

Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club Meeting 14 October 2010 Julie Harrison, Hostess, 15 members

The evening's topic was Flower Design presented by Mary Simms, master gardener. Ms. Simms is a flower designer at the Washington National Cathedral. She demonstrated several types of arrangements such as a tall bouquet, a table garden (used at the Cathedral around the baptismal font), and a hand held bouquet. As she created her arrangements, she offered a number of tips: propagating hydrangeas, always using clean containers, and purchasing new Oasis for each arrangement. She also announced a flower arranging course at the National Cathedral in February 2011. She left her arrangements to be raffled off to garden club members at the end of the meeting.

Committee Reports were as follows: Corrections to last month's minutes: This yearbook was created by Diana Morse, AND Pat Hall and her husband, and Julie Harrison.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,543.63. Form #990 has been reported to the IRS to maintain the club's nonprofit status.

Civic development: It was suggested that Holloway Park needs some mums, bulbs, and some weeding. Volunteers are needed to help clean up the garden.

Conservation: an English gardens brochure and Gene Sumi's garden care were passed out.

Horticulture: Preparing a garden bed: Next few weeks are fine to rework garden beds, hostas, cranebills. A bulb sale was announced by Thomas Leonard's school.

Membership: Linda Millette had knee replacement surgery. Four birthday cards were sent and a thank you note from Arminta was read.

Old Business

Elaine Arnold and Julie Harrison will plant the **children's garden at Concordia Lutheran Church** with Swiss Chard, Kale, and other fall plants. **Flower arrangements** created by garden club members were delivered to the **Bradford Oaks Nursing Home** by Marilyn Burkut. They were much appreciated. Mary Beth Cecil and others attended the **District 1 meeting at Hard Bargain Farm**. Mary Beth brought back literature on the Ferguson Farm. At the **Darnalls Chance flower show**, Sonia Johnson and Julie Harrison both won blue ribbons and Elaine Arnold won a third place ribbon for the arrangements they entered. **Beautification awards** were announced: Thomas Leonard won the golden trowel award, Iona Black a third year award, Holloway Park, a third year award, and Concordia Lutheran Church, a one year award. Pam Smart suggested a Christmas tea in LaPlata on 18 December. An **Arbor House trunk show** was held during the **District 1 Morning of Design**, along with the jewelry sale solicited to help fund the National Garden Club convention in DC next year.

New Business

Need suggestions for a December club project. Mr Healy, District 1 President, will be a guest at the club's meeting next month. October 10 will be the District 1 fundraiser at the Franklin Store, The District will receive 20% of all garden club purchases.

The meeting ended with the 20/20 raffle and bids on the floral arrangements.

Respectfully submitted, Esther Neckere, Secretary