

MT. AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB
MINUTES - OCTOBER 13, 2005

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President, Mary Jane Bishop. We were privileged to hear an interesting talk about ROSES by Gene Sumi of Homestead Gardens. The following points were brought up -

1) We need to exercise care in purchasing Roses in the supermarket, if at all.

2) It is preferable to buy Roses from a Nursery in the Spring, before June.

3) For excellent Roses, Jackson Perkins and Weeks are suggested.

4) Avoid Grade #2, an indicator of poorer quality plant.

5) Opt for glossy foliage - an indicator of thicker cuticle which better resists the penetration of black-spot and mildew.

6) Roses should be pruned every year. He further threw out the idea for a Pruning Class if we so desire.

We were given discount coupons, compliments of Homestead Gardens. We were introduced to the product "Messenger" which is said to strengthen our plants from the inside. We were shown pictures of various types of Roses and samples of Shrub Roses.

Following REFRESHMENTS provided by Carol Ober, Anne DeBoeser and Marian Moreland, we got down to business.

The September MINUTES were confirmed by Julie and seconded by Esther.

Fifteen members were recorded in ATTENDANCE. A visitor Linda Hodgkins, friend of Carol Ober's was recognized.

In the absence of Mary Beth, no TREASURER'S REPORT was given.

HORTICULTURE - Arminta showed us two photos of a beautiful Heliopsis growing in her front garden. She brought a small bouquet of Melampodium from her garden and pointed out the tendency of this annual to self-seed. She also showed us from an illustration, of a blue weed found growing on the roadside called "Chickory". She suggested that it could be incorporated in floral arrangements which she had done. Arminta also reminded us that this is the best time of the year to purchase and divide Perennials such as Asters, Peonies and Japanese Anemones. A Poem was also read by

Arminta, written by a friend. Marian showed samples of Calicarpa, Hyacinth Bean and Purple Lantana from her garden to share with us.

SUNSHINE - Elaine again threw out an invitation to those of us who would want to join her on a Mushroom hunt. She also reminded us of the Autumn Festival at Mt. Airy to be held on October 15.

CONSERVATION - Elaine said that the Moth is at work on the Mt. Airy Pond to stay the invasive "Parrot Feathers".

WAYS & MEANS - Pam reminded us of the TRIP TO JUG BAY on Saturday, October 22. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those who are interested.

The following Recipients of the PRINCE GEORGES BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS were recognized:

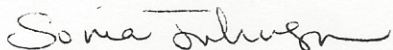
- 1) Arminta Donovan
- 2) Jackie Pugh
- 3) Marian Moreland
- 4) Diana Morse
- 5) Julie Harrison
- 6) Thomas Leonard - son of Lorraine Leonard for his Herb Garden

OLD BUSINESS - Lorraine was unable to be at the Meeting so she sent the CALENDARS with Arminta, who delivered them to the members. Signing up for the purchase of PECANS was continued.

NEW BUSINESS Marian brought to our attention the need to set a date for our FALL WORKSHOP in floral arrangements. We decided on tentative date of November 19 at the Church.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Sonia Johnson
Recording Secretary