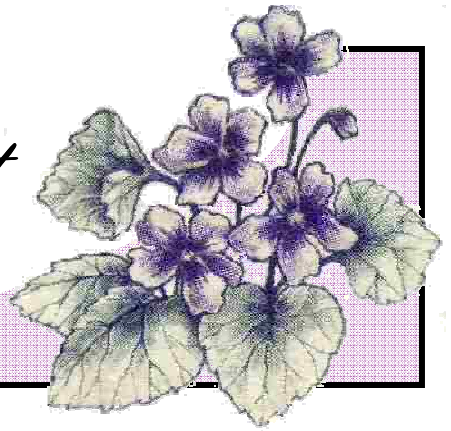


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NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 4



I hope that everyone made it all right through tropical storm Hanna and the only thing she ruined was our September meeting.

Adrienne Topping, from Tidewater AVS, will present her program "Growing a Show Plant".

Our meeting begins at 10:00a.m. Please arrive a little early to browse the plant exchange table. Also, bring in a plant or design for judging.

Hospitality Schedule

*October -Nell Reese

November -Bill Schmidt

December -Holiday Luncheon

January -Barbara Stewart

February -Josane Wagner

March -Margaret Bruckhart

April -Carolyn Smith/Vicki Carr

May -Officer Installation

June -Annual Outing

After taking a year off from violets, **David Dick** will be rejoining our club. Welcome back David!

Kitty Hedgepeth has been potting up babies and cleaning her plant shelves and she will be sharing with us! Be sure to bring a box to the meeting!!

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers:

Vergil Cabbagestalk has been in the hospital.

Barbara Newlin's mother passed away recently.

Mary Sue Hudson had both knees replaced September 19th and is undergoing therapy.

October Birthdays

10-13 – Rika Rawls

10-24 – Bill Schmidt



Vicki Carr will be making new name tags for those who want one. If you would like to replace your old one or if you don't have one at all, please let Vicki know.

Project Plants

Barbara Stewart has a few project plants still available. She will have them at the meeting.

Dues

If you have not yet paid your dues for the 2008-2009 year, please contact **Sharon Long**.

In Search Of...

Barbara Stewart is looking for a plant or leaf of Optimara Little Moonstone. If you have one to

share, please bring it to Saturday's meeting. Thanks!

Yearbook

The new yearbook will be available at Saturday's meeting.

Bylaw Committee

Josane Wagner will be asking for three volunteers at the next meeting. Volunteers will be asked to review the bylaws and recommend changes to the membership.

MAAVS

MAAVS is just around the corner. Who's going? Just a reminder: If you would like to enter plants in this year's show, you must be a member of MAAVS. See **Kitty Hedgepeth** for a membership application or you may download an application from the MAAVS web site (www.maavs.org) and mail it to Ken Barbi. .

AVSA

Holiday and Inventory Clearance Sale on 2009 AVSA Calendar

The African Violet Society of America has a wonderful opportunity! Obtain the gorgeous second edition of the AVSA Calendar before the end of the year at a special reduced rate! The 2008 version was so successful that we ordered more this year. Now, because Hurricane Ike closed the office for several weeks, there is an oversupply and we need to move these on out the door!

Buy the 2009 calendar now and receive the clearance rate of only **\$10 each, shipping and handling included**. That's nearly 30% off the previously advertised price!

Do you need a quantity to sell at your fall shows? Twenty or more calendars may be purchased at the reduced rate of just \$8 each plus the cost of shipping. Contact the AVSA office for details.

These calendars are great gifts. Every page is 13 1/2 wide x 10 1/2 high. Each month features a spectacular photo of show-winning violets, gesneriads, or designs, as well as the growers' and hybridizers' names. Every month lists the moon signs and has lots room to jot down

activities and appointments. It is the perfect addition to your growing room or office. Place your orders soon!

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Beaumont TX 77702. You may call the office at 409-839-4725 or order from the website at www.avsa.org after October 1st.

Hurricane IKE

The AVSA office was near the center of Hurricane Ike as it swept into Texas on Saturday, September 13. All of the staff is safe and currently staying outside of the city as recommended by local officials since the power grid is down and the water supply has been compromised. Staff has been into the building, and are reporting only slight damage to the exterior, where pieces of siding have come loose and will need to be replaced. The damage is not as serious as we experienced in Hurricane Rita, partially because of the new hurricane roof that has been installed. It is unlikely that insurance will cover any expenses because of the high hurricane deductible (10% of the building's value). We cannot predict when power will be restored, although the office is located near downtown and the hospital district which is often a priority area. We feel that it is best not to expect the office to be open for regular business until October 1. Orders may be placed online with PayPal, but shipments will not be made until the staff is able to come in again safely. We would prefer that clubs and individuals wait until October 1 and call in the orders at that time. Jenny Daugereau, office manager, will be checking on current time-sensitive orders (for Library program material, etc.) this week to make sure that those go out on schedule. Ruth Rumsey, editor of the African Violet Magazine, reports that she expects no delays in producing the November issue on schedule. She will be contacting Becker Publishing and Gulfstream later this week to check on their status after the hurricane. If anyone has pressing questions or must be in immediate contact with the AVSA office staff, the email avsa@earthlink.net (Jenny) and rurumsey@earthlink.net (Ruth) is being checked regularly. Thank you to the many of you who have shown so much concern. Your prayers were much appreciated.

Joyce Stork, President, AVSA Inc.