

MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB
MINUTES - April 9, 2009

The Club met at the home of Elaine Arnold. Lovely refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Ann DeBoeser presented an informative program on "Simply Ikebana, Explanation and Demonstration of the Art of Japanese Arranging". Mention was made of the different schools of Ikebana, which is shaped by a great deal of protocol. She demonstrated these techniques with six creative designs. She also pointed out that Ikebana embodied three elements i.e., space, container and plant materials. We were encouraged to read the book from the Club's Library...titled "The Essence of Floral Creativity by Legacy".

The Meeting was called to order at 8:25 PM by President, Julie Harrison. There were 16 Members present and two Guests, Carol Ober's daughter Lisa and Janis Longtine, Julie's sister. Each Member responded to the April question "Name Your Preferred Type of Floral Design".

MINUTES from the March 2009 Meeting were read by Sonia Johnson, Acting Recording Secretary. There were no Corrections.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Jackie George had no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Elaine Arnold reported \$1,401.40 in the Treasury. She further stated that all Dues are now paid. A recent deposit of \$340.00 which constitutes Dues and 50/50 was recently made to the account. Elaine indicated that Dorothy Weberling's check for the annual Dues was returned.

HISTORIAN - Pam Smart had no report.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - Lorraine Leonard was absent from Meeting - no report.

CONSERVATION - Gilda Allen showed us an example of a portable shopping bag which was enclosed in a pouch. She also mentioned the possibility of buying eggs produced by backyard chickens. She spoke briefly about Permaculture that is integrated farming.

HORTICULTURE - Marian Moreland showed an illustration of an Earth Box. She reminded us to incorporate Peat Moss,

Sand and Compost to improve the quality of the soil when planting Tomatoes. Also, some Epsom Salts can be added, shredded newspaper can be added to prevent root rot. She also mentioned a new Tomato plant which is being sold at Homestead Gardens - she will give us the name at the next Meeting.

TELEPHONE - No report.

MEMBERSHIP - Sonia mentioned that prospective Member, Marsha Kirchhoff, was unable to be at the Meeting because of prior arrangements. Therefore, she will be installed in May.

PUBLICITY - Mary Jane was not at the Meeting - no report.

PROGRAM - Julie noted that the May Meeting will be at Iona's home. She encouraged us to bring our Terrariums.

SUNSHINE - Mary Beth had no report.

WAYS & MEANS - Esther Neckere reminded us of our annual Plant Sale on May 2 at Julie's home. A sign-up sheet was passed around for members to indicate the time when they can be involved. She proposed a Fund Raiser for the Club next year - she mentioned a wholesale plant establishment in LaPlata which specializes in perennial plants in 1-gal. containers. Each of these plants costs \$8.00. The Club would get half of the total purchase made from this establishment. Julie asked that she find out if there is a minimum order in order to utilize this benefit.

OLD BUSINESS - Julie went over the upcoming Plant Sale. She reminded us that all plants and garage sale items were to be dropped off the night before or very early in the morning....before 8:00 AM. The following members will be going on the bus trip to Londontowne - Esther, Julie, Diana and Marilyn. Flower Arrangements - Gilda informed us it will be costly that day to purchase flowers around the Mother's Day weekend. It was agreed that we do the flower arranging on May 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS - (Vote on new member. Julie threw out the idea of having a Vote on admitting Marsha Kirchhoff to the Club.) This would be done so that she would be included on the Members List when it is submitted to the Executive

Secretary of NCAGC by May 2, 2009. Joyce made the Motion and Seconded by Esther - Members unanimously voted to admit Marsha. Slate of Officers are as follows:

President - Julie Harrison
Vice President - Gilda Allen
Recording Secretary - Jackie Pugh
Corresponding Secretary - Jackie George
Treasurer - Elaine Arnold
Historian - Linda Millette

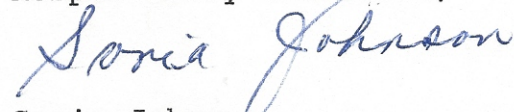
Members who did not host a Meeting over the past year were asked to indicate when they would be willing to do so in the upcoming year. The following venues at which to hold the June Installation Meeting were suggested by Julie - Mimi's, Marlboro Country Club, Mama Stella's. Joyce offered her home as a site. Decision will be made at the May Meeting.

Julie mentioned that she and Lorraine would be attending the NCAGC Installation Luncheon. Mary Beth told us of the FONA Plant Sale scheduled on April 24/25 at the National Arboretum. Diana Morse brought her knowledge of a bus tour by Holly Hill Garden Club on May 27th. This will take place at the Gramercy Mansion and Gardens.

There being no further business, Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. A 50/50 was held and a further drawing of names to allot the array of flowers brought by Anne DeBoeser.

NEXT MEETING - Thursday, May 13, 2009 at the home of Iona Black.

Respectfully submitted,



Sonia Johnson
Acting Recording Secretary