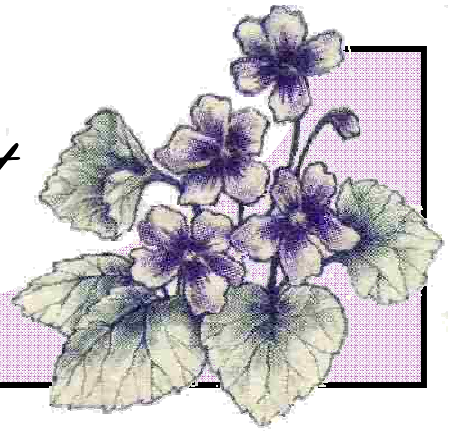


# Richmond African Violet Society Newsletter



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## NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 1



The program for this month is our biennial Dawg Show! This isn't a show for your most pampered plants, so reach to the back of your shelves and bring those plants that have long necks or lots of suckers. You don't even have to pull off spent blossoms because there's a class for that too. This is the only time where being the worst is the best! But please, NO FLEAS!! You'll find the mini-schedule at the end of this newsletter.

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

### Hospitality Schedule

\*November –Curtis & Darlene Stevens  
December -Holiday Luncheon  
January -Barbara Stewart  
February -Josane Wagner  
March -Margaret Bruckhart  
April -Carolyn Smith/Vicki Carr  
May -Officer Installation  
June -Annual Outing

**Kitty Hedgepeth** has returned from her Italian vacation and has three trays of plants that she must get off her shelves. She has had these babies potted up to give away since the September meeting and says that "they're jumping out of the pots as we

speaking!" So let's help her out by bringing in a box and adopting a plant or three and sending her home with empty trays!

### Happy Birthday to...

11-22 David Dick

**Wayne Coley** has a plant lamp that is ideal for a standard or trailing violet that he would like to see for \$20.00. If you are interested, call Wayne and he can bring it to the meeting.

### Project Plants

**Barbara Stewart** has two project plants left. This is shaping up to be a beautiful plant. Contact Barbara to get yours today.

### Bylaw Committee

We are still in need of three volunteers to revise the bylaws. Interested members should contact **Josane Wagner**.

Do you need pots, fertilizer or soil? **Vicki Carr** will be buying supplies while at the MAAVS convention. Make a list of what you need and give it to Vicki at Saturday's meeting or you may email it to her.

## MAAVS

At the time of this writing, the MAAVS convention is just two weeks away—are you ready? It sounds like there will be plenty to do and see. The show opens at 1:00p.m. Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, a costume party Friday night, Award dinner on Saturday night and several programs to attend; one of which will be presented by our own **Barbara Stewart!** And don't forget the sales room! Several popular vendors will be there to help you with your violet addiction. If you have not already joined, see **Kitty Hedgepeth** at Saturday's meeting for your application. Dues are \$15 for an individual membership and \$20 for a joint membership. Visit [www.maavs.org](http://www.maavs.org) for more information.

## AVSA

It's Official! The 2010 AVSA convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Raleigh NC from April 11-18.

The AVSA 2009 Calendar is on sale! These are very nice calendars and make wonderful Christmas gifts. Get yours now for \$10.00 (shipping and handling included). You may get yours at MAAVS or call the AVSA.

## Exhibits



Nell Reese received a blue ribbon for Kohleria "Manchu" and Carolyn Smith received a red for petrocosmea "Momo".

### Where the Wild Things Are

**Class 1** Jazzy Giraffe: plant with the longest neck

**Class 2** Mamma Possum: plant with the most suckers

**Class 3** Long-haired Lion: plant needing the most grooming

**Class 4** Oliver Octopus: plant with the worst symmetry

**Class 5** Shaggy Sloth: plant with the most spent blossoms

**Class 6** Twisted Serpent: plant with the most crooked neck

**Class 7** Gellin' Jellyfish: gesneriad most lacking in form  
**Design**

**Class 1** Liza's Flower Cart: Unartistic Flower Arrangement

**Class 2** Shop of Horrors: Unartistic Plant Arrangement

**Class 3** Jungle Fever: Container Garden Most in Need of Help

**Please do not bring plants that may have mites, mealy bugs or thrips.**

## HOBBY – AFRICAN VIOLETS

Have I got violets? I'll say I have!

I'd like the world to know,  
They're growing all over the house,  
I've got them high and low.  
I've got them in my living room, den and bedrooms,

Bathroom and basement too,  
The colors are many and varied,

With shades of red, white and blue  
Please understand, I'm not complaining  
About the violets all over the house,  
I have saved a place on one of my shelves  
For my cat to watch for a mouse.

I love my violets dearly,  
And watch over each and every one,  
My pleasure is a hundred fold,  
With the waking of each morning sun

Helen Potruff  
AVM, March 1953

# Minutes of the Richmond African Violet Society

October 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order by **Josane Wagner**, President, at Overbrook Presbyterian Church. **Debbie Woodruff** opened the meeting with a poem.

**Vicki Carr** called roll. A quorum of 21 members was present. Also present was honorary member, Peggy Coley.

**Vicki Carr** read the minutes from May. Rich Follett motioned that the minutes be approved as read and Curtis Stevens seconded. The motion carried.

**Treasurer Report: Sharon Long** reported that the balance in checking was \$4,440.34 and \$19.85 in petty cash giving a total balance of \$4,460.19. Full report attached.

**Sharon Long** also went over the budget with the membership and was approved as presented.

**Sharon Long** informed the membership that the forms to file with the IRS for tax exempt status will cost \$300.00. **Barbara Stewart** motioned to make the funds available to pay the filing fee for tax exempt status. **Rich Follett** seconded and the motioned carried.

**Sharon Long** will research the cost of a CPA to fill out the complicated tax exempt forms.

## Committee Reports

- **Horticulture Tips**
  - **Barbara Stewart** briefly discussed leaf spotting and perlite.
- **MAAVS:** The Awards committee chairman, **Rich Follett**, asked for cash awards donations for the upcoming convention. He also announced that new this year will be a Children's African Violet Art Show and is looking for judges with an art background. Also new this year will be a children's Discovery table where children will learn "hands on" horticulture skills and asked for volunteers to man that table.
- **RAVS** will donate a gift basket to the MAAVS Ways and Means table. A cup was passed around for cash donations for the purchase of basket and items to fill it.
- **MAAVS** has requested that members from RAVS host the registration table at eh 2010 AVSA National Convention. After some discussion, it was decided that **Josane Wagner** will email back that members will be willing to work single shifts toward the end of the week but we will not be able to take on the responsibilities of chairing this committee.

- **RAVS Show: Josane Wagner** asked for a volunteer to chair the Hospitality committee. **Bill Schmidt** will be hosting a show planning meeting at his home. Meeting date to be announced.

#### **Old Business**

- **Josane Wagner** asked for three volunteers to revise the Bylaws.
- **Barbara Stewart** announced that she only has two project plants left.

#### **New Business**

- **Josane Wagner** briefly discussed the requirement of the nominating committee and asked for members to consider volunteering for this task and asked that the request will appear in the newsletter.
- **Josane Wagner** asked that members think about service projects and bring ideas to next meeting and to publish a request in the newsletter.
- Displays at local libraries were discussed.
- **Josane Wagner** asked members to suggest ideas for another type of year end function in June.

#### **Exhibits**

**Carolyn Smith** won a red ribbon for petrocosmea "Momo" and **Nell Reese** won a Blue ribbon for kohleria "Manchu".

With no new business, the meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed an informative program "Growing a Show Plant" by **Adrienne Topping**, of Tidewater AVS.

Refreshments were provided by **Nell Reese**.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Vicki Carr, Secretary**