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## NEXT MEETING MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>



Wow! It's March already! The year is flying by. Our annual show and sale is only 7 short weeks away. But there *is* still time to whip those violets into show condition. What's that? Not sure how. Well you are in luck! **Barbara Stewart** will be presenting a "Grooming for Show" Hands-On Workshop at Saturday's meeting. Everyone attending should bring in a plant that needs grooming. Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

March 12- **Debbie Woodruff**

### HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

- \*March: Debbie Woodruff
- \*April: Kitty Hedgepeth
- \*May: Josane Wagner
- \*June: Anniversary Luncheon

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Irene Pittman

### RAVS NEWS

Last month, Bill Schmidt passed out the show schedules. If you did not receive one please see Bill at Saturday's meeting

### GOLDEN GIFT PROGRAM

RAVS will be participating in The Ukrop's Golden Gift Program which began February 4 and will run through March 29<sup>th</sup>. Every time you shop at Ukrop's and use your UVC card, you will earn one point for every dollar you spend. Points are automatically tracked and Ukrop's will send you a Golden Gift Certificate when the program ends. You then may donate your certificate to RAVS. This is an easy way for our club to earn money—all you have to do is use your UVC card when you shop. Remember, the more you shop, the more you earn!



The National Capital Area Chapter of the Gesneriad society will hold a show and sale at the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. on March 15 and 16, 2008. Anyone interested in entering a plant in their show does not need to be a member of the Gesneriad Society. You may visit their web site for more information. [www.nationalcapitalgesneriads.org/](http://www.nationalcapitalgesneriads.org/)

Overbrook Presbyterian Church will once again be hosting the CARITAS program March 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. RAVS has donated \$25.00 to the church, but if you would like to make an additional donation of cash or items like

juice boxes, individually wrapped cakes, cookies, pretzels or fruit cups or puddings for packed lunches, please bring them to Saturday's meeting.

## AVSA

The violet community has lost another pioneer. Anne Tinari passed away Saturday February 9, 2008. The following appeared in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Anne Palmer Tinari, 95, of Huntingdon Valley, co-owner of Tinari Greenhouses and an expert on African violets, died Saturday at home.

Mrs. Tinari graduated from Lower Moreland High School. In 1933 she married Frank A. Tinari Sr., a professional gardener. They moved to a seven-acre property in Huntingdon Valley in the early 1940s.

During World War II, when sugar was rationed, he raised bees. When his honey customers admired Mrs. Tinari's African violets on the kitchen windowsill, a business was born.

At the time, the plants - native to Tanzania - were just being introduced on the East Coast. The Tinari's helped popularize the flowers, eventually building six greenhouses devoted to their cultivation. They developed hybrid varieties and won numerous awards at the Philadelphia Flower Show and other horticulture events.

Mrs. Tinari became a master judge and teacher of African violet care and culture. She was past president of the African Violet Society of

America and wrote the "Question Box" column for many years in the society's magazine. She wrote the book *Our African Violet Heritage*, published in 1975.

She loved to share her knowledge with customers, her daughter Lilianne Ager said. After her husband died in 2002, Mrs. Tinari continued to work in the family business until she was 90. Her son Frank Jr. now operates Tinari Greenhouses.

In addition to her son and daughter, Mrs. Tinari is survived by another son, Anthony; another daughter, Clementine Dix; a sister; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Together, Anne and Frank hybridized over 200 varieties like Lillian Jarrett, Ramblin' Rose and Wisteria. The family has requested that memorial gifts be given to the AVSA's Tinari Endowment Fund.

Rachel Mayer, 64, Ontario, Canada, passed away February 5, 2008. Mrs. Mayer owned and operated [Rachelsreflections.com](http://Rachelsreflections.com).

## HINTS AND TIPS

Use an infant's nasal bulb syringe to water in tiny places or for blowing soil and debris off dirty leaves. Your hand pressure when squeezing controls the amount of water -- from single drops to a stream.

Items for the April newsletter must be received by  
March 25, 2008.