



September 2016

THE WICK

Shh...New Violets in Process!

AVSA Weekly Growing Tip by Joyce Stork

No, this plant doesn't have tumors (or tubers)! They're seed pods ripening on an African violet. Inside each of them are tiny seeds that just might become exciting new varieties of African violets!

The seed pods in the picture are the result of a process called hybridization. The hybridizer chose two different African violet varieties to be the "parents." She placed pollen from one variety (the "father" plant) onto the tip of the pistil of the other, and these pods formed and grew on the "mother" plant. Then, the waiting begins!

It can take between 4-10 months for seed pods to mature. Gradually, they will wither and turn brown. When they are completely dry, the hybridizer will take them off of the plant and store them for a few weeks. Then, she will open them up, sow the seeds inside and wait for the seedlings to grow into blooming plants, which can take at least a few more months.

Not all plantlets turn out to be winning plants. One seed pod can contain more than 100 seeds! But that's part of the fun of hybridizing: You never know when the next gorgeous Best in Show violet will appear!



Seed pods ripening on bloomstalks

Dates to Remember

September Club Meeting
Monday, Sept. 19 – 7 pm
NOTE: PROGRAM
CHANGE

LET'S LEARN
"Long Necks are for Giraffes"
Linda Lloyd will help us tackle the dreaded 'long neck' African violets in our collections.

Bring your problem plant in for discussion (enclose in a plastic bag).

Bring in Project plants: Optimaras (Ingrid, North Carolina or Yellowstone); Gesnariads from Mel in April (Sinningea 'Perdots Sand Pebble', Kohleria 'Rebecca', Sinningea 'Esther; Trailer 'Ramblin' Pink'; 'Jolly Devil'

Refreshments: Barb Hartings
Raffle: Dennis Kramb

October Club Meeting
Monday, October 17 – 7 pm

LET'S LEARN
"Species Violets"
by Al and Karen Cenci of the Cincinnati AVS
Refreshments: Susie Yu
Raffle: Mel Grice

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



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From the President's Keyboard,

Let's hope the "oven" like days of summer are over! As I write this note all of my windows are open and a cool breeze comes rolling in across my shoulders. It feels a little like heaven.

Our meeting on Monday will be on the heels of coming home from the Ohio State African Violet Convention at the Kingwood Center in Mansfield. I hope many of you are able to attend. Kingwood is a magical assortment of many facets of how a grand home and its adjoining gardens were conceived. Then the estate made it available for all of us to enjoy. It is a delightful day trip for those of us that live in Ohio. I hope to see you there.

We have changed the program for next Monday's meeting. The program change is listed under the DATES on the front page. I am bringing some sick plants for our seasoned professionals to look at. I hope you carry in plants that you have questions about. See you Monday.

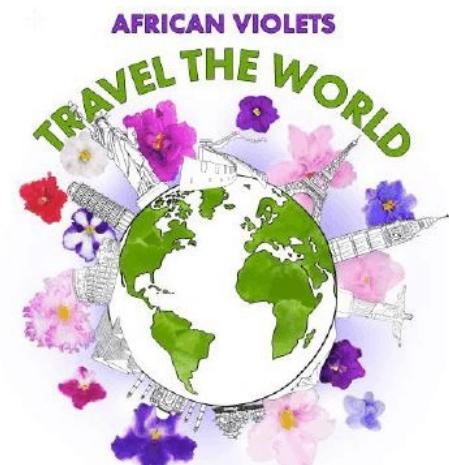
Jo Cornett, President

OSAVS Convention is this week

The Ohio State African Violet Society's (OSAVS) fall show "African Violets Travel the World" and convention is this week 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.

While you must be a member of OSAVS to exhibit in the show, 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 charges \$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.



2016-2017 African Violet Society of Dayton

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African Violet Society of Dayton

Minutes from August 15, 2016

The August 15, 2016 meeting was called to order at 8:45 pm by President Jo Cornett. Members present were Susie Yu, Barb Hartings, Shirley Jones, Maggi Garcia, Carla Hale, Pat Hancock, Andrea Herman, Linda Lloyd, Vicki Ferguson, Dennis Kramb, Jill Henry, Jan Schroeder, Carolyn Richardson, Jo Cornett, and Kasey Angeloni. Visitors were Julie Jones and Veronica Myers.

Prior to the meeting, Linda Lloyd shared the results of a fertilizer comparison trial she performed. Pat Hancock helped us all get back to the basics by finding our 'triangle' using some of Linda's plants from the experiment. The plants were then added to the monthly plant raffle.

Secretary's report: The minutes from the June meeting were approved as distributed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report was read and the August balance was \$1898.85.

Unfinished business: Jo reminded everyone that the Dayton club is in charge of hospitality at the Ohio State show in Mansfield on September 15, 16, and 17. If you cannot attend but would like to send food, snacks or drinks please contact Jo or one of the club members that is attending to see about delivering your goodies. Also there was a sign up sheet passed around for assignments at the Cincinnati show in April. Jo also shared thank you notes to our club from Paul Kroll and Donna Turner.

New business: Programs for the year were discussed and a list is being compiled. We will be making potting mix in September! The sign up sheet for refreshments and raffle was passed around. September is covered, so I will get a copy of that sent out when I find it. Pat is going to try to bring enough leaves of Buckeye Enough Pizzazz that we can each start our own project plant.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Linda Lloyd, Secretary

Club Sales List

(Note: these affordable prices are just one of the perks for being a dues-paying club member. Jan Schroder 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. Thanks!)

Plastic Pots	2.5" - \$.15/each	3" - \$.15/each	4" - \$.20/each	5" - \$.20/each
Potting Mix		\$3.50/gallon ziplock bag		
Perlite (coarse)		\$5.00/gallon ziplock bag		
Charcoal		\$2.50/12 cups		
Marathon	\$5.00			
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		

**A big WELCOME to
new club member
Jill Henry!**

We need everyone's help

Kasey Angeloni will be presenting a PowerPoint program at the January meeting that will feature all of our individual growing set-ups. Sort of a Show and Tell but without having to visit everyone's houses. Please send her at least 1 picture of your growing area. You can send her as many pictures as you like.

For each person who submits pics, we'll take just a moment to ogle, discuss, comment, etc. You can either email or text the pics to Kasey at: kasey.i.bryant@gmail.com or text to 618-780-1437. She needs the pics by the end of October, please hop to it. She's excited to see all of the different ways we grow and maybe pick up some tips!! :)

Note from the editor

The Wick still has lots room to grow. I would be happy to feature a FOR SALE section and plan to highlight items held in the CLUB LIBRARY. 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.

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