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## 2019 Gesneriad Society Convention a smashing success

The 2019 Gesneriad Society's 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention was held July 1-6 at the historic Cincinnati Hilton Netherland Plaza Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. Nearly 200 people attended this national event from all over the world coming from the U.S., Canada, the U.K. and even China!

Our own club member Mel Grice is now the group's president! Yay, Mel! In addition to Mel, several current/past club members attended part or all of the event: Al and Karen Cenci, Jo Cornett, Vicki Ferguson, Shirley Jones, Dennis Kramb, Linda Lloyd and Terri Vicenzi. Terri took the Judging Training and test, Vicki and Terri clerked for the flower show and Terri and Vicki worked on some of the convention committees.



(L-R) Jo Cornett, Terri Vicenzi and Lynne Dibley



Terri Vicenzi's 2<sup>nd</sup> Best in Show: Streptocarpus 'Little Kan'

Terri brought many gorgeous Streptocarpus entries and was rewarded with 2<sup>nd</sup> Best in Show! She was over the moon to meet Lynne Dibley of Dibleys Nurseries in North Wales, England who was a feature convention speaker. One of Vicki's exhibits won Best Columnea.

Everyone had a great time and look forward to learning more about the many unique and unusual members of the Gesneriad plant family.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, July 15**

**6 pm**

Come at 6 pm and we'll order pizza. Then we'll get to work setting up the program for the 2019-2020 Program Year. Be sure to bring your ideas!

**Monday, August 19**

**7 pm**

Program TBA

**Monday, September 16**

**7 pm**

Program TBA

**September 26-28, 2019**

Ohio State African Violet Society Convention, Flower Show and Sale  
(Kingwood Center Gardens, Mansfield, OH)

**May 24-31, 2020**

**2020 AVSA Convention**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**



(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

WOW! This heat and humidity is crazy! At least our violets are indoors with air conditioning like we are. Be sure to bring program topic ideas to the Planning Meeting on Monday, July 15. We'll meet at 6 pm and order pizza and then work on the ideas and volunteers for the 2019-2020 program year. See you Monday!



– Al Cenci



The rain didn't dampen the spirits of the hearty souls that attended the June club picnic.



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## Scenes from the Gesneriad Society Convention



**Flower Show**



**Special Award Ribbons**



**Vicki Ferguson's design entry**

## 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. 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	\$3.00
Charcoal	12 cups	\$2.50
Optimara Fertilizer	(14-12-14) 8 oz.	\$4.00
Marathon	1 cup	\$5.00
Sticky Traps	pkg of 6	\$5.50
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		\$5.50
Leaf Support Rings	Small (6" fits 3" pot)	\$ .50
	Medium (9" fits 4" pot)	\$ .75
	Large (12" fits 5-6" pot)	\$1.00



**Hall of Mirrors - Awards Banquet**

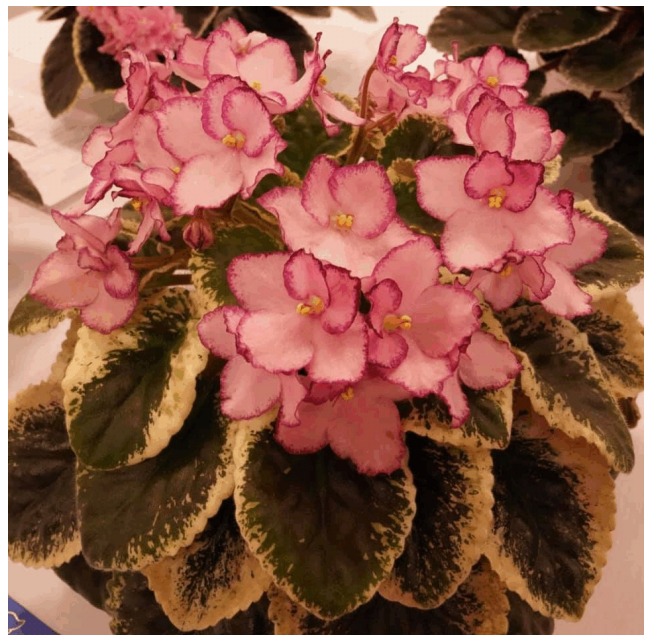


**The number of your registration order set the order of the line into the Plant Sales Room**





**Linda Lloyd's winning entry Buckeye Nostalgia. In addition to the Blue ribbon, it won the Best Hancock Hybrid too!**



**Vicki Ferguson's Blue ribbon winner Cajun's Love's Verse**



**Best in Horticulture Runner Up, Best Streptocarpus, Horticulture Sweepstakes Runner Up and Best First Exhibitor! Amazing job, Terri Vicenzi!**



**New Gesneriad Society President Mel Grice is congratulated by Terri.**

Be sure to sign up with AmazonSmile and help the African Violet Society of America earn a 0.5% donation from eligible purchases from the AmazonSmile Foundation.

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## Get ready for the Ohio State AVS Convention

The Ohio State African Violet Society ([www.osavs.org](http://www.osavs.org)) Annual Show and Sale will be held September 26-28, 2019 at Kingwood Center Gardens (50 Trimble Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906).



You must be a member of the Ohio State AVS to exhibit. Entries will be accepted Sept. 26 from 10a-12p and from 1-4p. The Show will be open for viewing 1-5 pm on Friday and 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday. The flower show schedule can be found on the Ohio State AVS website or here:

[http://www.osavs.org/uploads/3/4/4/7/34471071/2019osavsshow\\_schedule.pdf](http://www.osavs.org/uploads/3/4/4/7/34471071/2019osavsshow_schedule.pdf)

Entrance to the show/sale is free though there is a grounds entrance fee charged by Kingwood Center Gardens. (Exhibitors and workers are free.) Contact 937-654-7014, [melsgrice@earthlink.net](mailto:melsgrice@earthlink.net) or [www.osavs.org](http://www.osavs.org).

The Commercial Vendor Sales area will be open 9 am to 5 pm on Friday (in the Carriage House) and 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday. This is a great opportunity to purchase plants, leaves and cuttings of hard-to-find and rare varieties of African Violets and Gesneriads and related growing supplies from nationally renowned vendors.

## Win a Plant Stand!

Reminder: All plant raffle tickets sold at club meetings will be entered in a drawing for a light stand complete with lights! A winner will be drawn at the Holiday Dinner in December.

## Enchanted Gardens



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**Please note: Heidi Dillenbeck had taken over John Cook's (Cape Cod Violetry) inventory and now offers hard-to-find growing supplies. The Enchanted Gardens Catalog was attached to the February newsletter email.**