

The Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club met on 10 October at 7:00 pm at the home of President Gilda Allen with 15 members attending.

PROGRAM

Barbara Glickman, author of **Capitol Splendor: Gardens and Parks of Washington, DC**, a book that described 32 gardens in the DC area. During her slide presentation, Ms. Glickman mentioned 10 notable gardens: Dumbarton Oaks, Huntly Meadows, Brookside gardens, Chesapeake & Ohio, National Arboretum, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, Meadowlark Gardens, and the Enid Haupt Garden at the Smithsonian.

She also gave examples of the history and landscape design of a formal Italian designed garden at Meridian Hill Park, which features statues, water features, and symmetry in patterns of plantings. AnnMarie Garden is an example of the French designed garden, which controls nature with trees pruned in geometric shapes, and gravel paths. The garden "rooms" at Hillwood and Dumbarton Oaks were illustrated. The various gardens of the Smithsonian were also noted: the Bartholdi Garden and the various small gardens within the US Botanic Garden: the garden court, the jungle, the desert, the National Garden roses, and the First Ladies garden. Ms. Glickman charges \$21.15 for her book, which can be ordered from her website [www.facebook.com/Capitol garden](http://www.facebook.com/Capitolgarden)

Current Announcements : Pam Smart and Marsha Kirchoff celebrated October birthdays. Several members of the club are on the sick list: Joyce Myer, Sonia Johnson, Julie Harrison, Diana Morse. The September minutes were read and approved. A suggestion was made to send the minutes out ahead of the following meeting. This will be done on a trial basis in November. Prince George's County beautification awards have been given to Julie Harrison, Sonia Johnson, and Pat Hall.

Committee Reports

Treasurer: Carol Ober reported that as of 30 August, the club bank balance was \$1,175.17.

Civic Development: Pam Smart reported that she planted the plants donated for the Edge of the Woods Garden project. No more plants are needed.

Conservation: Pat Hall said that conservation topics will be based on the book **The Quiet Crisis** by Stewart Udall, a former head of the Department of Interior who was a champion of conservation.

Membership: Elaine Arnold mentioned that the club now has 23 members with two consultant/honorary members, leaving one slot open for a new member.

Ways and Means: Linda Millette will be taking a table on at the St. Thomas Church Fall festival the Saturday evening before Thanksgiving, and is asking for contributions of flowers and vases. Several members volunteered to make arrangements to sell at the event on a trial basis for future participation.

Old Business

The trip to Winterthur has been postponed until around Christmastime. We will carpool to the location (a 2 to 3 hour trip). The entrance fee to Winterthur will be \$22 .00.

New Business

- Members are asked to participate in the preparation of 26 small table arrangements for the Bradford Oaks Nursing Home. Contributions of small tuna fish cans that can be spray painted green should be delivered to Lorraine Leonard. All should bring greenery and scissors to Gilda Allen's home on Saturday, 9 November, at 8:30. Flowers will be provided.
- It was decided that this year the club have an installation of officers at a garden tea party and have the annual picnic as two separate events.
- Iona Black moved and Lenay O'Quinn seconded a motion to raise the annual club dues from \$20.00 to \$25 per member. The motion was passed.
- A reminder of upcoming events:

8 November- Morning of Design at River Road Unitarian Church

12 November District 1 Fundraiser at Franklin's Restaurant, Hyattsville

Trip to Fallingwater, PA – TBA

After the meeting was adjourned, a 50/50 was held, won by Iona Black. The next meeting will be held on 14 November at Carol Ober's home.

Respectfully submitted, Esther Neckere,

Recording Secretary