

November 2006 Meeting of the Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club

The Meeting of the Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club was called to order by President Sonia Johnson at 7:45 on November 9 at member, Diana Morse's home.

In attendance were Gilda Allen, Elaine Arnold, Julie Harrison, Sonia Johnson, Lorraine Leonard, Marian Moreland, Joyce Meyer, Diana Morse, Carol Ober and her guest, daughter Lisa, Pam Smart and Ann Williams, for a total of 11 members.

Susan Monte, of Red Chimney Gardens told us about her experiences growing flowers to sell at farmers markets, specifically details about cultivation of dahlias. She had a computer slide show of her gardens plus samples of different plants. The club will plan to visit her garden in the spring.


Old business:

- We have additional soap bars available from our speaker from the last meeting, Pete Hill. We also have copies of the "Did You Know Book"
- Lorraine briefed the group on the status of Holloway garden. She asked members to contact her if they'd like liriope cuttings. She also reported on our participation at the CAR conference. Thanks to Ann Williams and Mary Beth Cecil for helping with the states raffle of which two of our members, Ann and Lorraine, won a prize. There was a list passed around to sign up for pecans and Did You Know Books.
- Sonia briefed the group on the Veteran's Day project for veterans in the hospital and what a worthwhile project it is in downtown D.C. All who participated enjoyed the work and the visit to the hospital. Approximately 60 small arrangements were delivered. She thanked all participants and to Gilda for letting us use her basement.
- Elaine told us all about the gift basket auction to benefit the community support system. The gardening items we donated were much appreciated.

New Business:

- Sonia and Lorraine talked about the upcoming NCA convention, "Growing and Blossoming Together", the first convention for this area in 20 years. It will be held April 20 and 21 at the Springfield Hilton Hotel. There will be excellent speakers and workshops and we should think about participating.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


Lorraine Leonard
Assistant Recording Secretary