



# THE WICK

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

### Imitating Mother Nature

#### Getting the Light Just Right

Mother Nature provided the original African violets in nature with a deep forest canopy to shelter the delicate plant from the intense rays of the sun at the equator. Those rays are less intense at more distant latitudes but direct light, especially in summer months may still be too intense for violets. Some light fixtures may also be too bright. And some violets seem to prefer gentler light.

How do you know if the light is too bright? Watch for short petioles (leaf stems), unusually compact growth, and foliage which is bleaching to a lighter green.

What can a grower do when light is too bright? Here are some relatively inexpensive solutions:

- Sheer curtains on windows are time-tested, effective and attractive
- Bubble-wrap secured to glass will filter the light and also insulate from cold or heat
- Parchment paper secured to window glass or around light fixtures will filter the light gently and won't deteriorate if it gets damp.

[Sunlighter Light Stand](#) by Indoor Gardening Supplies



Last month, the club celebrated Pat Hancock's birthday. Again. Yes, her birthday was the end of December, but Oksana's beautiful birthday cake came in March! So, the party was on!

#### 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

#### July 15, 2019

Program planning and pizza.

(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

Greetings all! I lost track of time with packing boxes, so I apologize that this is late. I hope you're all having great luck growing plants for the show and babies for the sales table! I'm looking forward to being in Cincinnati with a lot of you next weekend.

Also, I hope you all have been saving your boxes for the sales table. If you can't make it to Cincinnati, bring them to the meeting Monday with you and I'll collect them. We'll also go over a sign up for hospitality; we'll need food and drinks.

The program on Monday is last minute show prep tips, so if you have any plants for the show and you want to have an expert give it a once over, bring them. It's also time for plants #2 for review.

The 2019 Spring Show Schedule is 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



## Read historical issues of *The African Violet Magazine*



The Biodiversity Heritage Library is now digitizing issues of *The African Violet Magazine*. The Smithsonian collection of the magazines is now available online. You can explore the home page to find search, zoom and download tools.

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**AVSDayton Meeting Minutes**

March 18, 2019

Members Present: Mel Grice, Susie Yu, Shirley Jones, Trish Smith, Jo Cornett, Kasey Angeloni, Jan Schroeder, Pat Hancock, Jill Henry, Lynnette Schluter, Al Cenci, Karen Cenci, Carolyn Richardson, Maggie Garcia, Chris Reihle, Oksana Gray.  
 Visitors: Renee Bernard, Pat Gibson, Bob Wise, Sandy McIntosh.

Program: "Gesneriads" DVD by Paul Kroll and Dale Martens.

Meeting called to order by President Kasey Angeloni at 8:25 pm. Minutes of the February Meeting were approved as published in the March issue of THE WICK.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance March 1: \$1713.84

Receipts: \$56.00

Disbursements: \$159.49

Balance: \$1610.39

Supplies are now with Jan Schroeder. Soil is still with Linda Lloyd. Please let Jan and Linda know when you need things. They will bring them to you at the next meeting. They will not be bringing everything to meetings. Thank you ladies for keeping our supplies.

Dayton will be taking soil to the Show – Sale. If you have plants to sell at the sales table please email Mel the number/estimate of how many by Tuesday, March 26. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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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 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



## Enchanted Gardens



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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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