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NEXT MEETING APRIL 5



There's just about three weeks before our show. Are you ready? Bill Schmidt and Josane Wagner will conduct this month's program on "Preparing for Show". Each committee chairman should have a short rundown of their committee and be ready to answer questions. Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

4-Miriam Pendleton
6-Richard Follett
14-Joanne Woolard
22-Kathy Rocco



Please keep Rika Rawles and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Her mother, Gina Rawles, passed away February 27th.

Get Well Soon wishes go to Grace Bailey. She fell and broke her wrist.

Honorary member, Rodelle Grundy is now living at the Ashland Convalescent Center. For those who would like to

send him a card may contact the nursing facility.

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

*April: Kitty Hedgepeth

*May: Josane Wagner

*June: Anniversary Luncheon (more information on page 2)

RAVS NEWS

There has been a change in our meeting schedule. The Tidewater AVS will be holding their show and sale May 3 which conflicts with our May meeting. Because so many of our members judge their show, our May meeting has been moved back one week to May 10th. We will be meeting in one of the class rooms at 10:00 a.m. Please make this change on your calendars.

Golden Gift Program: Just a reminder that the golden gift will be ending in a few days. Your Ukrops purchases continue to add up until March 31st.

AVSA Calendars are available for \$8.00. See Barbara Stewart at the meeting.

Sharon Long has club pins available. See her at the meeting.

Please fill out and return the yearbook questionnaires to Barbara Stewart.

ROAD TRIP!!

Member Dennis Miller will be moving to Minnesota soon and will be disposing of 15 shelves of his streps. He has agreed to allow us to do some discount shopping on April 1st after our meeting. The more you buy, the better your discount! If you are interested in going to his place in Fredericksburg (about an hour ride), bring a box and your checkbook (or cash) and we will work out who is going, driving, riding, etc. at the meeting.

June Outing

The Richmond African Violet Society 60th anniversary Luncheon will be held at the Grapevine Restaurant located at 11055 Three Chopt Road (corner of Three Chopt and Cox) on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

The Menu:

- Garden House Salad
- Home made rolls
- Soda\Tea\Coffee with refills

Choice of 4 Entrees:

- Baked Meat Lasagna
- Baked Manicotti
- Chicken Marsala (Sautéed with Marsala wine and fresh mushrooms, served over capallinie)

- Mother Mary's Special (Grilled Chicken backed with olive oil and garlic. Topped with feta and mozzarella cheese, served over spaghetti).

Beverages, other than listed above, are available and can be purchased on your own tab.

The price for each person is \$20.00 (including tip). Spouses, family and close friends are invited.

The restaurant requires an accurate count of attendees, so please let Carolyn Smith know that you are coming and how many people you will be bringing. She will begin collecting money at the April Meeting.

Note:

During the March meeting, Barbara Stewart mentioned the Gesneriad Society's web site. If you have not had the opportunity to visit it yet, please take a few minutes soon to visit. There is a great deal of information available about gesneriads. Follow the link below to download free excerpts from their magazine [Gesneriads.](http://www.gesneriadsociety.org/Membership/excerpts.htm)
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Deadline for articles for the May newsletter is
April, 23, 2008.

Minutes of the Richmond African Violet Society

March 1, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Josane Wagner, President, at Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Debbie Woodruff opened the meeting with devotions.

Joanne Woolard called roll. A quorum of 19 members was present. Also present was honorary member, Peggy Coley. There were 2 guests, Barbara Newlin and Sandra Moses.

Vicki Carr read the minutes from the February 2, 2008 meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Report

- Sharon Long reported that the balance in checking was \$3,376.92 and \$19.85 in Petty cash giving a total balance of \$3,396.78.

Committee Reports

- First Vice President's Report: Barbara Stewart
 - Ways & Means: RAVS has registered for the Ukrop's Golden Gift Program. Members were encouraged to shop Ukrop's and send in their Golden certificates by June 1st.
 - Club Project Plants were available for pick up.
 - 2008 Yearbook: Barbara Stewart asked for help putting the yearbook together. Several members volunteered.
- Second Vice President's Report: Joanne Woolard
 - Supplies were available at the break
- Library Report: Debbie Woodruff had a selection of materials for check out.
- Horticulture Tips
 - Violets: Carolyn Smith discussed disbudding, quarantine and using common sense while using pest control.
 - Gesneriads: Barbara Stewart suggested that members visit the Gesneriad Society webpage. Several articles are available for download on various plants. She also brought in a plant of nematanthus "Christmas Holly" for display.
 - Barbara Stewart asked if anyone was interested in a road trip to the gesneriad show Saturday, March 15th. Several members expressed an interest.
- Kitty Hedgepeth had applications available for AVSA and MAAVS. Interested members were asked to see her at the break.
- Exhibits:
 - Barbara Stewart won a blue ribbon for her Natural Garden.

- Glenna Hasslacher received a white ribbon for her violet "Lake Chesdin"
- Kitty Hedgepeth received a blue ribbon for her columbia "Light Prince".
- Glenna Hasslacher received a red ribbon for her streptocarpus "Neil's Maryland".

Old Business

- The Alice Grundy Memorial Bowl has not been purchased as of yet but will be ready by show time.
- 60th Anniversary Banquet will be held at the Grapevine restaurant located at the intersection of Cox and Three Chopt Road.
- Carolyn Smith and Bill Schmidt will be going to the Twin Hickory Library after the meeting to setup a display. Members were invited to join them.
- Calendars are still available at cost \$8.00
- Grace Bailey fell and broke her wrist and Gina Rawles, mother of Rika Rawles, passed away Feb. 27th. Joanne Woolard passed cards around for the membership to sign.

New Business

- Tidewater AVS will be having their show the first Saturday in May which conflicts with our meeting. Because Tidewater invites our judges to judge their event, RAVS will move it's meeting to May 10th.
- Pat Osborne brought in a shirt from Total Stitch with an embroidered violet design for consideration. Total Stitch can provide shirts or will embroider on personally owned items as well.

With no new business, the meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed refreshments provided by Debbie Woodruff. Barbara Stewart presented an informative "Hands-On" workshop on "Grooming to Show".

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Carr, Secretary