# THE PETAL

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**SCHOOL BELLS**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This month TAVS members are beginning to work behind the scenes to bring to life African Violets Take a European Holiday, our 2025 show theme. Can you believe our show is a little more than 5 months away?!

The show schedule is almost set. Just as in previous years, it will be sent electronically. Paper copies of the schedule will be made available at the day meetings as well. A big "thank you" to all the members who have stepped up to chair committees.

Glenn, Mary Lou and I have been working on getting speakers for Zoom presentations for the year. I think we have a very good roster, full of great presenters and topics. Keep checking The Petal and your email—you won't want to miss out on a single zoom meeting!
Mary Lou is working on our yearbook. If any of your contact information has changed, please call her, or better yet, send her an email. We want to publish the most up-to-date information available.
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

## September 5th, 2024, ZOOM Meeting

**"Dr. Jeff Smith"**

Dr. Smith is a botanist at Ball State University and is a regular columnist in the African Violet Magazine. He will discuss nutrients and share information about one of his experiments.

**Time:** September 5th,2024 7:00 pm

# Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9324792391?pwd=ZzBkTmxZTmRJOFY0SmxZbHNnU1Evdz09&omn=84126948702

Meeting ID: 932 479 2391
Passcode: TAVS

## September 20th, 2024 Day Meeting

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

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

To be presented by Glenn Shelton

# 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!

9/13 Sheryl Herold

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Roselind Rovinsky on the loss of her mother who was living in Singapore.

Joan Reynolds has had total knee surgery and is doing well in her recovery.

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**
**August 16th, 2024,**
**Brandon Public Library**

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

I**NSPIRATION:** Presented by Mary Beth Bryant

**ROLL CALL:**
Attending: Jim Boyer, Lynn Bandy, Mary Beth Bryant, Mary Lou Harden, Glenn Shelton, Joan Reynolds, Tammi Fitzgerald, Celeste Christman, and Celia Howe.

**PROGRAM:**
**"Meet The Relatives"**
An introduction of the other plants that are part of the Violet Family.
Presented by Mary Beth Bryant

**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 were still awaiting confirmation of the Temple Terrace United Methodist Church for our February show.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Peacock Cottage has agreed to supply us

with plants for the USF Fall sale and for our February show.

Mary Lou Harden distributed copies of the Design Division Show Schedule

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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**October's Meetings**

## October 3rd ZOOM Meeting

**Stephen Covolo-Hudson**

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

## October 18th Day meeting

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

To be presented by Celeste Christman

**BIRTHDAYS:** Joan Reynolds, Gladys Cook and Sandi Soto

**SHOW AND TELL:**

Jim Boyer brought in Metro-Petrocosmiea and Mary Beth Bryant brought in a Humako-inches bloom.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** at 11:40 am
Lynn Bandy
Recording Secretary

African Violet Society of America

# GROWING TIPS

**May 6th, 2024**

Our next foliage type to discuss in the series is Holly foliage. Holly foliage according to the AVSA Handbook for Growers, Exhibitors, & Judges is: "Heavily crested leaves with the leaf edges curled forward or bent back with exaggerated wavy edges resembling a holly leaf."

You might see a plant with holly type foliage and think that there is something wrong with

the plant. Is it wilting or does it have a disease? No, it is just the nature of the variety for the leaf edges to curl. This is an example of why it is important to know the name and description of your plants. Putting a holly leaved plant in violet ICU won't get the leaves to flatten out. Once you are aware that this is how the plant is supposed to look, you can relax and enjoy the lovely curled foliage!

"Allegro Highland Holly" above is a beautiful example of a holly leaved variety hybridized by Janet Stromberg in 2009 (photo AVSA). Consider looking for a holly leaved or other variety at this week's advertiser Violet Barn.

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

# RECIPE BOX

*Recipe submitted by Lynn Bandy*

## Quick and Easy Peach Cobbler

½ cup unsalted butter, melted

1 cup self-rising flour

1 cup white sugar

1 cup milk

2 (16 ounce) cans sliced peaches in heavy syrup

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Mix self-rising flour, sugar, and milk together in a bowl until well combined and no lumps remain.
Pour melted butter into a 2-quart baking dish (or a 9- or 10-inch cast iron skillet). Pour flour-milk mixture over top.
Carefully pour peaches and syrup into the skillet. Use a spatula to spread peaches evenly around the pan.
Bake in the preheated oven until the crust turns golden brown, 30 to 45 minutes.

# 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

**Visit us at:**
**www.tampaafricanviolets.com**

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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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**NESS" CRINKLE BLUE**

**STREPTOCARPUS TEQUILA SUNRISE**