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Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club

Fall Newsletter

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Edited by Mary Woodruff and Pam Smart

A Message from Our President - Diana Morse



Holiday Time...and Decorating

As we near the holidays, we are enjoying a wealth of ideas for floral arrangements via our garden club resources.

On November 4, Morning of Design featured holiday arrangements via Zoom. It has been recorded so all will have the opportunity to see it if you missed the presentation. Use this link for a re-recording of that Morning of Design presentation: <https://vimeo.com/642503620>

Among the designers was Arlene Stewart, president of NCAGC. The goal of Morning of Design is to promote creativity, explain techniques, and provide ideas for holiday designs and decorating. This annual November event for garden club members is presented by the NCAGC Council of Accredited Flower Show Judges.

In October, with many thanks to Elaine Arnold for arranging our speaker, we enjoyed

Laura Francis, owner of “Floral Presentations” and an accredited flower show judge for the Garden Clubs of Virginia. Laura did three arrangements which Elaine picked up from Laura’s home afterwards and made available to members whose payments helped offset costs to the club.

Also in November is the District I fundraiser at Franklin’s Restaurant on November 9 in Hyattsville. When you mention District I when you pay for meals or buy in the general store, 20 percent of your bill will be donated to District I for future programs and projects. The general store is filled with a variety of items, including some great ideas for holiday gift giving.

Before our November meeting, watch the professional video on the New York Botanical Garden, featuring Signorney Weaver, and come prepared to discuss the garden and your favorite public gardens. You can watch it on YouTube: Treasures of New York: The New York Botanical Garden.

We continue to seek thoughts for our December meeting. Let’s discuss at our November meeting. All best wishes,

Diana - President



Photo by Pamela Smart



OCTOBER MEETING

Thank you Elaine for finding and scheduling our October speaker, Laura Francis. Laura showed us several ways of creating beautiful Holiday centerpieces and arrangements!

Laura Francis is the sole proprietor of Floral Presentations, LLC, a boutique florist. The company was started 18 years ago and was built from flower arrangements for friends to floral decor for hundreds of weddings and corporate events.

Laura is an avid flower arranger, especially fond of contemporary creative design styles. She serves as an accredited flower arranging judge for the Garden Club of Virginia. But, nothing in the flower world is more fun for her than sharing her knowledge of flower arranging. As Carolyn Roehm says in her book, *A Passion for Flowers*, gardeners share.

Floral Presentations

For the Observances in Life

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Photo by Pamela Smart - Arrangement by Laura Francis



NEWS

Upcoming Meetings – December and January TBD

Please provide Mary with articles and photographs for the Winter edition of the newsletter by January 15th.

Thank you to all of our officers and members who have had to deal with COVID for another year.

HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING!



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