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LOVE IS

A Message from the President

Dear Violet Friends,

Set-up at the Fair will be this Sunday, February 2, 2020, at 1 pm. A few of you signed up to help us with set-up. With several people helping, we should be able to set up in less than 2 hours. . .so MEET ME AT THE FAIR THIS SUNDAY AT 1 PM! The more people helping, the less time it will take!

During set-up time, we'll get complimentary tickets for all of our members who can help at our booth during the Fair. You don't have to be an expert while volunteering at our booth. We just need your presence! You can pass out flyers about our club and about our February show. You can talk to guests and tell them about our club meetings and about the joys of growing African violets. Encourage them to sign up for our monthly e-newsletter and to become a TAVS member!

By volunteering, 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. There are always wonderful crafts, art work, and woodworking exhibits to see. And it's always fun to visit the rabbits, turkeys, chickens, cows, horses and dogs!
See you at the Fair!
Meantime, I hope to see you at the next meeting on Thursday, February 6!

Mary Lou Harden President

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: February 6th, 2020 at 7 PM

Common Ground Christian Church
4207 North Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33603

THE PROGRAM:

"FINAL PREPARATION FOR SHOW"
To be presented by Angela Newell

Growing Tips

Election of Officers

INSPIRATIONAL: Lisa Villabol

REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE PLANTS:
Terry Jordan and Mary Lou Harden

DAY MEETING: February 21st, 2020 at 10 AM

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

THE PROGRAM:

"FINAL PREPARATION FOR SHOW"
To be presented by Jim Boyer

Election of Officers

INSPIRATIONAL: Peggy Waibel

REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE PLANTS:
Celia Howe and Peggy Waibel

RECENT PROGRAMS

NIGHT MEETING: December 14th, 2019

THE PROGRAM:

"STREPTOCARPUS"
Presented by Terry Jordan

DAY MEETING: December 15th, 2019

THE PROGRAM:

"STREPTOCARPUS"
Presented by Terry Jordan

Glenn Shelton has obtained Master Judge status. This process takes over 20 years to complete and this is a GREAT accomplishment. Way to go Glenn!!!

Therese Lynam who is recovering from her fall and fractured pelvis will be moving to Atlanta to live with her daughter. Therese will be greatly missed as she has been a pillar of this society for many years.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our members facing difficult times.

DIANE HERAS, Wesley Chapel, FL. Members of Tampa AVS were deeply saddened to learn of the passing away on December 11, 2019, of Diane Heras due to complications from cancer. Diane was a member of TAVS from 2007 to 2013. She was extremely talented and creative. Not only did she grow many varieties of African violets, she was a gifted floral designer. In addition, she created beautiful and imaginative focal points for TAVS shows as well as for African Violet Council of Florida shows Dixie African Violet Convention shows, and AVSA Convention shows. She was the original developer, maker and distributor of Dandy Pots. Diane will be sorely missed.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/8 Steve Whidden
2/11 Martha Morgan
2/20 Anita Adlin

If you are assigned either refreshments or the Inspiration for a meeting and you are unable to fulfill these duties please make arrangements with another member to take your place or as a last resort notify one of the officers so they can make arrangements. You can find these assignments in the Yearbook or the Petal publishes them for the upcoming meetings.

FEBRUARY 6TH THRU THE 17TH

FLORIDA STATE FAIR

FEBRUARY 28TH and 29TH

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

IT'S FEBRUARY. . .AND
IT'S SHOW TIME!
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.
The show will be judged the morning of Friday, February 28, and will be open to the public from noon until 5 pm. Plant sales on Friday are from 9 am until 5 pm. Both show and plant sales on Saturday are from 9 am until 3 pm. Invite your friends!
Remember: If you need help with a design, please let me know and I'll be happy to help (mlhard@verizon.net or 813-924-2686).

MEETING MINUTES

TAMPA AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY
Night Meeting Minutes
January 2nd, 2020
4207 North Boulevard, Tampa, FL

The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM by President Mary Lou Harden, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present at tonight's meeting were: Mary Lou Harden, Steve Whidden, Sheryl Herold, Anita Adlin, Angela Newell, Terry Jordan, and Jean Krauchik.

REFRESHMENTS: Refreshments for tonight's meeting were provided by Sheryl Herold and Mary Lou Harden.

INSPIRATIONAL: Provided by Mary Lou Harden.

PROGRAM: The Program tonight, "Streptocarpus", was presented by Terry Jordan. Terry's program also included handouts on the care of streptocarpus. Terry demonstrated how to start new streptocarpus from cuttings, and she had plenty of streptocarpus plants for members to choose from to start their own cuttings while at the meeting. Terry also provided streptocarpus cuttings and some supplies for members to take home with them to start their cuttings at home.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from the December 5, 2019 night meeting were approved as published in "The Petal".

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was not available. Mary Lou Harden reported that Therese Lynam is no longer able to continue as the club treasurer as she will be moving to Georgia, and that Glenn Shelton has volunteered to take on the treasurer's position for the club.

ROLL CALL: Jean Krauchik

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TAVS: Mary Lou Harden stated that the TAVS yearly membership dues of $15.00 are due next month (February of each year).

AVCF – Mary Lou Harden stated that yearly membership dues are $10.00.

AVSA – Mary Lou Harden stated that the yearly dues for AVSA are $35.00.

DAVS – Mary Lou Harden stated that the yearly membership dues are $15.00.

THE GESNERIAD SOCIETY – Mary Lou Harden stated that the annual dues are $25.00 and that the 2020 Gesneriad Society Convention and Show will be held in St. Petersburg, FL.

TAMPA BAY GESNERIAD SOCIETY – Mary Lou Harden stated that the annual dues are $10.00, and that this group holds monthly meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month in Tampa.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mary Lou Harden read off the Nominating Committee's Report for Kathy Glenn, as Kathy was unable to be present tonight to give the Report herself. The slate of Officers nominated for the upcoming year (2020-2021), are as follows:

President: Angela Newell or Kathy Glenn
First Vice-President: Robert Cameron
Second Vice-President: Jim Boyer
Treasurer: Glenn Shelton
Day Recording Secretary: Lynn Bandy
Night Recording Secretary: Kathy Glenn or Angela Newell

Mary Lou Harden reported that the TAVS Annual Show is coming up on Friday, February 28-Saturday, February 29, 2020. Set-up for the Show, entries drop-off, and classification of entries will take place on Thursday, February 27, 2020. Mary Lou stated that all members are needed to sign-up to help with set-up for the Show, to work positions during the Show, and to help with break-down of the Show. Mary Lou also requested that members donate and bring food and drink items to the Show to feed the Show Judges and workers during the Show.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Lou Harden reported that set-up for the Florida State Fair will take place on Sunday, February 2, 2020, at 1:00PM, and that it shouldn't take very long if enough members sign-up to help out. Mary Lou also stated that members are needed to sign-up to volunteer to cover our booth at the Florida State Fair, February 6-17, 2020. Mary Lou stated that she will have Fair tickets for all members who sign-up to cover our booth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mary Lou Harden announced that at the January 17, 2020, day meeting, Terry Jordan will present her program, "Streptocarpus". The February 6, 2020, night meeting program will be presented by Angela Newell on, "Final Preparations for Show" and also on "Filling Out Entry Sheets".

Mary Lou Harden stated that more design entries are needed for our Annual Show and that Mary Lou is willing to teach any member wanting to learn how to put together a design, a dish garden, or a terrarium. Mary Lou stated that she has some great ideas to share on putting together a Show design using Legos for those members who want to learn how to do a design to enter our Show. Mary Lou passed around extra Lego sets for those members who wanted to learn how to put a design together using Legos.

RAFFLE PLANTS: Raffle plants provided tonight were from Mary Lou Harden.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

Angela Newell, Night Recording Secretary

TAMPA AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY
Day Meeting Minutes
January 17th, 2020
Seffner-Mango Library Public Meeting Room
410 N. Kingsway Road, Seffner, FL 33584

The meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice President Jim Boyer at 10:15 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATION: Lynn Bandy

REFRESHMENTS: Lynn Bandy and Mary Lou Harden

GUESTS: Jim Rogers and Joan Hoffman

PROGRAM:

"STREPTOCARPUS"
Presented by Terry Jordan

Terry gave us a very informative program highlighting growing, repotting and propagating streptocarpus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The minutes of the December 13th, 2019, day meeting were approved as published in the Petal.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was no report available

ROLL CALL: Lynn Bandy: **17** members and 2 guests were present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
The nominating committee chaired by Kathy Glenn have announced their nominations.

Angela Newell or Kathy Glenn have accepted the nomination for President.

Robert Cameron has accepted the nomination for 1st Vice President.

Jim Boyer will run again as 2nd Vice President

Glenn Shelton has accepted the nomination for Treasurer.

Jim Matula will continue as Corresponding Secretary.

Lynn Bandy will continue as day recording secretary.

Angela Newell or Kathy Glenn will be the night recording secretary.

The group will elect our new officers at our February meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:
A motion was made for the group to donate $100 to the AVSA in memory of Richard Alan Nicholas AVSA's immediate past president. This was seconded by Terry Jordan and passed with a unanimous vote by the group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.
Set up for the Fair will be Sunday February 2nd at 1pm. Enter the fairgrounds via the Orient Road entrance and follow the road to the building.

A sign up sheet to volunteer to man the booth during the fair was passed around.

Therese Lynam is chair for awards for our show in February. A sign up sheet for awards was passed around.

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 February will be on Final preparations for the show. Angela Newell will be doing the night meeting and Jim Boyer will be doing the day meeting.

Glenn Shelton has been awarded Master Judge status. This process actually takes over 20 years to complete

BIRTHDAYS: Lucille Chester, Linda Baggett and Therese Lynam.

RAFFLE PLANTS: provided by Terry Jordan and Carolee Carter.
RAFFLE: conducted by Robert Cameron

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm

Lynn Bandy- Day Recording Secretary

RECIPE BOX

This month's recipe submitted by ???????

Note: there are no recipes!
Why you say?????
Because no one submitted any!!!!

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

February 3rd, 2020

What do you do with your used soil when you repot?

Cristy Boothe asked that question in the Facebook Group African Violet Addicts recently. She got many responses, mostly about using it in the garden.

Yvonne McKain Barineau had a more thoughtful answer, "I put old potting mix in the garbage. Not only do I not want to take a chance and spread undetected pathogens and pests, I've heard that Marathon is hard on the bee population." She went on to quote the EPA with reference to the active ingredient

in Marathon (imidicloprid), "This product is highly toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment or residues on the foliage of blooming crops or weeds."

Old potting mix may also contain pathogens or pests such as thrips or soil mealybugs. This is why most nations reject any imported plant material growing in a potting medium.

Handle old potting mix with care!

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

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 shelgl@tampabay.rr.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***

King James leading the meeting

Plants ready for raffle at the day meeting

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