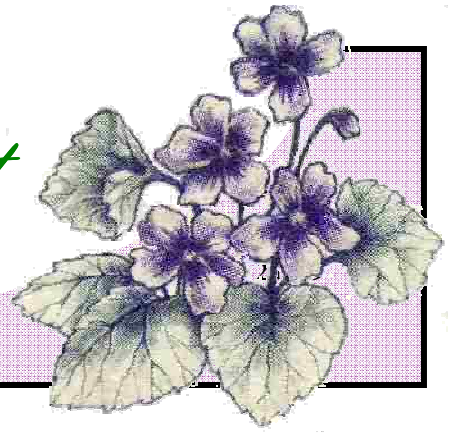
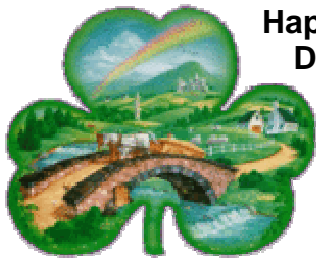


Richmond African Violet Society Newsletter



NEXT MEETING MARCH 7



Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

This year is flying by! I can't believe that March is here already. There's roughly 7 weeks before our show so there is still plenty of time to plan those designs. If you are having some trouble figuring out just how to put your design together, plan to be at Saturday's meeting. **Bill Schmidt** and **Kitty Hedgepeth** will be presenting a program on "Mobiles and Underwater Arrangements".

Following the membership meeting, **Sharon Long** and **Barbara Stewart** will conduct a workshop for those members visiting from the Shenandoah club on the "Basics of Design" with emphases on mechanics. All members are welcome to attend.

- Membership meeting begins at 10:00a.m. Plan to arrive a few minutes early to browse the "give away" table.
- **Executive board members are requested to be at the church promptly at 8:30 a.m. for a short meeting. The meeting should last approximately an hour.**

- Following the workshop, show committee chairmen will be meeting at Zorba's for lunch and a quick meeting. Zorba's is located in the Tuckernuck Shopping Center at 9068 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA. Shenandoah club members should also attend.

Sharon Long will have the new project plants available for sale at Saturday's meeting.

OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to...

- 3-8 Mary Sue Hudson
- 3-12 Debbie Woodruff
- 3-22 Curtis Stevens
- 3-26-Ruth Tate



Margaret Bruckhart had hip replacement surgery February 19th. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Helen Pangola is still recovering from a broken ankle.

ATTENTION

We are still in need of a member to design the show's theme table and someone to organize the hospitality hosts/hostesses for the show room.

Barbara Stewart has two plant stands that belonged to **Alice Grundy**. They are large, but come apart easily for transporting. If anyone is interested in them, Barbara is just asking for a donation to the club.

EXHIBITS

Do you have a violet in bloom? Bring it in to be judged. Each member may show one plant and one design at each meeting. An individual plant may be shown only once during the year.

Last month, **Glenna Hasslacher** won a white ribbon for her Irish Maiden.

AVSA

In 2010, MAAVS will be sponsoring the AVSA National Convention to be held in Raleigh, NC. To support the effort, MAAVS is organizing a raffle of donated items to raise funds at this year's Convention in Reno, NV.

So look around your house. Peek under the bed and poke around your closets. If you have any violet related items that are just gathering dust, now is the time to turn them around and find them a new home while doing a good deed and helping with the fundraiser for the 2010 Convention in Raleigh. Any new or gently used violet related items will be most welcome. If you have something you would like to contribute, **Kitty Hedgepeth** will be collecting donations at our March meeting. She will gather everything together and forward it along to the Violet Gallery. They will see that everything gets safely to Reno for the raffle.

Hospitality Schedule

***March - Carolyn Smith/Vicki Carr**

April - Margaret Bruckhart

May -Officer Installation

June -Annual Outing



**Minutes of the
Richmond African Violet Society
February 7, 2009**

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

Devotions were read by Josane Wagner.

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

Reading of the Minutes: Vicki Carr presented several corrections to the December minutes. Barbara Stewart moved that the minutes be accepted with corrections. Curtis Stevens seconded. The motion passed with a show of hands.

A "Get Well" card was circulated for Helen Pangola who has a broken ankle. A Sympathy card was circulated to send to Peggy Coley.

Treasurer Report: Sharon Long reported that the balance in checking was \$3615.74 and \$19.85 in petty cash giving a total balance of \$3635.59. Sharon announced that taxes have been filed. Copy attached.

Sharon Long moved that \$25.00 be donated to Hope Tree Family Services in **Wayne Coley's** honor. **Kitty Hedgepeth** suggested that the amount be upped to \$50.00. After some discussion the motion was amended to donate \$50.00. **Joanne Woolard** seconded; the motion passed with a show of hands.

Committee Reports

Library report: **Alice Doggett**, **Alice Grundy's family**, and **Peggy Coley** have donated African Violet Magazines to our society. Some will be added to our library, some will be included in the silent auction and some will be included "goodie bags" for new members. **Barbara Stewart** donated issues of Petal Tones and the Appraisal.

- **Horticulture Tips:**
- **Carolyn Smith Violets:** Asked for tips on bathing violets.
- **Project plant: Barbara Stewart:** The Violet Gallery will be at the Maymont Home and Garden show next week and someone will be picking up the project plants
- **AVSA:** Brenda Petry, 2010 AVSA Show Chair, is asking for donations for the ways and means table at the Reno convention to raise money for the 2010 convention.
- **RAVS Show:** We are still in need of someone to organize "greeters" in the show room. We also need someone to Chair the Theme Table.

Old Business

MAAVS has offered to replace two of our 22" niches that were damaged in November. Barbara Stewart, Sharon long and Josane Wagner will discuss privately and present a report to the membership next month.

Bill Schmidt has obtained a time slot at the Tuckahoe library in April.

New Business

Josane Wagner asked for three volunteers to form the nominating committee. **Curtis Stevens, Sue Dompkowski** and **Sharon Long** volunteered. **Kitty Hedgepeth** motioned to accept the volunteers. **Barbara Stewart** seconded and the motion passed with a show of hands.

Joanne Woolard made a motion to retire **Wayne Coley's** membership number in his honor. **Kitty Hedgepeth** seconded the motion and with a show of hands the motion passed.

Sharon Long passed around photos of **Alice Grundy's** plant stands and her potting station asking if anyone wanted these items for a donation to the society. Those who are interested should contact Diane Huddleston.

Exhibits

Glenna Hasslacher received a white ribbon for her Irish Maiden.

With no more new business, the meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed refreshments provided by Josane Wagner.

Carol Hamelink presented her very informative program on Gesneriads.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Carr, Secretary