



April 2018

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## It's Show Time!

**African Violet Show and Sale – April 14 & 15, 2018**

The African Violet Society of Dayton and the Cincinnati African Violet Society joint Show and Sale is this coming Saturday and Sunday, April 14 & 15 at the Eastgate Mall in Cincinnati.

Be sure to bring plants, plantlets and leaf cups to sell at the sales table. You are responsible for pricing your own plants. Two-piece tear off price tags will be available at the mall. Members will receive 75% of the sales earned and their club will get the other 25%.

Also bring your cereal boxes and cardboard trays (like cans of soda are shipped on) to help with packaging sales table purchases. The Dayton club is responsible for providing supplying the Hospitality (Eats and Drinks) supply. The Sign Up List is:

Joan Cornett - Chicken Salad	Jan Schroeder - Egg Salad
Maggie Garcia-Williger - Chili	Shirley Jones - Buns
Carolyn Richardson - Potato Chips	Susie Yu - Buns
Linda Lloyd - Potato Chips	Karen Cenci - Veggie Tray
Vicki Ferguson - Fruit/grapes	Kasey Angeloni - Cookies
Oskana Gray - Nutshell Cookies	Al Cenci - Carrot cake
Olga Nesterenko - Water	Lynnette Schluter - Water
Carla Hale - Bottled Water	Jill Henry - Bottled Water
Mel Grice - Paper Products and Utensils	



To get to the unloading area, go around to the back of the Eastgate Mall by the Sears entrance. Next to the Sear's Pick-Up area is Dock A1. There is a large shed at this area. Unloading area is very limited at this back entrance so everyone will have to take turns unloading there. Enter through the door and follow the hallway. Our staging room is the same one from two years ago. Karen will have the staging room back door open. You can get into the room after 6 pm. Karen's cell is: 513-325-0395.

Entries will be accepted Friday, April 13 from 7-10 pm but we cannot be place entries on the tables out on the mall floor until after 9 pm.

**Exhibits may not be removed until 6 pm on Sunday.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 14 and 15, 2018**  
**Spring Show/Sale, Cinci**

**April Club Meeting**  
**Monday, April 16, 2018**  
“Wicking and Water pH” by Linda Lloyd - Be sure to bring a sample of your water!;  
Form Nominating Committee

**Refreshments:** Carolyn Richardson & Carla Hale  
**Raffle:** Shirley Jones

**May Club Meeting**  
**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

**Wednesday, May 16, 2018**  
“Last Hope, Part II” bring plants to groom  
**Refreshments:** Kasey Angeloni and Susi Yu  
**Raffle:** Pat Hancock  
Election of Officers

**June Picnic**  
**Picnic Location:**  
**Jo Cornett's home:**  
**91 Goldengate Dr.,**  
**Centerville, OH 45459**

**(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



I hope everyone had a marvelous Easter. I know I sure did. Now that it is Spring everything should be growing like crazy. But in my back yard it is not. My daffodils don't even want to open-up their buds. Maybe they are as cold as I have been and don't want to freeze to death! At least my violets are inside safe and warm and are finally coming around after our latest disease.

This weekend is our show in Cincinnati and I hope everyone of you will come on down and support our club. Don't stay away just because you didn't enter a plant.

That is not the whole idea of the joint show this weekend. It is just a great time to be around others who love our violets just as much as we do. After all, people who love African Violets are wonderful, giving people.

This coming Monday is our meeting night. We are going to learn more about water pH and wicking with Linda Lloyd. **Be sure to bring a sample of your water in a small container (at least 1/2 cup) that you normally use for your plants with no fertilizer added. If you use something besides your own tap water bring a sample of each.**

We might do a little bragging on our weekend show! Also, we will be forming a nominating committee for our new officers. Please start thinking of candidates. See you this weekend – and then see you all on Monday for a lot of fun!

Jo

### You have another chance to win a Plant Stand!

Club members expressed interest in doing the Plant Stand drawing again this year - so we're doing it again! 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to:**

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## March Minutes

The March 19, 2018 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, Oksana Gray, Mel Grice, Carla Hale, Jill Henry, Shirley Jones, Linda Lloyd, Olga Nesterenko, Carolyn Richardson, Lynette Schluter, Jan Schroeder, Ron Williger, Susie Yu and guest Veronica Evans.

Karen reminded us to save boxes for the April show.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1363.64

— 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.....

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.

## Like us on Facebook



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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	\$4.00
	(\$6/bag to the public)	
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



**"African Violets CAN Link US Together"**  
**May 20 – 27, 2018**

AVSA - the African Violet Society of America and  
 AVSC - the African Violet Society of Canada

**Adam's Mark Buffalo Hotel and Event Centre (Buffalo, NY)**  
 Visit [www.avsa.org](http://www.avsa.org) to download  
 the convention information packet!

# Show Tips

## Getting ready for the show

1. Remember, the show schedule is the law of the land.
2. You may enter any number of plants in a class, but only one plant of each variety. A variety may be entered in multiple classes. EXCEPTION: You may enter only one collection in each collection class and only one violet in each decorative container class.
3. All plants must be slip potted.
4. All plants in the horticulture division must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 3 months. (This does not include plants in the design division.)
5. All plants entered in the show must go through registration and be brought to the registration/classification table before being entered.

### Classifying plants for the show

1. Each violet's description should be found in the Master Variety List/First Class. If it is not listed in either resource, it will be entered in the class that best fits its description.
2. First determine category: standard, miniature, semiminature.
3. Next determine leaf type: non-variegated or variegated.
4. Determine bloom color. Read each description carefully.
  - a. Edges take precedence.
  - b. A color used to describe a color does not make the flower 'multicolor.' (example: 'purple-red' goes into the 'red' class).
  - c. 'Multicolor' is two or more colors, not shades of a color.
  - d. If a description includes the word 'variable,' the plant will be placed in the class that matches how it is currently blooming.
5. **Collection Classes:**
  - a. You MUST be a member of AVSA to enter any AVSA Collection Classes, a member of Ohio State AVS to enter the Ohio State Collection Class and a member

of Dixie to enter the Dixie Collection Class.

- b. In order to be entered into an AVSA Collection class, a violet must be registered and have a registration number.
- c. In order to be entered into the Ohio State Class, a violet must have been hybridized in Ohio (Buckeye, Newtown, Green Circle Growers, etc.)
- d. In order to be entered into the Dixie Class, a violet must have been registered with Dixie AVS and have a DAVS number.
6. **Other Gesneriads:** Please be sure to write out the entire name, such as Episcia 'Silver Skies', not just Silver Skies or E. Silver Skies. Gesneriads may be in any type or color of pot.

### All About African Violets



Some of you may remember a podcaster named Annie whose podcast was called "All About African Violets." Sadly, she stopped doing podcasts a couple of years ago. But wait! There's more..... Annie is BACK!

**All About African Violets** returned for Season 3 on Sunday, April 1, 2018. It initially ran in regular production from July 2012 to December 2013 and produced special episodes from January 2014 to April 2015. It returned to regular production from May to November 2015, and was on hiatus from December 2015 through March 2018.

Annie is an AVSA Senior Judge, an AVSA Life Member, an AVSC Life Member and a member and the newsletter editor of the Illinois African Violet Society (IAVS).

Check out her website at <https://allaboutafricanviolets.com/> and subscribe to her podcasts.