

The January 8, 1998 meeting of the Mount Airy Claybreakers was held at the home of Marian Moreland. President Betty Abercrombie opened the meeting and thanked Marian for serving as Hostess. Vice President Peggy Martin introduced Senora Simpson, the speaker for the evening. She presented a slide program on Gardens for Arrangers and spoke about how nearly every kind of plant material can be used in arrangements. Faye Goodman, the guest of May Kemp was introduced. A break was then taken for refreshments.

Following refreshments the Business meeting was opened by President Betty Abercrombie. She thanked Peggy for conducting the last meeting in her absence in December. Vice president Peggy Martin announced that the February meeting would be a program about creative containers by Nancy Guarino. The minutes from the last meeting were ready by Recording Secretary, May Kemp and approved as read. Treasurer, Anne Williams reported a balance on hand of \$822.48. In the absence of Corresponding Secretary, Jimmy Nell Finley, Betty read a thank you note for a wedding present from Margaret and Larry Stinchcomb.

The following Committee Reports were given. Conservation Chairman, Esther Neckere suggested the usefulness of an inexpensive shredder for personal papers. The shreddings can then be used in the mulch pile. Horticulture Chairman., Liz Saniga, gave out a handout on Useful Weeds. She also talked about how to get rid of perennial weeds using Roundup in the Fall. Two books recommended by Liz were "Just Weeds" by Pamela Jones and "Weeds of the Northeast", a fieldguide. useful in identification. Ways and Means Chairman, Marian Moreland reported that she had planted Forget me Nots in anticipation of our Spring sale.

The following Unfinished Business was discussed. There was no answer from Jack White concerning the letter that Betty had written him. Betty circulated a picture of the basket that Liz Saniga had made. Under New Business Betty asked several questions from the yearly report. Marian Moreland announced that she still had notecards to sell. A motion to Adjourn was made by Peg Stovall and seconded by Anne Williams. The 50/50 raffle was won by Liz Saniga.

May Kemp