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President Phyllis Tucker opened the February meeting of the Mount Airy Claybreakers Garden Club at her lovely home in Waldorf. She welcomed our guest, Susan proctor, who is a curator at "His Lordship's Kindness," a Georgian Brick mansion built in 1784. Susan talked about her hopes of putting a colonial garden around the mansion and specifically asked our Garden Club if they could create an herb garden. A discussion and question period followed. Although members felt that it was an excellent idea it was decided to refuse the request for the following reasons: Our Club already has a civic project at Holloway Park. It is also very difficult to get people who are available to donate time based on the limited size of our Club. It was suggested that Miss Proctor contact a high school garden group, Melwood School, or a nursery. Peggy Martin also brought up the fact that members would be needed to participate in the Maryland House and Garden Tour at that time, acting as both tour guides and flower arrangers. A break for refreshments followed.

Recording Secretary, May Kemp, read the minutes from the January meeting which were approved as read. There was no Treasurer's report due to the absence of Marie White. It was announced that Liz Saniga gave birth to a baby girl, Katherine Marie, in February and received a plant and gift from the Club. A potted plant was also sent to the husband of jimmy Nell Findley. Esther Neckere gave a Horticulture report. She passed around the book For Your Garden - Water Gardens, which showed plants that can grow around a water garden. She also passed out a handout about Japanese Iris. May kemp, Publicity Chairman, reported that our Christmas news was included in Elsie Sweeney's column in the Enquirer Gazette. Peggy Martin thanked the Club for the flowers that were sent when she broke her wrist. Marily Berkut gave a report on poison Ivy, the number one allergy in the world.

There was no old business to report. Peggy Martin wanted to know if the Club wanted to bid on making a box lunch for a bus trip of the Landscape design critics council. A motion was made by Julie Harrison that Peggy Martin bid for a price of \$6.00 to do a sandwich type lunch. It was seconded by Marian Moreland and passed by the membership.

Phyllis announced that the next meeting would be March 14 at the home of May Kemp. She also asked for the names of those who would be interested in making reservations to attend a tea at Casey Jones restaurant on Saturday, March 16. Marilyn Berkut made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by May Kemp, and passed.

Following the meeting the Club enjoyed their fund raiser in the form of an auction. May Kemp served as auctioneer due to the absence of Marie White.

## GARDEN CLUB EXPECTATIONS AND BENEFITS

"His Lordship's Kindness", built in 1784, will open its doors to the public in April. With this deadline looming the gardens are the one aspect of our interpretation which needs to be addressed. Therefore, we are in search of a garden club who would assist in managing the grounds and bring them back to a colonial appearance. To insure that our goals are met, a garden club would be expected to fulfill the following tasks.

### EXPECTATIONS

- 1) To work with the site coordinator to establish a garden program including present and future projects, material needs of the club, and other issues that may arise.
- 2) Creation of two gardens for this season; 1)herb and, 2)small flower bed.
- 3) Provide regular maintenance for the gardens.
- 4) Assistance with other programs(floral arrangements, Christmas Candlelight Tour, give tours or talks on gardens, etc...).

### BENEFIT

For such work and dedication "His Lordship's Kindness" will show it's appreciation in the following ways.

- 1) Free admittance on mansion tours.
- 2) Hold club meetings on the site.
- 3) Acknowledgement of contribution in site brochure.
- 4) Hold annual Volunteer Appreciation Day.

It is my genuine wishes that your garden will be able to work with me and "His Lordship's Kindness" in creating a garden which will be the envy of neighborhood.