



# THE WICK

## Growing Tip from the African Violet Society of America's weekly newsletter

### Linda Lloyd's "Red Lion" Makes a Comeback



In 2015, Linda Lloyd in Ohio, won Best in Show with "Red Lion" at the joint Cincinnati AVS & AVS of Dayton Show. It was a glorious plant as you can see here. Two years later it needed work.

Linda is a serious grower. "I have 5 light stands with T8 lights upstairs and one downstairs that I use for plants that like it cooler or for isolating plants brought back from a show. All of my adult plants are wick watered on individual reservoirs and my lights are usually on for about 8 hours a day."

She received a start of "Red Lion" (a vintage hybrid developed by Marie Burns and registered in 1989) from a friend about six years ago. "After it's win in 2015, I'm sure that it was repotted once or twice but not on a show schedule at that time. I had taken some leaves off it and planned on repotting it soon but didn't. Our club was having a game at our meeting and everyone was supposed to take different size and type of leaves, so I took a few more leaves off "Red Lion" for that. A week or two later our club had a table at a craft fair. We demonstrated how to put down an African Violet leaf to anyone we could stop, and then gave them the potted leaf with information about our club and how to care for their new baby. Lots more Red Lion leaves went to that craft fair! By now I had a mini palm tree."

It was time for Linda to do some serious repotting. "Right after taking this picture I beheaded the poor thing." "I am pretty brutal with my plants. I left about 5 leaves at the top and used a sturdy pair of scissors to cut the stem off above the soil level. For me that makes it easier to work with. I can then lay the stem on my potting table and use a knife to cut the stem about one inch below the bottom leaves. I stuck it into a small pot filled with damp potting mix and watered it in. I usually don't dome or bag plants when I do this, just sit them in a tray with other babies or restarts and watch them closely for the first few days so they don't dry out." (Continued on page 2)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 18, 2019

#### Program:

"Gesneriad Family"

Bring Plant #1 for grooming

Refreshments: Carolyn

Richardson and Shirley Jones

Plant Raffle: Shirley Jones

### April 15, 2019

"Last Minute Show Prep and

Tips" Bring plants for help

Bring Plant #2 for grooming

Refreshments: Vicki Ferguson

and Lynnette Schluter

Plant Raffle: Al and Karen

Cenci

### April 26-28, 2019

(Set up is Friday, April 25)

Spring Show and Sale

Eastgate Mall, Batavia, Ohio

### May 20, 2019

Webinar on "Primulinas"

Bring plant #3 for grooming

Refreshments: Jo Cornett and

Jill Henry

Plant Raffle: Pat Hancock

### June 17, 2019

Club Picnic

Details TBA

(Meetings are usually held at 7 pm the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Ave. Springboro, OH 45066 unless otherwise noted.)

## From the President's Keyboard

Hey all!! Hope you are all doing well and growing lots of plants for the sales table and to put in the show coming soon in April! At Monday's meeting, we'll be talking more about the Cincinnati-Dayton show and sale. Remember to start saving your cereal/cracker size boxes for use at the sales table! We'll also be learning about the Gesneriad family. I'm excited about both!

It's plant #1's turn again, so everyone should be bringing their project plant #1 back for a check up.

I will be bringing ALL of the club's sales supplies from my garage and they will be looking for and going to new homes Monday night! For anyone that missed the February meeting, I will be moving back to Illinois soon and my house is quickly filling up with boxes. I need all of the space I can get! I am SUPER bummed about not being with all of you every month, but it won't be goodbye forever. I love you all and will see you soon!

The 2019 Spring Show Schedule is also attached to this newsletter email. And it is also posted to the club's website at [www.avsd Dayton.com](http://www.avsd Dayton.com). Be sure to be grooming your plants for the spring show! And make sure you bring some plants/leaf pots to sell on the sales table!!

See you all Monday! – Kasey



### (AVSA Growing Tip article on our own Linda Lloyd - continued from page 1)



“I’m not sure where I learned this technique. I’ve been doing it for so many years and it almost always has good results for me. I have a friend that always uses Clonex (a rooting hormone) on hers and bags them, but that doesn’t seem to work well for me.”

Here is Linda’s “Red Lion” in 2019! When asked if it was going to show again this year Linda replied, “Maybe, if it grows and blooms well enough! Our local show is in April. I’m going to the Gesneriad Society convention in July. Our state show is in September. It will have several chances to go to show. I plan on going to Houston for the National Convention too, but I think “Red Lion” might be too big to haul that far. It is about 18 inches right now and still growing.” Well done!

#### Notice from AVSA:

Some subscribers are experiencing difficulty reaching the AVSA website. If you have had problems, it may be because your Internet Service Provider is Verizon Wireless. AVSA is working toward a solution. In the meantime, if there is a Growing Tip article which you are unable to see, please ask the [Growing Tip Editor](#) to email a copy of the specific article (pdf).

**AVS Dayton Meeting Minutes  
February 5, 2019**

Present: Kasey Angeloni, Al Cenci, Karen Cenci, Jo Cornett, Vicki Ferguson, Maggie Garcia, Pat Hancock, Jill Henry, Shirley Jones, Linda Lloyd, Carolyn Richardson, Lynnette Schluter, Jan Schroeder, Trish Smith, Ron Williger and Susie Yu.

Program was a video “Hybridizing Streps” by Dale Martens.

Business meeting called to order by President Kasey Angeloni at 8 p.m.

Minutes were approved as published in February issue of THE WICK.

Treasurer’s Report:  
Balance 1/15/19: \$1748.49;  
Disbursements: \$34.65 (advertising business cards for April Show);  
Current Balance: \$1713.84

Vicki distributed the business cards advertising the April Show/Sale to members.

Members are asked to call the person taking care of the club’s sales supply ahead of time for growing supplies you need so they can bring it to the next meeting.

Kasey announced that she will be moving to Illinois soon and needs to find someone to take over storing the club sales items.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Carolyn Richardson, Secretary

**Club Sales List**

(Note: these affordable prices are just one of the perks for being a dues-paying club member. Some supplies will be on hand at every meeting except perlite and charcoal. Linda Lloyd is storing the potting mix and perlite. If you have special needs/quantities for those, contact Linda at leelloyd@woh.rr.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	\$4.00
	((\$6/bag to the public)	
Perlite (chunky)	gallon bag	\$3.00
Charcoal	12 cups	\$2.50
Optimara Fertilizer	(14-12-14) 8 oz.	\$4.00
Marathon	1 cup	\$5.00
Sticky Traps	pkg of 6	\$5.50
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		\$5.50
Leaf Support Rings	Small (6" fits 3" pot)	\$ .50
	Medium (9" fits 4" pot)	\$ .75
	Large (12" fits 5-6" pot)	\$1.00



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**African Violet Show and Sale**  
 Sponsored by the Cincinnati African Violet Society  
 and the African Violet Society of Dayton  
**April 27-28, 2019**  
 Eastgate Mall, (I-275 and St. Rt. 32)  
 4601 Eastgate Blvd., Cincinnati, OH 45245  
 Saturday, April 27: 10a-9p  
 Sunday, April 28: 12 noon-6p  
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**Gesneriad Society Convention**  
 July 1-6, 2019  
 Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel  
 2019  
 "Cincinnati Celebrates Gesneriads"  
 www.gesneriadsociety.org



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**Please note: Heidi Dillenbeck had taken over John Cook's (Cape Cod Violetry) inventory and now offers hard-to-find growing supplies. The Enchanted Gardens Catalog was attached to the February newsletter email.**

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