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## MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB MINUTES - March 10, 2011

The Club met at the home of Marsha Kirchhoff. Lovely refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Brian Clark, an Entomologist from the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service gave a very informative and "hands-on" Program on plant "Propagation". Each member took home a potted plant and seeds planted in small pots.

Meeting was Called to Order by President, Julie Harrison at 8:45 PM. There were 19 Members present and one Guest - Dorothy Yashinsky, Lorraine's Mother. Each Member responded to the Question - "What is your favorite Shrub?".

MINUTES from the February 2010 Meeting were not read due to the absence of the Recording Secretary.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Marsha read a Thank You letter from the NCAGC regarding our responses to the National Arboretum crisis; also for our \$50.00 donation to "Friendship Garden".

TREASURER'S REPORT - Elaine reported \$1,023.53 in the Treasury. She further stated that annual Dues are due in March.

HISTORIAN - No report.

<u>CIVIC DEVELOPMENT</u> - Carol said Holloway Garden looks decent.

HORTICULTURE - Carol reported the Maryland Tree of the Year is the Tulip Poplar a native tree, 400 years old and a member of the Magnolia family. Marian's hint from Gene Sumi of Homestead Gardens is to put on Crab Grass Preventer now, also prune Rose bushes back to 5", plant Fingerling Potatoes in whiskey barrels or old tires.

MEMBERSHIP - Sonia had no report.

PROGRAM - Gilda said next Meeting will be at Mary Beth's
home and Program will be on "Bats and Owls".

SUNSHINE - Arminta sent Birthday Cards in February to Linda Millette 2/13 and Lorraine Leonard 2/27.

TELEPHONE - All OK.

WAYS & MEANS - Lenay asked that all Checks for plants ordered be made out to "Mount Airy Claybreakers" by March 25th. Plants can be picked up at Mary Beth's at the April Meeting.

Lorraine was given some Garden and Home magazines from a friend and is sharing with members - take home this evening.

NEW BUSINESS - Sonia will report on Horticulture at the April Meeting; Pat will report at the May Meeting.

Julie thanked Pat and Mike Hall for creating the Ad for the Convention booklet; she submitted the Program on "Bees" for the Club awards. Julie encouraged members to attend the District I Meetings - a lovely group of women. Julie's "buttons were bustin" over the seven (7) Awards our Club received. We are a small group compared to other Clubs. Hostesses are needed for the Convention - there is a Form in the Capital Gardener - fill out and mail. Linda will send out forms to members regarding Officers for the upcoming year. President will appoint two 1/2) Members for Nominating Committee. Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 7th at Julie's home. Arbor House has a book Julie purchased, entitled "A Guide to Green NCAGC will hold an Award & Election Housekeeping". General Meeting on March 22 at 10:30 AM - Plymouth Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA. Lunch will be provided. Julie needs at least one person to attend. NCAGC Program on "Floral Design" and Luncheon at "Normandy Farms" in Potomac, MD is Tuesday, April 26 - Cost \$39.00.

There being no further business, Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM. A 50/50 was held.

To celebrate Joyce Meyer's 80th and Marian Moreland's 81st Birthdays, Julie presented them with beautiful floral plants. Members gave Birthday Cards also. We all sang "Happy Birthday" and enjoyed a delicious Key Lime Pie provided by Marsha and a Strawberry Cake made by Arminta.

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m \underline{NEXT\ MEETING}}$  will be held on Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 PM at Mary Beth Cecil's home.

Respectfully submitted,

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