

March 22, 2007

To: Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club Members

From: Sonia, Pam, and Diana

April Meeting

We're looking forward to the "Pleasures of Paths" by Billie Trump, a member of the Landscape Design Council, at our April 12 meeting at Clinton Presbyterian Church. Esther Neckere will be our hostess.

Dues Due

For those who were unable to attend the March meeting, just a reminder that we need to get our dues (\$20) to Mary Beth Cecil. They are due to the National Capital Area Garden Clubs by May 1.

Club Fundraiser (Plants/White Elephants) on April 21 from 8 am to 2 pm

Sonia emphasizes that it's really helpful in selling plants to have the names of the plants, the price, AND a bit of information about them. For example, that the iris will have blue blooms or the hostas have fragrance or the plants prefer sunny/shady/wet/dry conditions. Again, perennials provided the most profit last year. We're each encouraged to post at least four perennials that can be sold for \$3 to \$5. If we do this 3-4 weeks before the sale, they will be well started. Plants priced at \$1 to \$2 are also welcome, as are houseplants.

You can drop off sale items ahead of time at Julia or Sonia's homes if you are not able to bring them to the event.

We'll of course need volunteers to work at the stalls at St. Paul's Moravian Church in Marlton on April 21. To volunteer, call Carol Ober or e-mail her at caober@comcast.net.

Again, remember to check your home for "white elephants." Flower pots and garden ornaments do well.

Raindate is April 28.

Club to Celebrate 30th Anniversary

Plans are in the works to celebrate our 30th anniversary this year. Julie will be heading our planning committee and will be in touch with members for their support.

The group was established in 1977. Ann Williams is our charter member. Along with Ann, we would like to recognize Joyce Meyer, Marian Moreland, Ann Deboeser, Elaine Arnold, and Julie Harrison, all of whom have been involved in the club for 20 years or more. Let's all help make this a celebration to remember!

Trip to Franciscan Monastery Scheduled

We're planning a tour of the Franciscan Monastery for Saturday, April 14. Plan to pack a lunch and come for a relaxing afternoon. Contact Sonia if you are able to go.

Mount Airy Clay Breakers Recognized at District I Meeting

Our club received six awards at the general meeting of District I of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs on March 8 at the National Arboretum. Sonia and Lorraine attended and represented the club. The awards are:

- Garden Club Achievement Citation
- Yearbook Certificate of Merit
- Community Project Citation
- Arbor House Volunteer Citation
- Holiday Outreach Citation
- Financial Supporters Certificate

Butterflies at Brookside Gardens

Brookside Gardens is looking for volunteers for its "Wings of Fancy" butterfly exhibit, which runs from May 5 to September 16. Contact Sonia if you'd like more info. Brookside Gardens is at 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton.