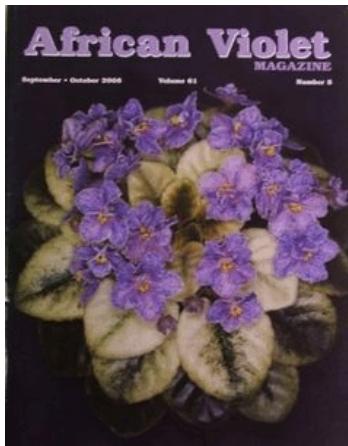




January 2018

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AVSA 2018 Article Contest



The African Violet Society of America's (AVSA) 2016/2017 Magazine Article Contest was so successful that it will be extended for another year. Write an original article and submit it to the *African Violet Magazine*. Write about anything relating to our hobby: African violets, Gesneriads, Designing, etc. Winners of the 2017/2018 Article Contest will be announced at the AVSA 2018 Convention in Buffalo, NY.

The 3rd Place Winner will receive a total of eight "New Introduction" leaves from the Commercial Members and Hybridizers taking part. The 2nd Place Winner will receive a total of sixteen "New Introduction" leaves from the Commercial Members and Hybridizers taking part. The 1st Place Winner will receive a total of thirty-two "New Introduction" leaves from the Commercial Members and Hybridizers!

Rules: Author must be a current member of AVSA. All entered articles must be original work and cannot have been published before. You may write as many articles as you wish and each entry must be marked CONTEST. Submissions must be received AFTER March 1, 2017 but before April 1, 2018. Articles received after this date will NOT be considered. Hybridizers, Commercial Members, and Judges taking part, are not eligible for prizes. The decisions of the Judges will be final. Due to the high cost of shipping leaves internationally, leaves will only be shipped to winners in the US. International members will be required to pick theirs up at the 2018 Buffalo, NY Convention.

Last year's winners were:

AVSA 2016-2017 Article Contest Winners Announced at the Orlando Convention

Best Contest Article	Kurt Jablonski	"Grooming for Show ... Grooming as you Grow"	Nov/Dec 2016
2 nd Best Contest Article	Sandra Skalski	"How to Eliminate Thrips"	March/April 2017
3 rd Best Contest Article	Sandi Mynatt	"Repotting: A Combat Sport"	July/August 2016
Honorable Mention	Paul Kroll	"Suggestions for Writing a Design Schedule"	Nov/Dec 2016
Honorable Mention	Vicki Ferguson	"Cultivating a Successful Club"	July/August 2016
Honorable Mention	Carol Schorn	"African Violets and Cats"	May/June 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

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, Cinci

April Club Meeting Monday, April 16, 2018

"Wicking and Water pH" by Linda Lloyd

Refreshments: Carolyn Richardson & Carla Hale

Raffle: Shirley Jones

(Meetings are usually held at 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,

Ahhh, a new year! What an exciting time to be involved in our club meetings. We welcomed new members from Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia this past year. Our club is growing in leaps and bounds and I know all of us couldn't be happier with our new African violet growers. Welcome to all.



I was very sad to miss our Christmas dinner and party. I would love to thank Kasey for taking over as the "Master of Ceremony" and Vicki for bailing me out by picking up chicken from Kroger. I was extremely ill on Sunday and Monday wasn't a whole lot better. I don't know what I would have done without my two friends. And speaking of friends, I loved my get-well card that Vicki provided and everyone signed! You all are so wonderful! Thank you.

This month's meeting is our opportunity to ask our Panel of Experts your questions. The experts don't know who they are until the meeting, so everyone better be prepared to answer questions and also be prepared to ask questions. We did this same thing last year and everyone felt it was a huge success. If you are shy and need a question asked, please send a note to me and we will get your answer plus more than you thought you wanted to know. (joancornett@yahoo.com)

The 2017-2018 Yearbook has been updated and is now available. It is attached to the email that this newsletter was emailed. It can also be downloaded from the club website: www.avsd Dayton.com.

See you at the meeting, Jo

You have another chance to win a Plant Stand!

Last month, at the December Holiday Dinner, the winning ticket for the Plant Stand Raffle was drawn. The winner was Vicki Ferguson!

Club members expressed interest in continuing the raffle so it will be repeated this year as well. All year long, the monthly plant raffle tickets sold at the monthly club meetings will be collected and saved for that special drawing for a complete light stand! The winning ticket will again be drawn at the Holiday Dinner. Don't worry - Vicki won't be eligible this time!



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

Newsletter Editor: Vicki Ferguson (937) 885-6163 vicksterferguson@gmail.com

Get ready for the spring show sales table!

Members from the African Violet Society of Dayton as well as the Cincinnati African Violet Society are beginning to prepare for the joint club Spring Show and Sale which will be held at the Eastgate Mall in Cincinnati on April 14 and 15. We need your help in stocking our sales table with great violets.

Please let me know how many plants and leafs you will put in the sale by **FEBRUARY 15**. That will give us time to supplement if necessary.

Please contact Carolyn Richardson at carolynrichardson46@yahoo.com.

– Thank you from Cathy Willis, Jan Schroeder and Carolyn Richardson.

LOOKING FOR . . .

Have you lost a favorite violet and would love to get it back in your collection? Why not put out an APPB 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.

Sad news....

John Cook, owner of Cape Cod Violetry - a great source for growing supplies of all kinds, pots in every shape and size, tools, fertilizers, and other chemicals, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Cape Cod Violetry was the source for many of the growing supplies for our club's sales table.

If you are so inclined, a sympathy card can be sent to his wife Barbara at: 863 Hathaway Rd, room 136, New Bedford, MA 02740.

The African violet world has lost a dear friend.

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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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!



Saintpaulia rupicola
grown by Vicki Ferguson

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.