

President Betty Abercrombie called the April meeting of the Mount Airy Claybreakers to order at the Clinton Presbyterian Church. Peggy Martin introduced two guests, Liz Jones and Joyce ----- . Peggy then introduced Madge Overly who presented a program on flower arranging in the Ikebana style. Madge also invited our group to a special flower show at the Botanical Gardens from April 25 to May 4. Following the program refreshments were served by Peggy Stovall.

Betty began the business meeting of the Club by requesting a silent meditation for Marie White who had recently died. She thanked Peggy Stovall for the wonderful refreshments. Recording Secretary, May Kemp, read the minutes of the March meeting and they were approved as read. Corresponding Secretary, Jimmy Nell Finley reported that she had sent a get well card to Al Abernathy. She also thanked Peggy Martin for arranging to send flowers to the family of Marie White. Treasurer, Anne Williams reported that she moved the account to the First National Bank of Maryland. There is a balance on hand of \$943.10.

The following committee reports were given. Betty Abercrombie will complete the year as Historian, taking over for Marie White. Vice President, Peggy Martin, reported that Esther Neckere will serve as the auctioneer at the next meeting. There will also be a plant exchange. For Civic Development, Peggy Martin and Betty Abercrombie checked the garden at Holloway Park. There was a discussion about what type of memorial should be dedicated to Marie White, either a park bench or a tree of some type to be placed at the park. A decision will be made later. There will be a work session at the park on Monday, May 5th at 10:00 am. Design Chairman, Dotty Garrison, passed out programs for the flower show on April 26. She also solicited additional entries. Horticulture Chairman, Marian Moreland reported that the Mayapples are up, her ginger plant turned scrongy and died (probably due to a worm), the forget me nots are blooming, and don't forget to eat lentils for fiber! She also gave a brief presentation about the Evening Primrose. Hospitality Chairman, Dotty Garrison reminded everyone about the Claybreakers 20th anniversary luncheon on April 19th. May Kemp, Publicity chairman, reported that we had an article in the Enquirer Gazette. Ways and Means Chairman, Peggy Martin reported that she had three kensomes left to sell and additional notepaper. She auctioned off the flowers remaining from the program and they were won by Dotty Garrison.

Under unfinished business there was a discussion about the engraving of the tray for the Marie White annual award. There was additional discussion about a bench or crepe myrtle in memory of Marie. Julie Harrison moved, and it was seconded by Marian Moreland, and passed by the membership to plant a crepe myrtle in Maries memory at 6:30 PM at Holloway Park before the May 8th meeting.

Under new business it was announced that Jimmy Nell Finley will serve as Chairman of the nominating committee and will be assisted by Elaine Arnold and Marilyn Berkut. There was a discussion about changing our meetings to the daytime. Members were asked to think about it. Betty has decided to cancel the field trip to the gardens at

Edgewater because of all the work involved with the Flower Show. Following several announcements of local interest, the meeting was adjourned.