

The September 12, 1996 meeting of the Mount Airy Claybreakers was preceded by the memorial dedication of a planting of a crepe myrtle in honor of Mary Ellen Heagy at Holloway Park. The ceremony was attended by Club members and members of the Heagy Family including her husband, Roger, Mother Helen Foster, two brothers, a sister in law, and a variety of friends and other family. The memorial plaque was removed after the ceremony and then repositioned in concrete on the following weekend by Terry Kemp.

The members then proceeded to the home of Margaret Hicks for a regular meeting. Vice President, Peggy Martin, introduced Beverly Stearns, a Master flower Show Judge of long standing, a member of the Oxon Hill Garden Club, and a student of Bob Thomas, an International Instructor. Beverly brought four original designs called "Enchanted Forest, Bold and Beautiful, I Did it My Way, and haunting Refrain." She encouraged floral designers to question what words in classes mean and to use interpretation to express something that is not plain or dear. Design gets points. Be creative because it has a direct link to interpretation. Beverly explained what Judges are looking for. 1. Good design - balance, dominance, contrast, proportion, rhythm, and pleasing to the eye. 2. Conformance. 3. Distinction - the interpretation of the title, materials, and color. and finally 4. Creativity which has much to do with the choice of materials and the way you use them. At the end of Beverly's program she answered questions including solutions for transporting arrangements. Following her program there was a break for refreshments.

President Betty Abercrombie thanked Julie Harrison for her part in the memorial dedication to Mary Ellen Heagy and Margaret Hicks for serving as the evening's hostess. May Kemp read the minutes from the June 19 Executive Board meeting and they were approved as read. Corresponding Secretary, Jimmy Nell Findley, reported that she had sent a thank you to Liz and Mike Saniga for hosting the August Picnic and a note to Roger Heagy about the memorial to Mary Ellen. Two thank you notes were received from Phyllis Tucker and Marie White. As Sunshine Chairman Jimmy Nell sent a plant to Marie White and to Peggy Stovall. There was no Treasurer's report because Ann Williams was unable to attend at the last minute. Peggy Martin reported that she had audited the books and that everything was in perfect order. Historian, Marie White, is collecting pictures and articles for the scrapbook. Vice President, Peggy Martin, reported that the October meeting will have a program by David Weston, a horticulturist.

The following Committee reports were given:

Civic Development - Betty Abercrombie - There were eight members plus husbands at the Holloway Park work session in Holloway Park. A special thank you was extended to Al Abercrombie for all of his hard work.

Design - Marie White - Marie stated that in design the elements are the ingredients and the principles are the recipes. She passed out a copy from the handbook on the elements and principles of design.

Horticulture - Marian Moreland - Marian chose Ginger as an introduction to the study of herbs. There are over 1300 species and 50 generations of ginger. It grows a beautiful flower and is the world's oldest herb used for medicinal purposes. To start a Ginger root put it in a paper bag and it will sprout, then plant in potted soil. She also handed out some ginger recipes.

Hospitality - Dotty Garrison will plan the 20th Anniversary celebration in the Spring.

Publicity - May Kemp -an article about the June dinner meeting at Joyce Meyer's was in the Enquirer Gazette.

Ways and Means- Peggy Martin _ Peggy was selling the Visions of Beauty Calendar for \$4.25. All of the pecan cookbooks were sold at the picnic.

Under Old Business, Peggy Martin reported that Ribbons were won at the Prince Georges County Fair by Marian Moreland, Marilyn Berkut, Liz Saniga, Marie White, Peggy Martin, and Betty Abercrombie. Betty sent 38 pictures for the topic Gardens with Wings to the Federation Presidents meeting.

The following New Business was discussed. It was decided that the Club could not participate in the Decorating of the Riversdale mansion at Christmas because it was too far away. Peggy Martin made a motion, seconded by Marie White, to donate \$1.00 for every member to the beautification of the Headquarters Building in St. Louis, Missouri. The motion passed. Betty requested that members total the number of trees that they know people have planted in the past year to contribute to the National Garden Clubs goal of one million plantings a year. Peggy Martin reported that the District I Flower Show will take place on October 18 and 19 at the home of Shirley Nicholai in Fort Washington. members may call in entries. Julie Harrison made a motion, seconded by Marian Moreland, to have a Joint Flower Show with Hilltop Garden Club in the Spring. Marie White volunteered to be the General Chairman. The motion passed. A discussion followed of some of the bills that will be submitted to the treasurer for expenses incurred during the summer. The fifty/fifty raffle was won by May Kemp. The meeting was adjourned.