

The garden club met at the home of Anne DeBoeser on September 8, 1983, at 7:30 p.m. President Anne DeBoeser called the meeting to order. Vice President Margaret Hicks introduced our speaker, Mr. Forlifer, from MD. Department of Natural Resources. He presented a lovely program with slides and commentary, on the Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden in Annapolis - a six acre barrier-free botanical garden featuring plant associations characteristic of Maryland.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

Treasurer Ann Rawlings was absent and Anne DeBoeser announced the balance on hand as \$290.00

Program Chairman Margaret Hicks reported on the programs for this year and discussed a Fall trip to Stillridge Herb Farm on October 20th.

Civic Development Chairman Peggy Martin reported she and Ann Williams had maintained the plants at the park this summer by weeding and watering. Peggy recommended a path be put in now to make a definition and to protect the plants. Several ways were discussed with a decision to made later.

Design Chairman Julie Harrison was absent. Anne DeBoeser reported that Julie will have 3 workshops this year - the first in October.

Education Chairman Ann Williams presented the garden calendar. Now is the time to THINK SPRING - time to plant bulbs, prepare beds and plant evergreens. Also to collect dry grasses and meadow flowers. She suggested each member list the garden books and magazines we have so we can share with other members.

Publicity Chairman Vivian Lynn - no report.

Sunshine Chairman Marie White reported she has delegated 3 people to help her with the telephone calls each month.

Horticulture Chairman Karen Somers presented a history of the Rose - from the orgin to the different varieties available today. The report was most informative.

Federation Delegate Jimmie Nell Finley was absent. Anne DeBoeser reported that the next Federation meeting will be September 20th. In support of National Council goals our NCAFGC started a pilot program - SOME - this summer. This is to be an on-going project and each club is asked to collect surplus produce from their members and bring it to the September Federation Meeting and the food will be delivered to SOME.

Unfinished Business: President Anne DeBoeser expressed thanks for the beautiful work done by Earliene Rawe and her committee for the Surratt House wedding. Appreciation was also expressed to Earliene and her husband for the lovely picnic at her home on August 11th. Anne DeBoeser reported that all tables are taken for the Christmas Greens Show - "A Capital Christmas". Mantles and doorways are available and were discussed. A decision will be made later about accepting one of these categories.

New Business: Anne DeBoeser reported Earliene Rawe has accepted as Chairman for the Surratt House Christmas Decorations. The Arboretum needs workers for the Fern Valley project on October 19 & 20. District I is having a plant sale on October 18 at the Arboretum. All garden club members are invited. Donations of house and garden plants are requested.

Peggy Martin, from Beautification Awards 1983, asked for our help with refreshments on October 5 at the Calvert Mansion in Riverdale. We agreed to provide dip and fresh vegetables. Peggy also invited our members to a Longwood Garden tour on October 14 with the Hilltop Garden Club. Contact Peggy for your reservation. Ann Williams reported that Vivian Lynn will have the Christmas party on December 10. Anne DeBoeser stated that the Activity Center needs a volunteer on September 21 - she will work.

Meeting adjourned.

Delicious refreshments were served by our hostess.

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