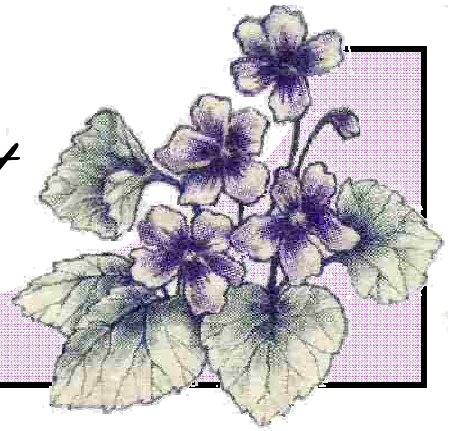


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NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 7

Remembering Wayne Coley

Barbara Stewart



Wayne has been a devoted grower of African violets for most of his life. Twenty five years ago, he made a call to the Richmond African Violet Society and received an invitation to attend his first meeting. He remained

actively involved with the club serving as First Vice President, then President, and finally as club Historian. He also served as editor of this newsletter for many years. As a Baptist minister, he served as Devotional chairman, opening each meeting and club luncheon with words of inspiration. He also promoted the club and show events as Publicity chairman.

Wayne started growing African violets by collecting the Optimaras that were named for the 50 states. As his hobby expanded, he particularly liked growing variegated plants. Wayne also ventured into design with terrariums, underwater designs, and miniature arrangements, which were his favorite.

As a member of AVSA, MAAVS, and Dixie AVS, Wayne was well known by many in the violet world. He inspired and touched the

lives of everyone who knew him. His warm, friendly personality, his optimism, and his sense of humor will be greatly missed by all of us.

Guest speaker, Carol Hamelink will present her program on Gesneriads. Meeting begins at 10:00a.m. Plant to arrive early for fellowship.

Ooops

Sharon Long accidentally re-cycled the records from the Silent auction and can not accurately distribute the proceeds or contact participants. She asks that anyone who placed items for auction please email or call her before Saturday's meeting to discuss a resolution to the problem.

Hospitality Schedule

*February -Josane Wagner

March - Carolyn Smith/Vicki Carr

April - Margaret Bruckhart

May -Officer Installation

June -Annual Outing

Show

The Shenandoah club has accepted our invitation for our clubs to co-host the spring show.

Next deadline for submissions is February 25, 2009

The Gesneriad Society will hold its 53rd annual convention in Silver Spring, Maryland June 30-July 4 at the Hilton Silver Spring Hotel.

Last month, **Margaret Bruckhart** brought in the club's first scrap book for members to enjoy. This book has many fascinating artifacts in it. Did you know that there is a letter from former First Lady Mamie Eisenhower? Unfortunately it is beginning to show its age. If you have any ideas on how this book can be preserved, please contact Margaret.

WANTED...

...One member to organize the hospitality hosts/hostesses for the show room.

...One or more members to design the theme table. This is a great opportunity to exercise your creative side.

...Ideas for our June meeting. In recent years, attendance at our picnics has fallen off. Several members have expressed a desire to do something else like a field trip or a "Progressive Meeting" which is described in the minutes. We would like to hear your ideas and suggestions!

Exhibits

David Dick won a blue ribbon for Precious Pink and **Josane Wagner** won a red ribbon for Little Shamus.

AVSA

Joyce Stork

As many of you are aware, the African Violet Magazine with all the Reno convention information is arriving very late in our members' homes. The published deadline for "early bird" (and less expensive) convention registration is February 25, which is earlier than usual because the convention is earlier. The window of opportunity for registering at the lower rate is pretty narrow. We could easily lose attendees who are caught unaware about the deadline, who then don't want to pay the extra registration fee.

I have discussed the matter with Linda Owens and with the office staff, and we are all agreed that it would be better to push the deadline back and give members a little more time.

The new early bird deadline for registration will be March 6, 2009.

We will let people know in several ways. 1) We will announce it in the March magazine. Ruth Rumsey is planning to get the March issue to the publisher as early as possible so that it may reach

homes by the end of February. There is no guarantee that the USPS will cooperate, but she is doing what she can. 2) I will be preparing a message to be sent to the Affiliates letting them know that there is an extension. 3) You need to share this information in your clubs, internet chat groups, and with your convention-going friends.

Finally, this change of deadline means Jenny will have less time than usual to handle the paperwork in the office for convention. It often happens that half of the registrations come in that last week. I would encourage all of you to get your own registrations in early (and to encourage other as well) to make her job easier. Success takes a team effort!

Correction to the January/February issue of the AVM:

On Page 43 of this issue, under the 2009 Board of Director Nominees:

Sue Ramser has been nominated for Secretary, Not Treasurer and on page 44 Edna Rourke is nominated for Treasurer.

Lemon Cranberry Pie

Barbara Stewart

1 baked pastry shell (9-inch)

(Option: shortbread pie crust or graham cracker pie crust)

1 can (16 oz.) whole berry or jellied cranberry sauce

2 Tbsp cornstarch

2 Tbsp light brown sugar

1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk

1/2 c. bottled lemon juice

3 egg yolks

Preheat oven to 325. In a small saucepan, combine cranberry sauce, cornstarch and sugar. Over medium heat, cook and stir until thickened and bubbly.

Spoon into prepared pie shell. In small mixer bowl, beat sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice, and egg yolks. Combine until well blended.

Spoon evenly over cranberry mixture. Bake 30 minutes. Cool and chill.

(I used the pre-made shortbread pie crust and jellied cranberry sauce, garnished with cherry chips.)

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

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

Devotions were read by **Josane Wagner**.

Vicki Carr called roll. A quorum of 17 members was present.

Reading of the Minutes: Vicki Carr presented several corrections to the December minutes. **Sharon Long** moved that the minutes be accepted with corrections. **Curtis Stevens** seconded and the motioned carried with a show of hands.

Treasurer Report: Sharon Long reported that the balance in checking was \$3641.64 and \$19.85 in petty cash giving a total balance of \$3661.67.

Sharon reported that she inadvertently discarded the records from the Silent auction and can not accurately distribute the silent auction proceeds. She offered several options.

1. Members that participated and in the auction would contact her and she try to recreate the list.
2. Split the money equally among those that had items in the auction.
3. Donate the money to AVSA for the upgrading of the AVSA web site.

Vicki Carr will publish the options in the newsletter and a decision will be made at the February meeting.

Committee Reports

- **Horticulture Tips: Barbara Stewart** gave the tip of adding a slice of an apple to dried fertilizer to revitalize it.
- **Historian Margaret Bruckhart** brought in the club's first scrap book and shared our society's history of 1948. **Sharon Long** asked that those who look at it think about its condition and how this book can be preserved.
- Project plant: **Barbara Stewart** talked to violet gallery about Ma's Ching Dynasty and the possibility of picking up at the Gesneriad show.
- **RAVS Show:**
 - **Josane Wagner** reported that neither she nor **Bill Schmidt** have heard from **Richard Follett** about co-hosting the spring show with the Shenandoah club.
 - **Josane Wagner** is still looking for someone to organize the hospitality hosts/hostesses for the show room.
 - **Heidi Helbling** will be unable to design the theme table and **Josane** asked for someone to take her place.
 - The MAAVS staging committee had to cut our larger niches and will replace the ones that were cut. **Barbara Stewart** discussed the possibility of replacing our entire set of niches. **Barbara** will do an inventory on what we have. **Sharon Long** will get prices for a vote next month.

Old Business

No New Business

New Business

Josane Wagner discussed changing June meeting from a picnic to something else. She suggested having a “progressive meeting” where we meet at the homes of three members for different courses of the meal. Such as meeting at the first home for salad; the second home for the entrée and the third home for desert. Attendees would be treated to a tour of the hosting members growing area. She also asked for members to add their suggestions in the upcoming months.

Barbara Stewart announced that the Gesneriad Society will hold its annual convention in Silver Spring, Maryland June 30-July 4, 2009 at the Hilton Silver Spring Hotel.

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With no new business, the meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed refreshments provided by **Barbara Stewart**.

Carol Hamelink was unable to present her program on Gesneriads. **Barbara Stewart** presented an enjoyable and informative program on “Natural Plantings”.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Carr, Secretary