



March 2017

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## **African Violet Show and Sale April 22-23, 2017**

**Eastgate Mall - Batavia, OH (I-275/SR 32)**

## **Dates to Remember**

### **NEXT MEETING**

**March 20, 2017 - 7 pm**  
"Lights and Wicks  
Discussion"  
by Vicki Ferguson

### **REFRESHMENTS**

Andrea Herman and  
Kasey Angeloni

### **RAFFLE**

Pat Hancock

### **BRING IN**

Anything to Show and Tell  
and/or  
Problem Plants (bag if  
diseased)

### **APRIL MEETING**

**April 17, 2017 - 7 pm**  
"Blooms and Leaves" by  
Maggie Garcia. Maggie is  
asking everyone to bring a leaf  
or a plant to exchange in a  
game. Be sure to label your  
item.  
Refreshments: Carla Hale  
Raffle: Shirley Jones

(Meetings are held 7 pm the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday of the month at the  
Springboro Municipal Building,  
320 W. Central Ave. Springboro,  
Ohio.)

The Spring show is just around the corner. Members are encourage to bring snacks/drinks/water to share at the Hospitality table starting Friday night through the weekend. The Cincinnati club is providing lunch for the judges and workers Saturday.

Members are welcome to provide plants and/or leaves to sell at the Sales Table. You are responsible for pricing your own plants but you can get pricing assistance at the show. The two-piece tear off price tags will be available at the March and April club meetings. Members will receive 75% of the sales earned and their club will get the other 25%.

Save any boxes similar to cereal boxes. These boxes really help in packaging up plants sold at the Sales Table. Bring the boxes and snacks to the show or send along with someone who is going. Karen Cenci will have a worker sign up sheet to meeting.

### **2017 CAVS/AVSD Show Awards**

AVSA Collection of Standards: first and second awards

AVSA Collection of Minis or Semi Minis: first and second awards

AVSA Collection of Species: first and second awards

Ohio Hybridized Collection: first and second awards

Dixie Collection of Standards award

Dixie Collection of Minis or Semi Minis award

Best Standard

Best Mini

Best Semi Mini

Best Trailer

Best Species

Best Gesneriad

Best Container Garden

Best Interpretive Plant Design

Best Interpretive Flower Design

Best Cincinnati Project plant

Best Dayton Project plant

Best Optimara

Reminder: The AVS Dayton's project plants for the 2017 Cincinnati Day Show include the following varieties that were shared by Mel at the October 2015 meeting: Rhapsodie Ingrid, Optimara Yellowstone and Optimara North Carolina.



Daylight's Saving just went by us and next is Spring! Yeah... It has been winter long enough for me and I am ready to move on. Our joint show with the Cincinnati African Violet Society is next month and I hope many of you can participate. I have always had fun and I enjoy meeting the members of the other group.

Last month, a lot of information was supplied to us by our panel of, what I would call, our illustrious professionals. Pat Hancock, Mel Grice, Al and Karen Cenci and Shirley Jones were marvelous and I thank them profusely. I used the questions that were written down at the Christmas party and added another one or two. I would like to thank those of you who participated in filling out the little cards. I learned a lot and I hope you did too. ( I saw a lot of note taking!)

Vicki will be presenting "Lights and Wicks" and Pat will be supplying our raffle plants. (I'm thinking a lot of Buckeye plants. Woo hoo!) All in all it should be a good meeting.

Don't forget to bring any plants you want to show off or plants that need to be examined by our club members. The Hands-On portion of our meeting helps us retain what we learn!

For the April 17 meeting program, "Flowers and Leaves", Maggie Garcia is asking everyone to please bring a leaf or a plant to exchange in a game. Be sure to label your item.

I'm looking forward to seeing you,  
Jo

## Win a Plant Stand!

At the January, Pat Hancock challenged the club to conduct a raffle where the winner would win a light stand complete with lights! After much discussion, it was decided that all monthly plant raffle ticket stubs will be saved (with the purchaser's name on it) and a winner drawn at the Holiday Dinner in December. The winner will win a plant stand with lights. Pat's intent was to encourage club members to have the right equipment for growing. What a great idea! Who couldn't use a plant stand?!? Thank you, Pat, for your dedication to encouraging better AV growers!

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## African Violet Society of Dayton Minutes from February 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 pm on Monday February 20, 2017 by president Joan Cornett. Members present were Kasey Angeloni, Al Cenci, Karen Cenci, Joan Cornett, Vicki Ferguson, Maggie Garcia, Mel Grice, Carla Hale, Pat Hancock, Jill Henry, Shirley Jones, Dennis Krumb, Linda Lloyd, Carolyn Richardson, Lynette Schluter, Jan Schroeder, Terri Vicenzi and visitors Terry Nehr and Cheong Yu (Susie's husband).

Jo said that the meeting discussing the bylaws went well and a copy with the proposed changes will be emailed to members. We were also reminded to start saving cereal boxes to use as carriers for sale plants at our April show and sale. This year there will only be club member plants at the sales tables instead of purchasing plants like we have in the past.

Kasey will store the shelf purchased for the raffle ticket drawing until the drawing at the Christmas meeting.

After the presentation that was given about Pythium and Rhizoctonia Pat Hancock suggested that the club purchase Subdue Maxx and possibly Cleary's 3336 to have in hand for members. After the price was discussed this idea was put on hold until Carla can check to see if it is available in smaller quantities somewhere.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1584.62.

Linda Lloyd, Secretary

### We now have our own domain!

The African Violet Society of Dayton's new website now has its own domain. The new web address is: **www.avsd Dayton.com**. Please be sure to check it out.



### 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

## For Sale



A friend of Vicki Ferguson is selling a custom-made stand that holds (and includes) 10 of the Longaberger 1-pint crocks. Crocks are about 4.25" wide by 3.5" tall and are ivory color. Stand is 48" tall and 16.5" wide. The crocks are setting in pie tins (which may need to be repainted.) Asking price is \$50 and includes the 10 Longaberger crocks. Contact Vicki at [vicksterferguson@gmail.com](mailto:vicksterferguson@gmail.com) if interested.

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.

## Did you know

.....you can support the African Violet Society of America (AVSA) when you shop on Amazon? Just go through the portal: <https://smile.amazon.com/> and select AVSA from the charity list. Amazon Smile will donate .05% of your eligible purchases automatically to AVSA.



## AVSA Weekly Growing Tip

### What Was That Name Again?

Who hasn't been introduced and immediately forgotten the name? It's easy to do, especially with African violets. You are excited about having something new, or busy and in a hurry, or just a little absent-minded. The next thing you know, your new violet has no identification (it's a no-id) and it's often almost impossible to restore it. It requires discipline and determination to keep the proper name with each plant in your collection. Here are five tips on managing the names of your violets:

1. Buy only named African violets. Each registered African violet is given a name by its hybridizer following a specific set of rules. If you purchase one that is unlabeled, you might be able to guess at its name, but you can never be sure. It will always be a No-ID. When you buy from a reliable source, you should have a guarantee that they are correctly named and labeled. Down the road, when you want to show, share or sell your plants, you will have the correct names in place.
2. Label your violets with their correct name whenever you transplant or propagate. If possible, write the names on the pots in permanent ink. Labels can be misplaced and ink can fade. Once the pots are full of potting mix and your hands are dirty, it is easy to forget, so do this task first. Don't make this rookie mistake and send your plants to the no-id pile. You may also wish to maintain a simple growing diary listing which varieties you transplanted or propagated that day to refresh your memory later when you realize your error.



3. Verify the name in First Class (the software database maintained by AVSA to list many existing hybrids). Check that the hybrid name matches the description listed (and perhaps compare yours to any available photos shown there.) Make sure the spelling is correct. If you don't find your variety there, you may want to contact the seller and/or check other suppliers online for descriptions.
4. If the name is spelled in a foreign language, you must keep the foreign spelling as the name. Translations are unreliable and not considered to be official. You may include a translated name on the tag, but don't omit the name in the original language.
5. Never abbreviate or leave off part of the name. Many new African violet hybrids come with a prefix name or code that identifies the company or hybridizer who developed the plant. Ignoring the prefix can cause big problems if several hybridizers are using the same main word. Here's just one example of how different three plants with very similar names can be!



'Silver Modesty' hybridized by Champion in 1983



'Optimara Modesty' hybridized by Holtkamp in 1995



'Modesty' hybridized by Boone in 1983

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