

Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club

Minutes October 8, 2009, Meeting

Program. Lawns by Esther Mitchell

Esther Mitchell discussed a wide variety of things that each of us can do in our own yards to contribute to a healthy water system in Maryland, and protect the Bay as well as our own environment. She talked about how to fertilize properly, encourage wildlife, choose the right plant for the right place, control yard pests with Integrated Pest Management, and how to recycle and mulch.

Attendance. 18

Minutes. Pugh

Correspondence Secretary. No report.

Treasurer. Elaine reported that we have \$1,113.38 after spending \$231.59 for Poplar Hill, flowers for the veterans, and the Sunshine Program. We put together 92 flower arrangements at a cost of \$1.05 each.

Historian. No report.

Committee Reports

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT. Carol ~~weeded and mulched Holloway Gardens~~. She said the back was cleaned about 3 years ago, and needs to be done again and the azaleas should be cut back. Lorraine suggested that the County might haul away the debris.

In addition, Sonia and Julie worked at Prospect Hills Cemetery, where they mulched and watered ~~32~~ trees and shrubs.

CONSERVATION. Marian reported that club members didn't have much luck with growing their soybeans. Sonia was able to grow only two.

HORTICULTURE AND DESIGN. Lorraine discussed the Willow Oak, which is Prince George's County's tree. It is drought tolerant and will tolerate poorly drained sites. The leaves are beautiful in the fall, and its seeds and fruit are eaten by the wildlife.

MEMBERSHIP. Sonia asked everyone to return their name tags at the end of each meeting.

PHOTOGRAPHY. No report.

PUBLICITY & NEWSLETTER. Iona, Arminta, Julie, and Lorraine's son Thomas received a beautification award for Hollowsay Gardens.

SUNSHINE. Arminta sent sympathy cards to Esther and her husband and to Susan Hannon on the death of her daughter.

TELEPHONE. No report.

WAYS & MEANS REPORT. Lorraine will be bringing bulbs and ornamental onions for sale to the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS. Julie thanked Marilyn for going with her to buy the flowers for the arrangements and Mary Beth for painting the containers. She also thanked Sonia, Dot, Marion, Mary Beth, Linda, Joyce, Lenay, and Gilda for making the arrangements and for bringing greens to use in them. She thanked Gilda for allowing us to use her basement and providing food. She also thanked Mary Beth, Lorraine, and Linda for bringing pasta salad to the NGAGC fall meeting. Mary Beth won a door prize. Lorraine asked for a volunteer to help her at the WAFA lunch at the Arboretum on October 15.

Gilda, Sonia, and Julie took the arrangements to the Veterans Hospital. They said that the men and women really appreciated them, and that family members were very thankful.

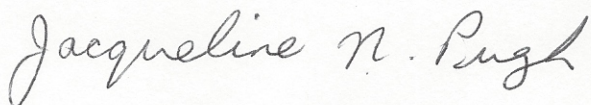
On October 5 and 6, Linda, Diana, and Julie attended the Garden Studies School. Linda said that all 5 speakers were fantastic, and Diana enjoyed the part explaining the basic but necessary information on how to ready your soil for planting. They all recommended the class and said there would be another one next May.

NEW BUSINESS. Dot Lower reported on the Club t-shirts. After, we decided that we needed more information. Dot said she would bring samples of the different styles.

Gilda reminded us to bring our home made wreaths to the December meeting, which will be held at Pam's house. Joyce, Linda, and Mary Jane will be doing table arrangements for the November meeting, which will be at Jackie Pugh's house. **(It was later changed to Linda's house.)**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. A 50/50 was held. Julie gave each person with an October birthday a lily to take home and plant.

Respectfully submitted,



Jacqueline N. Pugh

Recording Secretary