

MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB

1986-1987

Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club was organized in March, 1977, under the direction of Mrs. Milton K. Martin. Our name was adopted from Mount Airy, the historic plantation in our community. There were nine original members, with Mrs. Cloyd Sellars as first resident. The lay Breakers joined NCA Federation in 1978 and is now a member of District I.

The club participated for four years in Craft Days at the Mary Surratt House in Clinton, MD. The club provided flower arrangements for the Surratt House when it was on the 1980 Prince George's County House and Garden Tour, and also for the Victorian Wedding in 1982 and the Christmas Candlelight Tour.

We have exhibited in the Christmas Greens Show at the Botanic Gardens Conservatory several times. Our club has supplied personnel for Arbor House one day each month since our affiliation with the Federation.

In spring of 1982, we began our Civic Development Project – the beautification of Holloway Park. It is an on-going endeavor, for which we won an award in October, 1984, in the Prince George's County Beautification contest in the category "All Things Great and Small."

We have received awards several years for outstanding achievement and for the yearbook.

On May 10, 1986, we presented our first standard flower show "Adventures" with 100% participation.

Four of our members belong to Landscape Design Critics' Council, and three belong to NCA Federation Judges' Council.

We have a Horticulture Study and a Design Presentation each month in addition to our regular program. In 1986 we organized a Junior Garden Club with members from the Kettering Elementary School Extended Day Program. "The Petal Pushers" have regular bi-monthly meetings with programs that include Flower Arranging by members, building Terrariums and Conservation studies. They plan to exhibit in a standard flower show in the spring.

We have had ten very productive years and as we celebrate our tenth anniversary in March with twenty active members, we look forward to many more rewarding times.

(Re-typed by member L. Millette on 9-6-2016 due to extreme fading)