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The October Meeting of the Mount Airy Claybreakers was held at the lovely home of Joann Davis. An entertaining and informative talk on the basics of Soil Preparation was presented by local Horticulturist, David Weston. Despite all the technical advice, David said that the most important thing is to enjoy gardening, a thing that all of the Claybreakers agree with! After the main program, Horticulture Chairman, Marian Moreland presented a mini program on Coriander as part of her continuous study of Herbs.

The November meeting of the Claybreakers will be held at the home of Esther Neckere on November 14th. The program will be Creative Designs for Holiday Tables.

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Dear Enquirer Gazette,

The Mount Airy Claybreakers began their Year with a very special remembrance of Mary Ellen Heagy. She was a member of the Garden Club for many years who died of cancer last year. A Crepe Myrtle was planted in Holloway Park on Rosaryville Road as a living memorial to a very special friend. The ceremony was conducted by Betty Abercrombie, President of the Claybreakers, and Julie Harrison, a member, and was attended by Garden Club members, family members, and other friends. Mary Ellen will be missed, but the flowering tree will bloom and grow with each passing season and we will not forget her.

Sincerely,

May Kemp  
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The November meeting of the Mount Airy Claybreakers Garden Club was held at Clinton Presbyterian Church on Thursday the 14th. President, Betty Abercrombie, reported that Liz Saniga, Joyce Meyer, and Peggy Martin won ribbons at the District I Flower Show on October 18th. The program for the evening was a display of exhibition tables, (as opposed to functional), such as would be done for a flower show. Marilyn Berkut designed a Thanksgiving Table using a centerpiece of yellow roses to match the roses on her Mother's handpainted china. Joyce Meyer's table was designed for Christmas with red, gold and white, a handmade angel, and Nandina branches. Dotty Garrison's was a table designed for New Year's Eve with a centerpiece of pink carnations in a champagne bottle picking up the pink and gold colors in the antique china.

The next meeting of the Club will be held at the home of home of Marilyn Berkut on Thursday, December 12th. The program will be Creative holiday Decorations done by Jimmy Nell Finley, May Kemp, and Ann Williams



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Peggy Martin served as the hostess for the January meeting of the Mount Airy Claybreakers Garden Club and continued her annual tradition of serving a wonderful Mexican dinner. The food and friendship provided warmth to a very cold evening, weatherwise. Following the dinner, John Peter Thompson of Behnke's presented a slide presentation of "The Use of Annuals in Gardens of the World". He said that a garden enclosure is one in which man tries to take over nature and bring order to its' wilds. A true gardener must have a painters eye as they use flowers as dabs of color.

The Club was grieved to hear of the death of Bob Harrison, husband of member Julie. In addition several other members were not able to attend because of illness. Marie White is recovering from back surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Jimmie Nell Finley is at home with a broken foot.

Next month's meeting will take place on February 13th at the home of Esther Neckere. The program will be "The Bay Begins At Your Back Door", a slide program on the Chesapeake Bay by John L. Brunner, Executive Director, CCCC.



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The Mount Airy Claybreakers Garden Club recently met at the home of Jimmy Nell Finley. Joyce Meyer, a Designer with Ed's Plant World, gave a slide presentation on Landscape Design. Horticulture Chairman, Marian Moreland, gave a presentation on the Mayapple and also continued the discussion about the differences between Spices and Herbs. The Club is planning its' 20th anniversary celebration with a luncheon to be held on April 19th. The Claybreakers are members of the District I, National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs. They were recently honored by the Federation and presented with a Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Yearbook. They also received citations for Garden Club Achievement, Garden Maintenance, and Community Projects.

Charter Member, Marie White, is seriously ill, but welcomes cards and messages. The Mount Airy Claybreakers are establishing an annual award in Marie's name to be given to the Garden Club member who wins the most blue ribbons at Flower Shows, beginning in 1997. In the past, it has been Marie who has won many of those awards. This award will be a tribute to her many talents and a way of expressing appreciation for her many contributions to the Mount Airy Claybreakers and the national Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs.



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The Mount Airy Claybreakers held their April meeting at the Clinton Presbyterian Church. Madge Overly presented a special program of flower arranging in the Ikebana style. Following the program, delicious refreshments were served by Peg Stovall.

There were fond remembrances of Marie White, a charter member, who had recently died. A crepe myrtle will be planted in her name at Holloway Park on May 8th at 6:30 PM, ~~prior to the next meeting.~~

The Mount Airy Claybreakers and the Hilltop Garden Clubs are busy planning "Rhapsody of Spring", a standard flower show. It will be held on Saturday, April 26, 1997 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Clinton Presbyterian Church, 9901 Brandywine Road, Clinton. Everyone is invited to attend.



June '97

The last meeting of the year was held at Mama Stella's Restaurant on June 12, 1997. Anne Williams gave a Treasurer's report and reported a balance on hand of \$950.49. May Kemp reported that there were three recent articles publicized in the papers. President, Betty Abercrombie, reported that the memorial dedication to Marie White will take place in September, one hour before our regular meeting. Peggy Martin and Betty will make arrangements for a bench for the park. It was announced that the August picnic will be held at the home of May Kemp. Betty Abercrombie asked for a volunteer to go to the President's coffee of the federation the next week as she would be out of town.. there were no volunteers, but Peggy Martin said that she might be able to go. The Executive Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 1st at 10:00 o'clock at Betty Abercrombie's house.

Betty then listed the accomplishments of the last year. Among them were the tree dedicated to Mary Ellen Heagy, the Pointsetta tour at Benhke's, the District I Flower Show, the 20th Anniversary luncheon, the Flower Show with Hilltop Garden Club, our continuing work at Holloway Park, and providing refreshments for the President's Coffee of the Federation last June.

Ann DeBosier installed the new officers for 1997-1998. They are as follows. President, Betty Abercrombie; Vice president, Peggy Martin; Treasurer, Anne Williams; Corresponding Secretary, Jimmy Nell Finley ; and Recording Secretary, May Kemp.

A wonderful dinner followed the Business meeting.

May Kemp