The Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club met at 1:00 p.m. on May 8, 2018 in the beautiful garden of Linda Millette. There were 16 members present.

Esther thanked Linda for the delicious refreshments. Gilda Allen and Lorraine Leonard were selected as judges for the “Flower Arrangement in a Can” competition. Members had the opportunity to walk around and take in Linda’s many gardens as she identified some of the trees, plants and flowers.

**Horticulture**: Linda had many beautiful spring flower arrangements displayed throughout her garden.

**Sunshine**: Arminta Donovan sent a birthday card to Diana Morse.

**Correspondence :** Iona Black read a thank you note from Arminta.

**Conservation:** Elaine Arnold informed us that a natural insect repellent is to create a 3 feet barrier of stone or mulch around a wooded area or tall grasses to keep out ticks.

**Horticulture:**

Diane discussed traits of the beautiful humming bird. Male humming birds arrive in April to stake out their territory. Their primary objective is to mate. They don’t contribute in building the nest or feeding the babies once they hatch. She recommended that you spread out the humming bird feeders in your yard and change the syrup often. Also, incorporate flowers that attract humming birds to your yard so you can enjoy them throughout the summer. Remember to take your feeders down in September.

**Ways and Means**: Plant Sale Committee. Connie Dalpra asked for volunteers to help set up on Friday 4-6:30 and members to work the shifts 8-10 and 11–2 o’clock.. Tables can be dropped off on Friday. A sign-up sheet was sent around. (*The plant sale was canceled due to heavy rain. It will be held instead at the Surratt House event “Celebrate the Bounty” on June 23, at which time gardening gloves and humming bird feeders will also be sold. EN}*

**Old Business:**

Linda, Gilda and Deborah will co-host the Annual Potluck Picnic on Thursday, August 16, 2018. It will be at Linda’s starting at 5:00 p.m.

We have accepted the invitation to set up a table at the Surratt House on June 23, 2018.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

Esther thanked Dot and Gilda for their hard work in completing the Award 18 application that resulted in our small group winning 10 Awards at the District 1, National Capital Area Garden Clubs. Award Program. Winning the Beatrice M. Coiner Award for Community Project garnered our club a $!50.00 check. (a complete list of awards is attached)

We need a final head count for our end-of-the year officer installation to be held at Chevy’s in the Brandywine Crossing on June 14, 2018 at 1 p.m. Members were asked to sign the sheet being disseminated.

The name of the recipient of our $50.00 Scholarship for the Gwynn Park Horticulture Program will be provided to us in July.

Pam Smart has scheduled the club for an interesting visit to the Suitland Bog on June 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Please be advised to wear hats and bug spray.

Esther presented three proposals for discussion: (1) Hostesses for next year, (2) Nominating Committee and (3) Hospitality Committee

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1. Members who did not host this year were asked to sign up for the 2018-2019 year.
2. Volunteers were asked to sign up for the Nominating Committee (reference Article IX of the by-laws)
3. A hospitality committee is needed in the event a hostess cannot fulfill her obligation. Esther explained that the meeting could be held at the Chapel of the Incarnation for a fee of $25.00 that would be paid by the hostess. The hospitality committee would coordinate with members to bring refreshments, and to set up and clean up the Chapel.

A motion was made by Connie Dalpra to establish the duties of the hospitality committee and approve the alternate site to host meetings. It was second by Linda Millette and approved by members.

A clip board with all three proposals attached was sent around for members to volunteer.

The judges of the flower arrangement in a can presented their results.

 “Most Creative” – Arminta Donovan. A unique creation of a cucumber with cherry tomatoes and celery.

 “Most Whimsical” –Connie Dalpar . A pretty arrangement of wild flowers

 “For the Table” - Esther Neckere . A creative arrangement of flowers and peppers. Esther declined the prize and judges awarded Linda Millette a prize for her delightful arrangement of azel and dutsia.

Esther divided members into two groups to discuss and recommend programs for next year to support the theme “Growing for Maryland”.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

The 50/50 was won by Linda Millette

Respectfully submitted,

 Iona J. Black, Secretary

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NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA GARDEN CLUB

2017 Recognition

**Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club**

Outstanding Garden Club Achievement Citation

Yearbook Certificate of Merit

Community Gardening Projects Citation

Outstanding Club Newsletter Certificate of Merit

Educational Exhibit Citation

Horticulture at Meetings Citation

Continuing and New Projects Award

Arbor House Volunteer Citation

Award Applicant Citation

Philanthropy Award