

**Minutes
Mount Airy
Clay Breakers
October 14, 2004**

Hostess Marion Moreland

A guest Carol Gibson.

Seventeen people in attendance.

The guest Speaker was Gene Sumi, Education Coordinator and Horticulturist from Homestead Gardens. His topic was "Extending the Season with Color. He brought a number of plants for us to see. One was a pinola, a cross between a pansie and a viola which is slower to become leggy. Some plants that remain after the first frost are hellebores, pansies, violas and ornamental grasses. Calendulas and snapdragons extend their color into the fall. Ornamental cabbage and ornamental kale go through late winter and look better after the first frost. We were given a list of late and early colorful fall through spring shrubs.

The treasurer reported that \$1,245.63 is the balance in the treasury. \$145 were expenses incurred for two projects and the picnic. Two new members, Arminta and Jackie Bugh joined the Clay Breakers at the September meeting

Lorraine presented certificates of awards to Julie Harris, Marion Moreland, May Kemp and Gilda Allen for their summer gardens from Prince George's County. The club also received an award for Holloway Park Garden. (Beautification Awards)

Marilyn Berkut made a presentation on blubs. An introduction was also made on the 10 backyard conservation practices promoted by USDA, NCRS.

Members were asked to call and send cards to Ann DeBoeser who is ill. Karen Jenkins has also been absent from meetings because of death in her family and her son being sent to Iraq.

New Business

Pecans and calendars, Visions of Beauty will be sold by the club this year.

Esther Neckere made a motion that was voted upon to support a garden art project at a school.

Blue Ribbons were won at the County Fair by Lorraine and Arminta.

The club voted to donate funds to the World Gardening Fund, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and a horticulture scholarship fund.