

2012

The Mount Airy Claybreakers met at on 12 April at the home of Arminta Donovan with 20 members present.

Program:

Joyce Meyer presented a program on grasses and their different uses: Miscanthus—good for screening because of its height; variegated sedge, which deer don't like; blue fescue, used in clusters as small spiky accent pieces; and black mondograss, good on slopes. She brought samples of different types of these grasses, including "Strawberries and Cream," a new 4" ornamental grass. She recommended the bhng.com website for more information on how to plant, maintain, and landscape with ornamental grasses.

Business Meeting:

Committee Reports:

Membership: Sonia Johnson inducted a new member— Jessica Sherlock —into the club. Jessica, who works at Tanglewood Gardens, was presented with a basket of flowers.

Treasurer: Carol Ober reported a balance of \$1,203.30.

Civic Development: Maribeth Cecil reported that the club project, the Edge of the Woods garden, needs some cleaning up.

Conservation: Diana Morse reported on the federal, state, and private agencies that support wetland conservation programs, including EPA, National Resources Soil Conservation Services; Fish and Wildlife Agency, Army Corps of Engineers, MD Department of Natural Resources, Ducks Unlimited, and the Nature Conservancy

Design: Linda Millet[✓] explained some ^{principles} ~~elements~~ of design: balance, proportion, rhythm, and dominance. The silver rotating award plate has been engraved with Linda's name, who is the latest recipient for her creative floral design in a shoe. A floral design program will be held on 27 April at the Plymouth Haven Baptist Church.

Horticulture: Elaine Arnold introduced the Blue Dogbane, a native perennial. She recommended that black plastic laid down between rows in a garden will protect seedlings. She also discussed using milky spore to control Japanese beetles as an organic approach to pest control. The peak day for the azaleas in the Arboretum is 15 April.

Sunshine: Aminta Donovan sent April birthday greetings to Lenay O'Quinn and Gilda Allen, and Julie Harrison presented each with a small gift. She also sent get well-cards to Joyce Meyer and Esther Neckere.


Publicity: Marion Morelands article on the club's activities was printed in the Marlton Advocate.

Ways and Means: Lenay O'Quinn reported a \$350 profit on our recent plant sale. The Garden Club's plant sale will be held on 5 May at Club President Julie Harrison's home from 8 to 2. Julie asked for volunteers to price and name plants and to help on shifts during the actual sale.

Club Projects: Children's Garden Project: Nine weeks of lessons have been planned out. A permission form and information letter will be developed. Clinton Home Project—Gilda will talk to the director about designing a garden around the home.

The May meeting will be held at Julie Harrison's home, starting at 6:30pm. A plant exchange; a visit by Danielle Barbazon, District 1 Director; and a display of seasonal tables will be featured. Julie reminded the club of the President's Coffee on 16 June, to be held at the home of Shirley Nicolai. The meeting adjourned at 0905, with Jackie George the winner of the 50/50 drawing.

Respectfully submitted,



Esther Neckere, Recording Secretary