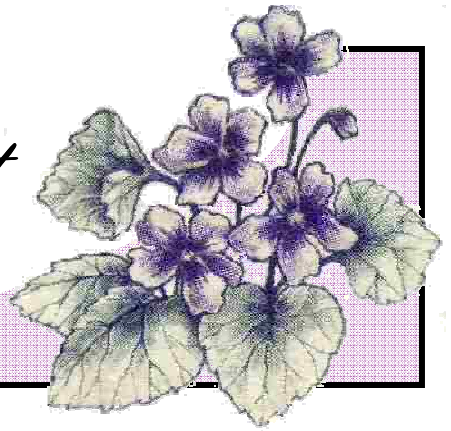


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NEXT MEETING APRIL 4



Happy Easter!



Can you believe it, our show is only weeks away! On page 2 you will find the schedule of events and some important information that you need to know before show time. You also will not want to miss Saturday's meeting.

Josane Wagner and **Bill Schmidt** will be presenting their program "Preparing for Show". They will go over everything you need to know about the show. Each committee chairman should be ready to answer questions about their committees.

Nominations and voting for new officers will take place at Saturday's meeting. The Nominating committee has put together the following Slate of Officers:

President: Josane Wagner

First Vice-President: Carolyn Smith

Second Vice-President: Vicki Carr

Secretary: Barbara Newlin

Treasurer: Kitty Hedgepeth

Historian: Bill Schmidt

Meeting will begin at 10:00a.m. with refreshments and program to follow.

Hospitality Schedule

April - Margaret Bruckhart

May -Officer Installation

June -Barbara Stewart's home

May Meeting

There has been a change in our meeting schedule. Several club officers have been invited to judge the Tidewater Club's show on May 2, 2009, therefore, **our May meeting will be held May 9, 2009.**

Bill Schmidt will be setting up a violet display at the Tuckahoe Library after Saturday's meeting. Anyone who would like to help is invited to join him. He would like to use a blooming mini or semi-mini violet and a *Petrocosmea* or *Chirita* in the display. The plants will be in an enclosed glass case and he will be stopping by the library to water the plants each week. If you can supply a plant, please email or phone Bill (contact info is in yearbook).

Happy Birthday to...

4-04 Miriam Pendleton

4-06 Richard Follett

4-10 Alice Doggett

4-14 Joanne Woolard

MAAVS President, **Rich Follett**, has been contacted by the Virginia State Fair inviting MAAVS to set up a display. RAVS will not be

participating as a club but if you would like to help out, contact Rich. His contact information is in our yearbook.

Carolyn Smith will be the hospitality committee chairperson.

RAVS is participating in the 2009 Ukrop's Golden Gift Program. The earning period ended March 28th. The Golden Gift Certificates will be mailed to Ukrop's Valued Customers with the accumulated point balances. Please consider donating your certificate to RAVS. Deadline for RAVS to cash in certificates is May 30th so please send your certificates to Sharon Long early.

Exhibits

Miriam Pendleton's Bristol's Goose Egg won a blue ribbon.

Nell Reese's Petroscosmea kerrii won a blue ribbon.

Josane Wagner's Tinket Colorama won a red ribbon.

Josane Wagner's Emerald Pink won a blue ribbon.

The weekend of April 4th, The Orchid Society will be holding a repotting demonstration during Blooming Days at Strange's Greenhouse located on Broad Street Road.

RAVS Show and Sale



Violets of the Caribbean
Show and Sale April 24-26, 2009 at
the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
Schedule is:

Thursday

- Show set-up in the Robins Room Noon-5:00pm
- Entries in the Robins Room 5-8p.m.

Friday

- Design entries 7-9 am. (All designs must be completed by 9:00 a.m.)
- Sale 9-5
- Judging 9:30-12:30
- Show opens to the public 1-5

Saturday

- Show and Sale 9-5

- Pick up of show plants 5-6
- Downsizing of show to display will be done by 6 (All plants not for sale must remain on the show tables)

Sunday

- Sale and Display 12:00-5:00
- Breakdown and clean up 5:00 – 6:00

Designers need to contact Sharon Long by April 20th to reserve a space.

Collections: If you have a collection that you would like to enter, please contact Josane Wagner by April 20th.

Members selling plants and/or leaves at the show, must label plants/leaf packet with name of plant, price and membership number. Credit for any plants/ leaves sold without a membership number will go to the club.

Membership Numbers

21 Cynthia Arnold	36 Sandra Moses
17 Grace Bailey	29 Barbara Newlin
5 Margaret Bruckhart	32 Pat Osborne
31 Vergil Cabbagestalk	10 MiriamPendleton
30 Vicki Carr	24 Rika Rawles
18 David Dick	26 Nell Reese
7 Susan Dompkowski	11 Bill Schmidt
34 Eric Ensley	8 Carolyn Smith
28 Richard Follett	15 Curtis Stevens
27 Glenna Hasslacher	16 Darlene Stevens
19 Jim Hasslacher	22 Barbara Stewart
25 Kitty Hedgepeth	9 Josane Wagner
12 Heidi Helbling	23 Debbie Woodruff
14 Harry Livesay	20 Joanne Woolard
3 Sharon Long	



Its spring time and our thoughts will be turning to sprucing up our outdoor gardens. That includes using mulch. If you have dogs or cats, please do not use Cocoa mulch. It contains a higher concentration of theobromine (chemical found in chocolate) and is poisonous to dogs and cats. Dogs are especially attracted to the scent and some have actually eaten the mulch which leads to vomiting, diarrhea, trembling, seizures and, in some instances, death.

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

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

Devotions were read by **Debbie Woodruff**.

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

Reading of the Minutes: **Joanne Woolard** moved that the minutes be approved as published in the newsletter. **Curtis Stevens** seconded. The motion passed with a show of hands.

Treasurer Report: In **Sharon Long's** absence, **Josane Wagner** reported that the balance in checking was \$3502.41 and \$19.85 in petty cash giving a total balance of \$3522.26. Sharon also reported that the silent auction of Alice Grundy's items raised \$182.50.

Library report: **Debbie Woodruff** brought in a selection of African violet magazines, photo journals and newsletters for members to browse through. **Barbara Stewart** donated the latest issues of *Petal Tones* and *The Appraisal*.

Member Updates:

- **Margaret Bruckhart** has had hip replacement surgery and a "Get Well Card" was circulated.
- **Helen Pangola's** cast was removed and is continuing to recuperate.
- **Josane Wagner** read a Thank You note received from Stephen Richardson of Hope tree Family Services for our society's donation of \$50.00 in **Wayne Coley's** memory.

Ways and Means: **Barbara Stewart** asked that members, who shop at Ukrops, consider donating their golden gift certificates to RAVS. **Vicki Carr** will post a notice in the newsletter.

Horticulture Tips:

- **Violets:** **Bill Schmidt** brought in a plant displaying symptoms that may be "Stunt". Because members share plants and leaves he asked members to check their own collections for the same symptoms. Affected plants should be destroyed.
- **Gesneriads:** **Barbara Stewart** brought in the latest issue of Gesneriad magazine that featured Saintpaulia. Barbara also offered **Alice Grundy's** lighted plant stands to anyone who is interested. Barbara invited members to attend a Gesneriad society program on petrocosmeas in Washington D.C. She asked that anyone interested in forming a carpool, to see her during the break.

MAAVS: **Kitty Hedgepeth** briefly discussed the promo table at the AVSA convention/Reno to help raise money to host the AVSA 2010 convention in Raleigh, NC

AVSA: **Kitty Hedgepeth** reminded members of the upcoming AVSA convention and show in Reno, NV April 12 – 18, 2009. After some discussion, it was decided that RAVS would not buy advertisement space in the convention souvenir book.

RAVS Show: **Josane Wagner** announced that there will be a show planning meeting to be held in the back dining room of Zorba's Restaurant following the membership meeting. All members were invited to attend. Also, **Josane Wagner** and **Bill Schmidt** will be attending the April 5th meeting of the Shenandoah Saintpaulia Society and invited members to accompany them.

Volunteer sign-up sheets were passed around.

Carolyn Smith volunteered to chair the Hospitality committee.

Heidi Helbling sent word that she would continue to chair the Theme table committee if she were given a lot of help.

Old Business

Bill Schmidt has obtained space at the Tuckahoe library to set up a display of violet information. He invited anyone interested in helping to set up this display, to join him after our April 4th at the library.

Three ideas of our June outing was presented to the membership for vote.

1. Meet at the church and use the patio.
2. Meet at a local restaurant.
3. Meet at **Barbara Stewart's** home and have a mini field trip to Chadwick Orchids.

Option 3 won with 12 votes.

Project plant: Josane Wagner announced that members wishing to purchase a project plant for \$4.00 should see **Kitty Hedgepeth** at the break.

New Business

Curtis Stevens, of the Nominating committee, presented the Slate of Officers. It is as follows:

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The Tidewater AVS show and sale will be held Saturday, May 2. Because many of our officers will be judging the show, our meeting will be moved to the second Saturday, May 9, 2009.

Because of the close proximity of show dates between the RAVS, TAVS and AVSA convention in Raleigh, it was discussed that we only have a display instead of a judged show. Another option was contacting the Tidewater show to suggest that we put on a joint show and sale at the Louis Ginter Botanical Garden.

MAAVS President, **Rich Follett**, has been contacted by the Virginia State fair asking if they would be interested in setting up an African Violet display. He has asked if RAVS is interested in taking this project on. The executive board has decided that our society will not participate, but if any members are interested in help with this project that are welcome to contact Rich privately.

Glenna Hasslacher announced that the week-end of April 4th, the Orchid Society will be presenting a workshop on Repotting Orchids during Blooming days at Strange's Greenhouses located on Broad Street Road.

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With no more new business, the meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed refreshments provided by **Carolyn Smith** and **Vicki Carr**.

The membership enjoyed very informative programs on Mobiles and Underwater Arrangements presented by **Bill Schmidt** and **Kitty Hedgepeth**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Carr, Secretary