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A Message from the President

Dear Violet Friends,

By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be 2020! Out with the OLD! In with the NEW!

Well, sometimes OLD is good – especially if you have a beautifully grown Fisherman's Paradise to enter in our show. Fisherman's Paradise is more than 25 years OLD, so you might want to enter it in Class 41 "Vintage Violets" – or, since it's a registered variety, you may want to enter it (along with 2 other registered, standard varieties) in Class 1 "AVSA Collection of three different registered standard varieties of the same type."

Some of you attended the AVSA convention in Houston, and some of you attended the Dixie convention in Jacksonville. Whatever convention you attended, I feel certain that you came home with some NEW varieties to add to your collection. Whether the plants were simply NEW to you, or were NEW on the market, I hope you've been pampering them, feeding them and grooming them so you can enter them in our show. We're hoping that EVERY member will enter either the Horticulture Division or the Design Division – maybe even both!

And speaking of designs. . . if you've never entered the Design Division but would like to, but you have questions or would like some hands-on help, please let me know. I will be happy to arrange a time to meet with you and help you. Every member has the ability to make a dish garden or terrarium – you don't have to have special talents – you just need to sign up for one or both of these, select an appropriate container, gather some plants to use in the garden, and then use your imagination to create a beautiful miniature garden!

In the meantime, we've decided on what we're going to do for our display at the Florida State Fair. As you know, the Florida State Fair is held annually at the Florida State Fairgrounds just east of Tampa, February 6 through 17, 2020. As I mentioned last month, this year the horticulture displays will not be competitively judged and each participating club will receive $350. Even though our display will not be judged, we want to make it beautiful and eye-catching. AND. . .one participating club will receive an extra $150 if voted best by the people's choice.

Keep in mind that our 2020 show is February 27-29. We set up on Thursday, the 27th, including plant and design entries. The show is judged the morning on Friday, the 28th, and is open to the public at noon on Friday and all day on Saturday. The show ends at 3 pm on Saturday, the 29th. Be sure to check the Grooming Schedule beginning on page 51 of your Yearbook so you'll know what you should be doing NOW to get your plants ready for show!
I hope to see you at the next meeting!

OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are held twice a month the first Thursday and the third Friday. Come join us, visitors are ALWAYS welcome!!!!

NIGHT MEETING: January 2nd, 2020

at 7 PM
Common Ground Christian Church
4207 North Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33603

THE PROGRAM:

"STREPTOCARPUS"
To be presented by Terry Jordan

INSPIRATIONAL: Mary Lou Harden

REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE PLANTS:
Sheryl Herold and Mary Lou Harden

DAY MEETING: January 17th, 2020

at 10 AM
Seffner-Mango Library Public Meeting Room
410 N. Kingsway Road, Seffner, FL 33584

THE PROGRAM:

"STREPTOCARPUS"
To be presented by Terry Jordan

INSPIRATIONAL: Amanda Mendoza

REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE PLANTS:
Lynn Bandy and Amanda Mendoza

RECENT PROGRAMS

NIGHT MEETING: December 14th, 2019

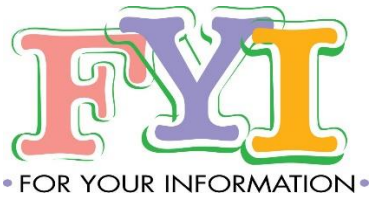
THE PROGRAM:

"AFRICAN VIOLET BINGO"

DAY MEETING: December 15th, 2019

THE PROGRAM:

"AFRICAN VIOLET BINGO"



NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The Nominating Committee has been appointed and will give its report at the January 2020 meeting. Kathy Glenn is chair of the committee. Please give Kathy your suggestions, or better still – how about volunteering to serve as an officer! TAVS needs volunteers!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/6 Lucille Chester
1/13 Linda Baggett
1/17 Therese Lynam

FEBRUARY 6TH THRU THE 17TH

FLORIDA STATE FAIR

FEBRUARY 28TH and 29TH

TAVS ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE
"TAVS IS A NIFTY FIFTY"

APRIL 11TH AND 12TH

USF SPRING PLANT SALE

HOW YOU CAN HELP –
Set-up at the Fair will be Sunday, February 2, 2020, at 1 pm. It usually takes us between one and two hours to complete our set-up. The more people helping, the less time it will take! We need members to volunteer spending time at our booth, passing out flyers, talking to guests, telling them about our club meetings and encouraging them to sign up for our monthly e-newsletter. Sign-up sheets will be available at both of our January meetings. During set-up on February 2, we'll get complimentary tickets for all of our members who can help at our booth during the Fair. You'll be able to spend some time at our booth, then visit all the other displays in the Family Living Center, as well as tour the entire Fairgrounds, and maybe even take a ride on the Ferris Wheel!

Showtime is just around the corner! Dates are February 27-29 – that's Thursday through Saturday. Set-up and entries are on Thursday, February 27, beginning at 10 am. We'll need help setting up tables, covering the tables, getting the plant sales room ready, and then beginning the entries process for both horticulture and design. When you come for set-up, be sure to bring some food to share – a casserole, sandwiches, fried chicken, etc., etc. We'll have lunch together and have leftovers for those working late, and more leftovers for Friday for members and for the judges.

Therese Lynam still recovering from her fall and fractured pelvis.
Bonnie Smith and George Grundhoff were both recently in the hospital.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our members facing difficult times.

CORRESPONDENCE

This month we received three notes of Thanks for the awards we provided for the Dixie AVS convention in Jacksonville.
Carolee Carter for her Best in Class 40, Catherine Carter for her Best in Class 31 and Bobbie Johannsen for her Best Gesneriad collection.

MEETING MINUTES

TAMPA AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY
Night Meeting Minutes
December 14th, 2019
4207 North Boulevard, Tampa, FL

The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM by Vice-President Jim Boyer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present at tonight's meeting were: Jim Boyer, Angela Newell, Dawn Newell, Kathy Glenn, Terry Jordan, Jean Krauchik, Steve Whidden, Mary Lou Harden, Natalia Lukashova, and Anita Adlin.

REFRESHMENTS: Tonight's meeting was our Annual Christmas Party and each member brought a covered dish to share. The food and desserts provided by our members was delicious and enjoyed by everyone present.

INSPIRATIONAL: Provided by Terry Jordan.

PROGRAM: The Program tonight, "African Violet Bingo", was presented by Jim Boyer. It was a fun activity that our members really enjoyed. Jim provided goodie bags and everyone took one home.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from the October 3 and November 14, 2019, night meetings were approved as published in "The Petal".

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Lou presented the Treasurer's Report. The report will be filed.:

ROLL CALL: Jean Krauchik

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Jim Boyer reported that Kathy Glenn will chair the Nominating Committee for the selection of officers for the 2020-2021 year, and that two additional people are needed to serve on this Committee with Kathy Glenn. The Nominating Committee's report is due by the January 2, 2020 night meeting.

A cash collection was collected by Jean Krauchik which will be donated to a local charity. Terry Jordan motioned for the selection of Trinity Café as the charity to receive this year's donations from the Tampa African Violet Society. Steve Whidden seconded the motion. The motion passed for the money collected tonight to be donated to the Trinity Café.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Lou Harden discussed committee assignments for our upcoming Show in February, 2020.

Mary Lou Harden reported that we need to make our plans for the upcoming Florida State Fair and that this year will be different for the displays exhibited at the Florida State Fair because there will be no competitive judging. Instead, each display booth will receive $350.00. There will also be People's Choice voting for the best display, and the winner of the best display will receive an additional $150.00 from the Florida State Fair. The dates for the Florida State Fair this year are February 6-17, 2020.

Mary Lou Harden asked if a committee meeting should be held to make plans for the upcoming Florida State Fair, and members agreed that a meeting after Christmas should be held to make plans for the Tampa African Violet Society display.

Mary Lou Harden discussed that the next TAVS night meeting will be on Thursday, January 2, 2020, and asked if we needed to move the date due to it being the day after the New Year's Day holiday. Members at tonight's meeting felt it wasn't necessary to move the date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Mary Lou Harden announced that Therese Lynam recently fell and broke her pelvis, but she is doing better. Mary Lou requested that members send a card to Therese Lynam.

SHOW & TELL:

Mary Lou Harden brought in her plant to show off, *RM-Royal Laces*, a Russian standard and *Columnea Carnival*.

Mary Lou Harden discussed that Tampa African Violet Society may possibly assist the Gesneriad Club at the Gesneriad Society Convention next summer. Mary Lou reported that any member of TAVS can sell their plants or enter exhibits in their Show because TAVS is an affiliate member of the Gesneriad Club.

Natalia Lukashova reported that she needs a club yearbook. Mary Lou Harden will either email Natalia an e-version of the yearbook or Angela Newell offered to deliver a copy of the yearbook to Natalia as Natalia wasn't sure if she would be able to make it to the January 2, 2020 meeting.

RAFFLE PLANTS: There was no raffle held tonight. Instead, leaves were brought in by Terry Jordan and distributed to the members, and baby plants grown and brought in by Natalia Lukashova were also distributed to members present at tonight's meeting

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

Angela Newell, Night Recording Secretary

TAMPA AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY
Day Meeting Minutes
December 15th, 2019
Seffner-Mango Library Public Meeting Room
410 N. Kingsway Road, Seffner, FL 33584

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Lou Harden at 10:20 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

REFRESHMENTS: Christmas Pot Luck

PROGRAM: "VIOLET BINGO"

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The minutes of the November 15th, 2019, day meeting were approved as published in the Petal.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Was presented by Mary Lou Harden

ROLL CALL: Lynn Bandy: **12** members were present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
The nominating committee chaired by Kathy Glenn will give its report at the January meetings.

Donations made by members this month will be given to Trinity Cafe

NEW BUSINESS:

The Florida State Fair will be February 6th through the 17th. This year the booths will not be judged. Every group that participates will be paid $350.00, however there will be a People's Choice Award of $150.00. This is a great opportunity for us to get our Club out there to the public. Members are encouraged to help in the planning, set up, and manning of the booth in addition to supplying plants. A planning meeting will be taking place Saturday December 28th, 2019 at 10am at the Common Ground Christian Church
4207 North Boulevard Tampa, FL 33603. We will be going to lunch at the Panera down the road for lunch after the meeting.

Therese Lynam is chair for awards for our show in February. If anyone is associated with or would be able to ask any vendors, groups or suppliers for awards donations please do so and notify Therese if you are able to obtain any.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mary Lou Harden reminded everyone that set up for our show will be Thursday February 26th at 10am. Entries and Classification will begin at 3pm. Any and all are encouraged to come out and lend a hand. Please bring a covered dish as many members will be there all day and part of the evening.

Both meetings in January on Streptocarpus will be presented by Terry Jordan

BIRTHDAYS: Luetta Donalds, Maria Whidden, Celia Howe, Jim Boyer, Patsy Monk, Amanda Mendoza and Carla Alter.

SHOW & TELL:
Mary Lou Harden brought in a gesneriad, Columnea Carnival, a standard violet Powder Keg, a Russian variety RM Royal Laces with a beautiful double white blossom which she uses in her designs, an Optimara Maui, a terrarium and a dish garden.

TIPS: When doing a dish garden have the back higher than the front and be sure to cover the back of your dish garden as you do not know what the placement in the show will be.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm

Lynn Bandy- Day Recording Secretary

RECIPE BOX

This month's recipe submitted by Lynn Bandy

THE UGLY DIP

1 can black beans rinsed and drained
1 11oz can SHOEPEG white corn
1 bunch cilantro chopped
1 bunch green onions chopped
4 oz crumbled feta cheese
Salt , pepper, garlic powder to taste

DRESSING

1/4 c apple cider vinegar
1/8 c extra light tasting olive oil
1/4 c sugar

Mix vinegar, olive oil and sugar then add to other ingredients and chill at least 4 hours
Serve with Pita chips or chips of your choice

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

December 9th, 2019

Pink Leaves?

"Rose Bouquet," grown by Michael Klimmik, was featured as *Violet of the Day* on the AVSA Facebook page recently.

Hybridized by G.T. Smith, its beautiful mosaic variegation with both white and pink on the leaves makes a stunning background for the double pink flowers. This cultivar varies a great deal from one grower to another, particularly in the amount of pink seen in the variegation.

But what makes the leaves pink? Dr. Jeff Smith explained in his column "In Search of New Violets" in the November/December issue of the African Violet Magazine:

"Pink variegation is caused by the plant producing a red pigment on the underside of the leaves. The ability to produce the red pigment is a genetic dominant trait. When the green chlorophyll is absent, the combination of the red lower epidermis with non-green foliage produces various shades of pink. The red pigment shows more intensely in plants that are homozygous-dominant for the trait. Changes in light conditions also can cause higher amount of red pigment to be produced. The more red pigment, the more intense the pink will be in the variegation."
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Join today!

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 Therese Lynam if you're interested in becoming a member: THERESEJOAN@aol.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

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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 shelgl@tampabay.rr.com

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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.***
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