

President Betty Abercrombie called the January 1997 Meeting of the Mt. Airy Claybreakers to order at the home of Peggy Martin. Following her annual tradition, Peggy provided a delicious and heart warming Mexican dinner.

Following the dinner, John Peter Thompson of Benhke's gave a slide presentation on "Gardens of the World" and the use of annuals. A garden enclosure is one in which man tries to take over nature over God and tries to bring order which is against the wilds of nature. Annuals are used as dabs of color. In a formal garden there needs to be related color which requires a painters eye. He showed slides of many formal gardens.

Following the program, President Betty Abercrombie began the business meeting. The minutes of the December meeting were read by Secretary May Kemp and approved as read. There was no Corresponding Secretary's report due to the illness of Jimmy Nell Findley. Treasurer Anne Williams was also absent but Betty reported a balance on hand of \$527.27. Betty thanked Peggy Martin for the wonderful dinner and program. Next month's meeting will be at the home of Esther Neckere and the program will be entitled "The Bay begins at Your Back Door." Peggy also spoke briefly about the Choia stick that Liz Saniga used in her floral design for the Flower Show and stressed the importance of using interesting plant material.

The following committee reports were given. Horticulture Chairman, ;Marian Moreland spoke on the herb Lentils. Photographer Liz Saniga passed around pictures that she had taken. Betty reported that Jimmy Nell had broken her foot, that a plant had been taken to Bob Harrison three days before he died, and that flowers were sent to Julie Harrison and Marie White who is in the hospital with back surgery. Ways and Means Chairman, Peggy Martin passed around sample pressed flower notepaper and a sign up sheet to order it. Under unfinished Business, Betty thanked hostess Marilyn Berkut and May Kemp, Jimmy Nell Findley, and Anne Williams for the presentation on lChristmas decorations for the December meeting.

Under New Business, Betty reported that she had sent in the achievement report to the Federation. Dotty Garrison will take the place of Chairman of the Flower Show for Marie White. The 20/20 raffle was won by Peggy Stovall. A motion to adjourn was made by Marian ;Moreland and seconded by Esther Neckere and passed.

P.S.. Herb = a flowering plant whose stem above ground does not become woody and persistent, valued for its medicinal, flavor, scent, or other properties.

Spice =an aromatic, pungent, vegetable substance used to flavor food and beverages.