Mount Airy Clay Breakers Club

April 14, 2022

Minutes

 Start time for the meeting was 12:30 p.m.

Roll Call:  What is your favorite native plant?

Present:  Gilda Allen, Elaine Arnold, Iona Black, Connie Dalpra, Deborah Determan, Linda Millette, Diana Morse, Pam Smart,

Absent:  Marilyn Berkut, Mary Beth Cecil, Arminta Donovan, Lucille Gwynn,  Lorraine Leonard, Dot Lower, Esther Neckere, Carol Ober, Mary Woodruff

March minutes were approved as submitted

**Group Discussion:**

Diana asked members about their thoughts on Doug Tallamy who says let go of your lawns and plant flowers with mulch. His latest book is New York Times best seller *Nature’s Best Hope*.  His message is we can all make a difference through the use of native plants in our gardens and surroundings.

Connie mentioned an article about the frog population is declining because frogs are not laying eggs. It seems that it is a worldwide problem with no solution.

Pam commented about a church group planting 100 trees to help the Chesapeake

Bay. Also, people should be mindful about using herbicides.  Instead, they should just pull the weeds by hand. Also be mindful that pesticides affect birds and bees.

Gilda said people should have a mix of plants and even put some in pots.

Elaine said native plants need special attention otherwise they can spread. The rhizomes can be difficult to get rid of. Also, be aware that some plants are poisonous. Learn about your plants before putting them in the ground. “If only I knew” is not the solution when inadvertently planting those types of plants in your garden!

Diana suggested a possible native plant exchange this year with a picnic. Good idea.

She also mentioned that Cheverly has lots of native plants at their plant sale.  Diana encouraged plants that have seeds eaten by birds.

**Reports:**

**Sunshine:**Arminta sent word that she had sent birthday cards to Gilda and Jessica, a get well card to Mary, and a thank you card to Danielle Barbazon, who had sold Joyce Meyer’s vases and containers and given a check to the club.

**Newsletter:**No Report

**Financial Report:**Send in dues!!!Dues are due at National Capital along with a list of current members.

**Tech Committee:** Ninety-nine percent of club minutes have been scanned.  Members are asked to submit photos.  At lot has been accomplished this year on the website.  A recap will be given later.

**Unfinished Business:**More photos are needed for the yearbook.

**New Business:**NCAGC will hold a standard flower show at the National Arboretum April 22-23**.**

Nominations for new officers were announced in a report from the nominating committee. Deborah read from the by-laws that for regular meetings a quorum is a simple majority of the members present.  Nominees for the coming two years are:

President – Lorraine

Vice President – Elaine

Treasurer – Connie

Secretary – Gilda

They were voted in unanimously and will be installed in June at Linda’s.

The May meeting will be in person at the Youth Garden at the National Arboretum.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectively Submitted

Iona J. Black