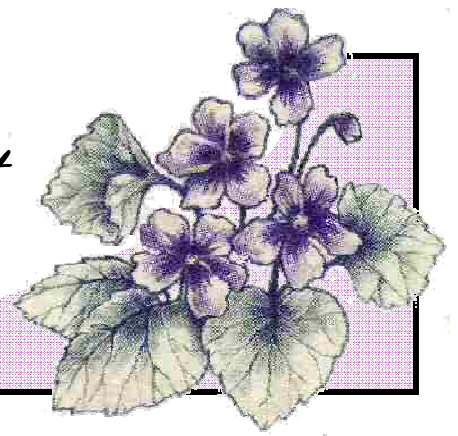


Richmond African Violet Society Newsletter



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NEXT MEETING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

RAVS News



I hope that last months repotting clinic got everyone in the mood to go home and repot all their violets because it's time to begin preparing your violets for the AVSA convention and show. Refer to the Grow to Show Schedule in your yearbooks. It will be found on page 25.

Rich Follett will present an informative program on growing trailers. He will be focusing on grooming trailers and invites members to bring in 1 to 3 trailers to work on. Bring plastic baggies just in case there are crowns that "accidently" fall off.

Hospitality Box

November – Bill Schmidt

December: Annual Christmas Luncheon

January – Barbara Stewart

February – Josane Wagner

March – Sharon Long

April – Barbara Newlin

May – **Need a Volunteer**

June: Club Outing. Location to be announced

Please contact one of the people listed above and offer to co-host.

We are in need of chairmen for the Publicity and Ways and Means committees. If you are interested in heading up either committee, please contact **Josane Wagner**.

Our Members:

*Happy Birthday to:
David Dick*



Helen Pangola lost many of her violets while she was in the hospital but still has a few growing under lights in her dining room. She has asked if any of our members could please come to her home to repot them for her. If you are interested in helping Helen, please contact **Bill Schmidt**.

Vicki Carr and former member **Barbara Roth** had the opportunity to re-connect recently. Barbara is now living in North Carolina and starting a garden club in her neighborhood.

Deadline for next issue is November 24th.

Show and Sale

Bill Schmidt will be hosting a Breakfast meeting for the Display/Sale Committee at his home on Saturday, November 21 9:00 a.m. to 11:00a.m. Any member wishing to attend is welcome.

Historian's Corner

November:

1952 The program at the meeting was on corsage making.

1960 The society contributed funds to purchase a wheel chair for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

1988 An article in the *Chesterfield Plus* titled Minister Finds Serenity in Violets featured **Wayne Coley**, the first male president of RAVS.

1996 The society held a mini-show, *A Symphony of Violets*, and **Barbara Peterson** (Stewart) won Best in Horticulture with Rainbow's Quiet Riot.

Supplies:



Kitty Hedgepeth brought used yellow sticky traps from her light stands to last months meeting to show how well they work. She had caught a lot of pesky fungus gnats. Let **Curtis** know if you would like him to pick some up for you at MAAVS.

This is your last chance to give **Curtis Stevens** your list of supplies to pick up at the MAAVS convention.

MAAVS

The show and convention is quickly approaching. If you can not attend the entire convention, make plans for a day trip. Williamsburg is close by and there's plenty to do and see. Friday, November 13th, the Sales room will be open 9 to 5 and the show room will be open Noon to 5. Saturday November 14th, the hours for both sales and show rooms are 9 to 4.

Yearbook

On page 13 of the new yearbook, please change the dates listed to setup: May 14, 2010, Show: May 15 and May 16, 2010. Sorry for any confusion.

Exhibits

Barbara Stewart won a red ribbon for Chirita "Stardust". **Nell Reese** won a blue ribbon for Episcia "Ronnie".

Library

Debbie Woodruff brings in a nice selection of items from the library for members to look through. If you would like to see something special, give her a call and she will bring it the meeting.

Raffle

Josane Wagner won a collection of Pittman plants donated by **Kitty Hedgepeth**. **Bill Schmidt** won several books on violet culture donated by **Barbara Stewart**. **Kitty Hedgepeth** won a plant of Waterdancer donated by **Barbara Stewart**. Congratulations to all that won and Thank you to those who donated items for the raffle.

**Minutes of the
Richmond African Violet Society
October 3, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by **Josane Wagner**, President, at Richmond Friends Meeting. **Josane Wagner** opened the meeting with devotions.

Vicki Carr called roll. A quorum of 15 members was present.

Barbara Stewart pointed out some errors in the minutes of the September 12, 2009 meeting. **Bill Schmidt** also suggested a correction. **Kitty Hedgepeth** moved to approve the minutes as amended, **Bill Schmidt** seconded. The minutes were approved with a show of hands.

Treasurer Report

Kitty Hedgepeth reported that the balance in checking was \$3,770.26 and \$19.85 in Petty cash.

Committee Reports

Supplies

Curtis Stevens asked that members interested in buying supplies to see him at the break.

Membership Update

Sharon Long told the membership that **Peggy Coley** will be moving to Culpepper within the next month.

Horticulture

Violets: **Kitty Hedgepeth** discussed the use of yellow sticky traps on light stands. She also passed around a used sticky trap in a Ziploc bag that showed dozens of dead fungus gnats.

Gesneriads: **Barbara Stewart** talked on the Chirita; their origins, propagation and culture. She also brought in some gesneriad magazines for review. Barbara brought in a plant of *Gloxinia perennis* for display.

MAAVS

Kitty Hedgepeth reminded members that the dates of the MAAVS convention in Williamsburg will be November 12-15th and invited members to see her for membership applications.

RAVS show

Bill Schmidt reported that RAVS will be using rooms in the LGBG Education Building. Members with RAVS name tags or RAVS tee shirts will be given free admission. Bill also discussed dates for a display committee meeting at his home on October 17 or November 21.

Historian

Bill Schmidt noted that the first gesneriad program was given in 1966.

Bill also brought in the guest book for members that attended the 60th anniversary dinner to sign.

Bill asked that members meet on the front steps of the church for a group photo.

Library

Debbie Woodruff brought in several old and new items for members to review or check out. **Barbara Stewart** donated the latest issue of Petal Tones.

Yearbook:

Vicki Carr brought in the new yearbooks for distribution. **Bill Schmidt** pointed out an error on page 13. The dates should read May 14, 15 and 16. **Vicki** will post a correction in the newsletter.

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Old Business

Kitty Hedgepeth re-read the proposed changes to the Bylaws. **Barbara Stewart** moved to accept the changes suggested by the bylaw committee. **Joanne Woolard** seconded. The motion passed with a show of hands.

New Business

Barbara Stewart discussed discontinuing the project plants program. The membership decided that we should continue having project plants but possibly choosing a plant from a group of plants like a certain hybridizer or Russians instead of everyone growing the same plant. Members were reminded that the project plant for 2010 is Wizard's Energy Storm and 2011 is Ma's Ching Dynasty. Barbara also asked if there was anyone interested in being the organizer for future project plants.

Members enjoyed refreshments provided by **Carolyn Smith** and **Vicki Carr**.

Carolyn Smith led members in a re-potting clinic. With no new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Carr