

Here are the May minutes of the Garden Club meeting. See you in June.

The Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club met on 1 May 2014 at the home of hostess Julie Harrison with 16 members present. After the annual members' plant exchange, President Gilda Allen called the meeting to order and welcomed three guests: Akjua Afteyo, Debbie Dempsey, and Connie Dalpra.

Arminta Donovan and Joyce Myers were also welcomed after lengthy absences. May birthdays acknowledged were MaryBeth Cecil and Diana Morse who received plants from Lenay O'Quinn. Jackie George is on the sick list. Thanks were extended to Iona Black who took the April minutes in Esther Neckere's absence. Esther read a note from Arminta Donovan thanking the club for its support during her husband's recent illness and death.

Business Meeting:

Treasurer's report: Carol Ober reported that the club's fundraising plant sale netted a total of \$597.00. This sum represents the perennials ordered through Linda Millette from a wholesaler as well as the plant sale at Julie Harrison's house. Julie thanked the club for pricing and naming the plants donated. The amount in the treasury now totals \$1,880.93. The money is now due to Carol for the club's end of year luncheon.

Committee Reports:

Civic Development: Pam Smart has undertaken the job of weeding the Edge of the Woods garden. She is now recuperating from a dog bite.

Horticulture: Jessica Sherlock reported on the Story of Geraniums, of which there are 400 species. The plant is hardy and can grow in any kind of soil, except waterlogged. *Pelargoniums* are the popular variety grown in our gardens, with colors ranging from white, red, orange, and pink. An evergreen geranium is grown in Africa. Japanese beetles are paralyzed by eating geraniums, making them a good pest control as well as a beautiful flower. Geraniums, if overwintered indoors, can be brought out to bloom another season.

Membership: Elaine Arnold contacted Mary Jane Bishop, who would like to rejoin the Club. Her phone # is 301-967-2724, and her address is 3703 forest Glen Court, Suitland, MD 20746.

Sunshine: Arminta Donovan reported that a total of 14 birthday, "thinking of you," and sympathy cards were sent out over the past three months.

New Business:

* The club seconded a motion to contribute \$100 each to the following organizations: Chesapeake Bay Foundation, District 1 Scholarship fund, and Fern Valley at the National Arboretum.

*The Slate of Officers for the 2014-2015 year was approved as follows: Gilda Allen, President; Iona Black, Vice President; Esther Neckere, Recording Secretary; and Carol Ober, Treasurer.

*A motion to change the meeting time was approved. Future club meetings will now start at 6:30 pm.

*Lorraine Leonard reported on children's participation in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest. Our club received five poster submissions. Two of the posters were chosen to represent the National Capital Area in the regional competition, but did not participate in the national competition. Prizes included a small "Smokey Bear" stuffed animal, a "prevent wildfire" zipper pull/whistle, and a bandana.

Lorraine also announced a standard flower show at the US Naval Academy on 14-15 May. She will be attending and welcomed others to go with her to see the flower show and have lunch in the Officers' Club.

*The June dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, 12 June, at 4:00 p.m. at the Silver Skewer Restaurant, 2788 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, MD. Carpools will be formed as parking is limited. Deadline for payment is 7 May. Cost is \$25 per person. Those purchasing meals costing \$19.95 will have to pay extra for their entrance and drink due to tax and a 20% tip.

Below are the lists of workshops and tours planned at our last meeting. If you did not sign-up for a workshop or tour and would like to do so please contact the presenter or coordinator of each of the activities.

STEPPING STONES-Friday, May 23, 9 am to 10 am at Lenay's house conducted by Lenay and Iona, cost \$5.00

1. Joyce
2. Jessica
3. Marsha
4. Marilyn
5. Linda
6. Gilda

Please bring something to mix the cement in, gloves, and a mold if you have a special shape you desire.

MUSHROOMS-Friday, June 20, 9-10 am at Gilda's house presented by Gilda, Cost \$5

1. Joyce
2. Jessica
3. Elaine
4. Lenay
5. Iona

Gilda will provide the materials to grow the shitake mushrooms.

WIRE FLOWERS-Friday, August 15, 9-10 am presented by Marilyn and at her house. Cost to be announced.

1. Joyce
2. Elaine
3. Lena

4. Iona

5. Esther (I added my name to this list)

LAVENDER FARM TOUR, Thursday, June 19 organized by Linda

1. Joyce
2. Julie
3. Marsha
4. Lenay

5. Linda
6. Gilda
7. Pam
8. Elaine
9. Iona

10. Esther (I added my name to this list)

The details for this event be will be provided by Linda

MEMBER GARDEN TOUR- Saturday, June 14, 2-5 pm coordinated by Iona

1. Joyce
2. Julie
3. Gilda (Parker's childrens garden and Gilda's vegetable garden at 9300 Croom Road)
4. Marilyn
5. Lenay
6. Carol (maybe)

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m followed by a 50/50 drawing.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Neckere

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