MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB Phyllis Tucker

The Clay Breakers met on April 9 at the home of Mrs. Jimmie Nell Finley. Mrs. Ann Williams introduced our guest, Mrs. Georgianna Partridge, member of the Beverly Hills Garden Club, Alexandria, and a master flower judge. Mrs. Partridge demonstrated small floral designs in various miniature containers. Club members were impressed at how quickly Mrs. Partridge arranged tiny flowers in miniature containers. For flower show purposes, a miniature is five inches or less in all dimensions and staged at eye level. Plant material must be small in size and the container, base and accessories in scale. A small arrangement should not exceed eight inches in all dimensions and be composed of average size plant material arranged for a small area, such as an end table or tray. Good proportion to the allotted space is important.

Mrs. Ann Williams, Federation delegate, reported that the Clay Breakers Club was presented with three awards at the District 1 meeting. The Club received the Outstanding Achievement Award, the Yearbook Award and the Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding support and notable public service. Also, the Club received the Evelyn Lay award for an educational exhibit which had been prepared by Mrs. Ester Neckere. The club members are quite proud of these accomplishments.

In her report on shopping for shrubs, Mrs. Finley suggested that for landscaping one should consider variety and color. Pale colors recede and yellow and red are more visible in flowering shrubs. Also consider size and growth of shrubs over the years. Purchase shrubs that are hardy in this area.

Residents of Prince George County are encouraged to enter the Beautification Award contest. All entries must be submitted by August 15, 1987. Call 499-8530 for details.