

The October meeting of the Mount Airy Clay Breakers was held at the home of Marilyn Berkutt. An informative presentation was given by Lee Duer of the Wild Bird Center in Waldorf, MD. On Landscaping & Feeding to Attract Birds. Horticulture Chairperson, Marion Moreland also talked about attracting birds with plants, Virginia Creeper and Callicarpa (Beauty Berry).

The next meeting will take place on November 9 at the home of Elaine Arnold. Gene Sumi, Behnke's Nursery, will present a program on Building a Bird Sanctuary-Plant Aspect of Creating Bird Habitats.

The November meeting of the Mt. Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club was held at the home of Elaine Arnold. An informative presentation was given by Mr. Roozen of Roozen Nursery & Garden Center in Ft. Washington, Maryland. The presentation was on planting and building bird habitats. Horticulture Chairperson, Marion Moreland, talked about the Norway Spruce, which is a good cover for cardinals and squirrels.

The next meeting will take place on December 14th at the home of Susan Hanin. This will be our Christmas Dinner and gift exchange.

The February meeting of the Mt. Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club was held at the Clinton Presbyterian Church. An informative talk was give by Bob Aldie, Master Gardener, from the Potomac Rose Society. He discussed the IPM Program , Integrated Pest Management, for growing roses. Our horticulture chairman gave a talk on the Bereford Holly which is a hardy holly. She stated that the birds like to eat the berries when they have turned black and fallen off.

The Clay Breakers will be having a plant sale in May, the time and place to follow.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Julie Harrison and the program will be Shady Garden Perennials.

The March meeting of the Mt. Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club was held at the home of Julie Harrison. The guest speaker was Mrs. Audrey Whitney from the LDCC. She spoke on shady garden perennials. Our horticulture chairperson continued her discussion of attracting birds and a good plant to attract birds in the garden is the Zinnia, the color attracts songbirds such as cardinals, buntings and butterflies. She also said that now is the time to purchase seeds, especially gourd seeds as they sell out quickly. Our conservation chairperson read an article from the Behnke GardeNews which said that they will be featuring Mid-Atlantic native plants recommended by the ACB and they will be tagged "Bay Safe" plants. A list of these plants will be available at the nursery. The "Clay Breakers" annual plant sale will be held the first Saturday in May - details to follow.

Hi,

Here is the article for the next available issue of The Enquirer Gazette.

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Thank you,

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BRANDYWINE

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Congratulations to the following Baden Elementary School students who were selected by their teachers as Students of the Month of April: Brianna Hampton, Lorenzo Washington, Leslie Campbell, Shanita Adams, Katie Morgal, Keandre Young, Stacy Greenfield, Raelea Taylor, Jesse Frangoulis, James Flynt, Stephanie Hall, Mercedes Quick, Roxanne Richards and April Myers.

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St. Paul's Flea Market, Chicken BBQ

St. Paul's Parish will hold its annual Flea Market and Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, June 2, at the church hall, 13500 Baden-Westwood Road, Baden. The flea market will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information on renting a space, call 301-579-2230. The chicken barbecue is \$6 a dinner and will be sold from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will consist of half a chicken, baked potato, green beans, applesauce and roll. There will also be a bake sale of homemade goodies from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Jazz quartet concert

The Surratts-Clinton library will host the Joshua Bayer

Quartet, presenting the of Duke Ellington, on Thursday, May 29 at 7 p.m. The musical program is suited for all ages. The library is located at 9400 Piscataway Road. Call 301-868-9200 for further information.

Celebrations

Happy birthday wishes this week to Allen Winterwerp, May 25; William Windsor, May 26; Mitch Lewis, May 27; and Cindy Cislo, Randy Myers and Chuck Funkhouser, May 28.

Happy 45th wedding anniversary to Ann and Richard Center on May 26.

Belated happy birthday to Philip Pinkey, Jimmy Aist, Douglass Townshend and Margaret Cross.

Belated anniversary wishes to Kitty and Donald Cooke, who celebrated 41 years on May 21.