Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club November 9, 2017

The Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club met at Connie Dalpra’s home on November 9, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. with 13 members and 1 guest present. In addition to serving her delicious lunch, Connie had made several fall themed arrangements. Marilyn Burket’s birthday was celebrated, and members visited the “white elephant” sale before and after the meeting. Linda Millette managed the sale, which netted a total of $151+.

District 1 Awards Chair, Shirley Nicolai, presented the program by demonstrating how to use fruit and vegetables in arrangements. Shirley used pumpkins, gourds, lettuce, red peppers, grapes, herbs, and mums in her eye catching arrangements. Especially striking was a cornucopia centerpiece that she arranged with the help of her audience. Shirley also distributed a handout and gave a short lecture on the principles of design.

Treasurer Pat Hall reported that the bank balance as of November 9 was $243,95. Thanks to contributions from members of $150 and a bulb sale sponsored by Dot Lower that raised $110.00, Pat was able to pay the outstanding bill of $250.00 owed for the yearbooks.

A discussion of the process concerning the new purchase request followed. Esther Neckere emphasized that a member of the Budget Committee would be required to authorize each purchase request, pending verification by the treasurer that funds were available.

Conservation chair Elaine Arnold presented a number of ways to practice conservation, including using rinse water from milk cartons to water plants and using coffee grounds on the soil of your plants. Starbucks will save their coffee grounds if requested.

Joyce Myer, telephone committee, asked each member with whom she left a voice phone meeting message to confirm her attendance (or nonattendance) with her, Lucille Gwynn, or the hostess.

The flower making workshop scheduled for November 10 at Marilyn Burket’s home was canceled and will be rescheduled.

The next meeting will be held at Deborah Determan’s home on December 14. Each member is requested to bring a dish to share in a potluck dinner. Please let Deborah know two weeks in advance what you will be bringing. In addition, bring a wrapped gift for a gift exchange, and an ornament made out of recycled food or drink material.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30. Esther Neckere won the 50/50 drawing.

Respectfully submitted,

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