

> To: Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club Members

> From: Sonia, Elaine, Pam, and Diana

First Newsletter
October 17, 2006.

> We had such a terrific program at our October meeting with Gene Sumi, and such
> wonderful hospitality from Lorraine and her family, that we shortened our
> business meeting a bit. To catch up, here are some items of interest:

> Highlights:

> 1. Workshop Nov. 4 for small arrangements for delivery to Veterans Medical

> Center

> 2. Help Needed at Central Atlantic Region Conference Oct. 27-Nov. 3 in Reston

> 3. Club to Take Pecan Orders

> 4. Club Approves Contribution for Mount Airy Fall Festival Oct. 21-22

> 5. Club member survey due by Dec. 14 meeting

> 6. Status of Holloway Garden

> 7. Special thanks to...

> 1. Making small arrangements.

> The club seeks to make 70-100 small flower arrangements on Saturday, Nov. 4, to

> take to the Washington, D.C. Veterans Medical Center in recognition of Veterans

> Day. Needed: small tuna or small tomato sauce cans to be spray-painted blue;

> greenery; flat boxes to transport the arrangements; and flowers that would

> complement the red/white/blue theme. Marian is coordinating the workshop that

> starts at 10 a.m. at Gilda's. Contact Marian if you can participate in the

> workshop. The

> arrangements are to be finished by noon so they can be delivered to the medical

> center by 1:15 p.m. Drop off your cans by Oct. 28 (so they can be spray-painted

> and oasis added) to Pam, Sonia, or Lorraine).

> 2. Helping at Central Atlantic Region Conference

> Our District 1 Director, Arleen Ankeny, (the lady who did our installation)

> needs help with some things at the conference, specifically these two things:

> 1) Assembling and placing D-1 banquet centerpieces on dining tables on Sunday

> afternoon, 10/29, from 1 to 6:30 p.m.

> 2) and/or sitting at a table in the boutique area selling NCA raffle tickets

> on Saturday afternoon (10/28) from 2 to 4 p.m. -- two people needed.

> I can help with rides on Saturday. Anyone willing to help from our club? (from

> Lorraine)

> 3. Ordering Pecans

> The club will order pecans again this year. Mary Beth Cecil has volunteered to

> head this up.

> 4. Contributing to Gardening Basket

> Elaine is preparing a gardening basket for a silent auction at the Mt. Airy

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- > Fall Festival Oct. 21-22 to benefit Community Support Systems. The club voted to
 - > spend up to \$25 for this project. Among its work, Community Support Systems
 - > helps with food pantries and shared senior living for those with low incomes.
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 - > 5. Surveying club members.
 - > The survey sheet handed out at the October meeting is due no later than Dec. 14
 - > to Sonia, Pam, or Lorraine. This is to help complete the NCAFGC State Award #18
 - > application.
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 - > 6. Maintaining Holloway Garden.
 - > The summer of 2006 brought our friends, the weeds, once again to Holloway.
 - > What we noticed, though, was that there were less weeds where we removed the
 - > liriopse. So we will take out more liriopse. Interesting note--when I took some
 - > liriopse home, separated it and planted it, the weeds did not come back. So
 - > cleaning the roots off did the trick. (I'll bring it to the 2007 plant sale!)
 - > Plants that did very well during the dry periods: sedum (thanks, Sonia, for the
 - > plants) and the small zinnias, plus the perennials planted other years. Thanks
 - > to our club volunteers this summer! Will be asking for a little help putting
 - > the garden to bed. If anyone would like some liriopse, let me know! (from
 - > Lorraine)
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 - > 7. Special thanks to...
 - > Pam for organizing the Mount Calvert Tour on Oct. 6; Gilda for our soapmaking
 - > program in September (soaps are still available); Carol Ober for bringing
 - > blackberry plants for members at the October meeting.
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