

The Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club met at 6:30 p.m. September 10, 2015 at the home of Joyce Meyer with Mary Jane Bishop as hostess. There were 17 members and 2 guests, Salay Presti and Lucille Gwynn, present. Julie Harrison, Esther Neckere, Arminta Donovan and Elaine Arnold were received mums for their birthdays in August and September respectively.

PROGRAM: "Putting your garden to bed" guest speaker Kathy Jentz, editor and publisher of Washington Gardener Magazine discusses 10 "Must Do" Chores for fall to Prep for Winter. The topics were:

- (1) Tool Cleaning & Storage
- (2) Set Up Bird Feeders
- (3) Rake Leaves & Build Up Your Compost Pile
- (4) Mulch Around Roses, Strawberries, Tender Perennials, etc.
- (5) Clean up & Till Veggie Beds
- (6) Plant Flowering Bulbs
- (7) Lift Tender Bulbs
- (8) Bring In Houseplants
- (9) Divide Over-crowded Perennials & Best Time To Move Shrubs
- (10) Work In Compost and Fertilizers

BUSINESS MEETING:

Mary Jane Bishop, Recording Secretary: Corrected minutes from June were approved as corrected.

Pat Hall, Treasurer Report: In order to make changes to the signature cards and the bank, the club needs to obtain an EIN Number from the IRS. Pat will submit the application. She will also need a copy of the minutes showing the election of the new officers. A motion was made to add the president to the checking account as a signatory on the account. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Civic Development: Pam Smart reported that the garden is doing well even though someone had driven through it.

Conservation: Jessica Sherlock reported on Pollinator Support. It is necessary to have a water supply and not to prune shrubs back in the winter. She also reported on the Marlton Pool Million Pollinator Garden Project. They are looking for donations of pollinator attracting plants and the plant installation day is planned for Saturday, September 26th at noon.

Design: Elaine Arnold informed us that she plans to discuss the principles of design with hands on demonstrations.

Horticulture: Lorraine Leonard talked about butterflies. "Is it a monarch or a Viceroy?" The monarch butterfly uses the milkweed and the Viceroy used poplar or willow to set up their chrysalis.

Membership: Connie Dalpra informed us she will be taking attendance at each meeting and will be contacting members that have not been attending meetings regularly to discuss their intentions.

Sunshine: Arminta Donovan sent 2 birthday cards in August, 1 birthday card in September and a Thank You note to Pat Hall for hosting the picnic.

OLD BUSINESS:

Esther Neckere submitted documentation for an award for the library workshop and she reported the next project will be about bats.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Central Atlantic Regional Meeting will be held October 25th – October 27th in Gettysburg, PA. There will be a memorial service and Marion Moreland will be remembered at the service.

Gilda Allen informed us that she has been working with Kindergartners at DuPont Park Adventist School in Washington, DC. The projects include planting herb gardens and other garden experiments. She asked if this would be a project that the club would like to get involved in by monetary donation and other members volunteering their time. It was decided to table the discussion until the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The District 1 Fall meeting will be held September 26th in the USNA class room

The next meeting will be held on October 8th at the home of Connie Dalpra.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The 50/50 drawing was won by Mary Jane Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Bishop

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Recording Secretary**