THE MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB HELD THEIR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER AT THE HOME OF NEW PRESIDENT MARILYN BERKUT. THE NEW OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1998-99 ARE: PRESIDENT MARILYN BERKUT, VICE PRESIDENT LIZ SANIGA, TREASURER ANN WILLIAMS, RECORDING SECRETARY MARIAN MORELAND, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY JIMMY NELL FINLEY, HISTORIAN MAY KEMP. A LECTURE WITH SLIDES WAS GIVEN BY STEVE JANKOWSKI FROM THE CACTUS AND SUCCULENTS SOCIETY. CONGRATULATIONS WERE EXTENDED TO BETTY ABERCROMBIE, MARILYN BERKUT, LIZ SANIGA AND PEGGY MARTIN WHO ALL WON RIBBONS AT THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FAIR FOR ENTRIES IN FINE ARTS AND STANDARD FLOWER SHOW CATEGORIES.

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The Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club met at the home of Elaine Arnold on 8 October in her beautiful garden room. Amid flowing ferns in the upper level of her home, a lecture was given by Nancy Meares of the National Capital Orchid Society on growing Orchids in the home. Nancy is also an accredited judge. This was an outstanding program with beautiful orchid plants as examples from the garden of club member Liz Saniga. The highlight of the evening was wonderful refreshments served on a beautiful fall table using pumpkins and blacks cats perched on a limb.

The November meeting will held at the Clinton Presbyterian Church. The theme will be Festive Tables. Creative designs will be done by members Marian Moreland – Thanksgiving, Esther Neckere – Christmas and Peggy Martin – New Years.

The Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club met at the Clinton Presbyterian Church on Nov 12, 1998. Peg Stovall was hostess for the evening, setting a lovely Fall table with straw maidens and bronze mums. The program for the evening was Creative Holiday Tables. A design was done for Thanksgiving by Marian Moreland using an informal/functional mode with a burgundy cloth overlaid with cream. She used multicolored flowers as her decorative unit exuding Fall's bounty. Dottie Garrison set a functional table for Christmas using red, green and cream Christmas china on a green cloth. Red carnations in a clay pot was her decorative unit. Liz Saniga set an exhibition table for New Years' using a royal blue cloth, blue star china touched with gold and white snapdragons in a royal blue vase as her decorative unit.

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The Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club met at the home of Peggy Martin on Dec 10, 1998. The program was Decorations for the home from Nature by club members, May Kemp, (gilded ornaments) Liz Saniga (grapevine wreath) and Peggy Martin (magnolia and pine door decoration). Peggy is a Master Flower Show judge and Landscape Design Critic. She was one of four honored with an award for all around excellence in design for the year 1997-1998 by the National Capital and State Garden Clubs.

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The Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club met at the home of Liz Saniga on Feb 11, 1999. Liz's home is decorated with several varieties of potted orchids, all grown by her husband Mike. A slide program was given by Carol Carter from the Landscape Design Council on Low Maintenance Gardening. Most trees and shrubs have a dwarf variety thereby eliminating excessive pruning or removal altogether in the long-term. Liz's floral design for the refreshment table was a valentine arrangement done in a low container.

The Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club met on March 11, 1999. The hostess for the evening was Jimmie Nell Finley. The program was a study of Bogs. The Bog at Suitland, MD was the focal point for slides on the nurturing and care of Bogs. Many wildflowers are present at this one and have been cherished over the years. The hostess served refreshments all done in the St Patrick's Day theme. Her centerpiece was forsythia and mini carnations.

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