

The March meeting of the Mount Airy Clay Breakers was held at the home of Jimmy Nell Finley and opened at 7:40.

ROLL CALL There were 12 members present

TREASURER JoAnn: there is \$1,092.85 in the treasury. She will be collecting dues this evening.

HORTICULTURE Margaret: brought in a specimen of rhododendrum - Rhododendrum fortunei, the specimen originally from East China was R. fortunei or 'Duke of York' showing a 'truss' or compact flower system at top of the stem.

OLD BUSINESS Marie tells us the Federation of Garden Clubs is having the fashion show on Wednesday, April 25th at Oxon Hill Manor at \$20.00. Those interested were given invitations.

Dues are due today - \$15.00.

A Flower Mart at the National Cathedral will be in May. Marie will get more information for us. For those that take part there, Marie suggested we may have tea at the White House.

Marie and Peggy went to the Federation meeting today and Marie tells us that we received three awards - Achievement Award, Year Book, and the Honorary Bay Watchers. Also, we received 50 points for volunteers at the Christmas Greens show.

Marion tells us we should be more environmentally aware and could save cans that could be taken to the dump.

Mary Ellen - suggested that at the East Wing of the National Gallery there is an exhibit of landscapes by Frederick Edwin Church that many will enjoy.

PROGRAM Marion presented us with her program "Gardening in the shade". She brought a group of plants that were in bloom that she had forced indoors and others that represented shade-loving plants (azalea, pascandra, etc.).

She presented us with an informative booklet entitled "Environment of Shade" and discussed different types of shade loving plants. She suggested that "container gardening" is for all of us. Plants can be grown in any area of the home and environs and enjoyed. If we all will plant a container garden we can have variety in our homes. This was a very informative program.

DOOR PRIZE won by Peggy Martin

NEW BUSINESS Peggy brought up the Fair coming up on Labor Day. The theme this year is County Scenes.

Those present then enjoyed our yearly auction run by Presdent Marie with able help from Peg. All had a fun time.

Our hostess Jimmy Nell had a lovely table of refreshments. A wonderful confection of meringue topped with ice cream and hot fudge, along with a cheese spread and crackers. On her table was an arrangement of white mums adorned with forsythia in a silver bowl that complimented the silver service present on the table.

Our meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dorabhea L. Garrison