

Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club

Breaking News

Autumn 2017



Calendar of Upcoming Events



Nov 10

Flower Making Workshop

Nov 22

Franklin Fundraiser

Dec 14

Holiday Meeting

Jan 15

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Earth's Treasures

When I agreed to talk briefly about horticulture at our monthly meetings, I discovered in my research a delightful book -- *"The Inviting Garden: Gardening for the Senses, Mind, and Spirit"* by Allen Lacy.

What a treat! I found so much I didn't know, uncovered gardening prejudices I didn't know I had, and answered questions I had never voiced.

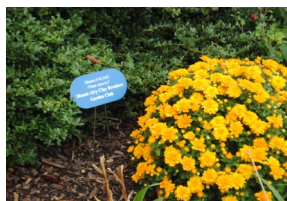
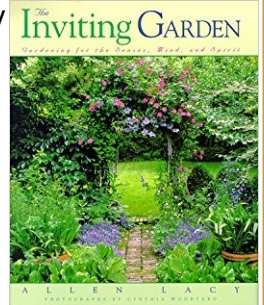
I read it in the peace of my garden, and Lacy made it all the more enjoyable, focusing on the senses, mind, and spirit of gardening. He drew me away from my usual focus on weeds and yardwork and to the pleasure of the garden.

Lacy was a professor of philosophy at what is now Stockton University in New Jersey. He became an "accidental" garden writer, with a garden column in the Wall Street Journal from 1979 to 1985 and then in the New York Times from 1986 to 1993.

The New York Times included in its book review in 1998:

"Only when you get to the very end of *"The Inviting Garden,"* which unfolds as unhurriedly as a Saturday morning schmooze over the back fence with a particularly amiable neighbor, does the ambition of Lacy's project emerge. He has written nothing less than a defense of gardening, in the classical sense of that word...Lacy's method is to show us the beauty of gardening's three faces in turn: its ability to delight the senses (with a chapter each on the Big Five), instruct the intellect (taking up plant hunting, naming and symbolism, as well as American landscape design) and elevate the spirit (chiefly by planting us in time and place)."

It will be my pleasure to share with you from this book. And, at the end of our garden club year next spring, I'll offer up this delightful book to another member who would enjoy it. How about a drawing?
Diana Morse



Thanks to Pam for this photo of the mums she planted at the club garden!



Thanks to Esther for this photo of a rose from her rose bush that was pruned last spring!

President's Corner

Autumn thanks the sun with an abundant harvest. ~Terri Guillemets

We are now enjoying the abundant harvest from grape vines, apple trees, and squash runners. We are grateful to those who are "growing for the table." Nothing is more flavorful than produce that is seasonal. Savor all you can now while the harvest is at its peak.
Esther

CLUB TOUR

On Friday, October 13th, the Club participated in a Patuxent River Boat tour at 10:30 and then a tour of the Mulch Recycling Facility at 1:30.

Six members plus three guests enjoyed the outing. The weather was overcast and a little windy. The river was higher than normal. The beaver dam had been effected by the winds and high water. The excitement happened when we returned to the dock. The end of the dock was dry when we left but because the water has been rising the end was underwater. Boards were laid and we were rescued.

The recycling site sets on fifty acres of land surrounded by trees. Yard waste and food scraps are brought here. There were no birds flying around as you see at the trash sites. All of the food waste is covered and run through a shredder. It is then covered with tarps and cooks for a period of time. The end result is Leafgro Gold. At the end of the tour each of us were given a small bag with a small bag of Leafgro Gold plus other goodies.



Photos of River Boat Tour



Article and Photos provided by Julie Harrison

CLUB TOUR



More Photos of River Boat
Tour



Photos of Mulch Recycling
Tour



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Pam...Thanks for hosting
a wonderful picnic!



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Pam Smart

"I loved autumn, the one
season of the year that God
seemed to have put there just
for the beauty of it."

-LEE MAYNARD-

