**Mount Airy Clay Breakers Minutes**

**Washington Youth Garden, National Arboretum**

**May 12, 2022**

Present: Gilda Allen, Elaine Arnold, Iona Black, Lorraine Leonard, Linda Millette, Diana Morse

The club held its first in-person meeting, with many thanks to Gilda for the program and tour at the Washington Youth Garden followed by the club meeting afterwards in the pavilion.

Brianne Studor, Director of the Youth Garden updated us on the 50 years of the garden. It was started to teach students horticultural and life skills. It has grown into an award-winning garden-based education program that impacts the lives of thousands of under-resourced students.

Following the program, members took a tour of the one-acre garden with innovative gardening techniques to make the most of the space, which produced 5,745 pounds of vegetables last year. The food is distributed to families through partner schools, DC Central Kitchen. And DC Fridge Collective.

In its brief meeting, club members approved minutes from the April meeting open to additional input from the club, discussed the June 9 installation and recommended the installation and annual picnic be combined for the meeting outdoors at the home of Pam Smart.

Diana Morse