MOUNT AIRY CLAYBREAKERS GARDEN CLUB MINUTES - OCTOBER 11, 2012

The Meeting was held at the home of Gilda Allan - Sonia Johnson was Hostess and delicious refreshments were served.

PROGRAM - Iona Black introduced our own Member and Speaker, Master Gardener and Flower Show Judge, Anne DeBoeser who presented a floral demonstration of "Visual Design Principles" using Sun Flowers and Yucca Leaves in an unusual container inserted with a slim metal "frog".

President, Gilda Allen noted three (3) Birthdays this month - Mary Woodruff on October 7, Pam Smart October 10 and Marsha Kirchhoff on October 13. Gilda said to remember that some members may be allergic to scented candles.

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM.

ROLL CALL
present.
Roll Call was taken and there were 17 Members

Gilda noted a change in Mary Woodruff's E-Mail; she thanked Jessica for the beautiful Yearbook Cover Design and Pat and Diana for all their efforts on the Yearbook; passed out photos from Linda; mentioned that Arminta made floral Lorraine, Joyce, Jessica and arrangements for the September District I Meeting - Joyce the winner - Charmaine Truesdale was very pleased; Gilda attended the September General Membership Meeting in Cheverly for Barbara Glickman's program on her new book "Capital Splendor - Gardens and Parks - Washington, DC" which is available at the Arbor House - Barbara will be one of our speakers in 2013; Gilda spoke at the Five Hills Garden Club in Vienna, VA - about children's gardens; she asked us to remember the fund-raiser at Franklin's Store November 13th; five (5) Members attended the "Morning Design" on October 10th; we received a Certificate for our 35th Anniversary; Prince Georges County Beautification Awards ceremony was held on September 26 - Iona and Arminta won Golden Trowel Awards for five (5) consecutive years of sustained maintenance; Holloway Gardens also received the Golden Trowel Award; Julie and Sonia received awards for three (3) and two (2) year awards and the Children's Garden at Concordia Lutheran Church also won a three (3) year award - Pat Hall received a one (1) year award; the Club will be purchasing a Projector; floral arrangements for the nursing home will be made on November 10 at Gilda's home - 22 to Saturday, arrangements are needed;

Fund Raising - Mary Woodruff was absent from the Meeting but said she will need two more people to work on a budget- Pam and Carol volunteered; the Plant Sale that Lenay spearheaded brought in the most money - should we do a Fall Sale ??; Carol mentioned going on a bus trip - perhaps Winterthur - and invite other clubs to join us or sell Poinsettias.

MINUTES from the September Meeting were read - no corrections or additions.

TREASURER'S REPORT -Carol reported \$1,433.14 in the Treasury. She is working on a spread sheet.

CONSERVATION - Diana told us that she used to work for the Conservation Service and that invasive plants were brought in - Kudzu among them. There is a short subject movie about Kudzu and also a movie about "Tree of Heaven" control info on the Web.

<u>DESIGN</u> - Joyce brought a traditional table arrangement of Chrysanthemums and greenery in a low container - she had used Oasis for the base.

HORTICULTURE - Jessica reported on toxic plants - perhaps used by the DeMedici family, including poisonous Hemlock. Larkspur, Lily of the Valley, Delphinium, Bleeding Heart Rhubarb and some spring Bulbs are all toxic. Voles/Moles will not eat Narcissus bulbs.

 $\underline{\text{PUBLICITY}}$ - Gilda thanked Marian for the articles in the "Marlton Advocate".

Iona mentioned "Secret Sisters" - new sign-up sheets will be available at the November Meeting - Secret Sisters will start in December.

NEXT MEETING will be held at the home of Diana Morse on Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 PM. Program will be "Seasonal Tables".

There being no further business, Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

A Fifty-Fifty was held.

Respectfully submitted

Arminta G. Donovan, Recording Secretary