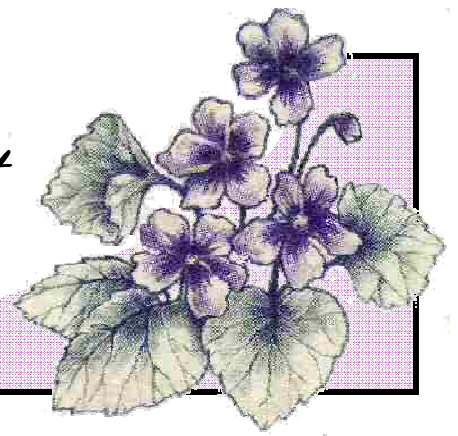


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NEXT MEETING SATURDAY, MARCH 6



Have you thawed out yet? It's been a long time since we've had snow like we have this year! Our members in Northern VA report that the last storm dumped over 30 inches of snow. Now that's some serious snow!

Since the snow storm last month ruined all plans for last meeting, we'll be including the project plant clinic into this meeting. So, bring in your project plants of Wizards Energy Storm and Ma's Ching Dynasty. If you'd like your plant re-potted, be sure to bring in an appropriate sized pot. Remember the rule of thumb; pot size should be 1/3 the diameter of the plant.

Barbara Stewart will present this month's program on "How to Build a Dish Garden". With the AVSA convention and our own display so close, this should be a very interesting program.

Meeting begins at 10:00. Feel free to arrive a few minutes early to help set-up tables and to socialize with others.

Hospitality Box

March – Sharon Long

April – Barbara Newlin/Curtis & Darlene Stevens

May – Nell Reese/Sue Dompkowski

June: Club Outing. Location to be announced

Please contact one of the people listed above and offer to co-host.

Supplies

Curtis Stevens will have supplies for sale before, after and during the break. He can also take your order via e-mail (cstevens0353@comcast.net) and have your purchases bagged and ready for pick up at the meeting.

Our Members:

March Birthdays...

8th - Mary sue Hudson

12th - Debbie Woodruff

22nd - Curtis Stevens

26th - Ruth Tate

Historians Corner

March

1955 Senator Harry F. Byrd arranged for members to visit Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower at the White House. The members presented her with a violet that had belonged to Mr. Walter Compton.

1990 David Turley provided a program on Gesneriads at the meeting of the society.

1994 Members of the society participated in the **Gardeners Fair** at the Great Big Greenhouse.

This & That

To clean your foliage of Powdery Mildew and inhibit its growth, to eight ounces of tepid tap water add ten drops of Lysol concentrate, stirring well. The water will appear cloudy. Saturate a clean brush (I use a one inch pastry brush) in the liquid, squeezing out the excess. The brush should be damp, but not dripping wet. Following the direction of the hairs on the leaf, gently brush until the mildew has disappeared, cleaning your brush occasionally in the Lysol mixture. Remember, when trying something new, experiment with a few plants and observe the results before treating your whole collection. This treatment will mark the blossoms, but leave the foliage clean and mildew free. Contributed by Kitty Hedgepeth



Beginning this year, the AV Magazine will not have the convention information. You need to go to

<http://www.avsa.org> to get registration forms. The forms need to be filled out and sent by snail mail as there is no on-line process. The best way to do this is to print out the registration form, fill it out and mail them along with payment to: AVSA Office, 2375 North Street, Beaumont, TX 77702-1722 by March 11, 2010. Unfortunately, the early bird deadline has already passed. Vicki Carr will bring several copies of the registration forms to the meeting for those without internet access

Your Reservations for the Hilton North Raleigh must be made by March 11, 2010. Call Hilton Reservations at 1-800-445-8667 or use the "Book Reservations Online" link on the AVSA web site Convention Page. The group code is AVS. Note: The Hilton Reservation's number is wrong on the AVSA printed Convention Pages, so please use 1-800-445-8667.

For your convenience, there will be free Flat Rate Mailing Boxes available for you to mail your plant purchases home. Once your boxes are packed you can leave them at our

shipping station along with USPS flat rate postage, cash only. The AVSA will arrange for safe delivery to the Post Office. You can also mail your dirty clothes home and fill your carry on suitcase with more important stuff, like plants.

Going Green with Gesneriads!

Don't forget that The National Capital Chapter of the Gesneriad Society will be having their Show and Sale March 13-14, 2010 at the U.S. National Arboretum.

Coming Events

Mar

6th - RAVS Meeting

13-14th - National Capital Chapter of the Gesneriad Society

14th - Daylight Saving Time

April

3rd - Meeting

4th - Easter

11-18th - AVSA Convention and Show

May

1st - RAVS Meeting

14-16th - RAVS Display @ LGBG

June 5th - RAVS Meeting

**HAVE GREAT
SAINT PATRICK'S
DAY!!!**

