

Mt. Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club

Phyllis Tucker

The Clay Breakers met in October in the home of Phyllis Tucker.

Since fall is the best time to plant roses, Ann Williams presented slides on roses. Featured in the slides were a variety of rose bushes and how their beauty enhances landscaping. Most popular roses are Hybrid Tea; Grandiflora; Floribunda; Climbers/Ramblers; and Species/Old Roses. Hybrid Teas are long stemmed and produce 4-6" one blossom per stem and have a long blooming season. Most popular Hybrids are Peace, Charlotte Armstrong, Tiffany and John F. Kennedy. Grandiflora are robust plants and a cross between Hybrid Teas and Floribundas. Of this group the Queen Elizabeth is considered a favorite. Floribundas are a cross between Hybrid Teas and the Polyanthus rose. Decorative and compact, these come the closest to blooming all season. Popular in this group is Betty Prior, Fashion, Saraband and Europeana. Their blossoms are borne in clusters. Climbers are very desirable along a fence or trellis, blooming early in spring and throughout the summer. Paul's Scarlet, Blaze and Golden Showers are popular. Species and Old Roses are usually wild and have five petals. Many of these produce the ornamental rose hips. Of all the cultivated flowers in the world, the rose has been the most highly prized.

For the horticulture program, Marian Moreland exhibited a tropical plant "Anthurium", which had two beautiful red flowers. The Anthurium is native in Hawaii but easy to maintain, requiring a humid area, lots of sun and water misting.

Plans are under way for a craft sale at the Administration building, Upper Marlboro, in December.

The Club welcomed Nancy Torsani and Dottie Garrison as new members. Clay Breakers had entered Concordia Lutheran Church, Marlton area, in the Beautification contest and were pleased that Concordia won first place

in the church landscaping category. The November meeting is scheduled at the home of Ann Williams, Rosaryville Road.