

HISTORY - 1984-85

Our President, Julie Harrison, led us thru a rewarding year with the help of her supporting officers.

Our theme for the year was "Happiness is a Perennial Garden" with Perennials as the Horticulture study. Margaret Hicks presented the study each month.

The programs were informative and varied. They included a presentation on Herbs, Flower Arranging, Taxonomy and a slide show of English Gardens. We called upon our own members for several interesting programs. Anne DeBoeser presented Holiday Tables, Ann Williams presented Christmas Ideas and Peggy Martin presented a slide show of a Standard Flower Show.

Our picnic was held in August at the lovely home of Vivian and John Lynn. The food was delicious and a great time was had by all. Our Christmas party was held in December at the beautifully decorated home of Julie and Bob Harrison. We enjoyed great food and had a wine exchange.

In October we took a day trip to Stillridge Herb Farm in Woodstock, Maryland. It was a lovely drive and we enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Mary Lou Riddle. Several members attended the Philadelphia Flower Show and the Washington Flower Show in March. In May we had a walking tour of Doug McDaniels Award Winning garden in New Carrollton. We had an auction in February and a flea market in May.

Three awards were won by the Clay Breakers this year: a Citation for Outstanding Achievement, The Yearbook Certificate of Merit and a Citation of Merit from CARE for support of the public service in behalf of the needy people of the World.

Some of our members have won several ribbons in various flower shows in the capital area.

We have continued our project at Holloway Park under the direction of Peggy Martin and much help from Roger Neilan. Annuals were planted around the shrubs and junipers and we began a new area on the hill. Day Lilies, Yuccas, bulbs, Azaleas and some perennial plants were used. We continued to weed and water throughout the Summer.

We have had a very productive year and we are looking forward to another rewarding year.

Betty Y. Abercrombie
Historian

We won an award in October 1984 from the Prince George's Beautification Committee for our Holloway Park project.