

MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB - November 11, 1982

The November meeting of the Clay Breakers was held at the home of Peggy Martin with nine members and one guest, Phyllis Tucker, present. President Anne DeBoeser called the meeting to order at 7:30 p. m. In the absence of Betty Abercrombie, the roll was marked and the minutes were read by Peggy Martin. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as read.

TREASURER: Ann Rawlings gave a report of income and expenses, giving a balance today of \$ 355.92.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The following reports were given on projects:

DOGWOOD EXCHANGE: Betty Abercrombie, Chairman of this project, has sent all of the seeds collected from our garden club to the Arboretum to be transported to Japan. Most of the seeds sent were collected by Ann Williams.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT: Peggy Martin reported that the planting has been done around the sign at Holloway Park. Gray Singleton brought his heavy-duty Roto-tiller on his truck and worked the ground thoroughly, incorporating peat moss and perlite into the soil. The planting was done according to the drawing that Audrie Whitney, Landscape Design Critic, made for us, using the following materials:

Prunus laurocerasus "Otto Luykins" (Cherry Laurels) Five Plants
Juniperus conferta (Shore Junipers) Eight Plants

We will plant perennials in the spring to complete the project. We decided not to make a path as outlines on the drawing. Approximately two hundred King Alfred Daffodils were planted on the other side of the entrance, near the new tennis court. Those participating in the planting were: Betty Abercrombie, Anne DeBoeser, Jimmie Nell Finley, Margaret Hicks, Vivian Lynn, Peggy Martin, Joyce Meyer, Dot Singleton, Gray Singleton and Ann Williams. Sixty-Nine percent of the membership was represented. Expenditure to date is as follows:

Daffodils from Memco	42.50	
Laurels from Tanglewood	34.75	
Peat and Perlite from Tanglewood	20.93	
Pacific Junipers from Homestead Nursery	47.92	146.10
Less: One bag Bonemeal not used		5.37
Total -		<u>140.73</u>

We purchased a Rhododendron for Gray Singleton in appreciation of his hard work; also an Azalea for Ann Rawlings as a sunshine gift for her broken leg - total 12.50, making a total of the check to Peggy - \$ 153.23.

HORTICULTURE: Jimmie Nell Finley gave a program on Hollies, of the genus Ilex, showing specimens of American Holly (Ilex opaca); Chinese Holly (Ilex cornuta), and English Holly (Ilex aquifolium). Nellie Stevens, one of the newer blue hollies, is a cross between English and Chinese hollies. She explained which species need the male plant in order to produce berries. She also touched on Ilex crenata (Japanese Holly) which is without spines. Jimmie told of the numerous specimens that can be seen at the National Arboretum, including the deciduous hollies. She announced the "Holly Walk", a narrative tour by the Holly specialist, Mr. Eisenbeis, November 30.

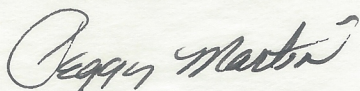
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CHRISTMAS GREENS SHOW: "As We Dream by the Fire" is the theme of our entry in Class 17 - Mantles and Hearths - in the Christmas Greens Exhibition entitled, "WINTER WONDERLAND". Anne DeBoeser described the mantle we will decorate and asked for ideas from the members. Several suggestions were made, including one sent by Ann Williams using wooden duck decoys with greens to suggest hunting in Marlboro country, since we are a garden club of Upper Marlboro. It was decided to use this idea. The committee - Ann DeBoeser, Joyce Meyer, Earliene Rawe and Dotty Singleton - will decorate the mantle and hearth on November 29th. The date to dismantle is December 5. Opening night is November 30 and all garden club members and husbands are invited to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Marie White that we take trips as extra activities and that meetings will be held on the regular date and time. Motion seconded and carried.

The December meeting will be held at the home of Joyce Meyer. Anne DeBoeser will give a program on Christmas Traditions and she invited each member to bring along a decoration that is traditional in her home for the Christmas season.

Meeting adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Martin".

Peggy Martin, Acting Secretary