

Mt. Airy Garden Club Meeting  
December 13, 1984

The Mt. Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club of Upper Marlboro area held their December meeting at the home of Ann Williams, Rosaryville Rd. Peggy Martin, chairperson for Civic Development, reported that all the annual flower beds in Holloway Recreation Park had been cleaned and prepared for spring planting. It is also planned that several dogwood trees will be planted in the spring.

Anne DeBozier reported that a free vegetable growing workshop conducted by Col. Thompson will take place January 29 at 10 a.m. at the Administration Bldg. in the National Arboretum. Everyone is invited; bring a bag lunch. A memorial fund has been established to commemorate the outstanding work of Miss Margaret C. Lancaster in promoting horticulture, landscaping and gardening organizations. She was primarily responsible for organizing our own National Capital Area Federation. Donations may be sent to the Federation. Also, donations are encouraged toward the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.

Margaret Hicks gave an interesting talk on the merits of perennials. Some hardy perennials that are encouraged for flower beds are iris, peonies, day lilies, daisies, sweet william, tritoma, poppies, etc.

A motion was made and seconded that the Club make a donation toward the scholarship fund. The president, Mrs. Harrison, mentioned that the community of Marlton would like a garden club to undertake the responsibility of maintaining the front entrance into Marlton. The club discussed this as a worthwhile project for the coming year.

Ann Williams demonstrated Christmas decorations made from live greens. She had several wreaths made from arborvitae, boxwood and English Ivy. All of the greens make very attractive wreaths and garlands. Ann also gave instructions on preparation of these greens before working them into live decorations. Ann also had tree decorations made from pine cones, acorns, money tree and Queen Anne's Lace. With free materials, little imagination and time, lovely decorations can be made that will last through the holiday season.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The January meeting will be at Julie Harrison's home in Marlton. Donna Sampson, our guest, will have a presentation on taxonomy.

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