

The Mount Airy Claybreakers met on Thursday, October 9 at the home of Julie Harrison. President Betty Abercrombie thanked Julie for sharing her lovely home with us. There were 9 members present and also Dotty Sisson as a guest. The minutes from the September meeting were read by Recording Secretary, May Kemp, and approved as read. In the absence of Corresponding Secretary, Jimmy Nell Findley, President Abercrombie reported that the Club had received a thank you note from Garden Resources of Washington for their donation to The GROW Program. Peggy Martin made a motion, seconded by Anne Williams, that we limit our donation to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Scholarship Fund, and the World Gardening Program to \$25.00. Following discussion, the motion passed. Anne Williams made a motion, seconded by May Kemp, that we donate \$1.00 per member for the Youth Education Program at the National Arboretum. The motion passed. Treasurer Anne Williams reported a balance on hand of \$833.45.

The following Committee Reports were given. Betty Abercrombie, in the absence of Elaine Arnold reported on Civic Development. The bench for Holloway Park is on back order and will be installed within one week of arrival. The dedication to Marie White will have to take place in November because Betty will be out of town before then. Conservation Chairman, Esther Neckere spoke briefly about her summer vacation in Arizona and the water preservation things that she observed. Design Chairman, Ann Deboesser passed out a handout about elements of design. She said that the important thing to do was to train your eye. Have fun, study, make a file of ideas! Photography Chairperson, Julie Harrison is taking pictures. Publicity Chairman, May Kemp had an article in the Enquirer Gazette about the September meeting. Sunshine, Peg Stovall sent cards to Dotty Sisson on the death of her husband and to Liz Saniga's husband who was sick. Ways and Means Chairman, Marian Moreland reported that our fund raiser will be the second of May at the Holy Rosary parking lot. She asked that we plant forget me nots now to have them for sale in May.

The following unfinished business was discussed. There is a mistake in this years booklet. Anne Deboesser is a Master Judge. Betty reported that the District Garden Tour was outstanding.

Under new business, Betty reported on two letters from Jack White. One included a \$100.00 to the Club. Betty brought him over this year's booklet with a special dedication to Marie White. In the second letter from Jack he reported how upset he was to have Marie's name removed from the membership list. After discussion it was the consensus of the club that Betty had done things correctly. Jimmy Nell will write a thank you to Jack for the donation. Next month's meeting will be at the Church. Peg Stoval, Anne Deboesser, Betty Abercrombie, and Peggy Martin will serve as hostesses. Anne Williams, Peggy Martin, and Jimmy Nell Findley received certificates for serving as Judges for the City of Bowie Beautification Awards. Julie Harrison made a motion, seconded by Anne Williams to close the business portion of the <sup>meeting</sup> minutes. Betty introduced Peggy Martin who asked Peggy Stovall to read a poem entitled My Wife the Gardener. Peggy then proceeded to give a most informative and enjoyable Program about Bulbs.

*May Kemp*