

**MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB  
MINUTES – DECEMBER 1998**

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club was held at the home of Peggy Martin on 10 Dec 98 at 7:30 P.M.

Roll Call was taken. 12 members were present.

**Treasurer report/Budget** was not given in the absence of Ann Williams, however raffle was held. Esther Neckere was winner. She donated \$12.00 to Garden Club. Balance on hand \$1,165.04

President called for following committee reports:

**Conservation** (Esther Neckere) She referred us to an article in *New Yorker* magazine on orchids.

**Horticulture** (Peggy Martin) Hardy Perennials – *Heliantus x multiflorus* and *Heliopsis helianthoides* – Compositae. The example was **Peonies**. Much discussion was held on successful planting and growing peonies. A show and tell *burford holly* (Nellie Stevens) was brought by Marian Moreland.

**New Business:** Peggy Martin was one of four winners who won NCSGC Award of honor for all around excellence in design for 1997-1998.

Marilyn our President told us about Festival of Trees in Waldorf.

Betty encouraged us to go see Croom Road and Watkins Parks lights for the season

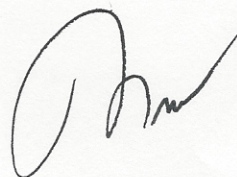
Program was **Decorations for the home from Nature** by Club Members and gift exchange.

May Kemp brought gilded ornaments using hydrangea, milkweed, pine cones, money plant, and magnolia seed. Each had its own gold ribbon. The angel was made by using a closepin and styro foam.

Liz Saniga made a cranberry and grapevine wreath using a bird, eucalyptus, and a cranberry bow for decoration

Peggy Martin made a door decoration using coat hanger, oasis and decorating with red ribbon, magnolia and pine. Peggy discussed how she had made her own decorations for her home using glycerin and hot water dipped magnolia leaves. She also had created two arrangements incorporating locale pine and Nandina with berries, ting ting, allium, and lotus for the holiday season.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40. Christmas refreshments were served and we had a gift exchange.

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