



December 2017

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## *Holiday Party Time!*

Get ready to get stuffed! The club's annual Holiday Party will be this Monday, December 11 at 6 pm. **NOTE THE MEETING'S DATE/TIME CHANGE.**

The club will be providing table service. If you are coming but haven't signed up with what you are bringing, please contact Maggie Garcia at [ron633@att.net](mailto:ron633@att.net).

In addition to turkey and all the trimmings there will be a gift exchange. If you want to participate in the 'Mean Santa' game, bring a gift valued at \$10-\$15.

Here is a recap of who signed up to bring what:

Jo Cornett (2)

Jill Henry (2)

Kasey Angeloni (2)

Jan Schroeder (2)

Lynnette Schluter (2)

Carolyn Richardson

Pat Hancock

Suzie Yu (2)

Andrea Herman

Oksana Gray

Al Cenci

Karen Cenci

Maggie Garcia (2)

Mel Grice

Carla Hale (2)

Chris Riele

Vicki Ferguson

Turkey and Gravy

Relish Tray

Mashed Potatoes

Sweet Potato Casserole

Green Bean Casserole

Stuffing

Corn Casserole, Rolls

Deviled Eggs

Tossed Salad

Potato Salad

Cranberry Salad

Pasta Salad

Wedding Cake & Sherbet Punch

Dessert

Strawberry Jello

Cakes

Pumpkin Pies

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**6 pm - December 11, 2017**  
**Christmas Dinner and**  
**Gift Exchange (\$10-15 limit)**

**January Club Meeting**  
**Monday, January 15, 2018**

"Panel of Experts"

Send questions to Jo Cornett.

**Refreshments:** Kasey Angeloni and Susi Yu  
**Raffle:** Pat Hancock

**February Club Meeting**

**Monday, February 19, 2018**

"Introduction to Russian Blooms" by Al Cenci

**Refreshments:** Maggie Garcia and Jill Henry

**Raffle:** Linda Lloyd

**March Club Meeting**

**Monday, March 19, 2018**

"Design Concepts and Underwater Design Workshop" by Mel Grice and Vicki Ferguson

**Refreshments and Raffle**  
**Plants:** Al and Karen Cenci

**April 14 and 15, 2018**

**Spring Show/Sale**

**Eastgate Mall, Cincinnati**  
(set up is April 13)

(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

Hello everyone,

We've eaten our way through Thanksgiving and now it is time to start eating cookies, baked goods and candy for the Christmas holiday! Wow! Who ever thought it would get here so quick! I hope each of you had a wonderful gathering for Thanksgiving.

It is time for our annual banquet and this year's 'Mean Santa' Gift Exchange. I have my gifts but have to remember where I put them. Of course, I wouldn't mind if I didn't find them because I like what I bought for our stealing session. I could just keep them and run out and buy something else! Remember to keep the gift value between ten and fifteen dollars.

See you this coming Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm!



### Who will win the Plant Stand!

All year long, the monthly plant raffle tickets that were sold at the monthly club meetings were collected and saved for a special drawing for a complete light stand! The winning ticket will be drawn at the Holiday Dinner Monday night. Will you be the winner??? Delivery/pickup of the stand and lights will need to be arranged with Kasey at a later date.

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## Secretary's Report

The November 20, 2017 meeting was called to order at 8:45 pm by President Joan Cornett. Members present were Kasey Angeloni, Al Cenci, Karen Cenci, Joan Cornett, Vicki Ferguson, Maggie Garcia, Mel Grice, Carla Hale, Pat Hancock, Jill Henry, Linda Lloyd, Carolyn Richardson, Chris Riehle, Lynette Schluter, Jan Schroeder, Ron Williger, Susie Yu, and visitors that became new members Olga Nesterenko and Oksana Gray.

Maggie reminded everyone that is attending the Christmas party to sign up to bring food.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1725.41

Linda Lloyd, Secretary

## LOOKING FOR . . .

Have you lost a favorite violet and would love to get it back in your collection? Why not put out an APB to club members; perhaps they will share a leaf or plantlet if they have it in their collection.

**President Jo is looking for two classic favorites: Annabelle (hybridized by Kent Stork) and Mary Craig (hybridized by Nadeau).**

## PLEASE SHARE.....

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



At the November meeting, we welcomed two new members to the club: Oksana Gray and Olga Nesterenko! Oksana and Olga live in Charleston, WV! Oksana's email is: oksana-waage@mail.ru Olga's email is: nesterok21@gmail.com

## 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



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## There is a Fungus Amongst Us!

By Karen Cenci

At previous club meetings, there has been discussion about recognizing and treating two devastating fungal infections: rhizoctonia and pythium. The word 'rhizoctonia' is based in the Greek language as 'rhiza' meaning 'root' plus 'ktonos' meaning 'murder.' In other words: root death. Rhizoctonia spp. cause root, stem and foliar diseases and usually attacks the stems of plants at the soil line, causing girdling and death of the tops.

Pythium is a genus of parasitic oomycotes that was formerly classified as fungi. Most pythium species are plant parasites. The feet of the fungus gnat are frequently a vector for the transmission of pythium. Whatever we call 'root rot' it is bad! The Cincinnati African violet club has purchased preventative treatments chemicals and they are available to the Dayton AV club.

The chemical treatments available for purchase are: For Pythium: **Subdue MAXX**; (\$7/bottle) Dosage: 16 drops per gallon or 4 drops per quart. For Rhizoctonia: **Cleary 3336®EG**; (\$4/bottle). Dosage: 1 Tablespoon per gallon or 3/4 teaspoon per quart.

I did two drenchings four to six weeks apart. I literally drench/dip my plants. When I first started, the whole pot went into a container (approximately 1 quart) and I poured the solution through it as the container filled. I do not change the container or solution for each plant as the chemical was still good even though it had gone through. I did make sure to treat the worse plants first and would then change the solution when treating non or not so affected plants. If you are drenching, be sure your potting medium is moist. If it is dry, and you pour water into the pot, it will simply run down the sides.

After the initial couple drenchings, I now drench only when repotting. I remove the plant from the old pot, clean off and/or trim the roots, drench/dip the root ball in solution (one quart container) and continue to repot. I repot standards about every 6 months; minis/semis every four months.

After I have used the solution it is discarded. Since it is for outdoor use, I have no qualms dumping it in the flower beds or grass. I may leave it for the next day if I am continuing to pot. The shelf life of the unused product is several years, I believe.

Remember, there is rhizoctonia and there is pythium. Both look the same and do the same type damage. Cleary is for rhizoctonia. Subdue Maxx is for pythium. I use both and tank drench (mix both together in the same container when drenching.) I know someone who had both fungus at the same time and I'm not taking any chances. FYI, there are different formulas of Cleary. I use the Cleary 3336®EG. Be sure to check the instructions for mixing.

For more information on Rhizoctonia and Pythium, check out the article, 'When will I learn? Maybe this time?' by Barbara Werness in the 2017 January/February issue of *African Violet Magazine*.

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### 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](http://www.avsa.org).



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