

The Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club met at the home of Elaine Arnold on 9 May 2013 at 6:30 pm. Members participated in a plant exchange before the meeting began. Deborah Denneman was welcomed into the club as a new member. The club celebrated the birthdays of Mary Beth Cecil and Diana Morse, and two thank you cards from Marian Moreland were read.

PROGRAM: Ann Deboeser discussed a new "all green" way of looking at plant materials by considering not only color but also texture, shades, and form. She demonstrated this concept by showing an arrangement of iris foliage, jack in the pulpit, and pulmonaira.

BUSINESS MEETING: The April minutes were read and approved. Carol Ober, treasurer, reported a total of \$453.00 earned by the two perennial plant sales, making a balance of \$1,365.49 in the club treasury.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Diana Morse, conservation chair, reported on invasive aquatic animals, to include the snakehead in the Potomac river, Zebra Mussels, mosquito fish, lion fish, and the nutria. Marian Moreland, publicity chair, noted an article in the Marlton Advocate with a picture of Iona Black in a greenhouse on a recent club trip.

OLD BUSINESS: The coffee mug floral design winners were Pam Smart, for best use of materials; Marian Moreland for design; and Lenay O'Quinn for most creative.

The club approved and voted on a slate of officers for 2013-2014: Gilda Allen, President; Iona Black, Vice President; Esther Neckere, Recording Secretary; Dot Lower, Corresponding Secretary. Committee heads included Carol Ober, treasurer; Pam Smart, Historian; Civic Development, Jessica Sherlock and Pam Smart; Conservation, Pat Hall, Design, Julie Harrison; Horticulture, Jessica Sherlock; Membership, Elaine Arnold; Arminta Donavon, Sunshine; Ways and Means, Linda Millette; Library, Marian Moreland; Publicity____Newsletter____?

Linda Millette announced that the June Installation Dinner Meeting is to be held at the Royal Tea Room in LaPlata Maryland on 13 June at 5:00 pm. Danielle Barbizon, District 1 Director, will conduct the installation. Members will carpool

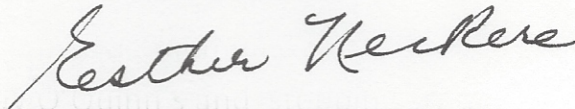
to the meeting. Other events mentioned included the following: PG County beautification applications deadline of 20 May; District 1 President's Coffee on 2 June, and "Behnkes Bash" with garden clubs to benefit Brookside Gardens on 8 June.

NEW BUSINESS: The garden club picnic will be held on 3 August from 2:00 to 4:00 at Jackie George's house in Croom. Please let Jackie know what you will be bringing.

Two workshops will be hosted by club members this summer: a hypertufa workshop on 30 June at Lenay O'Quinn's and stepping stone workshop on 11-12 July at Pam Smart's. Information on materials and costs is included in recent e-mails from President Gilda Allen. Lenay and Pam need to know who will be coming as soon as possible, since they need to obtain materials.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm, followed by a 50/50 drawing. The next meeting will be at the Royal Tea House in LaPlata, Maryland, starting at 5:00 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Esther Neckere". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Esther Neckere, Recording Secretary