Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club

January 13, 2022

Minutes

Start time for the ZOOM meeting was 12:58 p.m. with business items being taken care of before the speaker arrived on ZOOM. Roll call: Present were Gilda Allen, Elaine Arnold, Connie Dalpra, Deborah Determan, Lorraine Leonard, Linda Millette, Diana Morse, Pam Smart, and Mary Woodruff. Dot Lower arrived a little later in the meeting. Minutes were approved with corrections, as submitted after e-mail review by members.

**Conservation:** Lorraine passed on Mary Beth’s info about changes to bulk trash pickup procedures in Prince Georges County. Two items will be allowed on regular trash day, to be placed next to your trash can. Scheduled pickup is still required for large items such as tires and appliances. Lorraine also let the group know that compostable pickup will soon be offered to the whole county. Watch your mail for a postcard with info to sign up for your special green bin that can be used for both yard waste and food compost materials. Some club members have already participated in the trial program.

**Sunshine:** Arminta sent cards to Esther and Lucille.

**Newsletter:** Mary said to send entries by the 15th of January.

**Archives/Website:** Deborah and Linda are working on finishing getting all the old minutes into the site. Deborah requests corrected minutes, as they become available, always be forwarded to her.

**New Business:**

**Julie Harrison -**  Linda said information will be available soon on the arrangements for Julie’s burial. The club briefly discussed ideas to honor Julie’s memory but decisions will be made later. These ideas consisted of sending flowers to the family, donations to a charity Julie supported and/or participation in Julie’s church’s memorial garden once it is started. Mary is accepting memories for the newsletter. Diana is coordinating with NCAGC regarding words from the president, Arlene Stewart.

**Invitation to potential new member -** Pam is inviting a friend from Clinton. Diana may e-mail her separately with invite/link to ZOOM for next meeting.

**Program:** Gilda introduced Cindy Brown, the Manager of the Smithsonian Gardens. Cindy proceeded to give us a “visual tour” of the gardens, collections, and support activities. She introduced us to all the Smithsonian gardens in the DC area including the formal parterres, and the lesser known pollination garden and WWII vegetable garden. She told us about the resources on the website including coloring books and posters. Also, the various collections apart from the gardens, including the Archives of American Gardens with its picture history of how gardens looked through the ages and the Smithsonian’s collections of trees and garden furniture. “Let’s Talk Gardens” event/discussions can be participated in on-line. For more information go to <https://www.si.edu/museums/smithsonian-gardens>

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting with be a tie-in with Paint Branch Garden Club where we will explore the gardens of Riversdale.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Lorraine Leonard (substituting for Iona Black, Secretary)