

MT. AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB
SEPTEMBER, 1987 - NEWSLETTER

Those of you who were vacationing on the weekend of August 8th missed a fun evening at the home of Marion Moreland. The eleventh annual Clay Breakers' Picnic was such a pleasant occasion and the food was sumptuous. Everyone brought a very different and delightful dish, and Marion proved to be the gourmet hostess with her very excellent entrees. Our thanks to Marion for hosting the party, and to Roger for furnishing those beautiful tomatoes.

TIP OF THE MONTH

To keep your celery crisp and fresh, condition it as you would your plant material for flower arranging. Trim both ends of a bunch of celery, then immerse the entire bunch in hot water. After fifteen minutes or so in the hot water, put it inside a plastic bag and store it in the refrigerator. It will stay crisp for a week. This tip comes from GARDENEWS, the publication of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland.

SEPTEMBER MEETING will be held at the home of Margaret Hicks, 10913 Tyrone Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland (BROOKWOOD), at 7:30 P. M. The program will be a Flower Design Workshop under the direction of Anne DeBoeser. A talented arranger, Anne is past president of our Clay Breakers Garden Club, an Accredited Flower Show Judge and a member of Ikebana International. She will show us how to make a Japanese flower arrangement in a shallow bowl (Moribana), using a few branches and flowers. Please bring a low bowl (a quiche dish is perfect), a few branches 18" to 24" long, and flowers, such as zinnias, chrysanthemums and asters. Call Peggy at 868-2229 if you need plant material.

Some of our members would like to tour Roger Nielan's garden. He will be on hand to show you around at 7 P. M. on the evening of our meeting - September 10. The meeting will begin at 7:30 on Margaret's porch. Take your plant material around the house and up the steps to the porch.

OUR BY-LAWS indicate that our membership may not exceed twenty members. We are about to become a Garden Club with a membership waiting list - an enviable position! We will address this issue at our first business meeting.

COUNTY FAIR - September 9 - 13. This year the fair will include a standard flower show under the direction of Mrs. Robert Westbrook, Master Flower Show Judge, District I. Please plan to enter both Horticulture and Design. We have Fair Books for you, and they need advance entries for Design. Please call Peggy for entries and also if you have time to help us with entries on Monday from 12 noon until 6 P. M. and Tuesday 8:30 A. M. until 10:00 A. M. Let's support our county fair - Prince George's County was declared an ALL AMERICA CITY this year - one of the eight so designated and the presentation was made by President Reagan to County Executive Parris Glendening at the White House.