

Meeting Minutes of the June meeting of the Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club

- The June meeting of the Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club was held on Thursday, 9 June, at Mama Stella's restaurant in Clinton, MD. 20 members and one guest were present. The head table was graced by a spectacular flower arrangement of pink, blue, and lavender hydrangea blossoms and roses, arranged by President Julie Harrison. Julie was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a plaque that read "Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads." Ann DeBoeser and Joyce Myer were awarded the Maryland State Garden Club Life Membership Award, with a card and a pin. Thank you cards from Marilyn Burket and Pam Smart were read. New Officers for next year are Julie Harrison, President, Gilda Allen, vice President, Esther Neckere Secretary, and Pam Smart, Treasurer.

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- A club project for next year will be creating flower arrangements for the Bradford Oaks nursing home. Assembly will be at Gilda Allen's house in September.
- Ann DeBoeser spoke about creating a horticulture display in preparation for the flower show at the Prince George's County Fair this fall. Helpful hints were as follows:
  - Selection should be as close to perfection as possible.
  - Leaves should be following the pattern of the shrub or tree.
  - Selection should be groomed—run under faucet to wash off dust and dead leaves. Remove leaves that will be under water in the arrangement.
  - Saran wrap or cotton balls can be used to wedge the specimen to stand up straight in the container.
- Members left the meeting with herb plants, and were encouraged to use herbs in their contributions to the summer potluck which was held at Pam Smart's cabin in Marshall, VA. Description from Julie Harrison's e-mail:
  - What a beautiful day for the picnic. Twelve members plus spouses, friends and little Parker attended the picnic held at the country home of Pam and her husband Don, thank you both for opening your home to us and being such gracious hosts.. The setting was perfect, you felt like you were in the country. Pam and Dons home looks like an ad for Country Living, so inviting. As usual the food was outstanding and a lot of it. The Herb Contest was a great success. Some of the items were: a grape and strawberry salad, a garden salad, savory palmiers, herb cheese spread, green goddess vegetable dip, basil pesto, lime/basil lemonade, herb shrimp dish, and a mint/basil lime drink. The judging was done by the club members. The winners are as follow: Best Presentation using Herbs was Gilda for her Colorful Garden Salad using nasturtium for the herb. The Tastiest Item using Herbs was the Green Goddess Dip made by Pam and the Most Unusual or Creative use of Herbs was Carol for her Savory Palmiers. Congratulations ladies.
  - The September meeting is 8 September and will be held at the home of Lorraine Leonard, 8420 Thornberry Drive West, Upper Marlboro. The program will be Gardening Concerns by Club Members. Please email any questions to Linda Millette by the 15th of August. This is a perfect time to come up with some great questions that will be of benefit to all of us.
- PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO BRING YOUR CONTAINER GARDEN THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TAKING SUCH GREAT CARE OF THIS SUMMER TO THIS MEETING. THE FIRST PLACE WINNER TAKES HOME THE SILVER TRAY FOR A YEAR, THREE OTHER PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED. Also, each of us are to enter a piece of horticulture in the County Fair on September 8th. When you fill the horticulture entry card the use of the correct and complete scientific botanical name is highly educational and is required for an exhibit to receive a top Exhibitor Award. Julie sent out the information that Anne had given us, if you have misplaced it let me know.

Respectfully submitted, Esther Neckere, Recording Secretary