



June 2018

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Picnic

It's often claimed that life is no picnic – but on June 18th – it will be! International Picnic Day happens to coincide with the date of our club annual picnic: June 18!



The word “picnic” comes from the French language, and it's believed this type of informal outdoor meal became a popular pastime in France after the Revolution. As fans of Jane Austen's novels will know, 19th-century picnics were elaborate social occasions, with menus featuring a wide range of cold meats and pies that took days to prepare.

Maggie Garcia is coordinating the Carry-In Sign-up again using the website SignUpGenius. If you were at the May meeting, you may have already signed up and Maggie has populated that on the website. If you need to RSVP, sign up or need to refresh your memory, head to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b45acad2da64-african>

As of May 31, the following items have been signed up for:

Joan Cornett: hot dogs/burgers/buns
Pat Hancock: Deviled Eggs
Maggie Garcia: Crockpot Macaroni and Cheese
Mel Grice: Potato Salad
Carolyn Richardson: Baked Beans
Karen Cenci: Veggie Tray
Carla Hale: Pickled Beets
Vicki Ferguson: Dessert
Al Cenci: Carrot Cake
Kasey Angeloni: TBD

Bring your own drinks!

June 18, 2018:

Club Picnic

6 pm-?

Picnic Location:

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

July 16, 2018

7 pm

**Pizza/Program Planning
Meeting**

August 20, 2018

TBD

September 7 & 8, 2018

**Ohio State African Violet
Society Convention and Show
Kingwood Gardens,
Mansfield, OH**

September 17, 2018

TBD

October 15, 2018

TBD

(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

We are beginning the transition from spring to summer, only problem is there wasn't a slow week by week transition! I was wearing a winter coat one day and two days later, flip flops! That's Ohio, isn't it? Let's just hope it stays warm and dry for our picnic. The picnic will be on June 18th at 91 Goldengate Dr., Centerville, Ohio 45459. You can come as early as 6:00 pm. If anyone needs directions please call me, 937-434-0087. Carla requested some of my son's beer from the Yellow Springs Brewery, and I will be happy to ask him. Jerry and I will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and fixings. You all bring the rest of the banquet. If you have any yard games you want to play please bring them along. You may bring a lawn chair if you have a favorite one. I have seating for about 20 people so I will leave that up to you. If you have any other questions give Maggie or me a call. It will be the last official meeting for me as your president and I couldn't think of a better send off than eating watermelon with my African violet friends. (Gosh, I hope someone is bringing watermelon!)

Those who attended the AVSA/AVSC National Convention in Buffalo, New York had a wonderful time! Many people remarked about the number of Ohioans there. Our club made quite a showing – with 11 members and 2 spouses attending (Al & Karen Cenci, Jo Cornett, Vicki Ferguson, Oksana Gray, Mel Grice, Pat Hancock, Shirley Jones and hubby Earl, Linda Lloyd and hubby Doug, Olga Nesterenko and Terri Vicenzi)!! There were 38 states and 3 countries represented and over 600 gorgeous plants and designs exhibited. Many, many blue ribbons and cash prizes totaling around \$9000! I made \$60 in award money plus, I received around 25 new cuttings and starts of new and unusual plants. Everyone is very giving of their time, wisdom and starts of violets and gesneriads. It is comforting to be around so many others who love to talk about soil, water and fertilizer for our lovely plants. I also felt I was among other kindred souls who killed their plants and still feel horrible.

The bonus that I was not expecting was getting to meet many of the people who write articles for the AVSA publication, *The African Violet Magazine*. Vicki won 3rd place in the *African Violet Magazine* article contest. Everyone is very interesting and approachable. AVSA president, Richard Nicholas, is very self-deprecating, hilarious and gracious at the same time. Think seriously about attending the National Convention next year in Houston, Texas. You won't regret a moment or a dollar spent. – Jo Cornett

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 1st of the month to:

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May Minutes

The May 16, 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, Pat Hancock, Shirley Jones, Linda Lloyd, Carolyn Richardson, Lynette Schluter, Ron Williger and Susie Yu.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1960.56

New officers were elected to take office effective in August.

President: Kasey Angeloni

Vice President: Al Cenci

Secretary: Carolyn Richardson

The remaining appointments and duties will remain the same.

— 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).



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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	\$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

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.



'Poetry Man'



Huge 'Edge of Darkness' blossom



One of the interesting benefits for attending the AVSA Convention is the opportunity to meet people that you have read about in the AVSA magazine or online. I follow Annie Rieck's (of 'All About African Violets') podcasts, website and Instagram posts. Her most recent 2 podcasts featured past AVSA president Joyce Stork. 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). She also won the Best Streptocarpus at National. Check out her website at <https://allaboutafricanviolets.com/> and subscribe to her podcasts.



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Be sure to mark your calendars for the
Ohio State African Violet Society
Convention in Mansfield!

Views from the National Convention



Buffalo skyline from the fountain plaza of the Adam's Mark Hotel



Jo Cornett and the African Violet Educational Exhibit provided by our club



Partial view of the HUGE Showroom. To get an appreciation for the size of the room, note the 4'x8' Educational Exhibit waaaaay in the baaaaaack against the wall of the room.



Judging is underway



Pat Hancock and Al Cenci



Best Other Gesneriad (Columnea microphylla) by Beverley Williams of Ontario



Best in Class Design by B.J. Ohme



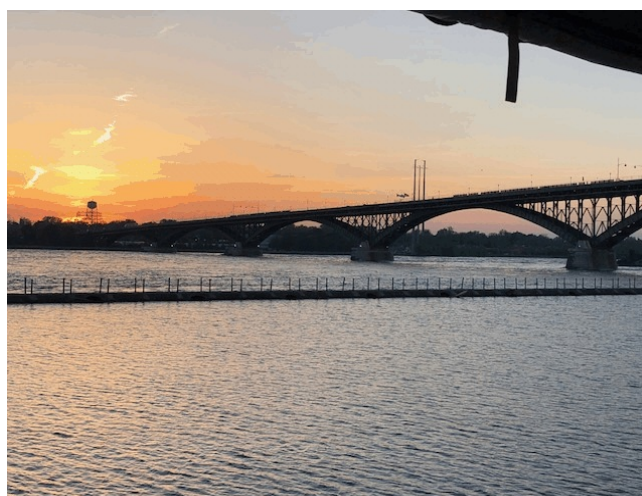
Best in Class Design by Mel Grice



**Best in Class Design by Vicki Ferguson
(only 5" tall)**



Buffalo skyline as seen from the Harbor Cruise Boat



The Peace Bridge leads to Canada - at sunset



**USS Little Rock at the Buffalo & Erie County
Naval & Military Park**