MOUNT AIRY CLAYBREAKERS GARDEN CLUB INSTALLATION DINNER JUNE 7, 2012

The Club met at Mama Stella's Restaurant in Clinton, MD for the annual Installation Dinner celebrating our 35th Year. All members were present. A delicious Italian meal was enjoyed. Arminta Donovan provided a centerpiece of Hydrangeas for the head table. Guests included District I Director Danielle Brabazon, Kyle Musselman a 7th Grade student at St. Mary of the Assumption School in Upper Marlboro, MD and his mother. Kyle was the local nominee for the Central Atlantic Regional Poetry Contest Award and read his delightful poem titled "Grapes Greening Greatly". Several members received recognition for their achievement President Julie Harrison presented each with a Certificate and a metal Cheese Slicer in the form of a mouse which signifies steadfastness. Ann Williams a retired Charted Member was honored with a Service Award. Mary Beth Cecil (Ann's daughter) accepted the award on behalf of Ann. Anne DeBoeser, another original member of the Club was recognized for her 35 years of service to the Club sharing her skill and expertise in Horticulture and Design. Marilyn Berkut was presented a Service Award for 20 years of active involvement in the club. Several Perennial Bloom Awards were given - Lorraine Leonard for her service as Arbor House Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Beth Cecil, Arbor House Manager for various Trunk Shows, Elaine Arnold, Marian Moreland, Carol Ober and Diana Morse for their involvement in the "After Care" project at Concordia Lutheran Church - this project earned the 2011 NCAGCC Beatrice M. Coiner Award. Sonia Johnson was given Perennial Bloom Award for service producing the "Clay Breaking News". Service Awards were given to Pat Hall, Esther Neckere, Marsha Kirchhoff, Joyce Meyer, Lenay O'Quinn and Pam Smart. An Award of Honor was given to Gilda Allen for her major contribution to the "After Care" Project at Concordia Lutheran Church and was presented with a Certificate, a Cheese Slicer and a Gift.

Danielle Brabazon, District I Director installed the new Officers of the Club and presented outgoing and incoming officers with a gift of flowers:

President: Gilda Allen V/President: Iona Black

Recording Secretary: Arminta Donovan

Treasurer: Carol Ober
Historian: Pam Smart

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Highlight of the evening was honoring Outgoing President Julie Harrison who served with excellence the past four years. She was presented with a surprise basket filled with lovely gifts from the members and an official Past President Pin. She was overwhelmed and graciously accepted the honor.

Members are looking forward to the club's Annual Picnic and Prince Georges County Fair - more information and dates later.

Respectfully submitted

Arminta G. Donovan Recording Secretary.