

Mt. Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club Oct. 10, 1985

The Mt. Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club met Oct. 10, 1985 at the home of Marty Harmon with 11 members present. President Julie Harrison called the meeting to order and welcomed 2 guests - former member Phyllis Zucker and Lynn Miller.

The minutes of the Sept. meeting were read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Civic Development - Betty Abercrombie reported that the dead flowers had been removed from the entrance planting. She also reported that two shrubs look like they're dying. Since one died last year, it was suggested that perhaps a soil sample should be taken for testing. Roger Neilan will be planting forsythia and perennials at the park on Nov. 2nd. Members are urged to come between 9:30 and 10 to help weed, plant and get the park ready for winter. Betty had spoken to Mr. Thompson of Park and Planning concerning mulch for the bike path and bed. He told her we are on his list, but they are behind schedule.

Education:

Margaret Hicks reminded us that fall

is clean-up time in the garden. Cut perennials back to within 4-5 inches from the ground, get rid of unwanted plants - dead annuals, etc., and plant bulbs.

Federation:

There was both a Federation and District I meeting this past month. Anne DeBoeser reported that District I is having a fund raising Fashion Show at Oyster Hill Manor March 20. Ann Williams reported that a special effort is to be made these next 2 years to "Clean Up the Bay". The CAR Conference is Oct. 28-30. Volunteers are really needed at the Arboretum: for Arbor House, which is losing the 2 paid staffers; workers for Fern Valley and Arboretum guides. There will be a training program this year for those interested in being a guide. World Gardening is increasing the amount they would like per member from 30¢ to 40¢.

Ways & Means:

Marie White showed us an assortment of stationery and boutique type items that we might sell as a money making project. It was decided the club members were

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really not interested in trying to sell at this time. Marie also showed samples of the nat. paper she makes. She suggested that the club make an assortment with the idea of placing them at Arbor House on consignment. We were also reminded to keep saving things for a flea market next spring.

Design:

Anne De Boeser encouraged us to continue arranging; to develop a flower arrangers eye - watch for interesting colors, shapes and textures around us. She made a quick arrangement with some spent canna leaves, red chrysanthemums with yellow centers and some pebbles all in a shallow container. She told us that when we use oasis for fresh flowers ask for Sakura for dried plant material. Don't be afraid to change things - rearrange if not happy with your first results. Joy ^{meier} suggested having a special place in your home for an arrangement & keeping one there at all times.

Old Business:

We will work on herb pillows for the Christmas Trees show at our next

meeting with the goal of 100% participation - a pillow for each member. There were also some ideas about an angel for the Greens show. Vision of Beauty Calendars are still available.

New Business:

Anne Le Boeser volunteered to work at Arbor House this month. We will decide at our next meeting who is interested and when we will hostess at the Christmas Greens Show.

It was mentioned the Beautification Committee reception for winners of the Prince Georges County Beautification Contest was a success and Anne Le Boeser's arrangements were quite lovely.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. Her table was centered with a lovely arrangement of chrysanthemums and mini cat tails arranged in a duck. This later became the door prize won by Vivian Lynn.

The program was given by our hostess, Marty Harmon. She instructed us in the art of making herbal wreaths. These were made from both dried and fresh material - used together and wired to a sphagnum wreath.

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Several members participated - it was fun,
educational and so nice to have a finished
wreath to take home.

Ann Wms.