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Tropical Heatwave



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I hope each of you had a nice, safe 4th of July. As many of you know, Lee and I had COVID. Thank you all for the card, it brightened our day! Though I am finding it hard to get back into the swing of things, club business never stops.

The Website Committee has been appointed with Sandi Soto as chair. Sandi along with members Tammi Fitzgerald and Glenn Shelton have been tasked with investigating the different platforms on the web which could host our club website. Hopefully, they can find a good platform at a better price that will save us some money.

Regarding our club show, the dates are set: February 20th-22nd, 2025. We have heard from several members on their choice of show theme. If you have not responded to Lynn's email, please do so. At the moment, the suggestions are quite varied. We vote on a theme this month.

We aren't going to lunch this month. However, there will be a soil making party at Mary Lou's house after the day meeting on the 19th. Let's have a good turnout, it makes the work so much easier!
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

July 11th ZOOM Meeting

"The Magic of Moss"

To be presented by: Mark Romansky of Henderson, NV

Join Zoom Meeting

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87283038268?pwd=tbHbtuJUtni3lmdrlwAop4GOQevDz4.1>

Meeting ID: 872 8303 8268

Passcode: 506577

July 19th Day meeting

“The Species” To be presented by Sandi Soto

We will be meeting at Mary Lou Harden’s home following our day meeting for a soil mixing party!

It will only take a short time if everyone comes and helps.

A suggestion: wear gloves and bring a face mask as the ingredients can be dusty when mixing.

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!



7/3 Nancy Kast
7/12 Pat Rutzke
7/22 Roselind Rovinsky



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



THE AFRICAN VIOLET COUNCIL OF FLORIDA
PROUDLY PRESENTS AN AVSA JUDGED SHOW

VIOLET TREASURES

September 27-28, 2024



Christ Lutheran Church

2715 Lakeland Hills Blvd.
Lakeland, FL 33805

Hours

Friday: Sales Room, 11 am - 6 pm

Show Room, 1 - 6 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 3 pm

Information

Mary Jane DiLorenzo

863-647-1517

[africanvioletcouncilofflorida.club](https://www.facebook.com/africanvioletcouncilofflorida.club)

Facebook: AVCF

Free admission and parking

TAVS SHOW AND SALE:

February 21st and 22nd. 2025

MEETING MINUTES

TAMPA AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

June 21st, 2023,

Seffner-Mango Public Library

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Vice President Mary Lou Harden at 10:15 am. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATION: Presented by Tammi Fitzgerald

African violet flowers have strong spiritual significance, particularly in African cultures. They are believed to represent feminine power, fertility, and protection. In traditional African medicine, the leaves of the African violet plant are used to treat skin conditions, respiratory problems, and anxiety. It is also

said that lighting a candle near an African violet plant can bring good luck and positive energy into a home.

ROLL CALL:

Attending: Jim Boyer, Lynn Bandy, Tammi Fitzgerald, Joan Reynolds, Jean Krauchik, Celia Howe, Sharon Herold, Mary Lou Harden, Glenn Shelton, and Sandi Soto.

GUESTS : Arya Bandy (Lynn's Granddaughter) and Esther Kirk, friend of Celia Howe

PROGRAM:

"Propagating Techniques: Seed, Leaf Cuttings and Suckers".

Presented by Glenn Shelton

BUSINESS MEETING: The minutes of the May 17th, 2024, meeting were approved as published in the Petal.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER REPORT: Was given by Glenn Shelton

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AVCF: Jim Boyer is taking over as president.

Jim Boyer announced the growing schedule for the September show would begin Saturday June 22.

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

Website-web Host- Currently using GoDaddy which is quite expensive. There are other sites available, some significantly lower cost. We have renewed for one

additional year with GoDaddy but would like a committee to investigate.

Website Committee: Chair: Sandi Soto, additional members Tammi Fitzgerald and Glenn Shelton

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Project plant- approved
2. Show Dates for 2025: February 20th: Show setup, February 21st and 22nd show.
3. Need to select show theme before August: Lynn will send out an email with Previous Show theme suggestions, members are asked to choose five of their favorites and send these as a reply to all.

At the July meeting we will vote on the results.

4. Show Location: Members chose to keep the venue at The Temple Terrace Methodist Church. Mary Lou will contact the venue to reserve.
5. Soil Mixing Party: Will be at Mary Lou Harden's home following the July meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BIRTHDAYS: Jean Krauchik, Stuart Swayze and Bonnie Smith.

Mary Beth Bryant's daughter had successful back surgery.

Mary Beth and Lee Bryant both have Covid. Please Join and support our affiliates. Affiliate information listed below under "Become a Member"

SHOW AND TELL:

Pat Rutzke showed Hunter's Pew Pew blossoms.

Mary Lou showed:

Honey Blue Ace,
1916 Sharon Gartner (Sacco/Gartner)- single white stickite frilled pansy/fuschia thumb prints, white puff fantasy, variable

fuschia on upper petals. Medium green heart-shaped quilted, wavy, serrated foliage. Small Standard.

Streptocarpella: Dancing Doves, Episcia: Pink Panther, and Pink Dream, Diplotricha Species: Columnea Carnival.

PLANT RAFFLE: In lieu of a raffle as raffle tickets were unavailable, members and guests were asked to make a donation if they chose a plant.

MEETING ADJOURNED: at 11:50 am
Lynn Bandy
Recording Secretary



February 5th, 2024



The second foliage type in the series on learning foliage types is Bustle or Bustle Back. According to the AVSA handbook, Bustle or Bustle Back foliage "leaves are compound with one large and two smaller lobes." "Sputnik" was the first variety

registered with this type of foliage in 1964.

The first known bustle back was a sport of "Purple Prince" named "Bustles." It was discovered by Mrs. H.P. Mason about 1959-1960 and later propagated by her friend Mrs. Delphine Hotchkiss who had given her the original leaf of "Purple Prince" that produced the sport. Mrs. Hotchkiss originally named it "Goofy" because of its appearance but later changed the name to "Bustles." This is where the name for the foliage type originated. "Bustles" was never registered with the AVSA, but it has produced many descendants.

Today, some of the more popular varieties are the Wesley's, Wizard's, and Senk's varieties like "Senk's Merlot" pictured above (photo credit: Dawna MacLeod). Keep an eye out for a Bustle Back 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

It's blueberry season!

BLUEBERRY SCONES

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 4-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons cold butter
- 2 large eggs
- 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons whole milk, divided
- 1-1/2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

In a bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt; cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. In a bowl, whisk eggs and 3/4 cup milk; add to dry ingredients just until moistened. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; gently knead in the blueberries.

Divide the dough in half. Pat each portion into an 8-in. circle; cut each into 8 wedges. Place on greased baking sheets. Brush with remaining milk. Bake at 375° for 15-20 minutes or until tops are golden brown. Serve warm.

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

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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>

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](mailto: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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