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Official Newsletter of the African Violet Society of Dayton

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GROWING TIPS

Featuring Flashy Foliage
Episcias Are an Easy-Care Relative of African Violets



E. Alice's Aussie



E. TM-Lutta

Photos: LaDonna Hobson - Episcia 'Alice's Aussie' and Taitina Maltseva - Episcia 'TM-Lutta'

Episcia hybrids and species are lovely trailing plants valued for their spectacular foliage with deep texture and interesting color patterns. They are in the Gesneriad family and sometimes called Flame Violets. Episcias make great companion plants with African violets as they enjoy similar culture and care. Episcias thrive in warm humid conditions and may collapse if chilled to 50° F. It is best to buy these during the warmer times of the year.

Meeting Schedule

2 pm, Sunday, Mar. 20, 2022

"Let Go and Throw the #%%& Plant Away" by Sandy McIntosh and Patty Gibson
Refreshments: Pat Hancock and Maggie Garcia
Plant Raffle: Mel Grice

2 pm, Sunday, April 24, 2022

"Pests and Diseases" by Vicki Ferguson
Refreshments: Jo Cornett and Jill Henry
Plant Raffle: Linda Lloyd

(Meetings are usually held at 2 pm the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Ave., Springboro, Ohio 45066 unless otherwise noted.)

Dates to Remember

Ohio State African Violet Society Convention & Show

Sept. 16-17, 2022 (entries accepted Thurs., Sept. 15)

Kingwood Center Gardens in Mansfield, Ohio



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Note from the President

Spring is near!

I spotted the first daffodil of the spring this past Wednesday in Kettering. I picked the first bloom from my own yard two days later. Overnight, the patch of Narcissus 'Tete-a-Tete' was covered with snow but their tiny blooms are hanging in there and are weathering the cold just fine.

Sounds like us.....how are you weathering the storms that life is throwing your way? I don't know about you, but my plant room is my oasis, haven and sanctuary. Everyday my plants (providing I supply their basic needs) reward me with surprisingly lovely blooms. Or foliage. Sometimes I'm happy with just that!

I was saddened by the need to cancel some of our meetings, but the time wasn't right. After hearing back from a great number of members on the potential of a Spring Fling Display/Sale, I also released our space at the Town and Country Shopping Center in April/May. Perhaps the timing isn't yet right for our club just yet either - perhaps next spring we can make it happen.

The interest is there! The number of people who are newcomers to gardening and specifically houseplant gardening has spiked exponentially. We have the knowledge and plants to share. Let's all spread the planty love!

— Vicki

If you are on Facebook, please take a moment and post some pics of the plants you are growing - or ask a question regarding growing tips. We all learn by sharing with each other.

Club News

Around 15 people responded to the request for feedback regarding participation in a potential Spring Display/Sale. While many people said they were willing to help at an event, only 2 people said they might have some plants to sell and one of those couldn't commit at the moment. It would not have been prudent to move forward on the event this year so it was cancelled.

That being said, the wonderful Plant Raffles at the club meeting is a great way to get some new plants in your collection for a fraction of the price of mail order. For \$1 a ticket or 6 tickets for \$5, you could have the opportunity to pick up some amazing varieties. It is also a way for you to share your plants with others.

While we have people signed up at each meeting to bring plants for the Raffle, that doesn't mean that you can't bring some stock to add to the drawings.

If you have something to Show and Tell - bring it! If you have a plant that has a growing concern - bring it! If you have a plant that needs repotting advice - bring it! NOTE: If you have a suspect plant with pests, please be sure to bring it in a bag or lidded storage tub. We

always have growing materials/pots and can set up a hands-on clinic. We all learn by watching and hearing from others' growing tips and advice.



Club Sales List

Note: These affordable prices are just one of the perks for being a dues-paying club member. Supplies will only be brought to the club meeting if you order ahead of time. **Call or text Jo Cornett (937-361-1446) if you wish for her to bring any of the following supplies to the meeting. Call or text Vicki Ferguson (937-321-7277) to order potting mix.**

Plastic Pots	2" pots	\$.05/each
	2.5 & 3" pots	\$.15/each
	4" pots	\$.25/each
	5" pots	\$.40/each
	5" pan pots (white)	\$.40/each
	5" pan pots (green)	\$.60/each
	6" and 7" pots	\$.40/each
Potting Mix	1 gallon ziplock bag	\$4.00 (\$6 non-member)
Optimara Fertilizer (14-12-14)	8 oz.	\$4.00
Marathon	1 cup	\$5.25
Sticky Traps	pkg. of 6	\$5.50
Long Tweezers		\$5.50
Hemostat		\$1.00
Plant Tray	8"x 12"	\$5.00
Plant Tray Dome	8"x 12"	\$7.00
Perma-Nest Plant Tray	22" x 11"	\$10.00
Plant Tray Dome		\$8.00
Leaf Support Rings	Small (6")	\$.50
	Medium (9")	\$.75

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FRIDAY, June 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and
SATURDAY, June 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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