

MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB
MINUTES - September 8, 2011

The Club met at the home of Lorraine Leonard. Delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Winners of the "Container Garden" were Linda Millette, Gilda Allen, Sonia Johnson and Lorraine Leonard; Winners of "Horticulture" were Marian Moreland, Carol Ober and Pam Smart. Julie gave each winner a nice gift.

"Secret Pal" names will be drawn in October for those interested.

PROGRAM - Gilda Allen presented Linda Millette's "Gardening Concerns" program from members questions. We learned a lot about different insects, fertilizers, grasses, soil tests, etc. Lorraine Leonard told us how to slow water by finding a lower place for it to pool. A small area was started by Lorraine and Marsha at the Marlton Pool this summer.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:35 PM by President, Julie Harrison. There were 15 Members present and one Guest, Mary Schoenfuhs. Each member responded to the September question "Name a Plant that was easy to grow".

MINUTES - Due to the absence of the Recording Secretary, no Minutes were read from the May 2011 Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Elaine Arnold reported \$1,366.97 in the Treasury.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - In Marsha's absence, Iona read Thank You cards from Elaine Arnold, Anne DeBoeser and Joyce Meyer for their Life Memberships and Marian Moreland for her 25th Year.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - Mary Beth said that Holloway Gardens are OK even after all the flooding.

CONSERVATION - No Report

DESIGN - Pam Smart gave Linda Millette's report on conditioning flowers, line and light for design, choice of containers. Linda also sent a copy of guidelines for "Picking for Freshness and Retention" for each member.

HORTICULTURE - Elaine Arnold told us about the Year of

Environmental Studies. Why do we garden? How do we manage our environment? Developing has ruined our environment. Remember that "Life Depends on our Environment".

MEMBERSHIP - Sonia introduced our Guest, Mary Schoenfuhs who is interested in gardening, has recently graduated from Law School, waiting on Bar Exam and trying to find employment. Mary thanked us for inviting her to our Meeting.

PROGRAM - Gilda Allen - October Meeting will be "Integrated Pest Control" by Joe Mudd who is a Master Gardener and owner of Bank Landscaping Company.

SUNSHINE - In May, Armintia sent a Sympathy Card to Pam Smart on the death of her Mother; Thinking of You card to Anne DeBoeswer and Get Well to Pam in June; Birthday card to Dot Lower in July; Birthday cards to Sonia Johnson Esther Neckere and Julie Harrison and Sympathy card to LeNay O'Quinn on the death of her Mother in August.

PUBLICITY - Marian Moreland will write articles for the various newspapers in the area.

TELEPHONE - Pat said all is OK.

OLD BUSINESS - Gilda told us about the Children's Program at Concordia Lutheran Church. A Pizza Garden was planted during the summer and a Pizza meal is planned for Friday, September 9th at 2 PM. She needs volunteers. Julie asked if we wanted to continue this program for the coming year. Question was "How often and how many days?" Julie will E-mail info a week ahead.

NEW BUSINESS - District I Meeting at Arboretum is September 13; NCAGC Fall Meeting is September 27; P.G. County Beautification Awards Ceremony is September 28; District I Christmas Tour to Richmond, Virginia on December 3rd - Fee \$85.00. Marilyn Berkut called the Nursing Home regarding flower arrangements but has had no return call. Julie's granddaughter designed the logo for our 2011-2012 Yearbook cover and Julie thanked Gilda and her daughter for the matching letterheads and note cards. After some discussion, Iona Black made a Motion that "The President be reimbursed for all the gifts she buys throughout the year". Motion was seconded by Armintia

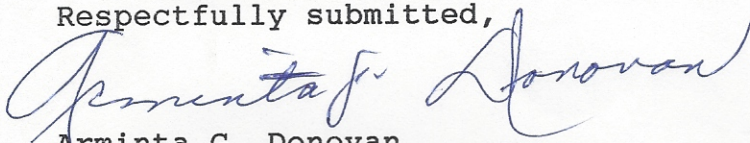
Donovan and all members were in favor. Arminta showed members the newspaper clipping about Don Riddle's untimely death on June 30th. Don was the owner of Homestead Gardens.

NEXT MEETING - Thursday, October 13, 2011 at ^{6:30} 7:00 PM at the home of Elaine Arnold ~~at 7:00 PM.~~

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

A Fifty-Fifty was held.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arminta G. Donovan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being particularly prominent.

Arminta G. Donovan
Acting Recording Secretary