



November 2016

# THE WICK

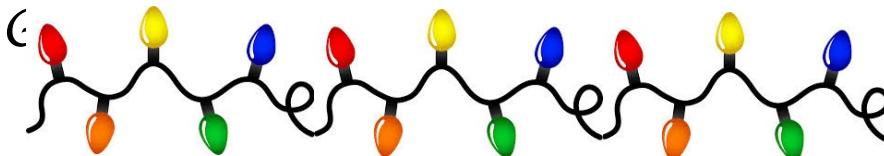
## Growing Streps is easy!

If you invited your friends to hear a program on Streptocarpus, would they think it was about the newest contagious disease? Well, bring them along to the November 14 club meeting program and they WILL catch a disease: the love for growing the genus of plants called Streptocarpus - or Streps for short.

The African Violet Society of Dayton is honored to host Terri Vincenzi of Bloomington, Indiana as our guest speaker. Terri has a wonderful green thumb and is sure to 'infect' us all!



**Terri Vincenzi - Guest Speaker with Streptocarpus 'Black Magic Woman'**



## earing up for the Holidays!

The club will be having its annual Holiday Party at the next meeting (**note the date change!**) Monday, December 5.

We will be having turkey and the club members will provide all the trimmings! Be sure to sign-up for what you are bringing at the November 14 meeting. If you will not be attending the November meeting, please email Carolyn Richardson your selection at Carolynrichardson46@yahoo.com. Reminders will be sent mid-week before the dinner. As always your contributions will be enjoyed by all and appreciated.

Be sure to bring something for the Holiday Auction. Spouses and others are also invited.

## Dates to Remember

**November Club Meeting**  
**Monday, November 14, 2016**

**LET'S LEARN**  
**"Streptocarpus"**  
by Terri Vincenzi of  
Bloomington, IL  
Refreshments: Maggie Garcia  
and Vicki Ferguson  
Raffle: Jan Schroeder

**December Club Meeting**  
**December 5, 2016**  
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

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

## From the President's Keyboard,

I hope everyone sent the photos of how they grow their African violets to Kasey. Since Pat figured out my plants weren't diseased but just had root rot, I have been busy repotting and trying to save what I can. I was right down to the wire; my photos were sent as I patiently awaited our neighborhood trick or treaters. I was disappointed this year; we had a total of eight little beggars. We have a lot of candy left and I may have screwed up because I bought what I like. Big mistake, huh?

Our meeting is early this month because of Thanksgiving so don't forget to come on the 14<sup>th</sup> (the second Monday) this month. Last month Al and Karen Cenci visited from Cincinnati and shared interesting information on Species African Violets and answered our questions. They came to our club meeting while in the midst of dealing with the aftermath of a leak in the water supply line of a toilet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of their condo. We all know where water goes... down! All of their floors were affected. What a mess! They are coming again to this month's meeting to enjoy the presentation of our guest, Terri Vicenzi. So we will have a chance to tell them thank you once more.

Speaking of Terri, I spoke with her on the phone so I could share with you a little information of who she is. Kasey, Vicki and I met her as we were walking out of our motel room while at the Ohio State African Violet Convention. She had the room directly across the hall from us. We would run into her many more times and have conversations about her "multitude" of winning Streps. She grows beautiful plants! She told me on the phone that even though she lives in Bloomington, Indiana, she is from Wooster, Ohio. In fact she had her parents come to the Show while she was in Mansfield. Her father is a botanist and was with her as she purchased her first African violet from a nursery in Cleveland when she was barely out of high school. She said she has loved plants her whole life but chose to become a biochemist instead of a botanist like her father. She went on to work for Eli Lily in Indianapolis and then she and her husband retired to Bloomington. Somewhere in there she worked toward her P.H.D. and also became a Master Gardener. She started up a group of other people who love African violets in Indiana. Like us they get together once a month; some live two hours away so their meetings are on Sunday.

Terri shared with me part of her presentation is about dividing an overgrown Strep into many small pots. (She might bring some to us!) I think she is going to cover quite a bit of ground so it is a meeting you don't want to miss. I let her know our members span highly professional growers to us new beginners. Bring your note pad and lots of questions; I think it is going to be a meeting you don't want to miss. We will have dinner with her before the meeting and I will send out a note a few days before if anyone is interested in dining with us.

Fondly, Jo  
Jo Cornett, President

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## African Violet Society of Dayton Minutes from October 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm on Monday, October 17, 2016 by president Joan Cornett. Members present were Joan Cornett, Vicki Ferguson, Maggie Garcia, Mel Grice, Carla Hale, Pat Hancock, Andrea Herman, Shirley Jones, Dennis Kramb, Linda Lloyd, Lynette Schluter and Susie Yu. Also present were guest speakers Al and Karen Cenci from the Cincinnati AVS.

President Joan Cornett reminded us that we need to send pictures of our growing area(s) either by email or text to Kasey Angeloni by the end of October for her upcoming program, and that we still need a couple volunteer sign ups for refreshments for the April and May meetings.

New business discussed was the creation of a cleanup committee, perhaps signing up as we do for refreshments and raffle, and a committee to go over and update the club's bylaws. Andrea, Jo, Mel, Vicki and Lynnette volunteered to review the bylaws.

Treasurer's report showed a balance for October of \$2130.15. The meeting was adjourned.

Linda Lloyd, Secretary

### Note from the editor

The Wick still has lots room to grow. 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

## What is the Best Tool for Growing AVs?

AVSA Weekly Growing Tip by Joyce Stork

It is arguably the garbage can! Before you start throwing tomatoes, I don't necessarily mean that you need to throw whole violets away. But you should be removing fading flowers and leaves as soon as they show any sign of aging, and throwing them away. Grooming is the great secret of growing.

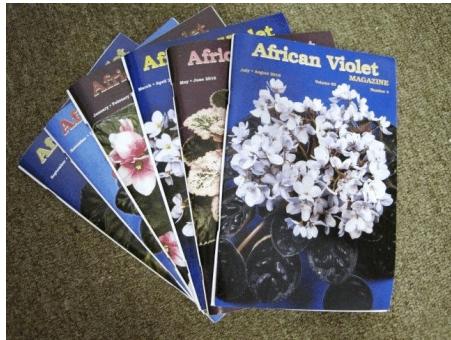
Does the leaf have a crack or is it losing green color? It won't get better. Toggle it from side to side until it breaks cleanly from the main stem, and throw it away! Is a leaf smaller than the leaves growing above it? It's actually keeping the plant from growing bigger. Throw it away!

Do you have a secondary crown (often called a sucker) growing between the leaves? Carefully prod it out and if you don't want to grow a new plant, throw it away! Are the flowers dying? Is the last flower on the stem gone? Pull or trim it away from the main stem. Throw it away!

Does the violet look sick, have bugs, or worry you? If you don't know how to solve the problem quickly, throw it away! It's time to repot. What should you do with the old soil? Throw it away! Empty the garbage can immediately after each grooming session because disease and pests may thrive in dirty corners of plant rooms.

So many violet problems may be solved with the garbage can. It really is the best tool (in my opinion!) if you want perfect violets.

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