



A newsletter for members of the African Violet Society of Dayton

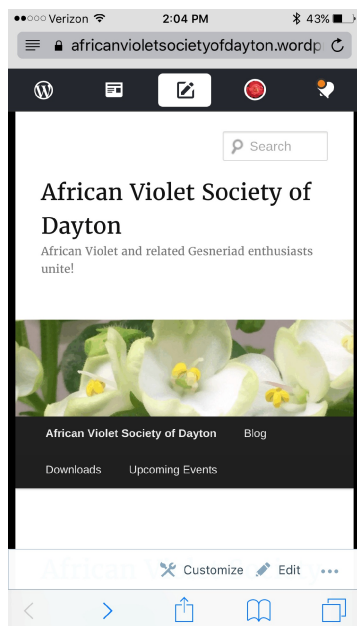
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Check out our new



<https://africanvioletsofdayton.wordpress.com/>



The African Violet Society of Dayton now has a website!

The site not only includes meeting location information (including a Google Map) but also a blogging platform.

Members can easily access archived issues of the club newsletter *The Wick*, the club Yearbook and Show Schedules (when available.)

It should be showing up in Google searches now. Check it out!

Dates to Remember

January Club Meeting

January 16, 2017

“Growers’ Show and Tell” by
Kasey Angeloni.

Refreshments: Jo Cornett and
Jan DeVeney

Raffle: Pat Hancock

February Club Meeting

February 20, 2017

TBD by Multiple Choice
Refreshments: Maggie Garcia
and Carolyn Richardson

Raffle: Linda Lloyd

March Club Meeting

March 20, 2017

“Lights and Wicks”
by Vicki Ferguson

Refreshments: Andrea
Herman and Kasey Angeloni
Raffle: Pat Hancock

April Club Meeting

April 17, 2017

“Blooms and Leaves” by
Maggie Garcia

Refreshments: Carla Hale
Raffle: Shirley Jones

Spring Show and Sale

April 21-23, 2017

“A Painter’s Palette of
African Violets”

Eastgate Mall, Batavia, Ohio

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

From the President's Keyboard,

Happy New Year to every one of you! This always seems like such a promising time to me. Even though it was just the turning over of a page of numbered days it has so much more weight to it when there is a different year tagged on behind the new month. Or maybe it is because the days are getting longer and that makes me happy with the promise of more sun!

Our meeting this month is going to be fun! Our illustrious vice-president, Kasey, will be presenting a PowerPoint on where each of us grows our plants. Everyone is a "peeping Tom" to one degree or another and this is our time to be full blown "peeping Toms." I am in charge of the refreshments and have no idea of what I am bringing. Maybe I will carry through that idea of peeping!

I thought our Christmas Gathering was a lot of fun, how about you? Of course, the feast was extraordinary as usual. We are such great cooks! Let me know what you all thought of the Santa Grab Bag at the next meeting. We can do it again next year or go back to the silent auction or maybe pick up on a holiday ritual you do with your family. No matter what, it will always be fun with our group.

Finally, thanks to those of you who wrote down ideas for me at the Christmas gathering. The ideas were very helpful and I am formulating a plan for my presentation in February.

If you need to bring in problem plants or brag a little on a beautiful plant, bring it in to share with the rest of us. Let me know and I will make sure it gets in the meeting and you get a little feedback. See you on the 16th.

Jo

**Cincinnati African Violet Society and
African Violet Society of Dayton
Presents**

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

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

Saturday, April 22: 10 am to 9 pm
Sunday, April 23: 12-6 pm

African Violet and Gesneriad Show
Plants, starter plants, leaves and growing
supplies will be for sale; free workshops

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African Violet Society of Dayton Minutes from November 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 pm on Monday November 14, 2016 by president Joan Cornett. Members present were Kasey Angeloni, Joan Cornett, Vicki Ferguson, Maggie Garcia, Mel Grice, Pat Hancock, Jill Henry, Shirley Jones, Dennis Kramb, Linda Lloyd, Carolyn Richardson, Lynette Schluter, Jan Schroeder and Susie Yu. Also present were guests Al and Karen Cinci who joined our club and guest speaker Terri Vicenzi.

President Joan Cornett asked again about a committee to revamp our bylaws and the decision was made to try to meet and do this in January. A sign up sheet for the December 5th Christmas party was passed around. If you missed it email Jo to see what is still needed. There is a \$10 limit on a gift for the gift steal event. The party will begin at 6:00 pm.

Mel has reserved the meeting room for 2017 on the third Monday of each month except December 2017 which will be the second Monday. Karen and Al discussed details of our spring show which will be held April 22nd and 23rd. This is only about 20 weeks away, so start picking out your plants for the show ;)

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2066.60

Linda Lloyd, Secretary



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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. 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

Water Quality Tester. Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) Meter. Never used. \$5. From Amazon listing specifications:

Range: 0 - 9990 ppm (mg/L)

Resolution: 0-999: 1 ppm; 1000-9990: 10 ppm (indicated by a 'x10' icon)

Accuracy: +/- 3%

EC-to-TDS Conversion Factor: NaCl (avg. 0.5)

Power source: 2 x 1.5V button cell (LR44 or equivalent) batteries not included

Battery life: Approx. 1000 hours of usage

Dimensions: 15.5 x 3.1 x 2.3cm (6.1 x 1.25 x 1 inches)

Meter weight: 56.7g (2 oz)

Weight with package: 76.5g (2.7 oz)

Contact Vicki Ferguson @ vicksterferguson@gmail.com

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 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. It doesn't cost you a thing..



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The African Violet Society of America (AVSA) emails out a Monday Growing Tip to those who subscribe to get the weekly email. Those getting the email tips are experiencing just the tip of the iceberg of all that the African Violet Society of America provides to educate growers. Anyone is welcome to sign up for this weekly growing tip email from the African Violet Society of America. Subscribers are not required to be members of AVSA. Visit www.avsa.org. Please share it with your friends!

If you would like to learn even more, and become a part of an international African violet growing community, join AVSA. As a member, you will receive the six beautiful full-color African Violet Magazines a year, be able to access the members' area of the AVSA website (including photos in the New Introduction Gallery), and to get discounts on AVSA products.

AVSA offers a special 2-Year deal for members who join for two years at a time. You will receive one extra magazine at the end of your subscription... that's thirteen issues for the price of twelve! Even better, you don't have renew as often and you won't miss a single issue. Just choose 2 years and the additional issue will be applied automatically. Visit www.AVSA.org to join.

AVSA Weekly Growing Tip - January 2, 2017



It's a new year. What will it bring to you? Obviously we hope for your happiness, world peace, and healthy violets, but, most of the time the new year is beyond our control.

So today, we offer you a challenge that is in your control, and it might make your year unexpectedly better. [Use your African violets to do something nice for some one else.](#) Here's some ideas to get you started:

- Give a violet to someone who needs encouragement and [explain the basics](#) of growing to them.
- Offer to [teach](#) a class or two on African violets at your local community college, botanical garden, or garden center.
- Organize an [African Violet Society of America affiliated club](#) in your area.
- Know an elementary school teacher? Ask if you can teach a special hands on lesson on [propagation](#).
- [Rescue a sick violet](#) at the office or in a relative's home.
- Write an article for the [African Violet Magazine](#) by April 1 and [maybe win a prize!](#)



Ma's Blue
Penguin

"Happiness is a by-product of doing what makes us feel fulfilled." (Dr. Benjamin Spock)
