

MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB - February 9, 1984

The garden club met at the home of Betty Abercrombie on February 9, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. President Anne DeBoeser called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the minutes read and corrected.

Treasurer Ann Rawlings gave a report of income and expenses with a balance of \$214.37 for January and \$204.82 for February.

Civic Development Chairman Peggy Martin reported all is well at Holloway Park until Spring.

Design Chairman Julie Harrison gave a report on preparing flowers for arranging. She gave hints on cutting and treating stems. Julie will have a workshop at her home on March 15 @ 7 p.m. We will be working with daffodils for Spring arrangements.

Education Chairman Ann Williams gave a report on Birds - Ways to attract them to your yard and garden. Birds need food, shelter and water. Dogwood, hollies, crabapple and bayberry provide food. Hemlock, yews, viburnums, honeysuckle and bittersweet provide shelter. The goldfinch loves the seeds of dandelions and zinnia and the hummingbird like bright colors and deep throated flowers. Provide water if not available naturally. Garden a little on the wild side and you will have the joy and benefits of birds of song and color.

Federation Delegate Jimmie Nell Finley reported the District meeting is March 15 with State and National awards on March 20.

Program Chairman Margaret Hicks reported our speaker in March will be Col. Charles Thompson and Mrs. Henry Suski will be our speaker in April. She reminded us of our Spring trip to the Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden and Londontown on May 17. A motion was made and carried that we invite the Homemakers Club, Bowie Garden Club and Hilltop Garden Club to our special March meeting with Col. Thompson. The meeting will be held March 7 at Bob Hall, Inc. ~~Distributor Plant~~ @ Route 4 and 301 in their Hospitality room. Our husbands are invited.

Publicity Chairman Vivian Lynn was absent. Anne DeBoeser reported she had met with Judy McWilliams, reporter for Prince George's Journal, on Monday February 6 and on Wednesday February 8, members met at Holloway Park with a photographer from the Journal for pictures to be used with the article. The article is due to be published soon.

Sunshine and Telephone Chairman Marie White will send a card to Helen Lentz, who is ill and is active in the Federation. Marie will also send a card to Earliene Rawe's mother, Denise Summers, who is ill and at home with Earliene.

Horticulture Chairman Karen Somers gave an extensive report on "Overwintering Your Roses," "Types of Roses" and "Color Schemes of Roses." She presented ways to mulch and take care of roses in the Winter. Karen also presented information leaflets on the Best of the Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, Grandifloras, Climbers and Miniatures with A.R.S. rating, color, fragrance and height. The color scheme leaflet provided rose combinations with combinations of annuals and perennials. The report was most informative. Peggy Martin reported she can order Miniature Roses from Jackson & Perkins for \$1.50 each with order of 50. She will order some for our members.

Unfinished business: Anne DeBoeser reported that our Christmas party was \$8.00 per couple and the money was collected for Vivian. Peggy still has pecans and they are available after the meeting. Anne DeBoeser received a letter of thanks from World Gardening for our contribution. We will support Woodlawn Plantation Needlecraft Show on March 11 in the afternoon. Anne received letters from Representatives Gary Alexander and William McCaffrey acknowledging our letters in support of the Bottle bill. Peggy Martin reported that Betty and Al Abercrombie will provide a Purple Martin exhibit at the Hilltop Flower Show on April 27.

New Business: A motion was made and carried that we support the Scholarship Fund with a \$25.00 contribution. We voted to change our volunteer day @ the Arbor House from 3rd Wed. each month to 3rd Thursday each month. Anne DeBoeser took a tree survey from the members for a report she needed. We will have an auction at our April meeting and a plant exchange at our May meeting. Peggy invited our club to Hilltop meeting on Friday to hear Sunny O'Neal.

A raffle was held to increase the treasury.

Meeting adjourned.

Refreshments were served by our hostess.

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