

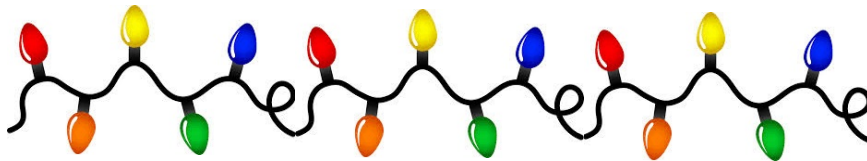


*A newsletter for members of the African Violet Society of Dayton*

December 2016

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## Happy Holidays!



Get ready to be stuffed! The African Violet Society of Dayton will hold its annual Holiday Party (**note the date change!**) next Monday, December 5 at 6 pm.

We will be having turkey and all the trimmings! The club will be providing table service and beverages. As always your contributions will be enjoyed by all and appreciated. A recap of who signed up for what is listed below.

In lieu of the Silent Auction, you are invited to bring a \$10 gift for a Gift Exchange.

Jo Cornett	Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes
Kasey Angeloni	Chocolate Dessert
Carolyn Richardson	Stuffing
Jill Henry	Peach Cobbler
Jan DeVeny	Pumpkin Cobbler
Carla Hale	Cake
Jan Schroeder	Sweet Potato Casserole
Gina Wyatt	Dessert
Lynnette Schluter	Green Bean Casserole
Pat Hancock	Corn Casserole and Rolls
Vicki Ferguson	Vegetable
Susie Yu	Cheese Ball and Crackers
Al and Karen Cenci	Relish Tray
Mel Grice	Cranberry Salad
Maggie Garcia	Spinach Green Salad
Andrea Herman	Salad

### Dates to Remember

**December Club Gathering**  
**December 5, 2016**  
**6 pm**  
Club Christmas Party

**January Club Meeting**  
**January 16, 2017**  
“Growers’ Show and Tell”  
PowerPoint by Kasey Angeloni.  
Refreshments: Jo Cornett and Jan DeVeny  
Raffle: Pat Hancock

**February Club Meeting**  
**February 20, 2017**  
TBD by Multiple Choice  
Refreshments: Maggie Garcia and Carolyn Richardson  
Raffle: Linda Lloyd

**March Club Meeting**  
**March 20, 2017**  
“Lights and Wicks”  
by Vicki Ferguson  
Refreshments: Andrea Herman and Kasey Angeloni  
Raffle: Pat Hancock

**(Meetings are held at the Springboro Municipal Building’s Community Room)**

## From the President's Keyboard,

Merry Christmas to all of you! I am so excited to have my first Christmas celebration this year with my African Violet friends. The food is always phenomenal when we get together, so I can hardly wait. Don't forget to bring a gift wrapped \$10 present for one of us to steal. Or bring a gift that you want to steal yourself! There is no requirement to bring a gift. It can be great fun just to watch the thievery.

If you missed last month's meeting then you lost out on a lot of information about Streptocarpus plants. Our guest, Terri Vicenzi from Bloomington, Indiana, had a wonderful PowerPoint presentation. To top it off she shared with us cuttings and babies from her varied selections of violets and streps. I love to get new plants, don't you?

We met for dinner before the meeting at BJ's at Austin Landing. Yum... The restaurant is dark and hard to read the menu but Terri came to the rescue and held the flash light in her cell phone for Pat Hancock so she could find what she wanted to eat. There were many more of us doing the same thing!

I would love to thank all of you who have been at our past meetings. You must be making our presenters feel at home because Al and Karen Cenci of Cincinnati and Terri have joined our club. We have the best club ever, and we are going to be stronger growers because of the new members who have so much knowledge and other members who don't know as much but ask questions so we all can learn. What a fantastic group of plant lovers.

See you Monday, Jo

**A big WELCOME to new  
club members!  
Al and Karen Cenci  
Terri Vicenzi**

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## African Violet Society of Dayton Minutes from November 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 pm on Monday November 14, 2016 by president Joan Cornett. Members present were Kasey Angeloni, Joan Cornett, Vicki Ferguson, Maggie Garcia, Mel Grice, Pat Hancock, Jill Henry, Shirley Jones, Dennis Kramb, Linda Lloyd, Carolyn Richardson, Lynette Schluter, Jan Schroeder and Susie Yu. Also present were guests Al and Karen Cinci who joined our club and guest speaker Terri Vicenzi.

President Joan Cornett asked again about a committee to revamp our bylaws and the decision was made to try to meet and do this in January. A sign up sheet for the December 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas party was passed around. If you missed it email Jo to see what is still needed. There is a \$10 limit on a gift for the gift steal event. The party will begin at 6:00 pm.

Mel has reserved the meeting room for 2017 on the third Monday of each month except December 2017 which will be the second Monday. Karen and Al discussed details of our spring show which will be held April 22nd and 23rd. This is only about 20 weeks away, so start picking out your plants for the show ;)

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2066.60

Linda Lloyd, Secretary

### Note from the editor

Do you have something to list in a FOR SALE section? Sending the info and photos of items to list to the editor. Send anything you think members might be interested in to: [vicksterferguson@gmail.com](mailto:vicksterferguson@gmail.com) by the first of the month.



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### Club Sales List

(Note: these affordable prices are just one of the perks for being a dues-paying club member. Jan Schroeder will have most supplies on hand at every meeting except perlite and charcoal. If you have special needs/quantities, feel free to contact Jan ahead of time at: [jmschroeder22@aol.com](mailto:jmschroeder22@aol.com). Thanks!)

Plastic Pots	2.5" and 3" pots	\$ .15/each
	4" pots	\$ .20/each
	5" pots	\$ .25/each
	5" pan pots (white)	\$ .30/each
	5" pan pots (green)	\$ .45/each
Potting Mix	gallon bag	\$3.50
Perlite (chunky)	gallon bag	\$2.00
Charcoal	12 cups	\$2.50
Optimara Fertilizer	(14-12-14) 8 oz.	\$4.00
Marathon	1 cup	\$5.00
Sticky Traps	pkg of 6	\$4.00
Perma-Nest Plant Tray	(22"x11"x2")	\$8.00
Egg Crate	(for wicking in the trays)	\$3.00
Felt	(for wicking in the trays)	\$1.00
Hemostat		\$1.00
Water Bottle		\$5.00
Leaf Support Rings	Small (6" fits 3" pot)	\$ .50
	Medium (9" fits 4" pot)	\$ .75
	Large (12" fits 5-6" pot)	\$1.00

## Clackawhat?

AVSA Growing Tip by Joyce Stork



Do you know what “Clackamas” means when we talk about African violets? Look closely at this photo of ‘Maas’ Angela.’ See anything unusual? It’s lovely and it is an African violet. But those leaves are not your typical African violet leaves! This is clackamas foliage. It is among the rarest of all the flower and leaf traits seen in African violets.

Take a closer look at the front and backside of another clackamas variety which has where you can see the long veins on the backside. Compare the leaves from one of your own violets. You are likely to see shorter veins branching from the center line almost all the way up to the tip of the



leaf. Your leaf is also more likely to have a scalloped edge and deeper quilting on the surface.

So where did that unusual name originate? The original hybrid was named ‘Clackamas Rattler’ by Oppen Nurseries in Clackamas, Oregon, probably in the 1950's. It is believed that the cultivar was fancifully named after the train which regularly rattled through the town at night. The name stuck, although some others have more recently chosen to describe the trait as ‘watermelon’ foliage instead. A keyword search on the AVSA website reveals several articles printed through the years in the *African Violet Magazine*, the longest being on page 25 of the September 1969 issue. If you are interested, you may order back issues from the AVSA store.

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