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S. BROTHER PADDY

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We did it! This past month, using a theme of “Art and African Violets Through the Ages”, Tampa African Violet Society put up a booth at our state fair and held our annual club show and sale. Both back-to-back events were total successes and gave us huge outlets in which to showcase the best of our club to the public.

Whether you came to the fair or the show or both, I want to thank each of you for coming and helping out. It takes a lot of people doing a lot of work behind the scenes to run a show. Quite a few clubs no longer do so

and that is a shame. I am proud of our efforts this year. I truly appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you! A special thank you goes to Kathy Glen for her very generous donation of the software that allows us to have a show in the first place. Thank you, Kathy!

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

*****IMPORTANT*****

This month's in person meeting March 15th will be held at the Thonotosassa Public Library
10715 Main Street
Thonotosassa, FL 33592-2831

March 7th ZOOM Meeting

March 7 Zoom meeting - Gladys Cook, “Growing Violets My Way...and Choosing the Right Container”

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82470220753?pwd=NXF5Wm1CMm80cXR3aFhSblFRaFo1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 824 7022 0753
Passcode: 166812

March 15th Day meeting

March 15 day meeting –
Show Recap- Sandi Soto
Presentation of awards- 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!



3/22 Phyllis Ann Panozzo



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



Frist Lakeland African Violet Society,
March 9, 2024, African Violet Plant
Display & Sale at Spring Obsession, Munn
Park, 201 East Main Street, Lakeland, FL



**“ART THROUGH THE AGES”
Tampa African Violet Society
February 23-24, 2024**

Sandi Soto:

Best in Show, Best Standard: “Buckeye Exotic Dancer”

2nd Best in Show, Best Semiminiature: “Rob’s Slap Happy”

Best AVSA Standard Collection:

“Suncoast Lavender Silk,” “Kaylin Marie,” “Buckeye Exotic Dancer”

Best AVSA Species Collection: S. 5a clone grandifolius No. 299, S. 5b clone confusa Mather E, S. 5b clone grotei Silvert

Best Species: S. 5b clone confusa Mather E

Best Lyon: “Kaylin Marie

Sweepstakes Horticulture: 18 Blue Ribbons

Mary Lou Harden:

Best Trailer: “Rob’s Vanilla Trail”

Best Other Gesneriad: Streptocarpus hototogisu

Best Design, Best Interpretive Plant

Arrangement: “The Mask of Tutankhamun”

2nd Best Design, Best Container Garden: “A Natural Garden

Best Interpretive Flower Arrangement: “The Starry Night”

Best Dish Garden, Best Terrarium

Sweepstakes Design: 11 Blue Ribbons

Best in Class Winners:

Mary Beth Bryant, Class 29, “California Sunset”

Glenn Shelton, Class 33, “Rob’s Antique Rose”

Jim Matula, Class 40, “Jolly Mel”

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee met and recommends the following slate of officers for the 2024-2025 year.

President - Mary Beth Bryant

Vice-President - Mary Lou Harden

Secretary - Lynn Bandy

Treasurer - Glenn Shelton

The nominees have agreed to serve if elected by the membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandi Soto, Chair

TAVS Nominating Committee

MEETING MINUTES

**TAMPA AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY
February 16th, 2023,
Seffner-Mango Library**

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Beth Bryant at 10:12am. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATION: Sandi Soto

ROLL CALL:

Attending were: Celia Howe, Pat Rutzke, Jim Rogers, Tammi Fitzgerald, Joan Reynolds, Jim Matula, Celeste Christman, Sandi Soto, Anita Adlin, Jean Krauchick, Jim Boyer, and Mary Lou Harden.

Guests: Esther Kirk

Program: Final Show Preparations, including grooming tips for show plants and completing entry forms, by Jim Boyer.

Business Meeting: The minutes of the January 19, 2024, meeting were approved as published in the Petal.

Standing Committee Reports:

Celeste Christman requested that members sign up to bring food to the show.

Sandi Soto reported that she and Mary Beth will be picking up sales plants from The Peacock Cottage in Ocala on Wednesday, February 21.

Mary Beth requested help in taking down our display at the Florida State Fair on Tuesday afternoon, February 20.

Unfinished Business:

Sandi Soto presented the report of the Nominating Committee:

- President: Mary Beth Bryant
- Vice President: Mary Lou Harden
- Secretary: Lynn Bandy
- Treasurer: Glenn Shelton

Election of officers will be at the March meetings.

Birthdays: Deanna Hinds (2/4) and Anita Adlin (2/20).

Announcements:

March 7 Zoom meeting - Gladys Cook, "Growing Violets My Way"

March 15 day meeting – Show Recap and presentation of awards

Roll call by Jean Krauchik.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Mary Lou Harden
Secretary Pro Tem



FEBRUARY 12th, 2024



The Axil is "the angle formed at the juncture of the petiole (leaf stem) and the main stem." Depending on growing conditions and the genetics of the variety, this is the location where either a sucker or bloom stalk will be produced. Unless you are looking to propagate a chimera variety or are growing out a trailer, you would usually want to see the beginnings of a bloom stalk in this snug little area.

Providing good growing conditions and a properly sized pot helps to promote blooms vs. suckers. Keeping your violet a little root bound is key. It sends the proper plant hormones for bloom production to the axil and will encourage blooms to form. When the plant has room for roots to grow, it tends to stay in vegetative mode and grows roots, leaves, and suckers. Once the roots become restricted, this creates changes in plant hormones that trigger reproductive growth. Reproductive growth is also know as flowers!

Happy Growing!
Chris Brooks
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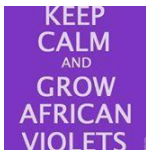
Become a **MEMBER**

WANT TO JOIN TAVS? Annual dues are \$15. Send an email to Glenn Shelton if you're interested in becoming a member: floridainorchids@gmail.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://africanvioletcouncilofflorida.club>

African Violet Society (DAVS) 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:

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Jerry and Nancy Katz and friends



Glenn, Sandi and Mary Beth



Celeste Christman and customers



Mary Beth and Sheryl Herold



HAPPY HAROLD – BEST IN SHOW SANDI SOTO



FROSTY FROLIC SANDI SOTO



ROB'S SLAP HAPPY -2ND BEST IN SHOW
SANDI SOTO



VaT-WINTER LANDSCAPE- MARY BETH BRYANT

SOME DESIGN ENTRIES





