

1982 - 1983

The Clay Breakers started the year with 13 members and it has been active for each and everyone of us.

A lovely picnic was hosted by Dottie and Grey Singleton in August and as usual the food and fellowship were both great - and ^{as} always well attended.

This year saw us actually setting into motion the Holloway Park Project. Under the capable leadership of Chairman Peggy Martin, we met one cool, bright Saturday afternoon in late September and planted 200 daffodil bulbs. On another Saturday afternoon in October several members were joined by Grey Singleton (with rototiller) and after much digging and soil preparation we completed the shrub plantings at the Park entrance.

The meetings this year included programs on flower arranging, water conservation, vegetable gardening in small spaces, practical landscaping, day trips to the Mormon Temple Gardens and the Ladew Topiary Gardens.

In October several members helped with and participated in District I Flower Show which was held at Oxon Hill Manor. Several blue and red ribbons were won by our members at various flower shows throughout the National Capital Area.

In December the Club participated in the National Christmas Greens Show at the National Botanical Gardens by entering a display and also a group served as hostesses one morning.

Two awards were received this year - the Year Book Certificate of Merit and a Certificate of Appreciation for our contribution of dogwood seeds for the Cherry/Dogwood Seed Exchange Program between Japan and the United States.

The Club has continued to provide volunteers for the Gift Shop at the Arboretum on the third Wednesday of the month from March through December. Three members have continued the learning process by attending Flower Show School and one member attended the Landscape Design School.

This year, for the first time, we had an ongoing Horticulture Study. It was on the Ilex (holly) Family, and was presented by Jimmie Nell Finley.

In late winter a group of Clay Breakers served as hostesses at the Woodlawn Plantation Needlecraft Show. Again this year there have ^{been} monetary donations to World Gardening, the Van Dorsal Scholarship Fund and to the Melwood Training Center for their camp program.

May saw us at the Park again - assisted by several husbands - planting a Kousa dogwood tree. In June we provided all the floral arrangements for the Victorian Wedding, an annual event held at the Mary Surratt House in Clinton, Maryland. Earliene Rawe, Chairman, did a lot of research for this project and although we labored under many adverse circumstances, the final results were beautiful.

In all we've had a very busy, productive year.