



RICHMOND AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

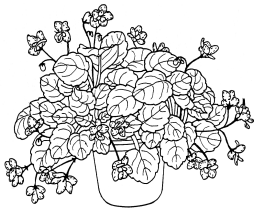
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NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 6

Our first meeting of the new club year got off to a great start. It was very nice to see so many people.



The program for October will be presented by **Richard Follett**; "Training Your Trailer". This is a "hands on" workshop and each member is

asked to bring in their project plant of Foxwood Trail and a few tools like a sucker plucker, small scissors and tweezers.

The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. Feel free to come early for a few minutes to mingle before the meeting begins.

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

***October - Sharon Long**

November - Bill Schmidt

December - Annual Christmas Luncheon

January - Barbara Stewart

February - Vicki Carr

March - Debbie Woodruff

April - Kitty Hedgepeth

May - Josane Wagner

June - Annual Picnic - Location to be announced.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Rika Rawles 13th

Bill Schmidt 24th

Alice Grundy 28th



RAVS NEWS

Rika Rawles needs an assistant to help her with Hospitality duties. If you are willing to help, please contact **Rika or Josane**.

We have a new web site!! **Heidi Helbling** has been hard at work for months creating our beautiful new home on the web. Check it out at www.richmondavs.org. Let Heidi know how you like it!

Email accounts come with the web sites. If you would like to have an email account, contact **Heidi Helbling**.

Remember to save those empty printer ink cartridges for **Heidi Helbling**.

Just a reminder: If you have borrowed items from the club library, please return those items in a timely fashion so that others may check them out.

It has been suggested that we treat horticulture tips much like we treat hospitality with members signing up for each month to present a tip. If you would like to volunteer for a month please contact Carolyn Smith.

EXHIBITS

Josane Wagner won a Red ribbon for her *Streptocarpus* "Neil's Guinevere".

Kitty Hedgepeth won a blue ribbon for her "Optimara Isabelle".

Heidi Helbling won a red ribbon for her "Wichita Baby".

MAAVS NEWS

At this writing, the MAAVS convention is about two weeks away. If you plan on entering in the show, you need to be a member. See **Kitty Hedgepeth** for more information.

Vicki Carr is once again putting together a shopping list of supplies to pick up while she is at the MAAVS convention. If there is anything you need, please let her know by the end of Saturday's meeting.

HORTICULTURE TIP

It's the time of year that we begin to bring in some of our hardier house plants from outside to protect them from the cold nights. Your plants are probably not the only thing that you are bringing in. There may be spiders, ants, white fly, thrips or foliar mealy bugs residing in that plant not to mention bugs that reside in the soil. Be sure to take the time to shake out the spiders, spray with an appropriate insecticide and isolate these plants from your violets and other gesneriads.

Another problem that affects violets this time of year is powdery mildew. Powdery mildew grows on the leaves and flowers covering them with a coating of white to light grey powder. It is caused by fluctuation temperatures and high humidity.

You may lightly spray the violet with Lysol taking care to direct the spray in the air above the violet and allowing the mist to gently fall on the plant. You may also lightly dust the leaves with sulfur and then brush off the excess. A solution of 1 teaspoon of baking soda to a quart of hot water may also be used to lightly spray an affected plant. If you don't see an improvement within a few days, try treating with Fungaway by Greenlight.

Prevent Powdery Mildew by removing dying blossoms and leaves, increase air circulation and try to reduce the humidity level to below 60%. Maintain a temperature level that varies no more than 10 degrees.



Deadline for including articles for the November newsletter is October 22, 2007