

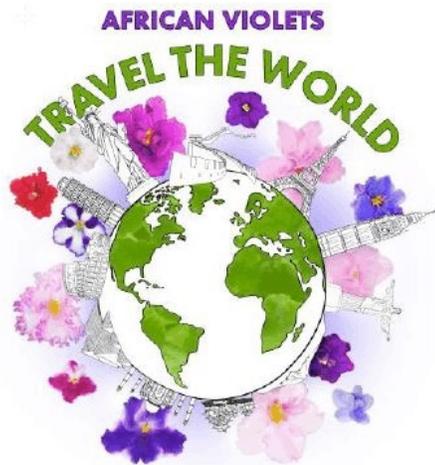


A newsletter for members of the African Violet Society of Dayton

August 2016

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OSAVS Convention Nears



The Ohio State African Violet Society's (OSAVS) fall show and convention will be held September 15-17, 2016 at Kingwood Center Gardens (50 N. Trimble Rd.) in Mansfield, Ohio. Kingwood is a 47 acre former estate garden open to the public since 1953.

Our own Alexis Branham-Wyatt designed this year's logo!

You must be a member of OSAVS to exhibit in the show

but anyone can go and visit the show and sale. Commercial vendors will be on hand to answer questions as well as to offer their beautiful plants and growing supplies.

Kingwood Center does charge \$5 for parking but entrance to view the show and sales area is free. Registered convention goers are eligible to attend several workshops offered on Saturday at the convention host hotel, the Quality Inn & Suites in Mansfield. More information can be found in the OSAVS newsletter, *The Violet Connection*. Our own Mel Grice is the editor!

Our club is hosting the Hospitality area at the show. If you do not plan to attend the September show, Jo Cornett is seeking any goodies (bottled beverages/snacks) that you would be willing to send up with her. You may bring your food contributions to the August 15 meeting. Be sure that any snacks are in a disposable container.

The convention show offers loads of cash awards. Who wouldn't want to win an award that offers some greenbacks?

OSAVS dues are \$15/year. To join OSAVS and receive *The Violet Connection*, contact Donna Vogelpohl (DonnaV8452@columbus.rr.com).

Dates to Remember

**August Club Meeting
Monday, August 15 – 7 pm**

**Let's Learn:
"Getting Back to the Basics:
Finding Your Triangle,
When to Transplant and
More"**

with Pat Hancock
"Violet Mealtime"
by Linda Lloyd

Let's Play:

Bring your problem plant for discussion (if your plant is suspected of having pests and diseases, be sure to enclose it in a plastic bag)

Refreshments: Kasey Angeloni & Carolyn Richardson

Raffle: Linda Lloyd

**September Club Meeting
Monday, Sept. 19 – 7 pm**

"Potting Mix Party"
Everyone will help make and bag up the club potting mix.



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**(Club meetings are held at the
Springboro Municipal
Building's Community Room)**

From the President's Keyboard,

We know for sure that summer is here and fall is around the corner once the cicadas start their songs during the day and the katydids pick up the songfest at night. We had a bright green katydid waiting outside our front door last week. And I hear Vicki and her grandchildren enjoy decorating the screen doors with the cicada's cast off "shells." I love the sound of their song too. I just love summer!



I would like to thank everyone who came to MCL last month and helped to wrangle in ideas for our next year's programs. I would like to extend an invitation to each of you who could not make it, to jot down any ideas you may have and give the slip of paper to me at our next meeting. I am still open to any ideas. We have most of the dates filled in but I am always ready for any fresh thoughts.

This coming meeting on August 15th will feature Pat Hancock presenting a "Back to Basics" class. We will all be looking to find that elusive triangle. She has so much knowledge to share and we are lucky to have her in our club sharing her encyclopedic brain with us. Linda Lloyd has been doing an interesting experiment with different violet fertilizers and she will reveal what she has found out with us at our meeting.

And as always, bring your violets in if you have any questions about them. The only word of caution is, if you think they are sick, please put them in a plastic bag so as not to contaminate any other plants. We can all learn from each other's problems and successes with our violets from home.

If you will not be going to the Ohio State Show in Mansfield, feel free to bring any beverage or snack contributions for the Hospitality Room to this August 15 meeting.

Jo Cornett, President

2015-2016 African Violet Society of Dayton

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Submit items for the newsletter by 1st of the month to:

Newsletter Editor: Vicki Ferguson (937) 885-6163 vicksterferguson@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed

The club needs volunteers to sign up to bring refreshments and plants for the monthly raffle for the 2016-2017 program year. If you feel you are unable to bring plants in for the raffle, please consider signing up for supplying refreshments. Sign up at the next meeting. We also encourage help putting the Community Room back in order at the close of the meeting so that we can get out of the building as quickly as possible following the meeting. Thanks for your help.

Note from the editor

The Wick still has lots room to grow. I would be happy to feature a FOR SALE section and highlights of items held in the CLUB LIBRARY by the librarians, Susan and Marty Widowski. Of course, the SALES section will have to rely on club members sending me info and photos of items to list. Please send items to me early in the month for inclusion. Send anything you think members might be interested in to: vicksterferguson@gmail.com.

African Violet Society of Dayton Minutes from June 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 pm by President Jo Cornett.

Treasurer's Report: None. **Please note: The 2016-2017 club dues will be collected at the next meeting. They are \$15 per person or \$20 per family.**

Old Business: None

New Business: There will be no regular July meeting. Officers and others interested are asked to attend a planning meeting for next year. We will meet at MCL Cafeteria in Kettering on Monday, July 18 at 6 pm for dinner. If you cannot attend please send in any interests or suggestions for future programs that you might have. Also we need suggestions to make the newsletter more interesting.

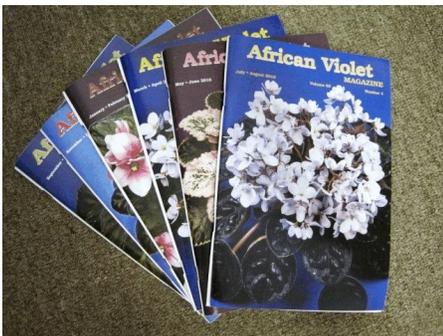
Show time is coming up. On Facebook it will tell you the schedule for getting your violets to come in to bloom for our State Show in Mansfield, Ohio on September 15-17. Hope you can attend. It is a fun time and there will be lots of violets for sale from about six commercial vendors. Our club is in charge of Hospitality this year which means we need to provide snacks and drinks. Our project plant is the miniature trailer 'Rob's Bolero' and the Optimara plants that Mel gave us.

Mel says you may order new calendars from avsa.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jan Schroeder

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The African Violet Society of America (AVSA) emails out a Monday Growing Tip to those who subscribe to get the weekly email. Those getting the email tips are experiencing just the tip of the iceberg of all that the African Violet Society of America provides to educate growers. Anyone is welcome to sign up for this weekly growing tip email from the African Violet Society of America. Subscribers are not required to be members of AVSA. Visit www.avsa.org. Please share it with your friends!

If you would like to learn even more, and become a part of an international African violet growing community, join AVSA. As a member, you will receive the six beautiful full-color African Violet Magazines a year, be able to access the members' area of the AVSA website (including photos in the New Introduction Gallery), and to get discounts on AVSA products. And your membership will support the many ways that the African Violet Society of America serves the violet world.....from training judges and maintaining the international registration of all African violets to sponsoring conventions and shows where friends can gather and buy more plants. Visit www.AVSA.org to join today to receive your first issue in September!

Heading out of town? What to do with your plant collection?

by Joyce Stork, AVSA Membership & Promotion Chair
(reprinted from the AVSA weekly email growing tip)

Road trips don't have to cause your violets to suffer. Question: You are going on vacation for two weeks. What should you do so that your African violets survive? Choose the best answer:

1. Ask a friend or neighbor to come in and water. Keep conditions as usual. You may adjust the temperature controls in the house to save energy but stay within 10 degrees of 72° F.
2. Water as usual the day before you leave. Remove all of the stems (peduncles) with open flowers. Adjust the temperature controls in the house to save energy but stay within 8° of 72° F. Close the blinds and/or turn off the growing lights.
3. Water violets extra heavily. Cross your fingers.

The worst answer is number 3. Surviving without you for two weeks or more takes planning. Too much water and your plants may be rotting by the time you reach home.

Number 1 might work, if you have someone truly dependable. But I'd be rich if I had a dollar for every person who has told me that their violets got forgotten or over watered while they were gone.

Number 2 is the best answer. Don't worry about watering. Reduce water usage by removing flowers. If dry air is a factor causing the violets to dry out too quickly or if you must be gone for as much as one month, enclose the plants in clear plastic bags or domes. Save energy by limiting light and adjusting temperatures. If heat is a major issue, put the violets on the lowest level possible (often that is the floor) where it will be cooler. Then leave with confidence that your violets will survive in good health. Enjoy your trip!

Get your Ohio State African Violet Society Logo Wear now!

by Cathy Willis, Ohio State African Violet Society

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 Existing 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. (Breaking news: Land's End has a free logo promotion code WELOGO good through May 13!)

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.

