# THE PETAL

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**TEEN THUNDER**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi, all.

August is upon us. Between the rain, the heat and humidity, it can be hard to stay cool. What better indoor activity can there be than taking care of African violets? Repotting, watering and grooming are all necessary activities to keep your violet in tip-top condition. Perhaps some of you are even planning to enter plants at the council show in September. How wonderful!

If you are not a member of the African Violet Council of Florida, our state organization, you need to join. Our own Jim Boyer has taken over the reins as president and I know he would welcome your support.

I hope to see a lot of TAVS members in Lakeland.

Note: We will be going to lunch after the day meeting Friday, August 16th.

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

### August 1st ZOOM Meeting

**"Adventures in Hybridyzing"**

To be presented by: Ken Musalewski of Hunter's Violets, Carrollton, TX

**Time:** Aug 1, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

# Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82490375813?pwd=hBaSDpTNGN5ZYJN4iI6VYUmm0lcfxh.1

Meeting ID: 824 9037 5813
Passcode: 393949

## August 16th Day meeting

## ******PLEASE NOTE*******

This meeting will be held at The Brandon branch of the Hillsborough County Library system.
619 Vonderburg Drive
Brandon, FL 333511

**"Meet The Relatives"**
An introduction of the other plants that are part of the Violet Family.
To be presented by Mary Beth Bryant

# 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!

8/7 Gladys Cook
8/27 Sandi Soto

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 11th and 12th

## TAVS SHOW AND SALE:

February 21st and 22nd. 2025

# MEETING MINUTES

**TAMPA AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY**
**July 19th, 2023,**
**Seffner-Mango Public Library**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**:
by President Mary Beth Bryant at 10:25 am. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INSPIRATION:** Presented by Lynn Bandy

A Meaningful Life
Is not being rich, being popular, being highly educated, or being perfect.
It's about being real, being humble, being able to share ourselves and touch the lives of others.

**ROLL CALL:**
Attending: Jim Boyer, Lynn Bandy, Jean Krauchik, Anita Adlin, Sheryl Herold, Mary Lou Harden, Glenn Shelton, Stuart Swayze, and Sandi Soto.

**PROGRAM:**
**"The Species"** Presented by Sandi Soto

**BUSINESS MEETING:** The minutes of the June 21st, 2024, meeting were approved as published in the Petal.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** AVCF Show and sale September 27-28th. (Information noted in calendar above)

**Website Committee: Chair:** Sandi Soto, stated ideas and suggestions were still being evaluated.

Mary Beth Bryant is working on programs for next year and is still seeking suggestions for program content or speakers.

Mary Lou Harden will be donating plants for our show "Project Plant"
These will be available for purchase at the August meeting.
All members are encouraged to purchase and grow for show one of these plants.

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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

## We have a show theme!!!

**Members voted and approved:**

### "VIOLETS TAKE A EUROPEAN HOLIDAY"

Mary Beth Bryant has been appointed as show chair and will be contacting members to chair the various committees needed to make our show a success.
Jim Boyer is Judge Chair
Tammi Fitzgerald is Education Chair
Remember our show's success depends on us all working together!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Pat Rutzke and Roselind Rovinsky

**SHOW AND TELL:**
Jean Krauchik brought in her plants that she repotted and grew from leaves during last month's demonstration by Glenn Shelton.

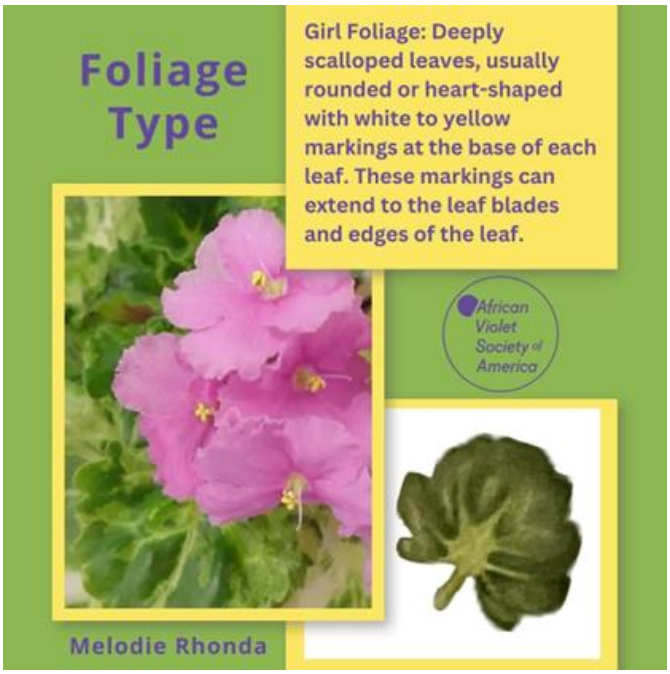
**PLANT RAFFLE:** Plants donated by Mary Lou Harden

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

African Violet Society of America

# GROWING TIPS

**April 10th, 2024**




The next foliage type in the series on learning foliage types is Girl foliage. According to the AVSA handbook, Girl foliage has "deeply scalloped leaves, usually rounded or heart-shaped with white to yellow markings at the base of each leaf. These markings can extend to the leaf blades and edges of the leaf."

"Blue Girl" was the first variety with this type of foliage. It was discovered in 1941. "Blue Girl" is a sport of "Blue Boy". The first "Blue Girl" was found in a batch of "Blue Boy"

plants and the distinctive foliage earned it its new name and place in African violet history.

Today, there are hundreds of named cultivars with girl foliage, like Melodie Rhonda pictured above (photo credit: Sady Garcia). Keep an eye out for a variety with Girl foliage to add to your collection the next time you are looking for a new addition.

Happy Growing!
Chris Brooks
marketing@avsa.org

# RECIPE BOX

*Recipe submitted by Lynn Bandy*

**LEMON CREAM CHEESE DUMP CAKE**

- 1 (16 oz.) can lemon pie filling
- 1 (15 oz.) package yellow cake mix
- 4 oz. cream cheese, cubed
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, thinly sliced

**Instructions:**

1. **Preheat your oven** to 350°F (175°C) and lightly grease a square baking dish with butter or non-stick spray.
2. **Spread the lemon pie filling** evenly in the bottom of the greased baking dish.
3. **Top with half of the cake mix**.
4. **Distribute the cubed cream cheese** evenly over the cake mix.
5. **Sprinkle the remaining cake mix** on top.
6. **Place the thinly sliced butter** in a single layer on top of the cake mix, covering as much of the surface as possible.
7. **Bake** for 35-40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
8. **Let cool** for 15-20 minutes before serving.

Enjoy your tangy, creamy dessert!

# 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

Send dues to:
Glenn Shelton, Treasurer
7142 62nd Ave, North
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

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

## FIND US ON FACEBOOK

**Tampa African Violet Society**

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twitter.com/TAVSviolets

## VISIT US ON INSTAGRAM:

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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
Jo Anne Martinez, Treasurer
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Tampa, FL 33613

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## SOME PHOTOS FROM MARY LOU HARDEN

## Streptocarpus DS-The Red & The Black

**Streptocarpella Dancing Doves**