

The Mt Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club met at 6:30 p.m. October 8, 2015 at the home of Connie Dalpra. There were 15 members and 3 guests present.

Program: Our Local Watershed and their Impact on Local Gardeners by Curtis Dalpra, from the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin. The major project areas are:

- 1) Water resources planning
- 2) Water quality restoration
- 3) Living resources
- 4) Public Education outreach which 40 schools are restoring shad to the rivers through refertilization

Business Meeting

Mary Jane Bishop, Recording Secretary, the minutes from the September meeting was approved as read.

Pat Hall, Treasurer, the balance in the bank \$1,739.38. Pat has obtained the EIN Number from the IRS and made a second attempt to update the signature cards at the bank and learned that the club name must be registered with the state of Maryland. Pat has submitted the forms.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: Iona Black received a thank you note from Arminta Donovan for the birthday gift.

Audit Committee: Julie Harrison, Arminta Donovan and Dot Lower audited the bank account and the July statement balanced. There were questions which were answered to the satisfaction of the committee. The audit was completed and the books turned over to Pat Hall.

Civic Development: No report.

Conservation: No report.

Design: Elaine Arnold brought a beautiful vase of roses and eucalyptus in lovely fall colors. She gave out handouts showing the different designs and said her arrangement started as a vertical and then expanded into a mass design. Next month she will discuss the mechanics of design.

Horticulture: Lorraine Leonard discussed Monarch Butterflies and milk weed. There are several varieties of milkweed. The monarch butterflies know which varieties they like best by tasting the milkweed before they lay their eggs. Gilda Allen told us about the butterfly weed and that they need a host plant and a nectar plant. She also provide a web site livemonarch.com. Asclepius silica- also known as common milkweed was once the major diet of monarch butterflies.

Membership: Connie Dalpra reported that Salay Presti and Lucille Gwynn have attended 2 meetings and will be eligible for membership at the next meeting.

Sunshine: Arminta Donovan sent a thank you note to Jackie George for the donation of the vases to be used for the arrangements for the St. Thomas Church sale. She sent a birthday card to Pam Smart and a get well card to Deborah Determan.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Esther Neckere and Marilyn Berkut set up an educational display about Bats in the Surratts-Clinton Library. It is in the entry display case and has materials and books about Bats. Esther created and questions and answer tutorial and a sample of one of the questions is "Do bats live in Clinton?".

Linda Millette discussed the floral designs for St. Thomas Church and encouraged everyone to the vases that were donated by Jackie George. The sale is November 21st from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. She also had samples of the magnetic flower pins that are being sold as a district I fundraiser.

Gilda Allen informed us that she received the grant that she applied for to be used for projects at the Dupont Park Adventist School in Washington, DC. She discussed some of the projects. The project that she would like us to become involved in is the planting of 3 gardens. A vegetable garden, an herb garden and a wild flower garden.

Announcements:

We will be having an in-house "yard sale" at the meeting next month. Don't forget to bring your items for the sale.

The Morning of Design, "Visions of Winter" a new season with a new design, will be held November 13th at Plymouth Baptist Church, 9600 Plymouth Road, Alexandria, VA.

The Franklin Fundraiser will be November 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The 50/50 was won by Elaine Arnold.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Bishop
Recording Secretary