



MT. AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2007

Our first meeting of the year, which was held at Julie's Home, had a very large turnout including two visitors. The program was on "Floral Design Basic's by Charmane Truesdell.

Thanks to the following individuals who helped to organize the programs and our Yearbook:

The program committee: Mary Jane, Lorraine, Sonia, Mary Beth and Ann.

Design of Program pages and typing: Mary Jane

Illustrations: Sonia

Correspondence with the Speakers: Marilyn

We would also like to acknowledge Lorraine's husband, Don, and Sonia's husband, Everette, for their assistance.

NCAGC General Meeting

The upcoming General meeting on September 25, will feature "Design and Building the Baldacci Garden Pergola: by Remmy Martin, CEO of Everbloom, Inc. The meeting starts at 10:30 and will be held at the U.S. National Arboretum. All club members are invited. Interested members can contact Lorraine.

NCAGC Recycling Initiative

The National Capital Area has started a recycling program in which used cell phones, inkjet and laser cartridges are being collected, and each Garden Club is asked to support this effort. These items contain toxic chemicals like mercury, cadmium, and arsenic, which can leach into the soil and ground water. After collection, they are turned over to recycle companies, which pay for each usable donation. The refunds are used by the NCAGC for their environmental projects. Do not turn in cartridges that have already been refilled as they cannot be used again. Apart from personal throwaway items you could probably contact friends, coworkers and local businesses to collect additional cell phones or cartridges. Club members can give the items to Lorraine at our club meeting.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 11th at the home of Jackie Pugh. The program will be "Xeriscaping" by Shirley Nicolai. Hope to see you there!

The Splendor of Autumn

The splendor of Autumn
Blesses my heart,
As the October leaves
Become works of art.

The wonders of Nature
Set hillsides aglow
From the mountains above
To valleys below.

No artists' pallet
Forms colors like these
When the splendor of Autumn
Transforms the trees

Such beauty is fleeting
And soon fades away,
But sweet memories linger
On cold winter days.

The wonders of God
Are living works of art.
When the splendor of Autumn
Blesses my heart.

Clay Harrison