

MT. AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB
MINUTES - October 11, 2007

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President, Sonia Johnson at the home of Jackie Pugh.

There were 17 Members present and three (3) Guests...Iona Black, Maggie Bucheister and Thomas Leonard.

Shirley Nicolai, Landscape Design Critic and elected 2nd Vice President of National Garden Clubs at the convention in May gave us a very informative talk together with 180 slides on "Xeriscaping" or how to garden without watering. She also brought several bags full of very lush cuttings of drought-resistant plants and flowers from her gardens.

Delicious REFRESHMENTS were provided by Jackie Pugh. The flowers donated by members were used as a centerpiece.

The MINUTES of the September 13 Meeting were read by Arminta Donovan, Recording Secretary. One Correction: Flower Arrangements for the Veterans will be made for Memorial Day only.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mary Beth Cecil reported a balance of \$808.77 in the Treasury. She is also working on a Budget, sent around the jar for Penny Pines and reminded us to keep saving Box Tops for Education.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - Lorraine Leonard noted after looking thru several scrapbooks that the Holloway Park project had won the P.G. County Beautification Award several times. She asked for volunteers to help water the Azaleas and other plants at the Park including the Yellow Chrysanthemum which was a centerpiece at the Awards Ceremony and donated by Behnke's Nursery. Lorraine also told us about a Seniors Program at Homestead Gardens.

HORTICULTURE & DESIGN - Marian Moreland distributed a Design Pamphlet. She had visited the National Arboretum with Sonia and Lorraine and showed us some interesting containers including a 12" Dish Garden Container. As a project, she asked that each member make up a dish garden using tiny plants for the May Meeting. These will be judged.

CONSERVATION - Gilda Allen is trying to obtain a Garden Bag from her Government Agency as a gift for all members. Since the bags have to be given out in the District, they will have to first be given to the Capitol Hill Club (in

D.C.) and then on to our Maryland Club.

YEARBOOK - Sonia told us that Lorraine had incorporated tiny petals of dried Hydrangeas into the ribbon decoration of our Yearbook. She then thanked all members who worked on the Yearbook project. Carol Ober said the April Meeting is a "Visit to Holloway Park" and also a tour of Marian Moreland and Pam Smart's gardens.

OLD BUSINESS - Mary Beth noted that there are a lot of memories written down in the old Cook Book and that if we decide to make up a new Club Cookbook with our Recipes and memories, they could be sold at our Plant Sale as a fundraiser. More info at next Meeting. After a discussion about Pecan Sales again this year, it was decided that we do not make enough money to warrant the work involved.

NEW BUSINESS - Sonia asked Elaine Arnold to tell us about her neighbor Iona Black who she sponsored for membership. Elaine introduced Iona to the members and noted that Iona has now attended the required three (3) meetings and would like to become a member of the Club. Elaine also said that Iona lives in Anne DeBoeser's former home and has been caring for the beautiful gardens. She feels Iona has a lot to contribute to the Club. After a discussion and vote by all members, Iona was accepted for membership. Sonia asked Iona to agree to abide by the By-Laws of the Club which she did and then Sonia welcomed her to the Club and presented her with a gift. Iona thanked all the members and said that she hopes to be an asset to the Club.

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~~(She doesn't confirm this. 11-11)~~
PUBLICITY - Mary Jane told us that she has found the the Club's silver tray which is given in honor of the most Blue Ribbons won in a year by an organization or individual. This tray is kept for one year and then given to the next winner. She also reminded us of the District 1 Day at Franklin's Restaurant, Brewery and General Store in Hyattsville on Tuesday, November 13th. 20% of anything sold will be donated to District 1.

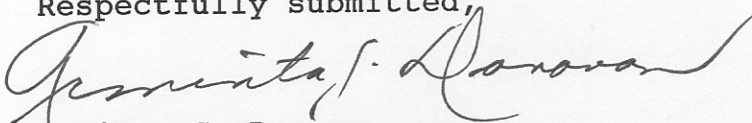
Arminta thanked Julie Harrison and her committee for all their efforts to make the 30th Anniversary event held in June at Colony South so memorable.

Our next Meeting will be on Thursday, November 8th at the Clinton Presbyterian Church. Esther, Lorraine and Arminta will present festive holiday table arrangements. It was noted that our February Meeting is Tuesday, February 12th and will be held with the Capitol Hill Garden Club at St. Monica's Episcopal Church in D.C.

A Fifty-Fifty was held.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arminta G. Donovan".

Arminta G. Donovan
Recording Secretary

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