

MT. AIRY CLAY BREAKERS  
MINUTES – JANUARY 2002

The meeting began with the program "Orchids – The Basics" presented by Roger Cole. Mr. Cole brought many orchid samples. He said there are about 32,000 types of orchids. They are potted in a bark mix and not soil. One plant was growing on a piece of drift wood and not in a pot. He made having orchids in the home sound easy. ✓

After refreshments the business meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken and there were 12 members and 3 guests present.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: The balance as of 1/10/02 is \$1,075.28 as presented by Peg Stovall.

Correspondence Secretary: No report

Civic Development: Elaine will set up work dates at Mt. Airy and Holloway Park.

Horticulture: Marion Moreland brought an African violet that she purchased at the plant sale last May. It had lots of blooms. She stated that African violets need a bright indirect light and need to be fertilized regularly to get them to bloom. There are 20 varieties of African Violets. Marion also brought in a sprig of heather.

Conservation: Marion Moreland read an article about a woman who was going to throw out a peace rose, but after the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> incident she decided to resurrect it, and it is doing well.

The program next month will be held at the home of Betty Abercrombe on Valentine's Day. We are encouraged to prepare by remembering stories about our early days of gardening.

Sunshine: Susan Hannin informed us that Liz Saniga has Pneumonia.

Ways and Means: Its time to start making plans for this years plant sale.

Publicity: Susan was asked to do an article for the news letter.

Old Business:

The proposal has been submitted and we hope to have an answer by the next meeting.

It was decided to have the Anniversary Dinner Saturday, 3/16 in the evening at Colony



South and it will be at 5:00 pm. We will need to have a head count of who's attending by the next meeting.

There were more ideas entertained as to a memorial for Peggy Martin. Esther called the Dept. of Natural Resources. A nursery in Frederick would give us trees, but we would have to plant them ourselves. She also contacted Cheltenham Cemetery and they have a tree memorial. We would supply the tree and it would be planted along the circle drive in line with her cemetery plot. Susan checked with the Arboretum, they do not want memorial plants or statuary as they would have to do something for everyone. Joyce passed around an article about a memorial bird bath with a lovely inscription, but we would have to find a place that would be appropriate to display it.

There was no new business.

Meeting was adjourned.

The 50/50 was won by Peg Stovall.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Bishop