

May 26, 2007

To: Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club Members

From: Sonia, Pam, and Diana

Club to Celebrate 30th Anniversary

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Colony South Wayfarer Restaurant, where we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary. All club members, their families, and guests are invited.

Please get in touch with Dot Lower (301-645-1554) or Jackie George (301-888-9141) as soon as possible and no later than Friday, June 8, to let them know how many people will be attending so that we can commit to the size of the room at the restaurant. The more the merrier! Let them also know your choice of the menu options — lasagna, chicken parmigiana, or roast prime rib.

You'll need to send your check (\$40 per person) to Mary Beth so that she will have it no later than June 10. Checks should be made out to the Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club.

Our garden club was established in 1977. Ann Williams is our charter member. Along with Ann, we want to recognize Joyce Meyer, Marian Moreland, Ann Deboeser, Elaine Arnold, and Julie Harrison, all of who have been involved in the club for 20 years or more.

Secret Garden Tour on June 3 in Annapolis

As discussed at our May meeting, Lorraine Leonard is arranging a trip to Annapolis for the Secret Garden Tour on Sunday, June 3. Contact Lorraine if you are interested. She needs to know by the end of the day on Wednesday, May 30, so that she can buy advance tickets, which cost \$25. This is the 8th annual tour of sixteen private gardens in historic Annapolis. "It's a nice walking tour," Lorraine said. Last year she spent about 1-1/2 hours on the tour. Tour hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, you can check hammondhardwoodhouse.org.

Garden Tour on June 19 at Suzanne Montie's Farm

Pam has been keeping in touch with Suzanne Montie to arrange a tour of her farm when it opens. It's now open, and we've scheduled a tour for Tuesday, June 19. We can meet at Sonia's at 10:30 a.m., do a 45-minute tour, and then have lunch at Rips in Bowie. Contact Sonia if you'd like to go. Suzanne, a professional flower grower, spoke at our November meeting on how to raise and dry flowers.

Holloway Park on Tuesdays

"We're having an informal group meeting every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Holloway Park Garden," Lorraine says. "We never spend more than an hour." Club members — and all are welcome — are putting in plants and weeding. Donations are welcome and can be brought during these "meetings" or dropped off at Lorraine's. They are using plants that do well when not being cared for. So far, that's been an azalea, sedums, Stella d'oro lilies, and coreopsis.

President's Coffee at the National Arboretum June 14

The director of District 1 of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc., and her board invite us all to the President's Coffee on Thursday, June 14, at 10 a.m. at the National Arboretum. If you'd like to go, contact Ann Gardenhour, our district director, at acgardenh@aol.com or 301-773-1991.

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New Directions

Just a reminder that there is a slight change in directions to Jackie George's home for Thursday's meeting. Jackie's home is the second driveway AFTER the gated driveway.

At the May meeting, we'll be voting on new officers as well as having our annual plant exchange.

Fun Flower Arrangements

"We want a light-hearted and fun arrangement," Sonia suggests, as we bring something from our gardens each month to be made into an arrangement for our hostess. We'll start with the May meeting. Sonia will bring a 24-ounce jar and members are encouraged to bring "whatever you want to share" to be made into an arrangement to thank our hostess each month for her hospitality and graciousness. The idea emerged from a discussion at the April meeting.

Plant Sale Update

Sonia reports that our annual plant sale was modestly successful. We thank all those members who were able to donate plants and white elephants Gilda arrived early at the site and set up the first table. Thanks also to Mary Beth and Carol for providing tables and to Mary Beth, Carol, her daughter Lisa, Marian, Elaine, Jackie George, and Sonia, who were able to be at the sale.

State Convention

Lorraine Leonard attended the NCAGC 2007 State Convention on April 20-21 in her capacity as recording secretary nominee. We are happy to have had her as our representative.