



*A newsletter for members of the African Violet Society of Dayton*

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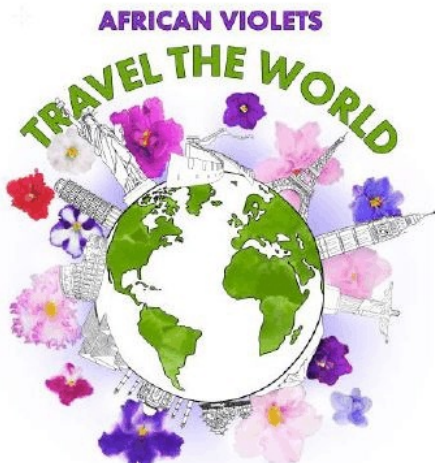
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## Next 'On-Tap' Club Activity: The Annual Picnic

The next meeting will be the club's annual picnic. This year, due to the need to change the picnic location, we're moseying up to Yellow Springs Brewery, where our president Jo Cornett's son Nate is the proprietor! The Brewery is closed to the public that night and we can be indoors and on the patio.

Club members are asked to bring a covered dish/dessert/salad/etc to share. Table service and fried chicken will be provided by the club, however we **MUST** have a headcount for all who will attend to order chicken. **Please contact Jo (contact info on page 3) by noon on Friday, May 13 with the number attending.** Beer, wine and pop will be available for purchase or you may bring your beverage of choice.

## *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. Dues are \$15/year. Contact Donna Vogelpohl (DonnaV8452@columbus.rr.com) to join the Ohio State club.

## Dates to Remember

**Monday, May 16 – 6 pm**  
Annual Potluck Picnic  
(Club will provide chicken)  
**Please contact Jo with the number attending by 12 pm, Friday, May 13.**  
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! It seems like we just had our Christmas dinner and now it is time for our summer picnic Monday, May 16. It sure hasn’t felt like summer is around the corner so I think we are lucky to have a large indoor space for our gathering. I looked at the projected weather report and it is only getting into the mid 60s that day. Let’s hope it gets a little bit warmer than that.

We need a headcount of who is coming to the brewery and what everyone might be bringing. If Mel is not coming than I will make potato salad. If he is coming then I will bring a veggie and fruit plate for munching on. Fried and baked chicken will be our main entre’.

We were pleased to have some new visitors at our last meeting and they were lucky to join us for potting up some of Mel’s Gesneriads. We are such a blessed club to have someone like Mel in our group and have him guide us in our quest to learn more about plants from other continents. I may never get to South America or Africa but I have flowering plants from there!

I have had a rough month, health-wise. I have had two heart caths and one ER visit in two and one half weeks. I am now the proud owner of a stent in my heart. As they say, I have not been up to snuff so next month we will start with the highlight of one of our members. I am doing much better; I take it one day at a time.

**Please send me a note as to what covered dish you are planning to bring me at joancornett@yahoo.com. See ya’ on Monday at the brewery!**

Jo Cornett, President

### Partial results from the Spring Show in Cincinnati



- Vicki Ferguson: 6 Blues, 2 Reds, 3 Best in Class and Best Other Gesneriad (Streptocarpus ‘Blue Ice’)
- Mel Grice: 10 Blues, 6 Best in Class (designs), Best Design and Design Sweepstakes
- Pat Hancock: 1 Blue
- Linda Lloyd: 4 Blues, 3 Best in Class, Best Standard (Rebel’s Minnesota Haze) and Best Dayton Project Plant (Rob’s Boolaroo)
- Jan Schroeder: 17 Blues, 5 Reds and 3 Best in Class



**Best Standard (Rebel’s Minnesota Haze) grown by Linda Lloyd**



**Best Design and Design Sweepstakes won by Mel Grice**



**Best Project Plant (Rob’s Boolaroo) grown by Linda Lloyd**

# African Violet Society of Dayton Minutes

April 18, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Cornett at 8:20 pm following the program “Potting up Gesnariads” by Mel Grice. Those present: Mel Grice, Linda Lloyd, Jan Schroeder, Jac Carrier, Shirley Jones, Maggie Garcia, Lynnette Schluter, Jo Cornett, Dennis Kramb, Andrea Herman, Susie Yu, Pat Hancock, Carla Hale, Susan Widowski, Jan DeVeney, Kasey Angeloni, Carolyn Richardson and Mary Ann Griffiths. Visitors were Judy and Larry Dorn, Nan Henry, Jill Henry, Ron Garcia and Vanessa Denlinger.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Balance as of 3/21/2016 is \$1,923.27  
Disbursements: \$5.82                      Receipts: \$97.40  
Balance as of 4/18/2016 is \$2,014.85

**Old Business:** Paul Kroll will be coming to speak to us in June on designing a dish garden.

**Mel Grice made a motion and it was seconded that the club pay Paul Kroll \$100 for mileage to the June meeting. Motion carried.**

The 2016 spring show was a big success and we sold many African violets. A thank you to everyone who helped.

**New Business:** Jo announced that Maggie Garcia has agreed to be Hospitality Chair; Vicki Ferguson, Newsletter Editor and Linda Lloyd will be our new Secretary. Vicki did a great job on her first edition of the newsletter last month. Suggestions for the newsletter are as follows: New and old members highlighted; include a for sale section; hints and list the club’s Library books.

Jo has health issues and will be asking for volunteers at each meeting to do the cleanup which consists of vacuuming, wiping down tables and setting the room back to original layout.

The club voted to have our next meeting (which is a potluck picnic) at the Yellow Springs Brewery. It is owned by Jo’s son and is closed to the public on Mondays. We can be inside or out. It will be a pot luck.

Mel says to log in to the Land’s End website to look at t-shirts. We can have the Ohio State African Violet Society logo on any item that accepts logos.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Schroeder, Secretary

*(Note: Please email any changes or corrections to Jan Schroeder at [jmschroeder22@aol.com](mailto:jmschroeder22@aol.com), prior to the next meeting.)*

### 2015-2016 African Violet Society of Dayton

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## Do your African violets need more light?

by Jan Schroeder

Many folks can grow beautiful violets in the window but you must have the perfect location to do so. Violets grow under lights to their full potential. Light stands need not be expensive. You can buy a 4 foot wide, 18 in. deep and 74 in. high steel shelving stand from big box stores like Lowe's or Sam's Club for about \$70. The stands usually come with 4 adjustable shelves but I adjust the space to 3 because if you are using T8 bulbs the distance from the top of the plant to the bulb should be about 15 in. for standards or 8-10 for semis.

I use one shop light on each shelf with one cool bulb and one warm and run the lights for about 8 hours. If you use T12 bulbs the distance should be about 12 in. and the lights should be on about 10-12 hours. Your plants will tell you if they are happy. Too much light and the plant will hug the pot, become yellow, have brittle foliage or have a tight center. Too little light and the plant will reach upwards and refuse to bloom. Dark foliage leaves can tolerate more light so I put the variegated ones on the end of the stand. These units come with hooks that you can hook between the fixture and the upper shelf. The T8 lights are brighter and take less energy.



### Note from the editor

This is the second issue of the redesigned newsletter. It still has lots room to grow. In future issues, I hope to include a FOR SALE section and CLUB LIBRARY highlights. Of course, the SALES section will have to rely on club members for items to list. Please send items to me early in the month for inclusion. Send anything you think members might be interested in to me: [vicksterferguson@gmail.com](mailto:vicksterferguson@gmail.com).

### Get your Ohio State African Violet Society Logo Wear now!

The new OSAVS Logo is now available to apply to products ordered through Land's End Business Outfitters. Please go to <http://business.landsend.com/store/ohiostateafricanvioletsociety/> to view the Ohio State African Violet Society storefront. From the storefront, you will be able to view the many products offered from Land's End Business Outfitters. Once, you have selected the product you would like the logo applied to, you can Change Logo Colors to Choose Exiting Logo colors or have the options to match logo color to fabric or select new logo colors. The possibilities are endless; this gives you the chance to personalize your logo. Every purchase is guaranteed, it can be returned at anytime – even with the applied logo.



Our logo is 3.50" by 3.34" - the fee to apply the logo to the selected product is \$5.95 per item. If you would want to order the logo larger, the fee price to apply the logo would be higher. There is also a shipping fee. Several times over the year Land's End Business Outfitters offers several specials like free logos and free shipping, so sign up to receive these special offers when they become available.

The Logo Committee, Janice Beaty, Al Cenci and Cathy Willis, hope you enjoy the logo as much as we do. Questions? Contact Cathy Willis at 614-619-0676 or [plants4us@wideopenwest.com](mailto:plants4us@wideopenwest.com).