MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB MINUTES - MAY 13, 2009

The Club met at the home of Iona Black. We toured Elaine and Iona's beautiful Gardens. The Plant Exchange and Voting on Terrariums were then held in Iona's backyard. After the Exchange, delicious and abundant refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM by President, Julie Harrison. There were 20 Members present and one Guest, Marsha Kirchhoff.

MINUTES from the April 2009 Meeting were read by Arminta Donovan from Sonia Johnson's Acting Recording Secretary's Minutes. Correction - Next Meeting will be Thursday, May 14th not May 13th.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Jackie George read Thank You notes from NCAGC for our \$50.00 donation to "Save The Bay"; Anne DeBoeser for Donation to "Friendship Garden"; Carol Ober for Asiatic Lily Plant and Linda Millette for Hydrangea. Jackie also sent a Thank You to Anne DeBoeser for her April Program.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Elaine Arnold reported \$1,676.07 in the Treasury. Plant Sale profit was \$407.65, Bulb Sale \$334.00 - Total Fund Raising \$741.65 to date.

HISTORIAN - Pam Smart had no report.

<u>CIVIC DEVELOPMENT</u> - Lorraine Leonard said Hollaway Park looks good.

CONSERVATION - Gilda Allen -No Report.

HORTICULTURE - Marian Moreland told us about new Grasses...also thanked us for our Terrariums. The new Tomato is called "Paul Robeson"

TELEPHONE - No Report.

MEMBERSHIP - Marsha Kirchhoff was accepted as a new Member this evening. Lorraine Leonard made some nice remarks about Marsha who was also responsible for bringing in two new members i.e, Sonia and Arminta. She also told us that Marsha had been a Flight Attendant for many years and had lost her job so now has a more stable schedule... lots of good time with children and has lovely gardens,

especially her Azaleas. Sonia noted that Marsha is also very creative. Sonia installed Marsha and presented her with a lovely floral arrangement and Julie gave her a Program Book. Marsha thanked everyone and presented our hostess Iona with a beautiful large floral arrangement from her gardens.

PUBLICITY - Mary Jane had no report.

SUNSHINE - Mary Beth sent "Get Well" Cards to Carol Ober and Mary Jane Bishop.

OLD BUSINESS - Julie thanked everyone in the Club for their Plants and Donations for the PLANT SALE...also thanked Marsha for bringing Plants. She thanked Mary Beth especially for all her help. Julie will donate all the leftover Yard Sale items to the Lions Club. The BUS TRIP TO LONDOWNTOWNE was cancelled but members who had signed up went on their own and enjoyed it immensely.

NEW BUSINESS - Julie presented the SLATE OF OFFICERS from the Nominating Committee. There were no Nominations from the floor. A Vote was then taken and all Members were in favor of accepting the Slate.

President - Julie Harrison
Vice President - Gilda Allen
Recording Secretary - Jackie Pugh
Treasurer - Elaine Arnold
Historian - Linda Millette

It was decided that the JUNE INSTALLATION DINNER will be held at "Mama Lucia's" in Dunkirk, MD. Meals range from \$14.00 - \$18.00 plus Tax & Gratuity. We will meet at Gilda's on May 23 at 9:30 AM to make FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VETERANS NURSING HOME. Members need to bring greens. Gilda told us about the floral shop in D.C. where flowers can be purchased. Julie passed around a Sign-Up sheet for E-MAIL ADDRESSES. Arminta volunteered her home the NOVEMBER MEETING where we present festive holiday place settings. Julie and Lorraine attended the NCGAC Spring Luncheon and Installation Meeting where they learned about the activities of other Clubs. Our program on "PRUNING" will be listed in the September issue of "The Capital Gardener". Speaker from the Beltsville Garden Club told of 5-1/2 acres of Rose Gardens which can be viewed the end of May thru first part of June in _____, Maryland. GILDA ALLEN was honored in May

issue of "The Washingtonian" Magazine for her work

teaching young people about the Anacostia River. The CAPITOL HILL GARDEN CLUB needs volunteers to teach gardening at the Transitional Housing for the Homeless project. Lorraine had items for sale from "THE ARBORETUM".

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. A 50/50 was held.

Next Meeting will be our June Installation Dinner Meeting at 7:00 PM on June 11, 2008 at "Mama Lucia's" Restaurant

Votes were counted for the "TERRARIUM" Winner and Gilda Allen won! She was presented with a beautiful large silver tray which she will keep for one year.

Iona and Elaine suggested that we have a "Secret Sister" Drawing. Each Member would note her Birthday, Favorite Color, Plant, Flower, Fragrance, etc. and would be remembered by her "Sister" with cards/gifts throughout the year. Drawing will be in June and will end next year in June.

Gilda suggested that we have another project. Marsha mentioned a "Stepping Stone" Kit. Julie suggested that we each raise a Tomato Plant this summer and bring a Tomato from our plant (NOT the grocery store) to our Annual Summer Picnic.

Respectfully submitted,

Arminta G. Donovan Recording Secretary