

MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB
MINUTES - November 8, 2012

The Club met at the home of Diana Morse. Lovely refreshments were enjoyed by all.

In the absence of the President, the Meeting was called to order by Vice President Iona Black at 7:35 PM.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM -Dr. Christopher Puttock, Horticulturist with the Chesapeake Native Plant Society gave the very interesting program about his work spearheading Mt. Airy Mansion Greenhouse Restoration Project. He showed slides of the greenhouses and the volunteers (among them our own Elaine Arnold) who are working on removing the vegetation outside and inside the greenhouses and then propagating 10,000 native plants around the greenhouses by 2013. They are also planning on restoration projects for Rosaryville State Park and beyond by 2015. More volunteers are needed. They meet on Monday and Saturday from 9:00 AM 'til Noon.

PROGRAM - Elaine Arnold showed an unusual Fall Table Arrangement using vegetables, fruits, flowers and china; Marilyn Berkut used her Christmas China and glassware and dark green cutwork tablecloth to showcase a Christmas table with holiday centerpiece.

ROLL CALL was taken and there were 17 Members present. Members responded to the question "Name your favorite Fall plant".

MINUTES from the October 2012 Meeting were read by the Recording Secretary. Additions: Mary Woodruff's number is 301-868-9383. Corrections: Treasurer's Balance was \$1,433.04 not \$.14; NCGAC Meeting not District I Meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Jackie read a Thank You letter from Esther Neckere for her Retirement Luncheon.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Carol reported \$913.17 in the Treasury. The Projector was \$497.65. She is not ready with the spreadsheet yet.

HISTORIAN - Pam had No Report.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - No Report - Mary Beth was absent.

CONSERVATION - Diana Morse had No Report.

HORTICULTURE - Jessica, an English History buff, told us about Shakespeare's Ophelia and her Garden of Wild Flowers. In her mad scene - she handed Rosemary to her brother, Pansies, Gentian, Fennel to the King, also Columbine, English Daisy, Sweet Violet.

MEMBERSHIP - Sonia had no report.

PUBLICITY - Iona thanked Marian for her article in the "Marlton Advocate" this month.

SUNSHINE - Arminta will send November Birthday Cards to Marilyn Berkut 11/23 and Jackie George 11/24th.

TELEPHONE - All OK.

WAYS & MEANS - Mary said that Committee will meet this month with ideas for fundraising.

DESIGN - Joyce brought a lovely arrangement of Pink Carnations and Japanese Holly in a low container with a large metal frog - shaped like an "Inverted T".

OLD BUSINESS - Iona reported that a projector was purchased for \$497.65 and has a 1-year Warranty; remember the Fundraiser at Franklin's Store on Tuesday, November 13th; a few members will participate in the "Secret Sister" this year; Julie will pick up flowers for the Nursing Home bouquets but asked members to bring Greens - meet at Gilda's on Saturday, November 10th.

NEW BUSINESS - Lorraine sent a letter to St. Mary's School regarding the Grade School Poetry Contest and asked members to call if they have any names of children who would like to participate; Website Presentation - tabled until January; a Schedule will be sent by E-Mail to Gilda regarding the Mount Airy Restoration Project.

There being no further business, Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. A 50/50 was held.

NEXT MEETING will be ~~held~~ the Annual Christmas Potluck on Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 PM at the home of Iona Black. Remember to bring a Christmas Ornament made of natural materials and also a \$15.00 Gift for the Exchange.

Respectfully submitted,


Arminta G. Donovan, Recording Secretary