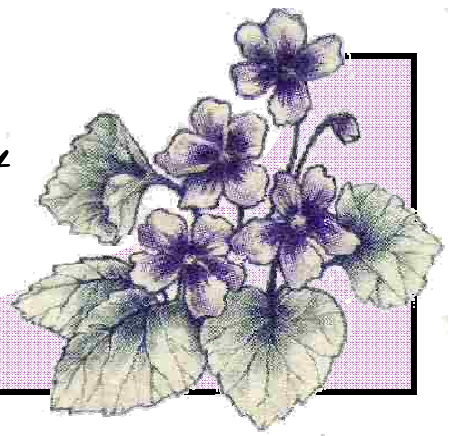


# Richmond African Violet Society Newsletter



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## NEXT MEETING SATURDAY, JANUARY 2



### Happy New Year!

I hope everyone made it through that snow storm alright! Now that we have dug ourselves out (a couple of times—thank you Mr. snow plow man) and the Christmas holidays are over it's time to turn our attention to our plants and prepare for the spring shows.

You may have questions about why your plants don't bloom the way you think they should or your plants just don't seem to grow like other plants you see at shows or perhaps you have fertilizer questions. Now's the time to get the answers you seek. Barbara Stewart and Carolyn Smith have organized a panel of growers for a Q & A program. Members are encouraged to email Barbara Stewart or call her with questions for our panel to research and answer at the meeting. Members are also encouraged to bring in problem plants (in sealed plastic bags please).

### Hospitality Box

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.**

Happy Birthday...

January

5-Nell Reese

15-Darlene Stevens

24-Grace Bailey



### Our Members:

**Peggy Coley** has a new address. It is: (Deleted for privacy). Please make this correction in your yearbooks. Peggy has some great news to share. She will become a new grandma sometime this summer! Congratulations Peggy. Being a grandma is so much fun!

### Supplies

Curtis Stevens has added several new items to the supplies. He now stocks Dyna-gro, Peters and Cape Cod's fertilizer (which is re-packaged Optimara) and yellow sticky traps. If you would like to see his updated list, see Curtis at the next meeting.

### Exhibits

Nell Reese won a blue ribbon for Rob's Bad Bunny

## Historians Corner

January

1951-Alden Aroe interviewed a panel of members on the topic "Surgery for Violets" for broadcast on WRVA radio.

1956-The society donated \$800 to the Crippled Children's Hospital for 20 bedside tables.

1976-The program was a panel discussion on grooming violets for exhibits and shows moderated by Mrs. J. E. Schultz.

1986-A year long service project was started. African violets were given to all the residents at the Hermitage on their birthdays. Most of the violets were provided by Dave Hudson.

## Library

**Barbara Stewart** donated the latest issue of Petal Tones, and will be adding some of Alice Grundy's books to the RAVS library collection. Member interested in checking out library material should contact Debbie Woodruff.



Carolyn Smith will be unable to attend January's meeting so she wanted to share a photo of her beautiful *Plectranthus forsterii*.

The National Capital Area Chapter of the Gesneriad Society publishes a "Desperately Seeking" list in their newsletter. Barbara Stewart will be going to their January meeting the week following our meeting, so she could take plants to them if anyone has any.

*Gasteranthus villosus*, *Columnea purpureo-vittata*, *Petrocosmea Formosa*, *Begonia hoehniana*, *Streptocarpus 'Maasen's White'*, *Streptocarpus 'Falling Stars'*, *Chirita sinensis 'Angustifolia'*, *Chirita 'Betty'*, *Chirita balansae*, *Chirita 'Louisa'*, *Streptocarpus 'Dales Scarlet Macaw'*, *Streptocarpus 'Summer Parfait'*, *Streptocarpus 'Blueberry Butterfly'*, *Streptocarpus 'HL Snowbaby'*, *Streptocarpus 'HL Boyish Grin'*, *Streptocarpus 'HL Purple Martin'*, *Sinningia 'Gone Salmon Fishing'*, *Smithiantha 'Sassy Redhead'*, *XAchicodonia 'Very Good'*, *XNiphimenes 'Lemonade'*

Several people asked for the recipe for Darlene's Potato casserole so here it is for everyone to enjoy...

## Darlene's Potato Casserole

### Ingredients

2 lbs. frozen hash browns, thawed  
¼ lb butter (margarine) – melt and mix through potatoes  
1 pint sour cream  
½ c. chopped, grated or minced onions  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
2 c. shredded Cheddar cheese  
1 tsp. salt  
½ tsp. pepper  
French fried onions

### Directions

Mix together in bowl and place in a 13x10 dish and bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour at 350 degrees. Lower to 325 if using a glass dish. After baking, sprinkle a can of French fried onions on top and brown for a minute or two.

**Minutes of the  
Richmond African Violet Society  
December 5, 2009**

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

**Today was our Holiday Luncheon and the business meeting was shortened.**

**Vicki Carr** called roll. A quorum of 19 members was present. There were five guests: Ronnie Stewart, Larry Hedgpeth, Bob Bruckhart, George Woodruff, and Dakota Woodruff.

**READING OF THE MINUTES: Sharon Long** moved that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed with a show of hands.

**TREASURER REPORT: Kitty Hedgpeth** gave the treasurer's report. The balance in the checking account is \$3,425.35 of which \$19.85 is petty cash.

**SUPPLIES/INVENTORY: Curtis Stevens** handed out the updated Supply Inventory and Pricing list. He also noted that he had some supplies on the back table if anyone wanted to purchase supplies. He now has some Dyna Gro fertilizer, Peter's African Violet Fertilizer and some yellow sticky sheets for catching fungus gnats.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Josane Wagner** shared a note from Diane Eddleton, Alice Grundy's daughter, thanking RAVS for all the support given to Alice.

**SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT: Bill Schmidt** summarized the meeting held at his home on November 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the May Plant Show and Sale: Cedar Creek will supply the sale plants; member plants will be judged beginning at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning; there will be 14 classes. **Kitty Hedgpeth** reminded members to begin "putting down" leaves for the plant sale. Bill encouraged members to bring as many different types of plants for the show as possible like Chimeras and Wasps. Bill also mentioned that he had received a note from **Helen Pangola** that she got her plants repotted and sent her greetings to everyone.

**LIBRARY REPORT: Debbie Woodruff** did not have anything to report. **Barbara Stewart** mentioned that she brought several good books and magazines from **Alice Grundy's** collection for the Silent Auction. Barbara also donated the latest issue of Petal Tones, and she will be adding some of Alice's books to the library collection.

**HORTICULTURE TIPS: None today.**

**EXHIBITS: Barbara Stewart: Nell Reese** won a blue ribbon for Rob's Bad Bunny.

**MAAVS REPORT: Kitty Hedgpeth: None.**

**AVSA REPORT: Sharon Long:** No report, but Sharon mentioned that some RAVS members might want to volunteer at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens during the Festival of Lights.

**OLD NEWS: Barbara Stewart** said she had one more “Ma’s Ching Dynasty” which **Margaret Bruckhart** received.

**GIFT EXCHANGE: Bill Schmidt** passed a “hat” around for members to pull a number and then members picked out the gift they wanted beginning with number one. A member did not have to open the gift, in which case no other member could “snatch” it. If the member opened the gift, another member could snatch it but only one snatch was allowed per person. This process continued until all gifts were claimed.

**LUNCHEON: Barbara Stewart** gave the devotional before eating a fabulous spread of wonderful food and drinks: a special thanks to **Sandra Moses** for roasting TWO turkeys!

**SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE:** The meeting ended with the winners of the Silent Auction and Raffle being announced. **Rika Rawls, Barbara Stewart and Kitty Hedgepeth** donated plants.

It was a very fun, delicious morning.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Barbara Newlin**, Secretary