

The Mt. Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club met at 6:30 p.m. November 12, 2015 at the home of Julie Harrison. There were 18 members and 1 guest present.

Program: Table Arrangements by members.

Arminta Donovan: Easter pinks and cranberry glass.

Deborah Determan: Christmas with wintertime arrangement.

Lenay O'Quinn: Springtime Tea with springtime violas.

Birthdays in November: Marilyn Berkut and Jackie George.

Business Meeting:

Mary Jane Bishop, Recording Secretary: Minutes from October meeting were approved as corrected.

Iona Black, Corresponding Secretary: No report

Pat Hall, Treasurer: Received the letter making the name "Mt. Airy Clay Breakers" registered with the state of Maryland. The bank balance is \$1,326.23.

Historian: Lorraine Leonard in Pam Smart's absence is taking the pictures. Lorraine Leonard with Deborah Determan's help will be creating a digital montage instead of a scrap book.

Civic Development: Pam Smart added more of Marian's orange daylilies. Pam has also filled in the area where the car drove through the garden and she planted the Marian Lee Azaleas.

Conservation: Jessica Sherlock discussed fertilizers. She advised not to use chemical fertilizers after November 15<sup>th</sup>. She said we should either use a fast acting or organic fertilizer if needed.

Design: Elaine Arnold discussed the mechanics of flower arranging and passed out a handout about extending vase life. Elaine put together a beautiful arrangement with yellow and dark red mums and Nanina leaves.

Horticulture: Lorraine Leonard discussed saving cut flowers that have started to droop. She said when buying roses from the grocery store they can be cut under luke warm (tepid) water and they will perk up. Lorraine also brought cone flower (Echinacea) seeds to share.

Publicity: Lorraine Leonard brought a copy of the Marlton Advocate which contained an article about the project that Esther Neckere and Marilyn Berkut worked on at the Surratts-Clinton Library about "Bats".

Membership: Connie Dalpra announced that we have two prospective new members, Salay Presti and Lucille Gwynn. Neither of them was able to attend this meeting so this will be tabled until the next meeting. This will bring our membership to 24 which is our maximum number.

Jessica Sherlock introduced her guest, Iris Hughes, who has lived in Marlton and worked at the pool complex for many years. She has also been to our plant sales.

Sunshine: Arminta Donovan sent birthday cards to Marilyn Berkut and Jackie George.

Arminta Donovan was honored with the Perennial Bloom Award for all her achievements within and outside the club. She was presented with a ceramic blue bird garden stake .

### **Old Business**

Gilda Allen discussed projects that she will be working on with her students at the school. Some of the projects include H is for Honeybees, I is for insects which will include a trip to the Smithsonian insect zoo, and J is for Jellyfish. She would also like to make an indoor garden for the children. Also anyone who would like to volunteer at the school must complete the program "Shield the Vulnerable" which she will send an e-mail to everyone with the link. Julie made a motion that members would participate on a volunteer basis, it was seconded and approved unanimously.

Esther Neckere gave a report on the Bat project at the library. She presented a folder with photos and information. Marilyn Berkut has a lot of bat memorabilia and assisted Esther with the project. Esther also had a letter of appreciation from one of the librarians. A motion was made, seconded and approved to reimburse Esther the \$30 that she spent on the project.

### **New Business**

Julie Harrison discussed the idea of making silk floral arrangements for Christmas at "His Lordships Kindness". A motion was made and approved to spend up to \$100 on the project.

Julie Harrison informed us that we will be providing the food for the District 1 (Spring Meeting) March 12, 2016.

It was brought up that we should have a scanner for the members to use on special projects. A motion was made and approved to purchase a scanner for the club.

Jessica Sherlock has agreed to repaint the sign for the plant sale in May.

### **Reminders**

**Fall Harvest Celebration at St. Thomas Church will be Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The set up is at 12 noon to obtain a table and bring your flower arrangements.**

**The next meeting will be our Christmas Pot Luck and Gift Exchange, December 10, 2015 at the home of Connie Dalpra. Please bring an empty gift box decorated using natural material, bring a gift to exchange and let Connie know two weeks in advance what dish you will be bringing.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mary Jane Bishop  
Recording Secretary**

*Left out: Linda & Julie attended  
the CAR conference in  
Gettysburg in Oct.*