

Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club Meeting Minutes

The Mt. Airy Claybreakers Garden Club met at the home of Iona Black on 9 September 2010 with 20 members present. Vice President Gilda Allen introduced the speaker of the evening, Ms. Toni Burnham, vice president of the Maryland State Beekeepers Association and mentor to a dozen new beekeepers. She is in her sixth summer of beekeeping in Washington, DC, with about 7 hives of her own. She is a friend of the White House Beekeeper and has helped out at that hive. Along with her talk, Ms. Burnham distributed information on honeybee pollinated crops and honeybee friendly plants.

President Julie Harrison distributed the 2010-2011 Claybreakers yearbook, which was produced by Diana Morse. *and Pat + husband, and Julie.* The book covered featured a sprig of Nandina from Sonia Johnson's garden. August birthdays were acknowledged, with a special recognition of Arminta Donavon. The treasurer, Elaine Arnold, reported a balance of \$1,753.83. The treasurer has also obtained the EIN number, in compliance with IRS requirements. A note from Lorraine Leonard was read, with an invitation to visit her mother who is now staying with her.

Committee Reports: Civic Development: The Edge of the Woods Garden looks "good." Conservation: Marion Moreland commented on a "save the Seeds" 250 word essay contest. She recommended leaving peony foliage alone until the first frost. Julie offered tips on pruning: roses should be pruned to ½ the shrub size, and to wait until late winter to prune summer blooming shrubs. In spring, wait for spring blossoms fade before blooming Lorraine Leonard, horticulture, sent in a report on planting lettuce when the weather cools down and offered club members an opportunity to take home Black-Seeded Simpson seeds to plant in a container. Sonia Johnson brought samples of Artemesia, Silver Brocade.

Old Business: Julie Harrison and Elaine Arnold will put together the frames for the children's garden and will purchase the soil to ready the garden frames for planting. Marilyn Burkut announced a workshop on 9 October at Gilda Allen's house at 0930 to make flower arrangements for the Bradford Oaks Nursing Home in Clinton, MD. She proposed making 20 table arrangements for residents' tables and four arrangements for the nursing stations. Members are requested to bring Oasis and greens. **New**

Business: The District I meeting will be held at the Hard Bargain Farm on Saturday, 11 September. The District I flower show is to be held 24-25 September at Darnall's Chance. Members were invited to enter teacup arrangements. Contributions of costume jewelry and purchase of spring bulbs are two fundraisers planned to fund the national convention of garden clubs, to be held in Washington, DC. Pam Smart will plan a holiday tea at Montpelier Mansion in Laurel, possibly in December, at a cost of \$25 per person. Marybeth Cecil offered to order a case of pecans for those in the club who want to purchase them. The meeting ended with a "disclosure" of secret pals and a selection of new secret pals for the coming year. Julie Harrison won the 50/50. Linda Milette introduced her guest, Deloris Addison. Next meeting will be held at the home of ~~Gilda Allen~~; the program to is to be flower arranging.

Respectfully submitted, Esther Neckere, Recording Secretary