# THE PETAL

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**MA'S WICKED WITCH**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi, everyone. Some of you responded to my email about the cancellation of the council show and sale due to the storm. Those that didn't, I hope that you and yours came through Hurricane Helene with minimal damage. As of right now, I do not know the makeup date for this show.

For TAVS, the next event is, of course, the Fall Plant Sale at USF in Tampa. We will need people on Friday for setup and again Saturday and Sunday to man the booth. Please come out and help. It is a lot of work, but it is fun to be together and to meet the public and promote the club.

See you soon,
Mary Beth

## OUR MEETINGS

Our meetings are held the first Thursday of the month via ZOOM at 7pm and the third Friday of the month at 10AM at The Seffner- Mango Public Library.
The library address is:
410 N. Kingsway Rd.
Seffner, FL 33584

### October 3rd, 2024, ZOOM Meeting

**Stephen Covolo-Hudson**

AVSA Membership Chair and 2nd Best in Show Winner at AVSA 2024 Convention

**Time:** October 3rd,2024 7:00 pm

# Join Zoom Meeting

Topic: **Tampa African Violet Society Night Meeting**
Time: **Oct 3, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time** (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9324792391?pwd=ZzBkTmxZTmRJOFY0SmxZbHNnU1Evdz09&omn=83573154800

Meeting ID: 932 479 2391
Passcode: TAVS

## October 18th, 2024 Day Meeting

**"My Love Affair. . .With Episcias"**

To be presented by Celeste Christman

# ZOOM MEETINGS

Mary Beth Bryant will be hosting the virtual night meetings via Zoom! We will have a program to begin and lots of time for any questions. Then, we will open it up and do some show and tell. So, get your precious blooming babies camera ready. I know we all want to see some flowers!
The club business meeting will follow.

What's that you say? You don't know how to Zoom?! No problem. You don't need to have a Zoom account or download anything permanently to your computer, or tablet or phone.
Be on the lookout for an email from Mary Beth/Mary Lou a few days before the meeting with a link to access the meeting.
Hope to see you then!

10/15 Celeste Christman
10/22 Lisa Villabol

Send us an email and let us know how you are doing if you cannot attend the meetings!
nybleb@aol.com, mlhard@verizon.net

## USF FALL PLANT SALE

October 12th and 13th

## TAVS SHOW AND SALE:

February 21st and 22nd. 2025

# MEETING MINUTES

**TAMPA AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY**
**September 20th, 2024,**
**Seffner-Mango Public Library**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**:
by President Mary Beth Bryant at 10:20 am. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INSPIRATION: "The Ark"**
Presented by Mary Lou Harden.
Multiple requests were made to include this in The Petal, so I have attached a copy to the email.

**ROLL CALL:**
Attending: Jim Boyer, Lynn Bandy, Mary Beth Bryant, Mary Lou Harden, Glenn Shelton, Joan Reynolds, Tammi Fitzgerald, Celeste Christman, Pat Rutske, Stuart Swayze, Sandi Soto, Jean Krauchik, and Celia Howe.

**PROGRAM:**
**"My Violets Have Gone to Pot!"**

Choices of Pots – plastic, clay, ceramic, Dandy, Oyama

Presented by Glenn Shelton

**BUSINESS MEETING:** The minutes of the July 19th, 2024, meeting were approved as published in the Petal.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**TREASURER REPORT:** Was given by Glenn Shelton

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Don't forget about the AVCF show and sale in September (info under calendar above) and the USF Fall Plant sale October 12th and 13th.
Mary Lou Harden reported we received confirmation of the Temple Terrace United Methodist Church for our February show.

Mary Beth Bryant, show chair distributed copies of the show schedule. Copies of same have been included with this email.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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Peacock Cottage has agreed to supply us with plants for the USF Fall sale and for our February show. Celeste Christman has agreed once again to pick these up

Set up for the USF sale will be Friday October 11th, at 11 am.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**October's Meetings**

**October 3rd ZOOM Meeting**

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**BIRTHDAYS:** 9/13 Sheryl Herold

**RAFFLE:** Plants supplied by Mary Lou Harden

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** at 11:30 am
Lynn Bandy
Recording Secretary

African Violet Society of America

# GROWING TIPS

**June 3rd, 2024**

Our next foliage type to discuss in the series is Ovate foliage. Ovate foliage according to the AVSA Handbook for Growers, Exhibitors, & Judges is: "An egg shaped leaf with the broader end at the base."

Ovate foliage is fairly common and is easy to tell apart from other more common foliage types by its rounded end. Pointed and plain foliage both have a more pointed end than does ovate foliage. Ovate foliage can also be variegated as in the picture above.

"Cajun's Christy" (above) is a beautiful example of an ovate leaved variety hybridized by Belinda Thibodeaux in 2018 (photo Belinda Thibodeaux). You might consider looking for a Ovate leaved variety like this beautiful example for your collection.

Happy Growing!
Chris Brooks, AVSA
marketing@avsa.org

# RECIPE BOX

*Recipe submitted by Lynn Bandy*

## PERFECTLY MOIST PUMPKIN BREAD

2 cups sugar
1 cup canola oil or other neutral oil
4 eggs
15 to 16 ounces canned pumpkin (not pie filling)
3/4 cup water
3 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 to 1.5 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1/2 teaspoon allspice

1. Preheat oven to 350ºF. Grease 2 standard (8.5 x 4.5-inch) loaf pans (or 4 to 5 mini loaf pans depending on what size you are using with butter or non-stick spray.
2. Using a stand mixer or hand mixer or simply a whisk (my preference!) beat sugar and oil together until blended. Add eggs one at a time mixing after each addition. Add pumpkin purée and water and mix until blended.
3. Add the flour, baking soda, salt, and spices. Whisk only until just incorporated.
4. Pour batter into prepared pans. don't fill pans higher than 2/3 full

5. Bake for about an hour (if using standard loaf pans) but start checking for doneness after 45 minutes — the loaves are done when the center springs back when touched. Note: When using the small pans, the loaves should be done in under 45 minutes. Start checking after 30 minutes.
6. Let cool 15-20 minutes in pan; then transfer to a cooling rack to continue cooling before cutting and serving.

# Become a MEMBER

**TAMPA AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY (TAVS)**

Annual Membership (April 1 to March 31st)
Current dues are $15 per year.
Includes an annual Yearbook and monthly Newsletter *The Petal*
Send an email to Glenn Shelton if you're interested in becoming a member:

floridainorchids@gmail.com

Checks payable to Tampa African Violet Society can be sent to:

Glenn Shelton, Treasurer
7142 62nd Ave, North
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

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twitter.com/TAVSviolets

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**African Violet Council of Florida (AVCF)**
Individual membership fee is $10 per year and includes a quarterly newsletter, *The Florida Connection*. The Council has two meetings each year – one in the Spring and one in the Fall. You can send your renewal or new dues to the Treasurer:
Mary Jane DiLorenzo,
345 Enclave Drive, Lakeland, FL 33803,
https://africanvioletcounciloffloridа.club

**Dixie African Violet Society (DAVS)**
Dixie has an annual convention and membership meeting in the Southeast (Last year in Birmingham, AL)
Individual membership fee which includes a quarterly color newsletter, *The Dixie News*, is $15 per year, Send check with contact information to:
Johnnie Berry, Membership Chair,
287 Fennel Way, SW,
Atlanta, GA 30331
.johnniepearl@aol.com www.davs.org

**African Violet Society of America (AVSA)**. Annual membership is not based on the calendar year, but the date membership begins. Digital membership is $28 and individual membership (receiving a print copy of the African Violet Magazine) is $35 per year. Membership has the following benefits:
The *African Violet Magazine* with reliable, up-to-date information on the culture of African violets; six color issues per year

Discounted prices on all products sold in the AVSA Store
Opportunity to participate in the annual National Convention and Show

Access to Members Only section of the AVSA website

Opportunity to seek older hybrids on the Violet Preservation page of AVSA website

Send contact information and check payable to AVSA to:
**AVSA Office**
**PO Box 22417**
**Beaumont, TX 77720.**
www.Africanvioletsocietyofamerica.org

**THE GESNERIAD SOCIETY(GS)**

Has an annual convention at different locations in the U.S.
Publish a quarterly magazine, *Gesneriads*.
Individual annual dues are $25 payable to Gesneriad Society, Inc.
Mail to:
Bob Clark, Membership Secretary
1122 East Pike Street
PMB 637
Seattle, WA 98122-3916

**TAMPA BAY GESNERIAD SOCIETY (TBGS)**
Monthly meetings at the Seffner-Mango Library, third Saturday
Annual Membership is $10
Send dues to
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**Lynn E Bandy**
**Petal Editor**
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## SOME PHOTOS FROM MARY LOU HARDEN

**S. Diplotricha punter #7**

**Sinningia Deep Purple Dreaming**