2:00 pm "Low-Maintenance"

The following is an excerpt from "The Poems and Prayers of Helen Steiner Rice"
Compiled by Virginia J. Ruehlmann:

BUSINESS

This is more than a way to earn your pay.

More than a place to report to each day.

It's part of your life, and the hours spent here.

Comprise a big share of your living each year.

An that is the reason you never should feel.

That you're just a number or a cog in a wheel.

We are part of a team and a circle of friends.

Reaching beyond where our own job ends.

Not standing alone but a part of a whole.

Striving together for one common goal.

What person can boast, "I won on my own,"

Or truthfully say, "I did this alone."

When everyone holding a job great or small

Contributes a part to the future of all!

Thanks to you all,

Sonia Johnson, Marilyn Berkut and Mary Jane Bishop