

November 11, 2010: District I Director David Healy addressed the November meeting of Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club, praising them for their many club activities and urging them to participate in the 2011 National Garden Clubs convention in Washington, DC. Sixteen members and two guests were present.

The evening's program featured three table designs created by club members. Jackie George created a traditional Thanksgiving setting using hotel silver and an arrangement of fall leaves and other horticulture from her yard and garden. Italy was the inspiration for Pam Smart's Tuscan setting with an arrangement of sunflowers. Hostess Gilda Allen chose a seashore motif; the last blooms in her garden were arranged in a large seashell.

Mr. Healy urged participation in the National Garden Club Convention. He encouraged local garden club members to volunteer as hosts/hostesses, as a greeters, or as table hosts at the Saturday luncheon, where The Secretary of Agriculture will be the guest speaker. The head floral designer at the White House will speak at Friday's banquet. Check out the opportunities at [ncagardenclubs.org](http://ncagardenclubs.org). He also spoke on the Capitol Hill Garden Club's bulb giveaway civic project. He recommended crocus and daffodils because of their repeat performance each spring.

#### Committee Reports:

- The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,623.63.
- Horticulture:
  - Julie Harrison and Marybeth Cecil planted flowering kale at Holloway park
  - Marion Moreland commented on the insulating properties of shrubs planted 1-3 feet from the house as well as shade trees. She offered samples of spider plants and snake lilies as well.
  - Sonia Johnson announced the opportunity of free participation in a gardening group—Golden Spades—which meets the first Tuesday of every month at Homestead Gardens.
- Sunshine: Arminta Donavon reported that six cards were sent out to members. Pam Smart's mother was lifted up.
- Ways and Means: There will be a flower sale next spring similar to the one held last year.

#### Old Business:

- Julie Harrison and Elaine Arnold helped children at the after school day care center at the Lutheran Church prepare the soil for the beds to be planted next spring.
- Saturday, 18 December, will be the Garden Club's Tea at the Royal Tea in LaPlata on Rt. 6. Cost is \$21.95 per person.



- A Holiday Design Program will be held 3 December from 1030-1200 at the Plymouth Baptist Church in Alexandria. Cost is \$30. It will be a fundraiser for the National Garden Club convention. Over \$500 was raised from the jewelry sale, the previous fundraiser. Another convention fundraiser will be a 2011 coupon book. More information to come on this
- New Business:
  - Members were asked to rank their three favorite programs from last year.
  - Diane Morse passed the test to become a member of the Landscape Design Council. She follows club members Joyce Myers and Ann DeBoser, who are also members. Twelve Pictures of Joyce's garden were included in last month's Design Council's publication.
  - The project for the December meeting will be an arrangement of live material for a candle ring centerpiece. The December meeting will be held at Lenay O'Quinn's.
  - MNCPP Commision will hold a natural craft show/sale at Watkins Park on 13 November
- The meeting concluded with a ~~20/20~~ raffle.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Corrections to November minutes:**

The Beautifaction awards went to Arminta Donovan and Iona Black for year 3, mine was for year 2, Sonia first award, Joyce first award for a yard done by a landscaper. When you get the award for the first time it is just called first award, when you win the following year it becomes the first year award, Thomas, the school and Holloway Park you had.