

MT. AIRY GARDEN CLUB--January 14, 1988

The first meeting of 1988 was held at the home of Julie Harrison with 12 members and 1 guest, Cindy Marson, attending. Ann Williams presented an informative slide show and commentary on the National Arboretum. The minutes were approved as read. Julie reported a balance on hand of \$861.74 (the same as December).

Marie White gave a short tribute to Roger Neilan. Phyllis Tucker read thank you notes from Margaret Dahlgren and Richard Neilan.

Civic Development--Betty Abercrombie reported that bulbs will be planted at the park soon.

Federation Delegate--Ann Williams reported that District I has several interesting programs coming up. On March 10, the District I awards program, on March 17, a Luncheon and Fashion Show, and on March 24, the Hortiscape program.

Ann Williams also mentioned that Joyce Myers will give the February program on her South American trip. She then passed out handout sheets on various subjects.

Ways and Means--JoAnn Davis reminded us of the auction to be held at the February meeting. She is also taking orders for several design books. Peggy asked if anyone was interested in buying more pecans.

Horticulture--Marian Moreland continued her yearly report on tropical plants by showing us her bird of paradise plant which she started from seeds in 1983 and two seeds.

Design--Anne DeBoeser gave a brief talk about mechanics. She suggested that we be constantly aware of little items that we can use to get our flowers to do what we want them to do.

Peggy went over the achievement report for this year.

Old Business--Betty Abercrombie reported that our proposed project to provide a basket for a needy family was started too late to be accomplished for this year. Perhaps it can be done at a later date.

New Business--Ann DeBoeser made a motion to the effect that we make our annual donations now. She suggested that the Scholarship Fund donation be \$50.00. Marie seconded the motion. It was followed by a discussion. Joyce motioned that we donate \$50.00 to the Scholarship Fund, \$10.00 to World Gardening and \$25.00 to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Jimmi Nell seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Ann DeBoeser suggested that perhaps the club could become members of the Friends of the National Arboretum and make a donation of \$25.00. Ann Williams will check to see if we can join as a group.

Peggy thanked Joyce Myers for hosting the very enjoyable Christmas party. She mentioned the Homestead Garden winter program and various other educational items. The meeting was adjourned and followed by refreshments.

Margaret Hicks