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MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB
MINUTES - March 11, 2010

The Club met at the home of Carol Ober. Lovely refreshments were enjoyed by all.

A very informative Program on Sheet Mulching and How To Prepare Garden Beds was given by Alexia Sol who works for The Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park which includes the National Colonial Farm. One method of Sheet Mulching is to layer bed as follows: Lay down newspapers, water bed, lay down cardboard (overlap), water again, then, add 8" - 12" of mulch - can be hay, straw or leaves. Best done in Fall but can also be done in Spring. Everything will break down.

Meeting was Called to Order by President, Julie Harrison at 8:25 PM. Julie thanked Gilda for our Speaker this evening. There were 19 Members present and one Guest, Carol Ober's daughter Lisa. Each Member responded to the March question "If you were to start seedlings, what would you plant?"

MINUTES from the February 2009 Meeting were read by Armin ta in the absence of the Recording Secretary. There were no Corrections.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Elaine Arnold reported \$1,080.47 in the Treasury. She further stated that annual Dues are due.

HISTORIAN - No report.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - Carol said because of the winter storms, she has not checked on Hollaway Garden.

CONSERVATION - Marian suggested cutting a green plastic bottle in half, filling with water and inserting the top in the soil by Roses and Tomato plants. Should last a week; also to save leaves that we are raking up now to use as Mulch around plants.

HORTICULTURE- Lorraine said the Hellebores (Lenten Roses) and tiny Iris are in bloom. She will have printed Instructions on how to make up the Tea Cup Design at the next Meeting. Arrangements are due at May Meeting. She also mentioned that Hill Top Garden Club is disbanding.

They have lots of green bottles which we can have at no cost. One stem only in each bottle from bushes, shrubs or flowers with botanical name. These will also be shown at our May Meeting. Julie encouraged us to also show both the Tea Cup arrangements and Green Bottle specimens at the County Fair. Sonia showed us a large Deer Antler which she found on her property.

TELEPHONE - No report.

MEMBERSHIP - Sonia had no report.

PUBLICITY - No Report.

PROGRAM - Gilda said our April Program will be "Square Foot Gardening"

SUNSHINE - Arminta sent a Birthday Card to Lorraine Leonard on February 22nd.

WAYS & MEANS - Esther said that the deadline for purchasing plants is April 1st. Lenay distributed info on "Knock Out" Roses - Cost \$12.00. Plants will be picked up at Esther's home at the April Meeting. She would like to change the date of to April 15th. Samples and reports of the plants growth will be made at a Fall Meeting.

T-SHIRTS - Dot Lower had a sample of the Garden Club T-Shirt. Price is \$15.00. If interested, E-Mail Julie.

NEW BUSINESS - Elaine told us that last year we donated to the NCAGC projects i.e., Fern Valley, Save the Bay, World Gardening, Scholarship Fund and Friendship Garden. A Motion was made by Mary Beth and seconded by Carol Ober to donate \$250.00 to the five (5) organizations. Motion was passed. Julie has a Nominating Committee - Carol Ober, Linda Millette and Jackie George. Julie has been President for 2 years. District I Awards 2009 was held on March 11th. Our Club received several Awards - for Garden Club Achievement, Arbor House Volunteer, Community Projects, Educational & Youth Programs, Holiday Outreach Certificate, Financial Supporters Certificate, Memorial Grove Project at Prospect Hill Cemetery. Also an Award for the Yearbook - Julie thanked Diane and her brother for their excellent work. Landscape Design School Series will be held November 9, 20, 11, 2010. There will be a picnic at Fern Valley on May 27th, also a trip to an Iris Farm in

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Arrangements for County Fair
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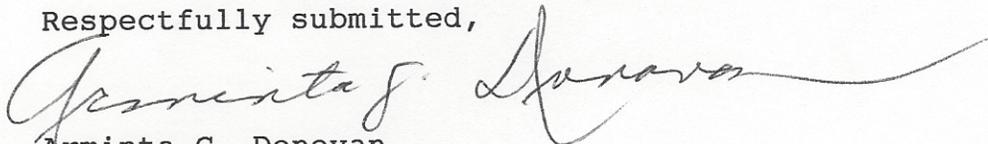
Maryland. Bring Tea Cup arrangements to our May Meeting. Joyce and Ann will be Judges and winner will be awarded the Silver Tray. June Dinner Committee will be Elaine, Mary Beth and Marilyn. Plant Sale and Yard Sale - Tentative Date May 1st. Be sure to pot plants and collect items from our closets.

A 50/50 was held and won by Marian Moreland.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15th at the home of Esther Neckere.

There being no further business, Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Arminta G. Donovan
Acting Recording Secretary