**Annual Report 2015**

**Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club**

We began our year with 24 members and ended with 22 members; Marsha Kirchhoff resigning and the pasting of Marian Moreland, a dearly beloved and active member. This year's theme was Earth's Treasures. There were 10 meetings held with presentations on the following topics: Herbs, Table Settings, Nutrition and Plant Based Foods, Weather, A Bugs Life, Water Conservation, and Weed Identification and Control.

**New Initiatives for the year**

1. Revised and rewrote the bylaws to reflect the current administration of the club (Gilda, Iona, Elaine, Dot, Connie)

2. Changed the layout of the yearbook (Deborah)

3. Provided gifts to the Bradford Oaks Nursing Home residents for Christmas (everyone)

4. Organized White Elephant Sales (Iona, Pam, Lenay)

5. Revised and reinstituted the clubs e-letter (Lenay & Deborah)

6. Assisted Mattaponi School with their Earth-day Clean-up & Native Plant Garden (Gilda, Iona, Pat)

7. An exhibit set-up at the Surratt's Library (Esther)

**On-going Activities**

1. Fundraisers conducted:

 plant sale(Julie Harrison and everyone)

 bulb sale (Dot)

 Thanksgiving floral designs (Linda, Pam & everyone)

 White Elephant Sale

2. Plant Exchange (Elaine)

3. Picnic and Pool Party ( Lenay)

4. Christmas party (Marilyn)

5. 3 workshops were conducted, Wire Cloth Flower Making and Colored Hypertufers (Marilyn, Lenay)

6. Conducted 3 floral design contests; Christmas doorknobs, the use of unusual containers, practiced designs for county fair.

7. Installation of Officer's Dinner (Gilda, Julie, Lenay, Pam)

8. Maintained the gardens at Holloway Estates and Concordia Lutheran Church and school (Pam, Julie)

9. Participation in the Prince Georges County Fair (Lorraine)

9. Member garden tours - Pam, Iona, Carol, and Elaine

**Publicity**

* One article in the Garden Gate about the summer garden workshops(Gilda)
* Three articles in the Marlton Advocate about the clubs activities (Lorraine)

**Donations**

Four hundred contributed to: Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Scholarship Fund, Mattaponi Elementary School Garden and Fern Valley

**Awards Earned**

District I -7

National Capitol Area Garden Clubs- 3

**Budget**

**The ending budget balance for the year was $1740.82.**

Submitted by Gilda M. Allen (President)