

Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club

Upper Marlboro, Maryland



“Gardening...Therapy for the Soul”

2001-2002

**MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS
GARDEN CLUB**

UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND
20772

Organized 1977, Federated 1978

2001 – 2002

“Gardening . . . Therapy for the Soul”

Membership – 20

A Member of

National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Central Atlantic Region Council

***National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs
District 1***

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation

The Nature Conservancy

World Gardening

NATIONAL AND STATE OFFICERS

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Lois Dupre Shuster, President
Theme: "Celebrate Your Garden"
Projects: "Two Million Trees"
"2002 Year of the Rose"
"Children's Gardens"

Central Atlantic Regional Council

Director: Shirley Nicolai
12325 Hatton Point Road
Ft. Washington, MD 20774-7014
Theme: "Enriching Lives Through Gardening"
Unified Project: "Garden Club Activities with Children"

National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs

President: Betty Mosher
7926 St. George Court, Springfield, VA 22153-2742
Theme: "Catch the Joy of Gardening"
Project: "Joys of Youth in Gardens"

National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs, District 1

Director: Mary Staab
10829 Brewer House Road, N. Bethesda, MD 20852
Theme: "Butterfly Emergence"

MEMBERSHIPS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Accredited Flower Show Judges

Peggy Martin - Master
Anne DeBoeser - Master

Landscape Design Critics Council

Jimmie Nell Finley
Peggy Martin
Joyce Meyer
Ann Williams

MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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| President | Susan Hannin |
| Vice President | Lorraine Leonard |
| Recording Secretary | Mary Jane Bishop |
| Corresponding Secretary | Esther Neckere |
| Treasurer | Peggy Stovall |
| Historian | Marilyn Berkut |

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| Awards | Susan Hannin |
| Budget | Peggy Stovall |
| Civic Development | Elaine Arnold |
| Conservation | Marian Moreland |
| Design | Liz Saniga |
| Club Representative | Dorothy Weberling |
| Horticulture | Betty Abercrombie |
| Membership | Peggy Martin |
| Photography | Marilyn Berkut |
| Program | Lorraine Leonard |
| Publicity | Mary Jane Bishop |
| Sunshine | May Kemp |
| Telephone | Peggy Martin |
| Ways and Means | Mary Elizabeth Cecil |

MEMBERSHIP

All addresses are Upper Marlboro, 20772, unless otherwise noted

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| Berkut, Marilyn 11716 Redwood Dr. East, Brandywine 20613 | 301-372-6727 |
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| Cecil, Mary Elizabeth 9015 Rosaryville Rd. | 301-868-2224 |
| Deboeser, Anne 290 Bullfrog Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 | 717-334-0998 |
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| Hannin, Susan 9602 Rose View Ct. mshannin@earthlink.net | 301-856-1590 |
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| Moreland, Marian 9708 Dale Dr. | 301-868-9324 |
| Neckere, Esther 5900 Spell Rd., Clinton 20735 | 301-868-6840 |
| Saniga, Liz 3410 Jones Rd., Dunkirk 20754 lsaniga@yahoo.com | 301-812-1680 |
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| Stoval, Peggy 8925 Simeon Ct. | 301-952-0315 |
| Weberling, Dorothy 8415 Autumn Way, Clinton 20735 dorweber@aol.com | 301-868-2373 |
| Williams, Ann 9105 Rosaryville Rd. | 301-868-2224 |

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Garden Club Members,

Exciting days are ahead for the Mount Airy Clay breakers! This year, we will be focusing on "Catching the Joy of Gardening," the NCAFGC theme, by sharing with others our love of gardening. We will also be spreading our wings with "Butterfly Emergence," the District 1 theme, as we join with our sister clubs for fun activities and community projects. Our theme this year, "Gardening...Therapy for the Soul," will have us reaching out to others who need our help through a new garden therapy program, as well as reaching within, to find peace from our own gardens!

Thank you to all those who sent back the questionnaire earlier in the summer. It was a big help in planning programs and events for the upcoming year. Corraine has lined up great speakers and good programs for us each month, and I know we will all enjoy them.

In November, we will have a floral design workshop and in April, a floral demonstration at the church. There will be plenty of room, so invite your friends! This will get us ready for our Flower Show in a Box, scheduled in May 2002.

In the winter, we will be planning our Garden Therapy Project and going to the site to take a look around. This will definitely be a rewarding challenge.

March 2002 marks our 25th Anniversary as a garden club! Plan now to attend this special celebration in honor of this splendid occasion. So, ladies, roll up your sleeves, get ready for lots of fun and a little work to help soothe your soul!

Cooking Forward to a Great Club Year,

Susan Hannin

PAST PRESIDENTS MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB

1977-78

Tommie Sellers

1979

Joyce Meyers

1980

Jimmy Nell Finley

1981

Ann Williams

1982-83

Anne DeBoeser

1984-85

Julie Harrison

1986-87

Peggy Martin

1988-89

Marie White

1990-91

Marian Moreland

1992-93

Dottie Garrison

1994

Dottie Sisson

1995

Phyllis Tucker

1996-97

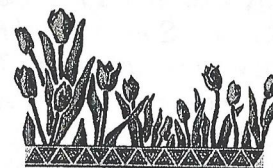
Betty Abercrombie

1998-99

Marilyn Berkut

1999

Liz Saniga



"No occupation is so delightful as the culture of the earth."

Thomas Jefferson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2001-2002

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| July 28 | Clay Breakers' Picnic – May Kemp's House |
| September 6-9 | P.G.County Fair, Upper Marlboro, MD |
| September 25 | NCAFGC 50 th Celebration: Odyssey Cruise |
| September 27 | District 1, General Meeting, National Arboretum, 10:30 AM |
| October 2-4 | Garden Study Course 3, U.S. Arboretum |
| October 4 | Garden Stroll and Tea, Green Spring Gardens |
| October 11-12 | American Horticulture Therapy Association, Chesapeake Chapter Conference Theme: <i>"The Healing Power of Nature"</i> |
| October 16-18 | Environmental Studies School, Course 1 |
| October 22 | Silver Spring GC program on Magnolias, Brookside Gardens, 8PM |
| October 24 | <i>Morning of Design, Arboretum, 10:30 AM</i> |
| October 28-31 | CAR Conf. – <i>"Sweet Surprises"</i> Hershey, PA |
| November 27-29 | Flower Show School, Course V |
| December 8 | <i>District 1 Bus Tour, Brandywine River Museum and Longwood Gardens</i> |
| February 11-13 | Landscape Design Study Course 1, Series XI |
| March TBD | <i>District 1 Bus Tour to Philadelphia Flower Show</i> |
| March 14 | District 1 General Meeting, Awards National Arboretum, 10:30 AM |
| April 27 | Clay Breaker's Annual Fundraiser-Plant Sale |
| April 30 | <i>District 1 Spring Fund Raiser Event, Fashion Show and Luncheon, Tantallon</i> |
| May TBD | Clay Breakers' trip to Willow Pond Farm, PA |
| May TBD | Clay Breakers' Flower Show in a Box |
| June 2-8 | National Garden Week |
| June 13 | District 1 President's Coffee, U.S. Arboretum |

CONTINUING PROJECTS

1. Community Service

- a. Maintain entrance and "Edge of Woods" gardens at Holloway Park, Upper Marlboro
Members - 8
- b. Maintain herb garden at Mount Airy Mansion, Upper Marlboro
Members - 8

2. Special Projects

- a. Habitat for Humanity - donation of plant material
Members -10

NEW PROJECTS

Garden Therapy Program:

To develop, plan and implement a garden therapy program for the disabled in our community. Members – All

Fern Valley:

Encourage members to help in Fern Valley at the U.S. National Arboretum
Members – 5

Gardening . . . Therapy for the Soul

"Gardening is the best therapy in the world."
C. Z. Guest

September 13, 2001 7:30 p.m.

Program: "**Container Gardening**" a slide presentation by
Margaret McKnew, Landscape Design Council

Horticulture: *Aloe*

Conservation Report by Marian Moreland

Floral Design Report by Liz Saniga

Hostess: Marion Moreland (301-868-9324)
9708 Dale Drive, Upper Marlboro

Directions: On Rosaryville Road, turn onto Brookwood Avenue
(opposite the entrance to Mt. Airy Estate) and make first left onto
Dale Drive. Marion's home is the 4th house on the left.

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Other Events in September:

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| September 6-9 | Prince George's County Fair |
| September 18 | Celebration of Gene Miller's life, National Arboretum, 1:00 p.m. |
| September 25 | NCAFGC General Meeting and Golden Anniversary Cruise aboard "Odyssey" |
| September 27 | District 1 General Meeting |

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"Flowers are the sweetest things God ever made and forgot to
put a soul into."
Henry Ward Beecher

October 11, 2001 7:00 p.m.

Program: "**Gardening with Native Plants**" a slide presentation by
Billie Trump, member of Gardening Consultants' Council
and Landscape Design Council

Horticulture: *Spathiphyllum* (Peace Lily)

Conservation Report by Marian Moreland

Floral Design Report by Liz Saniga

Hostess: Susan Hannin (301-856-1590)
9602 Rose View Ct, Upper Marlboro

Directions: On Rosaryville Road, turn onto Sudan Place (about
1/4 mile from Rosaryville's intersection with Rte 301.) Make the 1st
right onto Pompey Drive and the 2nd right onto Rose View Court.
Susan's home is at on the right at the end of the cul de sac.

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Other Events in October:

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| October 4 | Garden Stroll and Tea at Green Spring Gardens |
| October 24 | Morning of Design, National Arboretum |
| October 28-31 | CAR conference, Hersey, PA |

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"Bring forth fruit with patience."

Luke 8:15

November 8, 2001 7:00 p.m.

Program: **Floral Design Workshop** presented by club members
Peggy Martin, Master Flower Show Judge, and
Marion Moreland

Horticulture: *Maranta* (Prayer Plant)
Conservation Report by Marian Moreland

Location: Clinton Presbyterian Church (301-868-3057)
9901 Brandywine Rd, Clinton

Hostesses: Peggy Stovall and Lorraine Leonard

Directions: Take Surratts Road (off of Rte. 5) leading west. Take a
left when reaching Brandywine Rd. Church is ahead on right.

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### Other Events in November:

November 1      Application for Shell Grant is due

November TBD      Holloway Park and Mt. Airy gardens fall cleanup

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"God almighty first planted a garden. And indeed, it is the  
purest of human pleasures."

*Francis Bacon*

December 13, 2001 7:00 p.m.

Program: **Tryon Palace Video** with instructions for the Della  
Robbia Wreath and Kissing Ball. Members will share in a  
gift exchange and may bring seasonal craft ideas

Horticulture: *Schlumbergera* (Christmas Cactus)

Hostess: Marilyn Berkut (301-372-6727)  
11716 Redwood Drive East, Brandywine

Directions: From Rte. 301 S: Right on Dyson Rd., right on Lusby's  
Ln., left on Earnshaw Dr., right on Redwood Dr. E;  
Marilyn's home is the 5th house on the left  
From Rte 5 S: Left on Earnshaw Dr., left on Red-  
wood Dr. W, next right on Knollwood St., next right  
on Redwood Dr. E, 4th house on right

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Other Events in December:

December 8 District 1-sponsored Longwood Gardens Tour

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"All my hurts my garden spade can heal."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

January 10, 2002 7:00 p.m.

Program: **"Growing Orchids--the Basics"** presented by
Roger Cole, owner of Arbec Orchids and prior chairman of
the American Orchid Judging Center and immediate past
president of the National Capital Orchid Society

Horticulture: *Saintpaulia* (African violet)

Conservation Report by Marian Moreland

Floral Design Report by Liz Saniga

Hostess: Mary Jane Bishop (301-868-2431)
6519 Horseshoe Road, Clinton

Directions: Proceed west on Woodyard Road, under Rte. 5 and
take a left on Brandywine Rd. Take the 2nd left onto Horseshoe
Road. Mary Jane's home is the 7th house on the left.

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"Flowers are sunshine, food, and medicine for the soul."
Luther Burbank

February 14, 2002 7:00 p.m.

Program: **"Gardening Memories--A Surprise!"** Plus a discussion
of a gardening therapy project for developmentally
disabled adults led by Susan Hannin

Horticulture: *Chlorophytum* (Spider plant)

Conservation Report by Marian Moreland

Floral Design Report by Liz Saniga

Hostess: Betty Abercrombie (301-868-0399)
10814 Brookwood Avenue, Upper Marlboro

Directions: On Rosaryville Road, turn onto Brookwood Avenue
(opposite the entrance to Mt. Airy Estate). Betty's home
is the 10th house on the right

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### Other Events in February:

February TBD                      Tour garden therapy project site

## ***Gardening . . . Therapy for the Soul***

"I find the love of a garden grows upon me more and more as I  
grow older."

*Maria Edgeworth*

March 14, 2002 7:00 p.m.

### ***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY***

*Mount Airy Clay Breakers!*

**A Celebration of our Club's 25th Anniversary!** Special guest will  
be our District 1 Director, Mary Staab

Horticulture: *Hedera* (Ivy)

Location: Old Town Alexandria Holiday Inn Select, Virginia

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Other Events in March:

March TBD Site preparation for garden therapy project

March 14 District 1 General Meeting

Remember--dues payable this month!

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"He who plants a garden plants happiness."

Chinese Proverb

April 11, 2002 7:00 p.m.

Program: **"Demonstration of Oriental Techniques"** presented by
club member, Anne DeBoeser, Master Flower Show Judge
and member of Ikebana International

Horticulture: *Hoya* (Wax plant)

Conservation Report by Marian Moreland

Location: Clinton Presbyterian Church (301-868-3057)

9901 Brandywine Rd, Clinton

Hostess: Esther Neckere

Directions: Take Surratts Road (off of Rte. 5) leading west. Take a
left when reaching Brandywine Rd. Church is ahead on
right.

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#### Other Events in April:

April 27 Annual Mt. Airy Clay Breakers Club Plant Sale

April 30 District 1 Special Event



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"An hour's hard digging is a good way of getting one's mind  
back in the right perspective."

*Richard Briers*

May 9, 2002 7:00 p.m.

Program: **"Edible Flowers"** a slide and sample presentation by  
Patricia Johnson, Landscape Design Council and past-  
chairman of the Potomac Unit of the Herb Society of  
America

Horticulture: *Scindapsus* (Pothos)

Conservation Report by Marian Moreland

Floral Design Report by Liz Saniga

Hostess: Jimmie Nell Finley (301-812-1654)

3230 Hewitt Court, Dunkirk

Directions: Take Route 4 South to Ferry Landing Rd., turn right. Go  
less than 1 mile, take first paved left - Old Jones Rd. Follow Old Jones  
Rd. to 3-way stop. Turn left (still Old Jones Rd.). Take first right-Old  
Jones Lane. Take the first left - Hewitt Court. Jimmie Nell's house is  
the first on right in the cul-de-sac.

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Other Events in May:

May TBD Club trip to Willow Pond Farm, Fairfield PA
May TBD Holloway Park and Mt. Airy gardens spring cleanup
May TBD "Flower Show in a Box"
May 5-12 NGC National Convention Cruise

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"You're only here for a short visit.
Stop to smell the flowers along the way."

Walter Hagen

June 13, 2002 7:00 p.m.

Program: **Dinner Meeting** with annual committee reports from the
club officers and installation of new officers

Location: Mama Stella's Restaurant (301-868-3057)

7918 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton

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### Upcoming Summer Events:

June-August Provide education at garden therapy site  
June 2-8 National Garden Week  
July TBD Holloway Park and Mt. Airy gardens summer cleanup  
August 3 Club's summer picnic at Joyce Meyer's home  
September 4-7 Prince George's County Fair

# **MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB**

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I – NAME**

This club is known as *Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club*.

### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE OF CLUB**

The purpose of this Club is to enlarge our knowledge, to promote interest in better gardens, to participate and promote all activities and projects of the Club, and to beautify our community.

### **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

- A. The membership will not exceed at any one time more than 20 members.
- B. Any person desiring membership in the Club, provided an opening exists, will be sponsored by a member, attend two meetings as a guest, and on the third meeting be accepted, upon agreeing in the presence of the members, to abide by the by-laws and serve on various committees and participate in Club activities.
- C. When absent for three consecutive meetings, the absentee member will notify the President by phone or letter as to her intentions of remaining a member.

### **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

The officers of the Club shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Historian.

These officers of the Club will be nominated annually, elected at the May meeting and installed at the June meeting for a term not to exceed more than two (2) consecutive years.

### **ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the by-laws must be proposed at a regular meeting and voted upon by two-thirds of the current membership.

### **ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

- A. The President will be the Chief Executive of the Club and will preside at all meetings, appoint Chairmen and Special Chairmen, as occasions arise.
- B. The Vice President will, in the absence of the President, exercise the duties of the President.
- C. The Treasurer will have custody of funds, keep full and accurate accounts and notify members whose dues are not paid by April of each year. The Treasurer will also pay bills that are submitted with the accompanying receipt and approved at a regular monthly meeting.
- D. The Recording Secretary will keep minutes of all meetings and will keep all minutes and a current list of members filed in a loose-leaf notebook ready for reference.
- E. The Corresponding Secretary will maintain a current list of members and handle all necessary correspondence. She will also be given a supply of stationery and \$10.00 for postage.
- F. The Historian will maintain a history of the Club.

### **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS**

Regular meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM, except in July and August, unless otherwise announced. Executive and special meetings shall be held as deemed advisable by the President.

### **ARTICLE VIII – DUES**

The annual membership dues will be \$20.00, payable at the March meeting. Failure to pay dues by the June meeting will constitute automatic resignation. Members joining the Club during the period June-November will pay full dues. New Members joining the Club in the last six months of the Club year will pay half of the yearly dues. National Area Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. dues are included.

### **ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES**

Committees will be appointed by the President as needed. Standing committees shall be reviewed yearly. Suggested



committees are:

Auditing  
Budget  
Conservation & Education  
Design  
Federation Delegate  
Flower Show  
Horticulture  
Hospitality  
Membership

Parliamentarian  
Photography  
Program  
Publicity  
Special Projects  
Telephone  
Sunshine  
Ways and Means

#### **ARTICLE XI – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board will consist of elected officers, immediate past President and committee chairmen.

The Executive Board will have authority to name additional officers, if deemed necessary.

The Executive Board will be responsible for having books and accounts audited annually.

#### **ARTICLE XII – ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The procedure for business at the regular meetings shall be in the following order:

1. Roll call
2. Reading and approval of minutes
3. Treasurer's report
4. Report of officers and committee chairmen
5. Completion of unfinished business
6. Transaction of new business
7. Payment of bills
8. Discussion
9. Adjournment

#### **ARTICLE XIII – QUORUM**

A quorum is necessary for any vote except those specifically stated otherwise in the Constitution and by-laws and will constitute a majority of the current membership.

#### **ARTICLE XIV – ANNUAL REPORT**

An annual report shall be made at the June meeting by the officers and committee chairmen stating the condition of the Club as of the last day of May.

**Revised 1996**

### **IMPORTANT ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS**

The National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Federation Headquarters at Arbor House  
U.S. National Arboretum  
3501 New York Avenue, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20002  
Phone: 202-399-5958  
Website: <http://ncafgardenclubs.org>

District 1 Newsletter – The Garden Post  
Margaret McKnew, Club Writer  
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NCAFGC Video Library  
(available to clubs and individual members)  
For list of current videos and rental call  
Shirley Moore, Video Librarian  
703-830-2769

The National Arboretums' Fern Valley  
Patsy Skinner, NCAFGC Fern Valley Chairman  
301-292-2725  
Joan Feely, Fern Valley Curator  
202-245-4512, Ext. 253

Arbor House Gift Shop Garden Club Volunteers  
Pat Kirk, Volunteer Coordinator  
3735 Camelot Drive, Annandale, VA 22003-1396  
Phone: 703-698-7657

