

MT. AIRY GARDEN CLUB--February 12, 1987

The February meeting was held at the home of Betty Abercrombie with 13 members present. Peggy introduced Marilyn Guerra who presented our program for the evening on visual improvements of public areas. She gave a slide presentation which included pictures of the new mall in Upper Marlboro, both before and after the recent construction. She also spoke about the street tree plantings in this county and about the beautification contest which is looking for landscape improvements. Following her program, we had delicious refreshments prepared by the hostess.

To begin the business meeting, the minutes were read and approved. Julie Harrison reported a balance of \$365.50. Peggy thanked Phyllis for the nice newspaper article. Phyllis read several thank you notes.

Civic Development--Betty Abercrombie reported that the dogwood that had been uprooted has been replanted.

Design--Anne DeBoeser showed a container and some interesting line material.

Horticulture--Jimmi Nell gave a talk about broad-leaved evergreens and the different varieties that may be used.

Jr. Garden Club--There was a discussion of sponsoring the Jr. Garden Club's participation in the Hilltop Flower Show. Jimmi Nell moved that we sponsor the Club in Hilltop's Show and Julie seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business--Peggy mentioned that several members would be going to Potomac Mills on February 24 to purchase materials to begin preparing for the sale in December. Anne DuBoeser asked again about purchasing oasis in bulk.

New Business--A person is needed to work at Arbor House on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. No one is able to do this at the present time. Peggy asked for a suggestion as to the amount of an honorarium for Marilyn Guerra. After a discussion, Esther made a motion that we send a check for \$15.00 to the beautification fund. Elaine seconded.

Marie mentioned that the April 4 anniversary celebration will be held at Peggy Martin's home.

We then enjoyed the auction and Marie's services as auctioneer. Many unique items found new homes in addition to helping our financial situation.

*Margaret Hicks*