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Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club Minutes January, 2011 ^{2012?}

Program

The Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club met at the home of Patricia Hall on ^{7th} 12 January 2010², with 17 members and 1 guest present. The speaker was Mr. Gregg Kearns, Naturalist, MNCPP, who spoke on his recent eco-tour of Brazil, visiting Rio de Janeiro, the Pantanal Wetlands, and Igassu Falls. In Rio, he showed pictures of the botanical garden, with 150-year-old royal palms and bromeliad flowers found in the Amazonian forest. Pictures from the Pantanal featured birds such as Rheas, storks, toucans, ibis, herons, Muscovy ducks, lily walker ducks, Jaharoo, and animals such as the capybara and peccary. The area is a biosphere reserve where he gave advice on how to develop facilities for tourists, such as trails, while yet preserving the environment. He also narrated pictures of Igassu Falls—a huge waterfall on the Argentine/Brazil border.

Old Business

^{Arminia} Anita Donavon, Corresponding Secretary, read a thank you card from Mary Woodruff for the wedding gift of a ZZ plant. Diana Morse, Conservation, reported on the variety of types of wetlands: freshwater tidal areas, marshes, everglades, prairie potholes, swamps. We are to notice water sources when we are in an area. A suggestion was made about visiting the Suitland bog in our area. Linda Millett, Design, spoke on line (linear, rhythm, connoting restful, alive, or downward motion) and form (closed—as in massed design and spreading—airy) in flower arranging. Julie will have copies of information to help in arranging 3-5 flowers at the next meeting. Civic Development: Marybeth Cecil, Lorraine Leonard, and Julie Harrison planted pansies at the Edge of the Woods Garden park. Sonia Johnson asked for committee chairs to contribute articles for the club newsletter, which is to be published quarterly. Lenay O'Quinn, ways and means, brought information on plants and bulbs that might be sold as a fundraiser. Carol Ober, treasurer, reported a balance of \$860.37. Contributions of \$50 each will be made to Fern Valley, Save the Bay, NCAGC Scholarship, President's rain garden project, and World Gardening.

New Business

A special guest for the evening was Vickie Godwin, President of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. She spoke of her project—five rain gardens in the US Arboretum. She also mentioned a trip to France sponsored by NCAGC. District I Awards Meeting will be held Saturday, 3 March at 0930. Two seminars will be held following the meeting. The NCAGC President's Coffee will be held at Shirley Nicolai's home on Saturday, 16 June. District I will sponsor a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on 8 March. Cost is \$85. The February meeting will be at the home of Linda Millette, starting at 1830 (6:30). She has requested that everyone create a heart for display at the meeting. Gilda Allen will present the program on the Chesapeake Bay.

Agenda for the next meeting :

1. Mount Airy Clay Breakers is in it's 35th year, do we want to do something or wait for year 40 which will be 2017
2. Do we continue the Childrens Gardening Project
3. March program, flower arrangements
4. Plant sale

Meeting was adjourned with a 50/50 raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

Lothar Neekere, Recording Secretary