The February 12, 1998 meeting of the Mount Airy Clay Breakers was held at the home of Phyllis Tucker. President Betty Abercrombie opened the meeting and thanked Phyllis for serving as hostess and welcomed visitor Fay Goodman. Vice President Peggy Martin introduced Nancy Guarino the speaker for the evening. Nancys' program on creative containers showed how to use anything you find in your basement, attic and yard sales etc as unique containers for flower arrangements. Her program was informative and entertaining.

A break was taken for refreshments.

Following refreshments the business meeting was opened by President Betty Abercrombie. Vice President Peggy Martin announced that the March meeting would be a program on Gardens for Birds and Butterflies by Lisa Bierer-Garret. The minutes from the last meeting were read by Julie Harrison acting for May Kemp in her absence, they were approved as read. Treasurer Ann Williams reported a balance on hand of \$783.40.

The following committee reports were given. Horticulture chairman, Liz Sangia talked about the complete life cycle of both winter and summer weeds and the use of pre-emergents to prevent weed seeds from germinating. President Betty Abercrombie reported for Marion Moreland that the Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for May 2nd. Our President also informed us that Jimmie Nell Finley is still in the hospital and that a plant was delivered to Marion Moreland who has been ill.

Under unfinished business it was decided to have the dedication of the park bench in memory of deceased Garden Club member Marie White be held April 9th at 6:30P.M. in Holloway Park. The Garden Club meeting to follow at 7:30 P.M at the home of Ann Williams. An invatation will be mailed to Jack White.

Under new business President Betty Abercrombie reported on the up coming Washington Garden Show on March 19^{th} thru the 22^{nd} . Also, at Booth 188 the Washington Star Garden Book will be on sale at a 30% discount.

Vice President Peggy Martin and Treasurer Ann Williams presented a check of \$60.00 to the Club. This check was given to them in appreciation for judging the gardens in the Towne of Marlbough.

Marilyn Berkut won the 50/50. President Betty Abercrombie thanked Julie Harrison for setting in for May Kemp who was out of town. Marilyn made a motion, seconded by Julie Harrison to adjourn the meeting.

May Kemp