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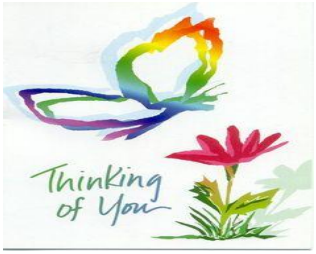
The Tampa African Violet Society, is an Affiliate of The African Violet Society of America, Inc., The Dixie African Violet Society, The African Violet Council of Florida and The Gesneriad Society

OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Meetings are currently suspended due to the Covid-19 Virus.

We will notify you once we know when we will begin scheduling our regular meetings again.



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

6/3 Jean Krauchik
6/21 David Matthews
6/21 Barbara Lopez
6/27 Mary Kay Ross
6/27 Bonnie Smith
6/29 Cinda Huntley

September 24-26, 2020

African Violet Council of Florida Annual Show & Sale, "The Show Must Go On!"

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 439 East Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando, Florida. Information: Debbie Wesch at dwesch1@tampabay.rr.com or 352-634-1664.

MEETING MINUTES

TAMPA AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY
Day Meeting Minutes - June 19, 2020
902 W Old Hillsborough Ave., Seffner, FL 33584

The meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice President Jim Boyer at 10:20 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members attended: Jim Boyer, Glenn Shelton, Mary Lou Harden, Linda Bennett, Jim Matula, Tom Schaefer, Angelina Grundhoff, Susan Buys, Roselind Rovinsky and Bonnie Smith. George Grundhoff attended as a guest.

The Chair stated that meetings are currently on hold until September because of the coronavirus pandemic. Members will be informed if a meeting is scheduled in the interim.

The Chair reported that as of now, the African Violet Council of Florida show is still scheduled to take place September 24-26 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 439 East Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando, Florida. Debbie Wesch and Linda Price are show co-chairs.

It was decided we would not prepare a Yearbook for 2020-2021 but members will receive a complete membership list, either by email or by mail if the member does not have email. When meetings resume, programs will be announced in advance in the monthly newsletter.

There was discussion about TAVS annual show which will be February 26-27 in Tampa. The Chair asked that members submit show themes which he will send by email to members.

By general consent, members voted to send a $300 donation to AVSA in memory of Betty Wise, Lynne Wilson and Therese Lynam. The Treasurer will send a check.

There was a discussion regarding viruses which attack African violets. The cure is to throw the violet away.

Glenn Shelton, Mary Lou Harden and Jim Boyer brought plants for Show & Tell.

Linda Bennett conducted the raffle. Plants were provided by Glenn Shelton and Mary Lou Harden.

Jim Boyer presented a brief program using the Optimara culture folder which shows the many

foliage and bloom types of African violets, as well as culture information.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS: Jean Krauchik, Bonnie Smith.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am

Mary Lou Harden, Recording Secretary Pro Tem

AVSA
Weekly Growing Tip

June 22, 2020

AVSA has a weekly "Growing Tip" that arrives via email

Violet growers sometimes use the term *culture break* to describe a change in the pattern of growth. We have two examples to help you understand.

Susan Swanson shared this photo of a violet repotted in April because of problems with yellowing leaves. The new center leaves are coming in with a better green color. It is a new pattern of growth – a culture break.

The culture break is unattractive, but her plant is healthier. As it grows, and the outside leaves are removed, the culture break will no longer be evident.

Amy Cash-Allison shared this photo of a variegated violet she had neglected. After she repotted and began fertilizing again, a distinct culture break became noticeable.

When changes occur in fertilizer, temperature, watering, or light, the new center growth will be the first to show the difference. Culture breaks may also warn you of a developing problem such as pest, disease, or changing soil pH.

Your violet is "talking" to you when a culture break develops ... pay attention!

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

RECIPE BOX

This month's recipe submitted by Jim Boyer

REUBEN CASSEROLE

16 oz sauerkraut well drained
12 oz corned beef
2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
1/4 cup bottled 1000 island dressing
1/2 cup mayo
1 tomato sliced
4-6 slices pumpernickel
4 tbsp butter, melted

Cut crusts off of bread slices, cut into 1/2" cubes, toss with butter & toast.

Place kraut on bottom of 1 1/2 qt. Casserole. Place corned beef on top. Top with cheese.

Combine dressing & mayo & spread over cheese. Arrange tomato slices on top. Cover with bread crumbs.

Cook uncovered for 12–14 mins on 70% POWER. Let stand for 3 mins
Place under broiler for 5–10 mins until top is crispy.

If you have a recipe you would like to share 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 copy of the form copy or want to submit your story just email Lynn @ NYBLEB@aol.com

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

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.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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