

MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB
MINUTES - October 9, 2008

The Club met at the home of Diana Morse. Delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Marian Moreland's program "Hands on Creative Flower Design" was very creative. Dot Lower, Esther Neckere and Carol Ober made unusual Fall floral arrangements using bricks - a real challenge.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President, Julie Harrison. There were 16 Members present and two Guests, Linda Millette and Delores Addison. Each member responded to the October question "Why I do or do not like abstract design".

MINUTES from the September 2008 Meeting were read by Arminta Donovan, Recording Secretary. Corrections: Esther Neckere was not absent from the Meeting; Motion to send \$50.00 to "World Gardening", not "Wired Gardening".

TREASURER'S REPORT - Elaine Arnold reported \$1,310.14 in the Treasury. Her Budget Committee has met and when Budget is approved, she will present it to the Club.

HISTORIAN - Pam Smart had no report.

MEMBERSHIP - Sonia Johnson presented Linda Millette for Membership. Linda has attended the required three (3) Meetings. Pam said that she met Linda at one of our Plant Sales. Linda had a booth next to the Club's and she expressed an interest in joining a Garden Club. Linda told us she is a widow, lives on four (4) acres of land and has dabbled in gardening. Linda was accepted for membership by all the Club members. Sonia asked Linda to agree to abide by the By-Laws of the Club which she did and then Sonia welcomed her to the Club and presented her with a gift.

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CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - Lorraine reported that a Prince Georges County Beautification Award was given to "Hollaway Gardens" and accepted by Julie at the Awards Reception. She noted that Iona Black, Thomas Leonard and Arminta Donovan also received Awards. It was a lovely affair.

CONSERVATION - No Report - Gilda Allen was absent from the Meeting.

HORTICULTURE - Marian Moreland attends the sessions given by Gene Sumi at Homestead Gardens. This month he spoke about Bulbs. Buy large, hard bulbs and plant in groups for best effect. Squirrels will not eat Daffodils. Marian won some Fish Emulsion and Arminta won an unusual Ergonomic trowel which they displayed. Next session will be Tuesday, November 18 at Homestead's 5-acre property on Governor Bridge Road where 60,000 Poinsettias are grown. All are welcome. Sonia brought a floral arrangement and Arminta brought some lavender Asters from her 8 + ft. high plant. LeNay said these tall Asters are called "New England Asters".

PUBLICITY - No Report - Mary Jane was absent from the Meeting.

TELEPHONE - LeNay had no report. Iona was absent.

WAYS AND MEANS - Lorraine and Esther will order Bulbs from a catalog for sale to members at a slightly higher price. Lorraine passed around the catalog and a sign-up sheet. She noted that these bulbs would also make nice gifts. Bring a paper bag to the next Meeting. LeNay said the cost of the Pruners used by Joe Clements at the last Meeting were \$60.00 and explained all the good features.

OLD BUSINESS - Remember the Garden Studies Class at the National Arboretum on November 5 and 6th - call Julie or Elaine. Cost \$70.00.

NEW BUSINESS - Marilyn said that perhaps it would be a good idea to make the flower arrangements for the Veterans Home at an "off-time" instead of a holiday. Save tuna cans - will probably need about 75 cans. Marilyn attended a Meeting of the Hilltop Garden Club. Their members decorate "His Lordship's Kindness" for Christmas. They are a small club and many members are elderly. They need help with the Christmas project and asked if we would be interested. They use a Williamsburg theme i.e., fruits and greens. Greenery from the grounds of the mansion is available. There will be a Tea on December 6th and decorations need to be done earlier that week. Our Members agreed to help. Joyce will get more info and present it at our November Meeting. Members were asked to try and attend Hilltop's Meetings. Pam said that Middleburg, VA

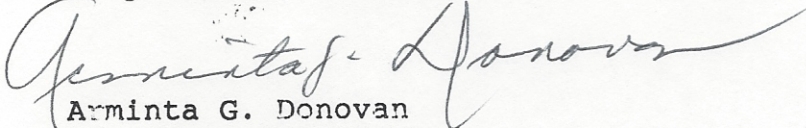
has a Greens and Garden Show on the first Saturday in December from 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM. There is also a Craft Show, Luncheon at one of the churches and a running of the hounds and horses. A colorful event. Car Pools if interested.

NEXT MEETING - Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 PM at the Home of Julie Harrison. Festive Table Settings by Elaine, Iona, Sonia and Julie.

A Fifty-Fifty was held.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Armintha G. Donovan
Recording Secretary