# THE PETAL

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**CHRISTMAS DREAM**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I hope that you all had a fun, turkey-filled Thanksgiving. The holidays have officially arrived and the weather is chilly. I'm looking forward to seeing you on Dec. 20th at the library for our Holiday party. Wear festive clothing and bring a dish to share. And yes, once again, we will be playing Silly Santa! Everyone can play; members **DO NOT** need to bring a gift.
During the holidays TAVS gives a donation to Feeding America. If you would like to contribute, please bring your check (made out to TAVS, not Glenn) or money to the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please mail your check (made out to TAVS) to Glenn.
Whatever holiday you celebrate, whether Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa, I wish you and yours the joy and peace of the season.

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

### December 5th, 2024, ZOOM Meeting 7pm

**Ron Myhr "Gesneriads for Beginners"**

# 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/9324792391?pwd=ZzBkTmxZTmRJOFY0SmxZbHNnU1Evdz09&omn=84549506390

Meeting ID: 932 479 2391
Passcode: TAVS

## December 13th, 2024
## Day Meeting 10am
## Seffner-Mango Public Library

**"Holiday Party and Gift Exchange"**
Dress festive, bring a dish, no need to bring a gift!

# 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!

12/11 Celia Howe
12/17 Tona Bell-Rosenthal
12/25 Jim Boyer

Anita Adlin recently underwent surgery and has been transferred to a rehab facility.

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

## FLORIDA STATE FAIR
**February 6th – 17th 2025**

## TAVS SHOW AND SALE:
**February 21st and 22nd. 2025**

**"AFRICAN VIOLETS TAKE A EUROPEAN HOLIDAY!"**

# MEETING MINUTES

**TAMPA AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY**
**November 15h, 2024,**
**Seffner-Mango Public Library**

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

I**NSPIRATION:** Tammi Fitzgerald

**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, Tom Schaefer, and Celia Howe.

**PROGRAM:**
**Video**

**"New Blossoms and Leaf Artwork"**

Presented by Mary Beth Bryant

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Discussion of USF sale: the cost for the USF sale far exceeds the financial benefits.
Members suggested finding other venues for sales.
Several suggestions included The Tampa Garden Club, and Dunedin Garden Club.
Members were tasked with finding additional venues and will discuss in upcoming meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Florida State Fair will be from February 6th - 17th.
Celeste Christman suggested purchasing a bigger banner for our booth that would also be able to be used for other events.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
11/24 AVSA Virtual Circle
11/30 Start of Growing Season for February Show and sale

ZOOM Meeting 12/5
**Ron Myhr "Gesneriads for Beginners"**
**Day Meeting**
**"Holiday Party and Gift Exchange"**
**This will be a pot luck!**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Tom Schaefer, Glenn Shelton and Briony Tomalesky.

**RAFFLE:** Plants supplied by Sandi Soto

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** at 11:23 am

Lynn Bandy
Recording Secretary

# RECIPE BOX

*Recipe submitted by Lynn Bandy*

**Crockpot Chicken and Dumplings**

Super easy and yummy!

Ingredients...

4 boneless skinless chicken breast
1 can chicken broth
2 cans cream of chicken
sliced carrots
sliced celery
1/2 can peas
1/2 onion
crumbled bacon
parsley
garlic powder
salt and pepper
1 can flaky biscuits

Method

Place chicken breasts in bottom of crockpot

Pour chicken broth and both cream of chickens over it

Add in carrots, celery and onion. How much ever you prefer

Add in garlic powder, salt and pepper and parsley flakes over it, how much ever you prefer

Cook on high for 3 hours

Remove chicken and shred. Add the chicken back in with some crumbled bacon and the peas, stir together.

Break up the flaky biscuits, uncooked, and put in the crockpot. I break each roll in about 3 parts and just place them on top.

Remain cooking for another hour or so on high or until done. Enjoy!

# African Violet Society of America GROWING TIPS

**August 2024**

The next type in the series on learning foliage types is pointed. According to the AVSA Handbook, "Pointed [foliage]: Ends of the leaves come to a definite point."

"Ko's Chimera Dreams" (above) is a gorgeous semiminiature example of variegated chimera *pointed foliage* with single-semidouble pink two-tone pansy blossoms. It was hybridized by Stanley Ko and registered in 2022. The look of pointed

foliage is very simmilar to plain foliage but as you can see in the graphic, the tip of the foliage is more distictly pointed.

There are many named cultivars with pointed foliage, such as "Ko's Chimera Dreams" pictured above (photo credit: Stanley Ko / AVSA). Keep an eye out for one of the many varieties with pointed foliage to add to your collection the next time you are looking for a new addition.

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

# 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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## FOR SALE!

**Former member Linda Geller has a commercial plant stand she is selling.**
**Cost: $100**

**The dimensions are:**

**4 shelves**
**52.5 wide**
**72” high**
**19” Depth**