

MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB  
MINUTES - FEBRUARY 12, 2009

The Club met at the beautiful home of Jackie George. Delicious High Tea-type refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Using slides, Maria Arnold gave an extensive and very informative Program on "Creating a Livable Habitat using Native Plants". She also handed out literature.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:35 PM by President, Julie Harrison. There were 17 Members present and one Guest, Marsha Kirchhoff. Each Member responded to the February question "Name the Basic Greens Used in Design".

MINUTES from the January 2009 Meeting were read by Arminta Donovan, Recording Secretary. There were two (2) Corrections i.e, "Did You Know...?" Book is \$16.75 not \$15.75 and Linda Millette's Mother is very ill in Florida, not Lenay's Mother. Linda Millette's Mother has since died.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Elaine Arnold reported \$1,050.40 in the Treasury. An additional \$9.50 was made from the Sale of Bulbs. Mary Beth mentioned DUES which are payable in March. She asked that each Member pay in March, otherwise there is much unnecessary paperwork. Dues are \$20.00 per Year.

Jackie read a Report from NCAGC District I regarding the progress on the redesigning of the GARDEN AT PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY. It was noted that with help from five Clubs and meeting the match up funds, it is moving in the right direction. Our Club donated \$100.00 in December. Julie said we received a Thank You note for our Donation to the FERN VALLEY Project.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - Lorraine had no Report.

CONSERVATION - Gilda Allen talked about the blight that killed the Chestnut trees which were used ~~for~~ extensively for nuts and wood. Now, the American and Chinese are being cross-bred, but it will take 50 years to see if they are resistant. Try to plant Native Plants.

HORTICULTURE - Marian Moreland and Sonia went to Homestead Gardens Class and encouraged us to plant early. She mentioned the Paul Robeson Tomato. Marian bought a pack of SOY BEANS or EDANAME and distributed them to members to plant in a pot. She also gave us a recipe using Edaname.



Beans are 40% Protein and wonderful for our diet. Lenay said they are deer's favorite food! Marian has made a GARDEN LIBRARY at her home from Peg Stovall's books. She gave us a List of Books available to check out and in.

*Ray  
Marian*

TELEPHONE - Julie asked ~~Iona and Jackie~~ <sup>Lenay</sup> to try and find out why members are not going to attend Meetings.

PUBLICITY - No Report - Mary Jane not here.

SUNSHINE - Mary Beth had no report.

WAYS & MEANS - Lorraine priced Elephant Ears - too expensive.

OLD BUSINESS - Julie said that in October, Marilyn suggested we make FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VETERANS at non-holiday times. We will meet at Gilda's home on Saturday, May 2. We will need about 75 tuna and small tomato sauce cans - bring to the March Meeting. Flowers will be purchased by the Club. Members are to supply Greens. Remember - TERRARIUMS for May Meeting. Use any glass container.

NEW BUSINESS - Julie told us a history of the LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL established in 1969. They have a speakers bureau and very interesting classes that can be taken over a 7-year period. Some of our members have taken these classes. District IV will have a FLOWER SHOW at the Mansion at Strathmore from April 30 thru May 1st. Entries can be made. Julie encouraged us to attend the District I AWARDS MEETING on March 12th <sup>AT 10 AM</sup> at the Arboretum. Our Club gets credit for attendance. Program will be "Invasive Plants in Hawaii". In all likelihood, Sonia Johnson will be the new District I Recording Secretary. Congratulations! Mary Beth noted that we also get credit for VOLUNTEERING AT ARBOR HOUSE. Gilda said the Accokeek Foundation is having seven (7) ORGANIC GARDENING CLASSES starting on February 18 at Old Colonial Farm - Total \$175.00 or \$30.00 per Class. Pam noted that Homestead Gardens will have a Class on HYPERTUFO at the end of February.

There being no further business, MEETING was adjourned at 9:25 PM. A 50/50 was held. Three (3) additional names were drawn and Julie gave out beautifully wrapped Valentine Gifts.

NEXT MEETING - Thursday, March 12, 2009 at the home of Lorraine Leonard. Pam will present a Program on "The Amazing Gourd".

Respectfully submitted,

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