

MT. AIRY GARDEN CLUB--April 14, 1988

The April meeting was held at the meeting room of the Clinton Presbyterian Church with 9 members attending. Jimmi Nell Finley gave a very interesting talk, accompanied by slides entitled A Beautiful Garden in a Few Hours. She talked about various ways to make maintaining your garden easier and less time consuming.

Refreshments provided by Betty Abercrombie were enjoyed by all. Peggy Martin opened the meeting. The minutes for January and March were approved as read. Since Julie Harrison was not present, there was no treasurer's report. Phyllis Tucker read a thank you note from the Friends of the National Arboretum for our contribution.

Civic Development--Peggy Martin read Ed Rosenfeld's proposal to the Park Service in regard to a memorial for Roger Neiland. She also gave the prices and other information Betty Abercrombie had gathered in regard to this project. After much discussion, Jimmi Nell motioned that we go forward with the memorial consisting of a large rock placed in the woodside garden with an engraved plaque attached to the rock; the plaque being approximately 4x8 with appropriately sized lettering. Marie White seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. The proposed phrase for the plaque is: Edge of the Woods Garden in memory of Roger Neilan.

Program--Ann Williams reported that Mattie Martin will present the program for May at the home of Elaine Arnold.

Ways and Means--JoAnn Davis thanked the members who traveled with her to Potomac Mills on April 7 and the eight members who participated in the workshop on Saturday, April 9.

There was no old business for discussion. Under new business, Peggy mentioned that our dues of \$15.00 are presently due. There was discussion of the problems of getting members to help at Arbor House. The general feeling is that this chore falls on only a few of our members due to the individual circumstances of our lives. Phyllis Tucker made a motion that at the present time we withdraw from monthly participation at Arbor House. Jimmi Nell seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Peggy Martin announced that a nominating committee of Jimmi Nell Finley, Chairman, Phyllis Tucker and JoAnn Davis had been appointed. They will present a slate at the May meeting. This led to discussion of places at which to hold our installation dinner. The menu for the Colony South Restaurant was passed around. A tentative conclusion was reached to use this restaurant.

Since we use the facilities of both the Clinton Presbyterian Church and the Concordia Lutheran Church at various times throughout the year, Peggy Martin suggested that we might want to consider making a small contribution to the respective churches. JoAnn Davis made a motion that we donate \$15.00 each time we use the facilities. Jimmi Nell seconded the motion and it was approved.

Marie White served as auctioneer for our annual auction. Many interesting items changed hands and Marie was great, as usual. The auction was enjoyed by all.