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TEEN BRIDE

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Since Memorial Day I have been thinking about the different ways we can serve. Of course the military comes to mind. If you or a loved one has served in any capacity, thank you.

As the nation needs the military, a club needs its members. Our TAVS club members are simply the best-- whether setting up/tearing down booths, growing and selling African violets at USF or helping in innumerable ways to put on our club show to attending meetings. If it needs to be done, our members show up! So to each of you, for all that you do, I say thank you. I want to acknowledge certain club members who are serving at the state and national levels. Jim Boyer is president of the African Violet Council of Florida, our state

organization and Sandi Soto is first vice president of AVCF. Sandi also serves as vice-chair, alongside Bill Patterson, of the Virtual Circle Committee. The Virtual Circle provides zoom presentations on topics related to our beloved African violets. These presentations happen throughout the year and are made for the members of the African Violet Society of America, our national organization with world-wide reach. These individuals are making a difference on multiple levels. Thank you, Jim and Sandi!

What can YOU do? I would say continue to help the club. It is not the same without your participation. Volunteer for a committee, become an officer, read The Petal, watch your email for news, visit our website and attend events and our monthly meetings. You'll see how easy it is to serve.

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

June 6th ZOOM Meeting

“Using Color in Design”

To be presented by: Susan Anderson,
Phoenix, AZ

Join Zoom Meeting

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89114454488?pwd=bljifa1DWefxBism9LixfNGfwi3Mbn.1>

Meeting ID: 891 1445 4488
Passcode: 067898

June 21st Day meeting

“Propagating Techniques: Seed, Leaf Cuttings and Suckers” To be presented by Glenn Shelton

We will be meeting for lunch afterwards at The Bob Evans. All invited!

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!



6/3 Jean Krauchik
6/17 Stuart Swayze
6/27 Bonnie Smith



Jerry Kast is in the hospital since last Sunday with pneumonia. Finally showing some good improvement. He will probably be transferred to a skilled facility for rehab to get his strength back.

Nancy is home with ear problems.

They are currently living in an Assisted Living Facility in North Carolina.

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
Facebook: AVCF

Free admission and parking

MEETING MINUTES

TAMPA AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY
May 17th, 2023,
Seffner-Mango Public Library

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

by President Mary Beth Bryant at 10:27am.
Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATION: Mary Beth Bryant

ROLL CALL:

Attending were: Mary Beth Bryant, Jim Boyer, Grace Bel, Lynn Bandy, Stuart Swayze, Jim Rogers, Celeste Christman, Tammi Fitzgerald, Joan Reynolds, Jean Krauchik, Anita Adlin and Sandi Soto.

PROGRAM:

“Common African Violet pests and diseases” Presented by Mary Beth Bryant and Sandi Soto.

BUSINESS MEETING: The minutes of the April 19th, 2024, meeting were approved as published in the Petal.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER REPORT: Was given by Mary Beth Bryant discussion ensued regarding USF fees and expenses.

AVCF: Jim Boyer is taking over as president.

Sandi Soto is doing the entries for the council show at the end of September.

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

BIRTHDAYS: Kathy Glenn, Mary Beth Bryant, Jerry Kast and Angelina Grundhoff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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



February 5th, 2024

Foliage Type

Longifolia: Narrow pointed strap-like leaves with either plain or wavy edges.



Senk's Snowy Egret



I am looking forward to sharing with you over the next few months some of the foliage types that you are likely to see on different varieties of African violets. I am starting this series with longifolia because it is one of the more interesting and unusual types of foliage. According to the AVSA handbook, it is characterized by "narrow pointed strap-like leaves with either plain or wavy edges." 'Big Mike' was the first variety registered with this type of foliage way back in 1949. Today, some of the more popular varieties are the Senk's varieties like 'Senk's Snowy Egret' pictured above (**photo credit:**

Marjorie Bullard). Keep an eye out for a longifolia to add to your collection the next time you are looking for a new addition.

Happy Growing!
Chris Brooks
marketing@avsa.org

RECIPE BOX



ORANGE DREAMSICLE LUSH

INGREDIENTS

Cookie Base

1 pouch (17.5 oz) Betty Crocker™ Sugar Cookie Mix
Butter and egg called for on cookie mix pouch for drop cookies
1/3 cup butter, melted

Filling

2 boxes (3 oz each) Jell-O® orange-flavored gelatin
1/3 cup boiling water
2 boxes (3.4 oz each) Jell-O® vanilla-flavor instant pudding & pie filling mix
2 1/2 cups cold milk
1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
1 cup powdered sugar
1 container (12 oz) Cool Whip frozen whipped topping, thawed

Decoration

1/2 cup canned mandarin orange segments, drained

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 375°F. Make and bake drop cookies as directed on pouch. Cool

completely, about 30 minutes.
In food processor, process half of the cookies to coarse crumbs. Remove to medium bowl. Continue to process remaining cookies to coarse crumbs; add to bowl. Stir in melted butter until well blended. In ungreased 13x9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish, press cookie crumb mixture firmly in bottom. Set aside.

In small bowl, place gelatin, and add boiling water; beat with whisk until blended. Stir occasionally about 2 minutes or until mostly dissolved. In medium bowl, beat dry pudding mixes and milk with whisk about 2 minutes or until thick. Stir in dissolved gelatin. Let stand 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

In large bowl, beat cream cheese and powdered sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth, scraping down side of bowl frequently. Beat in 2 cups of the whipped topping. Spread over cookie crust. Pour pudding mixture over cream cheese layer; spread evenly over top. Drop remaining whipped topping by spoonfuls over pudding layer; carefully spread until even. Refrigerate 5 hours.

When ready to serve, sprinkle orange segments on top. Cut into 6 rows by 3 rows. Cover and refrigerate any remaining pieces.

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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:

AVSA Office

PO Box 22417

Beaumont, TX 77720.

www.Africanvioletsocietyofamerica.org

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