# THE PETAL

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**FALL COLORS**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It seems like forever since we have been together. Well, that all changes this week: Thursday night is our monthly zoom meeting, Friday morning we set up our booth in Tampa and Saturday and Sunday is the USF Fall Plant Sale.
Needless to say TAVS will be very busy this week and we need as many of you as possible to turn out and help make these events a success.
For those who have never come out to the USF Sale, it is work, but it is also a lot of fun to meet and greet the public who share the love for our favorite plant, the African violet. See you there!

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

### November 7th, 2024, ZOOM Meeting 7pm

**Scott Amman**
**"The Way I Grow Violets"**

## Join Zoom Meeting

Topic: **Tampa African Violet Society Night Meeting**
Time: **7:00 PM Eastern Time** (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85609289236?pwd=4yH44cnx7ig0OCIT12xxrGSHL2hLa2.1

Meeting ID: 856 0928 9236
Passcode: 837369

**November 15th, 2024**
**Day Meeting 10am**
**Seffner-Mango Public Library**

**"Let's Arrange Something, Dear!" -- Design Workshop and Container Gardens**
To be presented by Mary Lou Harden

# 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!

11/3 Briony Tomalesky
11/19 Glenn Shelton

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

Friday November 8th 11am set up
Saturday November 9th and Sunday November 10th 9am to 3pm

## TAVS SHOW AND SALE:

February 21st and 22nd. 2025

## "AFRICAN VIOLETS TAKE A EUROPEAN HOLIDAY!"

# 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:**

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

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

Presented by Celeste Christman

**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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

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:**

**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

**July 2024**

Plain Foliage Graphic

The next foliage type in the series on learning foliage types is plain or tailored foliage. According to the AVSA Handbook, "Plain or Tailored leaves are plain in texture and form, it is sometimes known as standard or boy-type foliage."

"Aca's Coral Beauty" (Hybridized by John Brownlie) is a gorgeous example of plain solid green foliage with coral colored semidouble star blossoms. Plain foliage has been around since the first African violets were discovered in the wild and is the classic shape many think of when they picture the foliage of an African violet.

Today, there are many named cultivars with plain foliage, such as "Aca's Coral Beauty" pictured above (photo credit: Jim Owens / AVSA). Keep an eye out for one of the many varieties with plain foliage to add to your collection the next time you are looking for a new addition.

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

# RECIPE BOX

*Recipe submitted by Lynn Bandy*

## APPLE PIE BREAD PUDDING

### INGREDIENTS

6 slices bread
3 eggs
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon cinnamon
3 granny smith apples, peeled and chopped
1 cup brown sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
Vanilla ice cream
Caramel sauce

### PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 350°F/175°C.
2. Slice the bread into ½ inch cubes.
3. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, milk, vanilla, and cinnamon, stirring until smooth.
4. Add the bread and stir until the bread cubes have evenly absorbed the milk mixture.
5. Spread the bread evenly in a 9-inch round baking pan.
6. In a large bowl, combine the apples, brown sugar, and cornstarch, mixing until evenly combined.
7. Spread the apples evenly on top of the bread.
8. Bake for 40 minutes, until edges are brown.
9. Cool, slice, then serve with vanilla ice cream and caramel sauce!

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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**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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## SOME PHOTOS FROM MARY LOU HARDEN

## Achimenes 'Little Lulu'

## Achimenes'Petite Fadette'

## Episcia Star of Bethlehem