

MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB - Minutes of September 4, 1986, meeting

Members of the Garden Club met at the home of Ann Williams at 5:30 P. M. to drive to Patuxent River Park for a Marshland Ecology Tour of Jug Bay. Naturalist Greg Kearns took us on the tour on the new boat, "The Otter". He pointed out the abundance of wild rice on which the red-wing blackbirds and many other birds feast daily. We saw a Green Heron perch on a branch looking for fish, then she dived into the water and caught her dinner - all within a few feet of the boat. The evening was clear and warm and the tour was excellent. Because of the small number of members present for the tour, we invited some guests, who were: Lindsey Miller, daughter of Lynn; Susan Hicks, daughter of Margaret; Kenny Martin, son of Peggy; Amy Nelson, a student at Mary Washington University with a Conservation major; Bill Miller, husband of Lynn. Because of so much interest from our group, Greg extended the tour. It was an excellent program, and we were privileged to be on the maiden voyage of "The Otter".

The business meeting convened at the home of Vivian Lynn at 8:10 P. M. Six members answered roll call.

Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved as presented.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$ 243.38.

In the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, Several notes of thanks were read by Julie Harrison from the judges who judged our flower show in May. She also read a note of thanks from Marty Harmon, after which we wrote a joint note to Marty.

Committee Reports were given as follows:

Civic Development: A request was made for approval of funds to purchase nine or more chrysanthemums to be planted at the park. Jimmie Nell offered to donate more of her composted material.

Horticulture: Jimmie Nell gave her report on the basic kinds of shrubs - broadleaf, needleleaf and deciduous. She described each of these and told where they grow well.

Telephone: Marie announced her callers for the year - JoAnn, Julie and Elaine.

Ways and Means: It was announced that JoAnn would like to have a sale the first of December in one of the Malls, consisting of baked goods, Christmas Greens, and other handmade things. We will have pecans for sale and the Vision of Beauty Calendars.

Program: The program for October was announced - Flower Arranging by Mattie Martin.

Transaction of New Business: We voted to give Greg Kearns a check for \$ 20.00, in appreciation of his time and talents. The executive board recommended our supporting a Junior Garden Club. Motion made, seconded and passed. Elaine Arnold is chairing and all of us may go on the fourth Friday of October and help. The District I Flower Show was announced for the 27th of September. Christmas Greens Show will be December 8th this year. We will select a project at the October meeting. Individual members will be working with the Awards '86 ceremony on October 1.

Meeting adjourned.

*Peggy Martin*