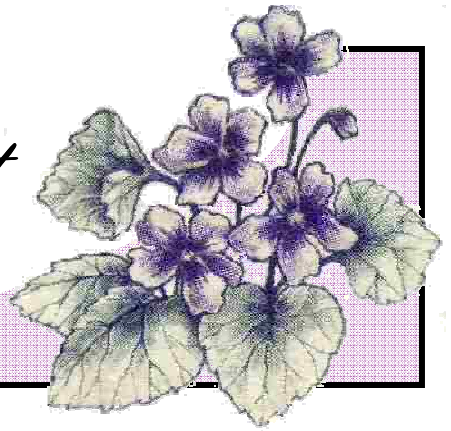


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NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 6



The Richmond African Violet Society was well represented at the MAAVS Convention in Fredericksburg. Everyone had a wonderful time. Attending the convention but not pictured was David Dick and Richard Follett. Thank you, Curtis, for sending in the photo!



The program for this month is our annual Christmas Luncheon. We will have a wrapped gift exchange after lunch. It's suggested to keep gifts in the \$5 to \$10 range. We will also be having a Silent Auction. We will be using the room downstairs. Take the stairs immediately to your left as you come in from the parking lot. If you are able, please bring in some greenery and/or table decorations. Our meeting begins at 10:00a.m. Plan to arrive a few minutes early to help with decorating the room.

Happy Birthday to...

11 - Heidi Helbling

14 - Josane Wagner

20 - Vicki Carr

Silent Auction Rules and Procedures

1. Auction items can be anything that may be of interest to buyers, preferably horticulture or design related. The auction committee reserves the right to limit the number of auctioned items if space is limited.
2. Plants must be pest free.
3. Each item to be auctioned needs a bid sheet (can be found at the end of this newsletter) with the following information:
 - Seller's member number, or number 50 if you want the total proceeds to go to the club
 - A description of the item
 - A starting bid price
 - Lines for people to enter their bids.
4. Each item auctioned will have only one winner. If you want to auction multiple items, provide a separate sheet for each. Otherwise, everything at one auction will be given to the highest bidder (such as a collection of pots).

5. Try to arrive at the meeting before 9:30 to set up your items, so bidding can begin before the meeting starts. Bidding will end at the end of the break.
6. Bids must be made in increments of 50 cents or higher.
7. As stated in the bylaws, the club will get 35% of the proceeds and members will get the remaining 65%.

Exhibits



Nell Reese received a blue ribbon for Smithiantha zebrine and **Joanne Woolard** received a blue ribbon for Fairy Fountains.

Where the Wild Things Are



Congratulations to **Barbara Stewart** and **Josane Wagner**.

Barbara's plant of Optimara Little Ottawa was awarded "Worst in Show" and Josane's "Purple Momma" received "Second Worst in Show".

Christmas Luncheon

Appetizers

Barbara Newlin- Olive Balls
Vergyl Cabbagestalk- Fruit Tray

Side Dishes

Margaret Bruckhart-Cranberry Salad
Miriam Pendleton- Corn Pudding
Nell Reese- Deviled Eggs
Vicki Carr- Sweet Potato Casserole
Carolyn Smith-Salad
Debbie Woodruff-Fruit or Veggie Salad
Barbara Stewart-Cranberry Sauce
Grace Bailey-Cole Slaw



Josane Wagner-Turkey, Gravy and cornbread stuffing
Sharon Long-Dressing

Desserts

Sandra Moses-Fruitcake Cookies
Barbara Stewart-Cranberry Coffee Cake
Kitty Hedgepeth-two Pies
Rika Rawles-Cake
Bill Schmidt-Cake
Pat Osborne-Rolls

Drinks

Darlene Stevens-Soft Drinks
Carolyn Smith-Herb Drink
Debbie Woodruff-Fruit Juice/Tea

Other

Sharon Long-Utensils, White plastic Table cloth, napkins, plates and cups.

Hospitality Schedule

*December -Holiday Luncheon

January -Barbara Stewart
February -Josane Wagner
March -Margaret Bruckhart
April -Carolyn Smith/Vicki Carr
May -Officer Installation
June -Annual Outing

Chicken Cheese Ball

2 cans (5 oz) Swanson chicken in water (drain)
2 (8 oz) cream cheese (softened)
½ t of lemon juice
3 T minced onion
3 T sweet relish
1 T Worcestershire
1/8 t salt
1/8 t pepper

Thoroughly mix all ingredients together.

Line a rounded bowl with Saran wrap. Form cheese mixture into a large ball. Fold Saran wrap over the top and refrigerate until firm (6 hours or overnight – if refrigerated overnight it will have more flavor).

Minutes of the Richmond African Violet Society

November 1, 2008

The meeting was called to order by **Josane Wagner**, President, at Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

Joanne Woolard called roll. A quorum of 19 members was present.

Kitty Hedgepeth moved that the minutes be accepted as published in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Sharon Long reported that the balance in checking was \$3,696.07 and \$19.85 in petty cash giving a total balance of \$3,715.92. Sharon also reported that the IRS has assigned our society an Employer Identification number and that our society will not have to pay a filing fee for tax exemption as long as our income is under \$25,000.

Committee Reports

- **Hospitality: Rika Rawles** passed around a "Food List" for who is bringing what to the luncheon. The list will be published in next month's newsletter.
- There will be a wedding reception in the church parlor and we will need to meet in another room. **Josane Wagner** will contact the church secretary and ask if we may use the room downstairs. The exact room that we will be using will be published in the newsletter.
- **Supplies:** Members not attending MAAVS were invited to give **Vicki Carr** a shopping list.
- **MAAVS: Barbara Stewart** asked members attending the convention to help man the Ways and Means table. **Kitty Hedgepeth** had applications for members wanting to join MAAVS.
- **Horticulture Tips: Carolyn Smith** discussed "notched blossoms."

RAVS Show

Josane Wagner discussed plans for our 2009 show and sale. We are still in need of someone to organize the hosts and hostesses for the show room.

Old Business

- **Bylaws: Kitty Hedgepeth, Sharon Long** and **Josane Wagner** volunteered to revise the bylaws.
- **Barbara Stewart** announced that she does not have any project plants left.
- **Service Projects: Carolyn Smith** will call about volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club.

New Business

No new Business

Exhibits

With no new business, the meeting was adjourned and members moved to the next room to see the results of the "Dawg Show".

Refreshments were provided by **Darlene and Curtis Stevens**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Carr, Secretary

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