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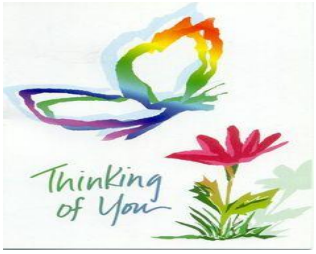
OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are held twice a month the first Thursday and the third Friday.

At this time we have postponed meetings until the threat of Covid-19 has passed.

We will notify you once we know when we will be meeting again.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our members during these difficult times.

Annual dues of $15 are due this month.

5/5 Kathy Glenn
5/9 Mary Beth Bryant
5/13 Robert Cameron
5/17 Jerry Kast
5/24 Angelina Grundhoff
5/24 Lee Ann Tepper

RECIPE BOX

This month's recipe submitted by Celia Howe

JAMBALYA

Serves 4

4 Tbs vegetable oil, divided
1 Lb chicken breast cubed
2 links Andouille Sausage
1 Creole Vegetables*
2 tsp. Cajun Seasonings
2 Cups Chicken Stock
1 (14.5oz) can diced tomatoes
1 Cup white rice

*Creole Veggies
1 Cup diced yellow onions
1 Cup diced red pepper
1 Cup diced green pepper
¾ Cup chopped celery
½ oz garlic
½ oz parsley

Add 2 Tbsp. oil to a Dutch oven and heat over medium high. Saute' the chicken and transfer to a large bowl.
Remove sausage from casing and add to pot. Break up and brown sausage. Transfer to the bowl with chicken.
To the same pot, add remaining 2 Tbsp. oil and saute' the veggies minus the parsley.
Add rice, chicken stock, tomatoes, cajun seasoning, chicken and sausage and bring to a boil.. Reduce heat to simmer, stirring occasionally, until rice is cooked (about 20 minutes).
If you prefer shrimp: Add them after the rice is completely cooked and cook until shrimp are pink (2-3 minutes).
Serve in bowls and garnish with the parsley.

Just send it to 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 form copy or want to submit your story just email Lynn @ NYBLEB@aol.com

AVSA
Weekly Growing Tip
May 11th, 2020

Violets Arrive Alive & on Time?

Violet vendors and collectors are currently reporting many problems with the delivery of violet orders.

The pandemic has caused tremendous stress for the shipping industry. Air flights have been reduced and freight companies have thinner staffing. Packages often require two weeks or more to be delivered.

What can be done to insure a perishable violet shipment arrives before plants die?

Pay for Express Shipping

Olive Ma Robinson of the Violet Barn reports that orders sent with Express shipping receive the highest priority. They may still be delayed, but Express shipments arrive sooner and losses are insured. This makes it painless for the vendor to replace the shipment when problems occur.

Check the Weather Forecast

Pay attention to the weather (especially lows and high temperatures) along the delivery route. Do not place an order during a time when it would be unsafe for the package to sit unattended for several days. Vendors cannot outguess storms, and eBay sellers are required to ship immediately.

Handle Shipping Problems Responsibly

Unpack immediately, and groom off damaged leaves. Contact the vendor that same day if you believe plants cannot recover. Violet vendors want satisfied customers, but they have no control over what happens once the package is shipped.

If you gamble that the plants will survive dangerous weather or that the shipping companies will suddenly be operating at 100%, prepare to lose. Be fair with vendors and they will be fair with you too.

Anyone is welcome to sign up for this growing tip from the African Violet Society of America. Subscribers are not required to be members of AVSA. Please share it with your friends! www.AVSA.org

Got Problems?

Any time you have a plant that has a problem and you can't identify the problem and would like some advice, bring the plant with you to a meeting and get some help. We can also help with repotting issues. Please be sure if you suspect insect/mite issues that you isolate the plant in a plastic bag.

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. Your order will be brought to the meeting.

HELP!!!!!

Lynn Bandy is looking for interesting articles, member bios, and photos to publish in "The Petal". Submit these to: 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 if you would like to volunteer.

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

Visit us at:

www.tampaafricanviolets.com

Mary Lou is looking for good articles, tips, professional quality pictures for the website.www.tampaafricanviolets.com

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Tampa African Violet Society

Kathy Glenn asked members to email pictures of named African violets so she can post to our Facebook page. kathybear555@gmail.com

Join us on Twitter:

AfricanVioletS@TAVS_violets

Glenn Shelton manages this site and has requested if anyone has photos they would like to share on our Twitter account to send them to him at floridainorchids@gmail.com

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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.AVSA.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 **www.davs.org**

African Violet Council of Florida (AVCF). Annual membership fee which includes a quarterly newsletter, **The Florida Connection**, is $10 per year. Send check with contact information to: **Sharon Gartner, 1573 LaBaron Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32207.** **www.africanvioletcounciloffloridа.org**

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Submitted by Mary Lou Harden

Primulina Jade Moon in full bloom

Episcia "Star of Bethlehem"

Submitted by Amanda Mendoza

Picasso

Margaret

Submitted by Rosalind Rovinsky

EPSICIA Thad's Gold Fever

AV Cajun's Royal Knockout

EPSICIA "PINK DREAM"

AV Cajun's Royal Knockout