

## Meeting Minutes, Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club

The Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club met 13 January 2011 at the home of Dot Lower, with 15 members present. The birthday girl was Iona Black. One of our charter members, Ann Williams, will be turning 90, and members were requested to send her congratulatory cards.

The speaker of the evening was Deborah Archer, County Director of the UMD Extension Service. Ms. Archer is a nutritionist and a teacher, who is a sponsor of five school gardens in Prince George's County: 3 elementary, 2 middle schools, and 1 High School. Her target audience is schools where 50% or more of the students are entitled to receive free or reduced cost meals. At one school, she and the students constructed "salad tables" to enable wheel-chair students a chance to garden. Although the theme of the meeting "Garden Pests" had to be postponed until next month, Julie Harrison presented a description of a recent pest—stink bugs—and how to deal with them. Gilda Allen demonstrated a quick bug reference.

### Business meeting:

#### Old Business and committee reports

Elaine Arnold: Treasurers Report: Club balance is \$1,474.63. We will discuss a contribution to World Gardening at our next meeting.

Marion Moreland: Interesting report on How General Motors will recycle booms used to soak up oil from the recent oil spill with recycled tires and other plastics to make parts for the VOLT Hybrid car.

Arminta Donavon: Sunshine, sent three birthday cards

Sonja reminded members about the club library.

Members were asked to rotate responsibility for Horticulture reporting: February:

MaryBeth Cecil; March: Carol Ober; April: Sonja Johnson; May: Pat Hall

### New Business

A suggestion was made to plan a tea in April or May at the Elkridge Furnace Inn.

There was a motion proposed and seconded that the club buy six NCAGC coupon books at \$30 each to support the upcoming convention in Washington, DC fundraiser. The coupon books would be held by the club to be distributed as appropriate. All members approved.

Award applications have been submitted for the Outstanding Garden Club.

A request was made for members to volunteer on line to be hostesses, tour leaders, and greeters at the National Capitol Area Garden Club convention.

The next meeting will be held February 10 at Pat Hall's house. The 50/50 was won by Carol Ober, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted, Esther Neckere, Secretary.