

MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB
MINUTES - September 13, 2012

The Meeting was held at the home of Esther Neckere. Lovely refreshments were served. President, Gilda Allen welcomed everyone.

PROGRAM - Iona Black introduced our speaker, Ann Young and her friend Joanie who are Master Gardeners. Ann presented us with a most interesting and informative program on Herbs, told us the difference between Herbs and Spices and showed us several beautiful Herb plants. She distributed a lengthy brochure on "Culinary Herbs".

The Meeting was called to order by our President at 8:30 PM. New Program Books for the Year 2012 - 2013 were handed out.

MINUTES - Roll Call was taken and there were 20 Members present and one Guest - Linda's friend, Norma Hill. Each member was asked "What is Your Favorite Herb". Minutes from the June Installation Dinner and the Annual Picnic were read. Corrections in June Minutes - Dorothy Yashinsky, Lorraine's Mother was a Guest and Corresponding Secretary is Jackie George.

DESIGN - Joyce Meyer handed out the "History of Floral Design"

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Jackie read a Thank You note from Julie Harrison, our Past President.

TREASURER's REPORT- Carol Ober reported \$1,516.12 in the Treasury. Gilda asked for a End of Year Report. Carol had done a Budget but will have Year End Report at the next meeting.

HISTORIAN- Pam Smart asked everyone to look at the books.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - Mary Beth had No Report.

CONSERVATION - Diana talked about the cost of Invasive Species - 100 billion dollars a year. She spends time at the National Arboretum just pulling up English Ivy. Gilda mentioned the "Atlantic Tree of Heaven" which looks like Sumac. She will do a project on it at a later date.

HORTICULTURE - Jessica told us about the different species

of English Ivy and their history. The Ivy is a thermo-shield on buildings in England. Berries only appear as it climbs, none on the ground cover.

MEMBERSHIP - Sonia had No Report on Membership but told the group that the News Letter will be published four (4) times a year.

PUBLICITY - Marian had no report.

SUNSHINE - Arminta sent Birthday cards to Dot Lower in July, Sonia Johnson, Esther Neckere and Julie Harrison in August and will send one to Elaine Arnold on September 27th.

WAYS & MEANS - Esther showed us eight (8) professionally matted and framed Bird pictures which she would like to sell to Club members for \$10.00 each.

OLD BUSINESS - Gilda asked for volunteers to weed Hollaway Gardens; reminded members of the Beautification Awards ceremony on September 26th; Julie said Concordia Church garden has been weeded but also needs volunteers; she also thanked all who provided plants, told us about the Butterfly Garden, also needs a volunteer to maintain that garden. Gilda said that there was never a response about the "Youth Garden Project" - a Motion was made, seconded and all Voted to end it. She thanked Pam and Linda for all their efforts on the beautiful History Book. Julie reported on specimens entered at the P.G. County Fair - Julie received 2 Blue Ribbons, Sonia and Arminta each received one Blue Ribbon and Lorraine received a Blue Ribbon for an unusual arrangement called "Chicken Soup for the Soul". Each recipient will receive \$4.00. She encouraged everyone to enter next year.

NEW BUSINESS - District I Meeting was held today - Ulrich Lorimar spoke on the "BBG's New Native Flora Garden"; Several members entered floral arrangements for the Meeting - awards will be given at the Beautification Ceremony on September 26th; Gardening Studies School September 17 - 18; Landscape Design School September 19 - 21; September 25 is NCAGC Fall Meeting; Franklin's Store and Restaurant on November 13th; all are encouraged to attend these events since we get points for yearly Awards. Gilda asked members about a Summer Workshop - Hypertofu by Lenay or Stepping Stones by Pam - more info later. Gilda

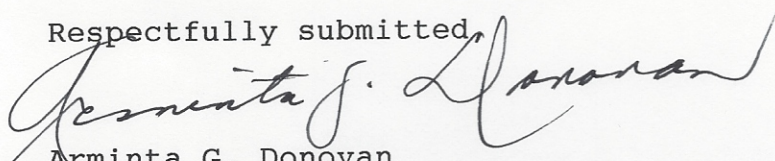
feels the Club needs a Projector for upcoming programs. Pat Hall gave a detailed report on projectors - an important factor for a projector is "resolution". She and Mike will be willing to shop for one. After some discussion, a Motion was made by Iona to "Purchase a Projector but to spend no more than \$500.00" - Motion was seconded by Linda. After further discussion, a Vote was taken and affirmed. Gilda reminded us to save tuna cans for Nursing Home arrangements - date later.

NEXT MEETING will be held at Gilda Allen's on Thursday, October 11th at 7:00 PM..

There being no further business, Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

A Fifty-Fifty was held.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Armintha G. Donovan', written over the typed name.

Armintha G. Donovan
Recording Secretary