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MT. AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB

APRIL 2008

- The March meeting was held at Clinton Presbyterian Church and the program was "Container Gardens" by Billie Trump and we enjoyed some very tasty refreshments provided by Sonia. (Just a note: this was the last meeting at the church as our final service will be Sunday, May 4th.)
- April Meeting: The meeting will be Thursday, April 10th. We will meet at Holloway Gardens at 6:00 p.m. and then visit the gardens of Pam, Marian and Carol. We will top off our tour with refreshments provided by Carol which will incorporate edible flowers.
- Capitol Hill Garden Club: Some of the members are planning to visit the Capitol Hill Garden Club, Tuesday, April 8th. The meeting is at 7:00 p.m. and is held at the Church of the Brethren,

337 North Carolina Ave. SE. The program will feature a presentation by the members on "color all year round". The invitation is open to all members of our club. Our visit was scheduled for February, but the bad weather prevented us from going.

- Annual Plant Sale: This year we will have two plant sales. The first sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th and will be held at Julie's home. The second sale will be held the second Saturday in May. We need another volunteer. Contact Carol or Julie if you wish to volunteer you home as the other venue. Apart from plants we will be selling "attic treasures".
- Dues: If you have not yet paid your dues, please send a check to Mary Beth as soon as possible. The dues are \$20.

ITEM OF INTEREST

Gardening Studies School, Course 1 is being held at the National Arboretum on May 7th & 8th. For more information contact the website: www.ncagardenclubs.org or call (301) 934-6188.

District 1 has a trip planned Wednesday, April 30th: "3 landmarks on Philadelphia's Main Line (1) Guided tour: 32 acre estate, Chanticleer (2) Lunch at the Wayne Hotel, a National Historic Landmark (3) shopping at Waterloo Gardens, one of the ten top garden centers in the country. For reservations and lunch entrée choices, contact Norma: (301) 292-3233 or proper_bostonian.1@juno.com.

Flower Mart sponsored by All Hallows Guild, Wisconsin & Massachusetts Ave., NW May 2nd & 3rd. Honoring the Cathedral's Centennial and the Republic of South Africa. Free admission. For more info. contact www.allhallowsguild.org/flowermart.

Brookside Gardens is seeking volunteers. Opportunities are available throughout the Gardens in areas such as: the Conservatory, Children's Programs, Gardener Assistants and Special Projects. For more info. call the Volunteer Coordinator at (301) 962-1429 or e-mail: mcp-gardenvolunteer@mncppc-mc.org.

THE MELODY OF SPRING

A carpet of green spreads over the valley

While snow lingers high on peaks.

A flower tentatively opens its petals,

Absorbing the sunlight it seeks.

New calves are frolicking down in the meadows;

Hungry hawks are surveying the fields.

Migrant ducks fly in from far away places,

Answering the call to which all Nature yields.

Rivers are rising with new-melted snow.

Leafless trees feel a stirring within.

Gardeners are carefully turning the soil

For the planting that soon will begin.

Throughout creation life is bursting with joy,

Inviting all Nature to sing

In sweet harmony, for we are all one

When we join in the melody of spring.

Alora M Knight

From: "Passages of Peace"

M.J. Bishop
