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African violets receive taxonomic reclassification

(excerpts from an article in the latest *African Violet Magazine* by Winston Goretsky)

Over the years, botanists have discovered new and fascinating plants through the world and have tried to classify them according to accepted rules available at the time of discovery. Current methodology allows DNA analysis to form more accurate comparisons to provide a clearer picture of similarity or diversity. This research has resulted in a reclassification of many existing species, in particular for us the genus *Saintpaulia* appears to be more appropriately placed as a **section** within sub-genus *Streptocarpella* of the genus *Streptocarpus* instead of being a separate genus.

How will we now correctly cite this new reclassification?

- genus *Streptocarpus* subgenus *Streptocarpella* sect. *Saintpaulia* or
- genus *Streptocarpus* sect. *Saintpaulia*

Both are correct. The one including subgenus *Streptocarpella* just gives additional information, but *Streptocarpus* sect. *Saintpaulia* is unique and can be confused with nothing else.

It is highly recommended for anyone growing *Saintpaulias* that the original name be preserved in order to maintain the diversity and stability of this group. In the future there may be another reclassification that recognizes the diversity of *Saintpaulias*, and by preserving the distinctiveness today, we protect the future diversity of this group. (It also helps us in not having to rename every thing we are currently growing.) For more info, visit <http://www.gesneriads.info/articles/saintpaulia/saintpaulia/>



Welcome new member Chris Riehle!
Chris' hails from Hebron, Kentucky!
Her email is: christine.horvanitz@uc.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November Club Meeting
Mon., November 20, 2017
Dog Show: Bring in your bad plants; we will work on them and bring back in May.
“Last Hope - Part I” and INSV by Pat Hancock and Vicki Ferguson. Bring in ‘Tiny Dancer’ and ‘Jersey Lilacs’ leaf pots/plants from August.
Refreshments: Vicki Ferguson and Kasey Angeloni
Raffle: Jan Schroeder

December 11, 2017
Christmas Party
and Gift Exchange

January 15, 2018
“Panel of Experts”
Send questions to Jo Cornett.
Refreshments: Kasey Angeloni and Susi Yu
Raffle: Pat Hancock

February 19, 2018
“Introduction to Russian Blooms” by Al Cenci
Refreshments: Maggie Garcia and Jill Henry
Raffle: Linda Lloyd

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

From the President's Keyboard

Hello everyone,

And now we are heading for the holiday season! We all know it is hectic but sure can be a lot of fun also. And speaking of fun, after this next meeting Monday, November 20, it is time for our Holiday Feast! What's not to love?

I super enjoyed last month's meeting. Our speaker Linda Hall and her mom were wonderful guests and Linda was full of interesting information about African violets I have never seen before. Her presentation was more than I ever expected to see. She came all the way from Missouri just to share her knowledge about unusual bloom and foliage types of African violets with the Cincinnati African violet club and our club.

I am finding over the years I have belonged to the many African violet clubs, that we are a bunch of caring and giving people. Linda is one of the best!

Our next meeting will be full of useful information for everyone. Everyone is to bring in plants you are having problems with as well as the plantlets we took home a few months ago. We will work on the problem plants we bring to the meeting and check the progress of our 'Tiny Dancer' and 'Jersey Lilacs' starter plants we potted up at our August meeting. We'll also learn more about Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus, also known as INSV.

Remember to keep setting down leaves and potting up babies to sell at the Sales table at our spring show and sale in April. We pretty much sold out of stock this past sale!!

See you on Monday! – Jo



Win a Plant Stand!

Don't Forget! Every plant raffle ticket sold at club meetings this year is being entered in a drawing for a light stand complete with lights! The winning ticket will be drawn at the Holiday Dinner in December. Who feels like a winner???

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Submit items for the newsletter by 1st of the month to:

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Minutes from October 16, 2017

The October 16, 2017 meeting was called to order at 8:50 pm by President Joan Cornett. Members present were Al Cenci, Karen Cenci, Joan Cornett, Vicki Ferguson, Maggie Garcia, Mel Grice, Carla Hale, Pat Hancock, Shirley Jones, Dennis Kramb, Linda Lloyd, Carolyn Richardson, Lynette Schluter, Jan Schroeder, Ron Williger, Susie Yu, and visitors Rene Bernard, Julie Jones, and Chris Riehle.

After a wonderful program by Linda Hall the business part of the meeting was light.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1833.35

Linda Lloyd, Secretary

LOOKING FOR . . .

Are your plants blooming and it's not time for a show or a meeting? Take a photo and email to Vicki (vicksterferguson@gmail.com). They can be put in the newsletter for all to enjoy. Be sure to include the name of the plant.

PLEASE SHARE.....

We would love to hear from the club members! Please share any growing tips, repotting tips or helpful information on the growing of your collection. Photos always make it more interesting.

Do you like jigsaw puzzles?



Kasey Angeloni is wondering if there is anyone would be interested in doing a puzzle exchange. She's been doing a lot of them lately and if no one in club wants them, they'll be donated. She doesn't want them back, so you can keep them. Range from 500-1000 pieces. (Maybe Vicki will remember to bring them to the meeting this month!!! Ooooops!!!)



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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. If you have special needs/quantities, contact Kasey Angeloni ahead of time at: kasey.i.bryant@gmail.com. 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	\$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

Handbook Revised

The 2016 edition of the AVSA *Handbook for Growers, Exhibitors, and Judges* is now available in the AVSA Store, in both digital and print versions. Visit www.avsa.org.



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May 20 – 27, 2018

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