

Winter 2020 The Healing Power of Gardens

President's Corner

By Diana Morse

Many thanks to Lucille Gwynn for her hospitality at our January meeting and our introduction to the Yellow House where she grew up.

Elaine arranged for our speaker Christel Libiot, who brought and shared information on healing plants, many of them “weeds.” Christel also generously donated to our club gardening books as she was thinning out her library.

At our February meeting, Gilda will provide us with the opportunity to draw and paint a flower as we experience garden art. As she puts it, “Botanical flower painting helps us de-stress, re-center ourselves, and focus on the moment.” Our appreciation as continue our theme “The Healing Power of Gardens.”

Our hostess is Julie Harrison, and we'll begin with a light lunch at 12:15, with our program starting at 1 p.m.

We enjoyed a fabulous and fun Christmas Party at the home of Gilda Allen. Members were asked to bring arrangements made of natural use materials.

Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club Newsletter

January Meeting



Yellow House - Lucille Gwynn Family Home, Upper Marlboro, MD

Double Up in February on Our “No Plant Sale;”

Julie will be back with the “No Plant Sale” container in February. We missed it at the January meeting, so let's double up in February.

These funds help underwrite our activities and donations, as does our fundraiser, with orders being taken by Dot Lower at our February meeting,

March Dues A-Coming

Our treasurer Dot Lower will be accepting dues at our March meeting. Dues are \$25.

Upcoming Events

Philadelphia Flower Show - February 29-March 8.

U.S. Botanic Garden at 200. The Botanic Garden at the base of the U.S. Capitol -- and near the Capitol South Metro -- is celebrating its 200th birthday from February 20 to October 15. Activities will be in its West and East Galleries with the theme “Deeply Rooted, Branching Outward.”

For 200 years, the Garden has shared the beauty and usefulness of plants with the world. We're invited on a journey of plant exploration and challenges with plant science interactives, three-dimensional sights, infamous smells, and more! Learn more about the rich history and developing future of the U.S. Botanic Garden in this two-part exhibit.

Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22. Let's Celebrate!

Beautiful arrangements were presented.

Most Creative was Linda Millette.

Best use of Materials was Lorraine Leonard,

2nd mention (in Pine Cone Basket) was Arminta Donovan's

Best Arrangement was Julie Harrison's

Best use of Materials close up: Lorraine Leonard's

Table arrangement was made by Pam Smart. Due to its size she was unable to transport this lovely arrangement.

Scrumptious Food Buffet by the lovely ladies of the Garden Club.



Christmas Party 2019

Natural Use Materials Table Decorations



Table Arrangement - Pam Smart



Buffet Table - Hostess Gilda Allen



Dupont Park Garden

Photos by Gilda Allen

Congratulations to KIPP Webb School Garden for winning the Gilda Allen Best School Garden Award From the DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE).

The speaker at the Tanta Cove Event was John Sonnier.

John Sonnier is the Head Gardener/Horticulturist at the British Ambassador's residence in Washington, DC.

John Sonnier has been a gardener and designer for 40 years. He has created many gardens for private and commercial clients but for the past 25 years has only worked in Historic Gardens.

After attending George Washington University's program in Historic Landscape Preservation, he knew he had found his niche. First as a Lead Gardener at Dumbarton Oaks for 4 years, then as Project Manager for the restoration of the gardens and outdoor sculpture collection at Hillwood Museum for 13 years, until he then became Head Gardener for the British Ambassador's Residence 10 years ago.

John is a certified and past board member of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers.

He has taught Landscape Design at George Washington University and taught sculpture at the Corcoran College of Art and Design for 12 years.



Herb Garden



Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club

Our Officers:

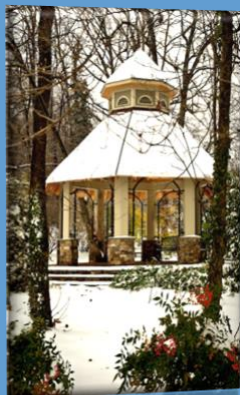
President – Diana Morse

Vice-President – Elaine Arnold

Treasurer – Dot Lower

Secretary – Iona Black

Editors – Mary Woodruff
& Pam Smart



Winter Scene
Gazebo at Greensboro



February 2020 at 12:15 p.m.

13th - Art in the Garden

Hosted by Gilda Allen, Club Member, former Environmental Specialist at the DC Department of Environment.
You will draw and paint a flower through observation.

21st-232nd - NCAGC State Flower Show

US National Arboretum

February 29-March 8 - Philadelphia Flower Show

March 2020 at 12:15 p.m.

12th - Chesapeake Natives

Hosted by Mary Beth Cecil

Those interested can meet at Mount Airy Mansion at 11:30 for a quick tour of the Chesapeake Natives facilities and its improvements before our meeting.

Chesapeake Natives by Dr. Christopher Puttock,
Executive Director, Chesapeake Natives, Inc.

April 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

12th - Healing Our Soil

Brunch at home of Pam Smart, 3839 Wayson Road,
Davidsonville, MD, followed by brief meeting.

1 p.m. - Homestead Gardens

Program: Healing Our Soil by Heather Wheatley of
Homestead Gardens



Photos

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