



A newsletter for members of the African Violet Society of Dayton

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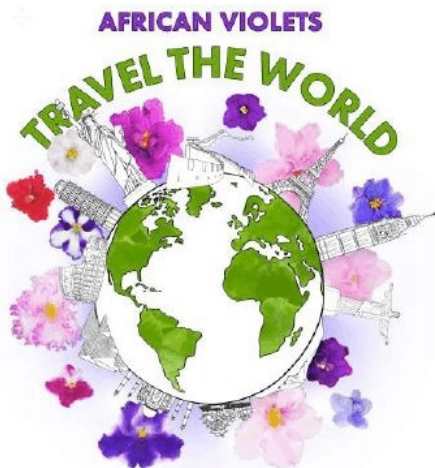
African Violet Hit Parade

2016 Annual Show and Sale
Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10, 2016
Presented by
Cincinnati and Dayton African Violet Societies
Eastgate Mall (4601 Eastgate Blvd., Cincinnati, OH)

The Annual Show and Sale is this weekend! Just a note to those planning to enter the show: Pre-registration is highly desirable. Be sure to check out the attached show schedule and decide what classes you would like to enter. Those who send the attached Registration Form to Penny Wichman (pennypwic@aol.com) by April 6 will be able to go through classification first. It is easier to list everything that is a possible specimen entry and delete some when you get to the show rather than to add entries at the last minute.

Directions from Karen Cenci: Follow signs on I-275 to Eastgate Blvd. Our 'home base' will be in the same room at the mall as we were in last year. When you get to the mall, drive around to the back of Sears and go to Dock A1 and follow it to room A128. Bring snacks, drinks and coolers with ice, if you want. It may be cool Friday night so be sure to protect your plants. If you get lost or have questions, call Karen at 513-325-0395.

African Violets Travel the World



Mark your calendars now for the Ohio State African Violet Society's fall show September 15-17, 2016 at Kingwood Center in Mansfield, Ohio. Our own Alexis Branham-Wyatt designed the logo! The show is held in conjunction with the OSAVS annual convention.

You must be a member of the Ohio State African Violet Society to exhibit in the show. Dues are \$15/year. Contact Donna Vogelpohl (DonnaV8452@columbus.rr.com) to join the Ohio State club.

Dates to Remember

Monday, April 18 – 7 pm
Club Meeting
“Potting Up Gesnariads”
by Mel Grice
Refreshments: Dennis Kramb
Raffle: Shirley Jones and
Linda Lloyd

Monday, May 16 – 6 pm
Annual Potluck Picnic
(Club will provide chicken)
Yellow Springs Brewery
(305 Walnut St.,
Yellow Springs, OH 45387)



Wednesday, June 15 – 7 pm
Special Guest
“How to Make a Dish Garden”
by Paul Kroll of New York
Refreshments: Jo Cornett &
Carolyn Richardson
Raffle: Mel Grice and Jan
Schroeder

No July Meeting



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From the President's Keyboard,

Hi everyone,

I think it just might really be Spring in a week. The calendar says it's so but having to wear heavy coats again doesn't feel like winter is through with us yet. I am just going to keep thinking warm weather and maybe it will show up soon.

The show at Eastgate Mall is this weekend and I am sure everyone's hopes are high. I had so much fun last year showing a few plants and a terrarium and even got a couple of blue ribbons! I met many of the members of the Cincinnati club and had a few laughs and also some great food. We have many talented growers of African Violets in our club and I am very hopeful for all of us.

Last month's meeting was full of information about the AVSA plant software, First Class. Mel did a wonderful job on the presentation and then he helped with some hints about preparing for the Eastgate Show. We had two of our favorite ladies missing from the meeting. Carolyn Richardson had major surgery and was recouping at home. We all wish her well. I personally miss her voice calling out the numbers for our raffle! And Pat Hancock was not at our meeting because of a nasty fall at the Dixie show. She broke her wrist and wasn't feeling up to coming.

I was happy to see her in Columbus the following Tuesday at the Judges Council meeting with a small black removable cast on her arm. She looked great and said she felt great! Mel's van was full and could not accommodate Vicki, Carla and me, so the three of us rode up to Columbus together. I like to say we got "kicked off the bus." And as always, it worked out for the best and a lot happened on our trip. We talked and talked and learned much about the plants Vicki hates: the wild Callery pear trees blooming all over the highways, (she assured me they are a nasty plant to be growing in Ohio), Amur honeysuckle (we all know about that plant) and a new weed (Hairy bittercress) she just wrote about on her blog page. (I have it in my front garden.)



When she talked about the other newsletter she edits, I realized she would be the perfect person to take Jan Schroeder's place. Vicki is a computer geek and said she would love to do it. She said we should name the newsletter and many miles on I-70 flew by as we brained stormed. Trust me a lot of silly names came out of our mouths. I hope you approve of the one we picked. We came up with more ideas as we traveled and Vicki said, "Think how much better we could do if we had a beer?" I replied, "We are one exit from my boy's brewery, wanna go?" So off we went to get a beer at the Yellow Springs Brewery. Vicki, Carla and I viewed it as a "field trip" of sorts.

We enjoyed the beer and one of us mentioned it would be a great place for our picnic. The brewery is closed on Monday and Tuesday so Nate and my daughter-in-law, Lisa, checked their schedule and no one is planning anything on that day so we have the brewery all to ourselves if we want to use it. We will discuss it at our next meeting and make a final decision. If anyone has any other places in mind make sure to bring it up at our meeting this month. We will have lots to talk about. See you at the Eastgate Mall and then again at our meeting on the 18th.

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Jo Cornett, President



Impromptu Field Trip to Yellow Springs Brewery.

L-R: Vicki Ferguson, Carla Hale, Nate Cornett and club president Jo Cornett

African Violet Society of Dayton Minutes

March 21, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Cornett at 8:50 pm. Members present were Linda Lloyd, Carla Hale, Jan Schroeder, Mary Ann Griffith, Jac Carrier, Mel Grice, Maggie Garcia, Andrea Herman, Susie Yu, Dennis Kramb, Lynnette Schluter, Kasey Angeloni, Linda Zimmermann, Vicki Ferguson, Jan DeVeney, Shirley Jones and Jo Cornett. Guests were Bonnie Peer, Jill Henry and Linda Lloyd's daughter Kelsey.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the February 17, 2016 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 2/14/2016 is \$1,958.78

Disbursements: \$46.56 Receipts: \$111.05

Balance: \$1,923.27

A motion was made and seconded to change the Bylaws to allow for holding a meeting in January. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Mel passed out flyers to be distributed in our communities for the upcoming show in April. He will email the details on what dock to enter and the room number we will be using for grooming by email.

New Business: In June, Paul Kroll will be demonstrating how to make a dish garden. The meeting will be on Wednesday night, June 15, 2016. The dish garden will be raffled off.

A motion was made and seconded that the club give Paul a \$50.00 Honorarium. Motion carried.

Shirley Jones and Linda Lloyd will have the raffle in April and Mel Grice and Jan Schroeder in June. Maggie Garcia has agreed to be our new Hospitality chair. Thanks to Carolyn for the many years she has done it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Schroeder, Secretary

(Note: Please email any changes or corrections to Jan Schroeder at Jmschroeder22@aol.com, prior to the next meeting.)

2015-2016 African Violet Society of Dayton

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