

The Mt. Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club met at 6:30 p.m. March 10, 2016 at the home of Deborah Determan. There were 16 members present.

Program: Hives in the City, Keeping Honey Bees Alive, presented by Alison Gillespie. She gave a very informative discussion and slide show about urban bee keeping.

Recording Secretary: Lorraine Leonard, in the absence of Mary Jane Bishop, minutes approved as corrected.

Corresponding Secretary: Iona Black, no report.

Treasurer: Pat Hall, Balance as of 3/10/16 - \$1,590.65. She also informed us that there was some misinformation regarding having our club registered with the IRS and the state of Maryland. She will continue working on this and also investigate other banks in the area to obtain more information. Pat also collected dues at this meeting and will be collecting them again at the next meeting. It was also noted that our two Consultant/Honorary members, Anne Deboeser and Ann Williams are not expected to pay dues. Dues are \$25.

Design: Elaine Arnold talked about miniature designs for the District I flower show. The can be any design and are limited to 5" in height, depth and width. She also suggested doing a workshop on miniature designs.

Horticulture: Lorraine Leonard brought onion sets and discussed planting them close together in a pot in the kitchen and you would be able to harvest the tops for cooking.

Membership: Connie Dalpra stated there were 16 members present at this meeting.

#### New Business

Arbor House: Julie Harrison and Linda Millettte will be volunteering on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> anyone who wants to join them meet at Julie's house at 9:30 a.m.

District 1 meeting Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be providing the centerpiece and finger food and drinks for approximately 40 people. Julie suggested that the club purchase coffee and juice to be picked up by Lorraine Leonard.

Iona – Cookies  
Linda – Fruit Skewers  
Esther – Tea breads  
Joyce – Cheese and crackers  
Elaine and Lorraine – sandwiches  
Gilda – Veggie Tray  
Lenay – Fruit Pizzas  
Jackie - Dessert  
Arminta and Pat - the centerpiece

Julie informed us of a new award that will be presented at this meeting. It is the "Busy Bee Award" Lenay informed us that it will be presented to Deborah Determan for all of her contributions to the club, especially the newsletter.

Lenay informed us about an upcoming trip sponsored by District I, Wednesday, July 13 2016. It will be to Cat's Meow Day Lily Garden in Manchester, MD. The cost of the trip is \$65 which includes transportation, garden tours and lunch.

Esther provided a list of lectures that will be held this spring at the Surratts-Clinton Library and said they were looking for plants to put on display. She suggested that we bring plants to be donated to the next meeting.

REMINDERS:

Dues (\$25) will be collected at the next meeting.

The plant sale is Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

The 50/50 was won by

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Bishop  
Recording Secretary