The Mt Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club met at 1:00 p.m., March 14, 2019 at the Chapel of the Incarnation. There were 12 members present and 1 guest.

**Comments by the President**: The flower of the month is the Daffodil. This beautiful flower is the earliest to bloom in the spring. Sunny yellow is the most popular color but some varieties come in white and even pink or green. They make excellent flower arrangements.

**Program**: What’s in your dirt? Presented by Mr. David Kitwell Flack, who works at USDA-NRC as a Soil Scientist in the Plant Material Division. He started his presentation by stating “soil is not dirt” and went to explain that soil is the foundation for almost all plant life. Plants take in oxygen through roots and give off oxygen through its leaves. In order to have a successful garden you need to know the PH level in your soil. Soil testers are inexpensive and will indicate if you need to amend your soil.

**BUSINESS MEETING**:

Esther thanked everyone that brought the delicious refreshments. She also introduced our guest, Mr. Larry Horton

**Treasurer**: As of March 14, 2019 the balance is $1,251.39

**Conservation**: Elaine offered several creative ways to conserve in the home. (1) Amazon has on sale a long handled spoon you can use to retrieve the last bit at the bottom of your beauty product. (2) It’s better to buy cream instead of lotion with a pump. (3) Cut off the bottom and sides of toothpaste and discover just how much toothpaste you’ve been throwing away.

**Horticulture**: Diane gave an interesting presentation from the book The Carrot Purple. Carrots evolved over the years from being bitter to the sweet orange carrot we have today. As a matter of fact, carrots were used for sugar during WWII. Baby carrots were introduced in the 1950’s and were a huge success.

**Sunshine**: Birthday cards were sent to: Lorraine, Deborah, Joyce, and Mary Jane,

**Ways and Means:** Dot said we made an additional $64.00 from the fundraiser. And she thanked all who participated.

**Old Business**: Members were reminded to pay their membership dues ASAP

**New Business**: District 1 Award/Meeting this Saturday at 10 o’clock and the NCAGC

Meeting is on the 19th.

Julie pointed out that a white elephant sale would be at the May meeting along with a teacup arrangement contest.

The officer positions for the coming year are as follows: President: Diana Morse, Vice President: Elaine Arnold, Treasurer: Dot Lower, Recording Secretary: Iona Black. **Congratulations!!!**

The meeting Adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Elaine won the 50/50.

Respectfully Submitted: Iona Black, Recording Secretary

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