

Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club

Breaking News

Winter 2017/2018



Calendar of Upcoming Events



Feb 8

Monthly Meeting

Mar 8

Monthly Meeting

Mar 3-11

Philadelphia Flower
Show

Apr 12

Monthly Meeting

Apr 15

Input for Newsletter
Due

Apr 21

PG County House &
Garden Pilgrimage

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Deborah by
April 15th and include
captions for photos.**

Earth's Treasures

Touch in the Garden

One of our horticulture topics this year is touch in the garden, courtesy of Allen Lacy's book *The Inviting Garden: Gardening for the Senses, Mind, and Spirit*.

"I write here as a gardener, but I also write as a grandparent five times over. When they visit, our grandchildren don't want to miss anything. They can't just stand in the middle of the garden and see how pretty it is. They dash forward, flying like bees to a particular flower, sticking their noses right inside to see what it smells like," Lacy writes. "...touch is primal: we never outgrow our need for it at the deepest level of our natures as human."

Lacy's chapter re-awakened my study of plants in the garden, reminding me of their assets beyond appearance. It's been a while since I stroked lamb's ears, but now I plan this spring to move some, cut back the old flower heads, and treasure them for their soft touch. In the fall, I want to test what he says about the seed pods of two plants. He tells that impatiens gets its name from the sudden explosion that hurls its seeds in every direction. The squirting cucumber has fuzzy, pale-green seed capsules shaped like little footballs that go ballistic -- sailing high in the air, propelled by a jet of water spewing from the stem end of the fruits.

We know spring is coming, and with it the excitement of working in our gardens. This year, I'll be on the lookout for touch in the garden...and it is influencing me now as I look through seed catalogues!

Diana Morse



DUES ARE COMING DUE SOON AND CAN BE PAID EARLY!



President's Corner

Hello,

As we begin the new year, we look forward to more outstanding programs, such as the January meeting with speaker Claudia Raskin. Her talk on "food deserts" in Prince George's County opened our eyes to some of the problems facing those who, because of lack of transportation, money, and health, are without access to good nutrition. Thanks to Elaine Arnold, who invited Claudia and to Marilyn Burkut, our hostess.

Please be thinking of other speakers you would like to hear from in 2018-2019 and bring your suggestions to our planning meeting in May.

Esther

Mount Airy Clay Breakers visit the Patuxent River Park and PG County Mulch Recycling Facility

October 13, 2017



November Meeting at Connie Dalpra's



In keeping with our theme of "Growing for the Table," Shirley Nicolai presented a creative program of combining fruit and vegetables in flower arrangements.

The Mount Airy Clay Breakers celebrated the holidays at Deborah Determan's home in a lavishly decorated Christmas environment, with delicious food and a rousing gift exchange.

December Holiday Pot Luck at Deborah Determan's



January Meeting at Marilyn Berkut's



January brought a very informative presentation on Food Deserts in PG County by Claudia Raskin. Thanks to Marilyn for volunteering to host!

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TREES

Cedar
Crape Myrtle
Cryptomeria
Cypress
Deodora Cedar
Dogwoods
Elms
Ginkgo
Golden Rain Tree
Hollies
Magnolias
Japanese Maples
Maples (Red)
Oaks
Palms
Pines
Redbuds
Riverbirch
Vitex

ANNUALS

Ageratum
Begonias
Cleome
Coleus
Dusty Miller
Heliotrope
Josephs Coat
Lantanas (Annual)
Lobelia
Marigold
Melampodium
Pentas
Pepper (Ornamental)
Petunias
Salvias
Snapdragons
Verbenas
Vinca (Periwinkle)
Zinnias

HERBS

Artemesia
Catmint
Chives
Society Garlic
Mints
Oregano
Rosemary
Sage

SHRUBS

Abelias
Anise
Arborvitae
Aucuba
Banana Shrub
Barberries
Beautyberry
Bottlebrush Buckeye
Boxwood
Camellias
Cleyera
Cotoneaster
Creeping Yew
Eleagnus
Euonymus
Forsythia (YellowBells)
Gardenia
Grasses - Ornamental:
Pampas Grass
Maiden Grass
Zebra Grass
Muhly Grass
Liropes (Monkey Grass)
Hollies
Junipers
Laurels
Lecouthoe
Ligustrum
Loropetalums
Mahonia
Nandinas
Pittosporum
Pyracantha
Quince
Spireas
Sweet Shrub
Tea Olive
Viburnums
Wax Myrtle
Yews
Yucca

PERENNIALS

Agastache
Ajuga
Artemesia
Asters-All
Astilbes
Baptisia
Bee Balm
Bleeding Hearts
Butterfly Weed
Cardinal Flower
Caryopteris
Catmint
Columbine
Coneflowers - All
Coreopsis
Daffodils
Daisies (Shasta-type)
Gaillardias
Gerber Daisy
Guara
Ferns - All
Foxgloves
Helleborus (Lenton Rose)
Hens & Chicks
Heucheras
Hibiscus (Perennial)
Iris
Lamb's Ear
Lantanas
Liatris
Mums
Peonies
Rosemary
Russian Sage
Sedums - (most)
Sunflowers
Thymes
Salvias
Salvia 'Bog' (The BEST!)
Verbenas
Yarrows

Research descriptions and photos of
the plants listed on this page in the

'Garden Center'

at

www.WilsonBrosOnline.com

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: [HTTP://CLAYBREAKERS77.WIXSITE.COM/MYSITE/HISTORY](http://CLAYBREAKERS77.WIXSITE.COM/MYSITE/HISTORY)

We are scanning in all our scrapbooks to put on the website, if you can help Deborah by coming to her home and changing pages on her printer while she scans, please let her know.