

# THE PETAL

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SEPTEMBER AFFAIR

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Well, it's officially September and just like the outdoor temperatures, things are starting to heat up for Tampa African Violet Society. 😊 Foremost, it is my pleasure to announce that after a long pause, we are starting up the night meetings again. YAY!

**The first Night Meeting will be September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm via ZOOM.** Glenn Shelton and I will be explaining the actions we have taken over the past several months regarding African Violet repotting methods and growth stages.

The Tampa African Violet Society, is an Affiliate of The African Violet Society of America, Inc., The Dixie African Violet Society, The African Violet Council of Florida and The Gesneriad Society

The Day Meeting is September 17<sup>th</sup> & is also via ZOOM. On that day, Jere Trigg will be talking about hybridizing African Violets. Jere is a nationally recognized and well-respected hybridizer, you won't want to miss what he has to say.

We also have the AVCF show and sale October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lakeland. Then the following weekend, the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, we tentatively have the USF Fall Plant Sale in Tampa.

It all sounds like a lot, doesn't it?! We can't rest on our laurels just yet, as we have our own club show in February. I think I need to buy a bigger calendar just to keep track of it all!  
See you soon,

*Mary Beth*

# OUR MEETINGS

Our meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 7pm and the third Friday of the month at 10AM.

Notification of whether the meeting will be in person or via ZOOM will be posted in The Petal. If via ZOOM an email will be sent with ZOOM connections.

Program details for all meetings will be posted in The Petal.

## SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 7pm via ZOOM

Mary Beth Bryant and Glenn Shelton have teamed up to present our program next Thursday evening at 7 pm by Zoom!

Mary Beth says she has always loved and grown all kinds of plants since she was a teenager. She even took care of her neighbors' plants whenever they would go on vacation. And she says it was Joan, this lovely nextdoor neighbor, who is responsible for Mary Beth's love of violets. Mary Beth says "Joan grew them in her kitchen window. She showed me how to take care of them and gave me plants and leaves so I could grow them on my own."

In 2017, she went to the Florida State Fair and came home with an African violet cousin named Alsobia. From there, she progressed to violets. She found violet people online, including an enthusiast named Camille. She and Camille attended a violet show in Lakeland and that is where she met Glenn Shelton. Through Glenn, she joined TAVS. Her Powerpoint presentation for the night meeting is entitled "A Cautionary Tale". Mary Beth currently serves as TAVS President.

Glenn Shelton has been a member of TAVS for many years. He was previously a member of Upper Pinellas African Violet Society. Glenn has given many programs on all aspects of growing and showing violets. He has served

many years as Classification Chair at our annual shows and has been an active participant in plants sales at USF Botanical Gardens, as well as our own sales events. Glenn has also been actively involved in the African Violet Council of Florida and is a member of Dixie AVS and AVSA. Glenn has been an AVSA Judge for many years and is now a Master Judge. And he holds the record for Best In Show winner in TAVS shows, having been awarded Best in Show six times. Glenn currently serves as TAVS treasurer.

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 10AM via ZOOM

Jere Trigg, of Spanish Fort, Alabama, will be talking about hybridizing African Violets. Jere became interested in growing African violets when he was given a plant 40 years ago, and he quickly developed an appreciation for their beauty and ease of culture. Since his retirement, he has been experimenting with African violet hybridization and has produced hundreds of seedlings from his cross pollinations.

One of Jere's first successful and most popular crosses was a chimera which he named **Jere's Roll Tide** pictured here. He has produced many beautiful cultivars which are seen in African violet and Gesneriad shows throughout the country. Jere will tell us about his hybridizing efforts and show us some of his hybrids.



If you would like to read more about Jere, we're attaching to this newsletter an article published in the May 19, 2021, Mobile Bay Magazine, Mobile, AL.

We are still actively seeking a meeting venue for our Friday morning meetings. Any suggestions can be forwarded to Mary Beth Bryant at [thebryants333713@gmail.com](mailto:thebryants333713@gmail.com)

We're planning our programs for this year. If you have suggestions for a specific topic, please let our program chair know. Contact Mary Lou Harden at [mlhard@verizon.net](mailto:mlhard@verizon.net).

## ZOOM MEETINGS



Mary Beth Bryant will be hosting the virtual 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!

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 with directions that are really easy. I promise.

You will receive an email message a few days before the meeting with a link to access the meeting. Hope to see you then!



9/13 Sheryl Herold



Send us an email and let us know how you are doing if you cannot attend the meetings!  
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**TAMPA BAY GESNERIAD SOCIETY –**  
Meetings are 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month at 10 am.

**DIXIE AVS:** Convention and Show has been rescheduled to October 12-15, 2022 Doubletree by Hilton, Murfreesboro, TN.

**AVCF:**  
The African Violet Council of Florida will host a plant display and sale Saturday, October 2, 2021, at Christ Lutheran Church in Lakeland. Setup will be Friday October 1st.

**USF PLANT SALE:**  
Dates are October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our chapter agreed to participate again with the Tampa Bay Gesneriad Society. We are going to need support from our membership to make this successful. While we will need help

setting up and working the sale, the primary need is plant material to sell. Now would be a good time to go through your collection and see where a large plant could be split or where cuttings could be taken. There are about 6 weeks till the sale which will allow plants to root. Between us, we grow many different plants and have the opportunity to showcase them. Our goal for the sale is to attract the public's attention and grow our chapter. Please help in as many ways as you can.



SINNINGIA "WHITE SPRITE"



## MEETING MINUTES

### TAMPA AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY Minutes of August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Beth Bryant at 10:05 AM.

**INSPIRATION:** Mary Beth Bryant

**ROLL CALL:** 12 Members

**GUESTS:** Johnnie Berry, Carolee Carter

#### **PROGRAM:**

Jim Boyer told us how to grow Sinningias.

*Sinningia* is a genus of about 75 species, most of which are native and/or endemic to Brazil. They are easy to grow and don't require a lot of space.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the July 16th, 2021, meeting were approved as published.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

Mary Lou Harden reported the following programs:

**September 2nd Night:** Mary Beth Bryant and Glenn Shelton will be sharing some of their experiences with their recent collaborative efforts in potting and re-potting.

**September 17<sup>th</sup> Day:** meeting via ZOOM. Jere Trigg, of Spanish Fort, Alabama, will be talking about hybridizing African Violets

**October 7<sup>th</sup> Night:** King James will be doing the program on Sinningias, Minis, and Semi Minis.

**October 15<sup>th</sup> Day:** Becky McMeel of Houma, Louisiana, will be sharing some of her design ideas.

**November 4<sup>th</sup> Night:** Tentatively, Beth Baker of Memphis, Tennessee, will be discussing some of the "weird" African violets – the wasps, the bells, and the bustles.



Mary Lou also reported she had been in touch with The Temple Terrace United Methodist Church and has reserved their fellowship hall for our 2022 show in February, the 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>. The fee for the weekend is \$350.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Glenn Shelton, Treasurer, reported expenditures: \$150.99 Income from supplies and a gift, \$21.00 with a current balance in checking: \$3852.79, and savings: \$3755.42. The report will be filed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**TAVS:** Next meeting September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm via ZOOM. Mary Beth Bryant and Glenn Shelton will be discussing a collaboration they have working on.

**September 17<sup>th</sup> Day:** meeting via ZOOM. Jere Trigg will be telling us about his successful hybridizing of African Violets

**AVCF:** Will be holding a show and sale October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lakeland. October 1<sup>st</sup> will be setup they will also be holding their Fall Membership meeting that weekend

Members were encouraged to both participate and attend this show/sale.

**AVSA:** The 2022 AVSA Convention will be in Little Rock, Arkansas, May 29 to June 5, 2022 at the Little Rock Marriott Hotel.

The 2023 AVSA Convention will be in Atlanta, Georgia, May 28 to June 4, 2023, at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel.

**DIXIE:** the October 13-16 convention and show have been rescheduled to 2022.

### **TAMPA BAY GESNERIAD SOCIETY:**

Meets the third Saturday monthly at Dr. Martinez' Office in Tampa.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**USF Plant sale:** Tentative dates October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be participating in this event so remember to keep those plants growing!!!!

**Show:** Plans are moving along for our annual show and sale.

Our theme: **“Violets Celebrate the Wonders of Space”**.

Plans were made to accelerate advertisement in current affiliation journals

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Glenn Shelton has been in touch with the prize ribbon supplier and is working with Jim Boyer to procure the necessary ribbons for our show.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Handbooks are finished and we will be getting these out to members shortly.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.

Lynn E Bandy Day Recording Secretary

## **RECIPE BOX**



*This month's recipe submitted by Lynn Bandy*

### **Huli Huli Chicken**

1 cup brown sugar  
¾ cup ketchup  
¾ cup soy sauce  
1/3 cup sherry

2 ½ tsp minced ginger  
1 ½ tsp minced garlic  
6-8 Chicken thighs

Mix all ingredients together, pour over chicken thighs and marinate for at least 2 hours or overnight. Grill thighs and enjoy.

If you have a recipe you would like to share just send it to [nybleb@aol.com](mailto:nybleb@aol.com)



## MEET THE MEMBER

Want to be the next member to be featured in our newsletter???? Simply fill out a Biography Interview Questions form or if you are so inclined write up your own story. If you did not get a copy of the form or just want to submit your story email Lynn @ [NYBLEB@aol.com](mailto:NYBLEB@aol.com)

## NEED SUPPLIES?

If you need supplies – pots, leaf support rings, perlite, vermiculite, soil, fertilizer, Marathon, charcoal, etc., please call or email Mary Lou Harden@ (813-689-8700 H 813-924-2686 C,) [mlhard@verizon.net](mailto:mlhard@verizon.net).

## HELP!!!!!! +

Lynn Bandy is looking for interesting articles, member bios, and photos to publish in “The Petal”. Submit these to: [\\_NYBLEB@AOL.COM](mailto:_NYBLEB@AOL.COM).

Gladys Cook is in the process of rebuilding the Club’s website and is looking for a volunteer or volunteers who would like to work with her and

learn the process. Gladys can do “on the job” training. Please contact Gladys directly at [gladyscook9320@gmail.com](mailto:gladyscook9320@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.

Glenn Shelton manages our TWITTER account ([twitter.com/TAVS\\_violets](https://twitter.com/TAVS_violets)) and is requesting members to send photos of their plants for him to post. Send to [floridainorchids@gmail.com](mailto:floridainorchids@gmail.com)

Kathy Glenn who manages our Facebook and Instagram pages is asking members to email pictures of named African violets so she can post to our Facebook and Instagram pages. [kathybear555@gmail.com](mailto:kathybear555@gmail.com)

# 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](mailto:floridainorchids@gmail.com)

### Visit us at:

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Mary Lou is looking for good articles, tips, professional quality pictures for the website. [www.tampafricanviolets.com](http://www.tampafricanviolets.com)

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## JOIN ONE OF OUR AFFILIATES

### **African Violet Society of America (AVSA).**

Subscription to the **African Violet Magazine** (6 issues per year) which includes AVSA membership, is \$35 per year. Send contact information and check payable to AVSA to:  
**AVSA Office, 1310 IH-10, Suite 100, Beaumont, TX 77707.**

[www.Africanvioletsocietyofamerica.org](http://www.Africanvioletsocietyofamerica.org)

**Dixie African Violet Society (DAVS).** Annual 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](http://www.davs.org)

### **African Violet Council of Florida (AVCF).**

Annual membership fee which includes a quarterly newsletter, **The Florida Connection**, is \$10 per year. Information: Linda Price, President, [laprice41@yahoo.com](mailto:laprice41@yahoo.com).

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