MT. AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB by Phyllis Tucker

The January meeting was canceled because of snowy weather but the February 14 meeting was held with enthusiasm at the home of Betty Abercrombie in Brookwood. There were eight members present.

Marie White brought to the meeting an antique flower holder that was installed in luxurious cars during the 1920's and 1930's. Even now some cars in Europe will have a flower holder displayed on their dash. These holders were considered very fashionable to have fresh flowers in them which were attached usually on the inside of the car near the rear doors.

Anne DeBozier mentioned that on March 12 at 10 a.m. District I will be meeting at the Admin. Bldg., National Arboretum. Installation of new officers will take place and garden club awards will be made. All members are invited.

Congratulations to our club member, Peggy Martin, for passing the many tests necessary to become an accredited flower awards judge. The Club is proud of your accomplishment, Peggy.

There will be a flower show in Philadelphia March 3-10. This is considered to be one of the best flower shows on the Eastern Seaboard.

March and spring are not far away and there are several activities of interest to the spring gardener: On Feb. 26 at 1:30 p.m., Mr. Harry Dewey will feature a slide program on "Spring in the Rock Garden". On March 3 at 1:30 there will be demonstrations/tours on "The Art of Spring Gardening". March 12 at 10:30, Col. John Mac Indoe will have a lecture/demonstration on fertilization, pruning and the spring care of roses. All activities will take place at the National Arboretum in the Administration Bldg. Call the Arboretum on 475-4815 for further information.

The Club decided to have a flea market table at the Rosaryville Church grounds with the Homemaker's Club in May.

Peggy Martin presented a slide show of wild flowers found in Montana and also slides of a standard flower show featuring flower arrangements.

"Col." Marie White was our auctioneer for items to sell donated by club members. The sales helped our treasury. Thanks for doing a professional job, Marie.

Refreshments were served from a table centered with a beautiful red and white carnation arrangement in a heart shaped container.

Our March 14 meeting will be at Joyce Meyer's home in Brandywine. Our guest, Donna Sampson, will give a presentation on taxonomy. All interested gardeners are invited.