

President Betty Abercrombie called the meeting of the Mount Airy Claybreakers to order on Thursday, September 11 at the home of Elaine Arnold. There were eleven members present. Betty thanked Elaine for serving as hostess. Recording Secretary, May Kemp read the minutes from May, June, and the executive Board meeting in July. They were approved as read. Corresponding Secretary, Jimmy Nell Finley had no report. In the absence of Treasurer Anne Williams, Betty reported that the current balance on hand is \$751.69.

Vice President, Peggy Martin introduced the speaker for the evening. She was Beverly Stearns, a Master Flower Show Judge, who gave a program on Creative Design. Among her suggestions were using alternatives for flowers such as chinese lanterns, leaves, vegetables and other materials to cut down the expense of flowers. Balance is the main feature needed in a design with rhythm, texture, and contrast also important. Different containers also add depth and interest. The 20/20 raffle followed with Liz Saniga being the winner.

After a break for refreshments the meeting resumed. Liz Saniga, Horticulture Chairman, gave a talk on weeds and passed out a handout on Pokeweed, poison hemlock, and poison ivy. She defined a weed as a "valueless, troublesome, wild, plant growing in the wrong place." Betty Abercrombie gave the Civic Development report for Elaine Arnold. There was a work session at Holloway Park on August 21st. Betty has been communicating with the Maryland Parks Commission and they will install a bench at the park some time in the mid Fall. Ways and Means Chairman, Marian Moreland asked members to save the weekend of May 1st for a plant sale and white elephant fund raiser. She would like to see this established as an annual event. There were no other Committee reports.

The following Old Business was discussed. President Betty Abercrombie gave additional details about the plans to install a bench at Holloway Park as a memorial to Marie White. Mount Airy Claybreakers will give \$100.00 as a donation toward the costs. A dedication ceremony will occur on a Saturday morning some time in October. Betty Abercrombie thanked May Kemp for the August picnic. Liz Saniga will deliver a basket of baby items to the Horticulture Society. Liz Saniga, Peggy Martin, Marilyn Berkut, and Betty Abercrombie all won ribbons at the County Fair

Under New Business it was announced that there would be a flower school on September 24 and 26. Judy Post will have her garden featured in the Fall Garden Tour. Jack White will be holding a yard sale on September 13. Julie Harrison, seconded by Jimmy Nell Finley, made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

May Kemp