



RICHMOND AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING MAY 10

Please note that May's meeting will be the *second* Saturday.

Violet Memories

We have celebrated our anniversary show, looking back 60 years. The Saintpaulias have come a long way since they were first brought out of Africa in the 19th century. Likewise the Richmond African Violet Society has come a long way in 60 years. We have never been great in numbers, but the friendships formed around our love of the African violet has been fulfilling and lasting. The names of the special awards winners listed in this newsletter have changed from Neptune and Blue Boy to Tiniki, and Orchard's Bumble Magnet, and the members names from **Helen Pangola** and **Alice Grundy** to **Nell Reese** and **Pat Osborne**. But from the very first to the very latest, the plants and the members are special to us. It was fun to hear the amazement of our guests and to see some old friends. The judges were duly impressed with the beauty and quality of our show. All of which was due to the hard work of many members. Keep growing those violets and other gesneriads so that we can continue the RAVS tradition.

Bill Schmidt
Josane Wagner
Show Co-chairs



Congratulations to **Nell Reese and Pat Osborne**.

Nell won Best in Show Horticulture for the second year in a row!

Pat won Best in Show Design in her first show! Her name will be the first on the revolving "Alice Grundy Memorial Bowl".

Congratulations and "Good Job" to all of our participants! A complete list of all the award winners appear later in the newsletter.



THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

The comedy team of Long and Hedgepeth will conduct a refresher course on the basics of repotting African violets. **Sharon** and **Kitty**, who learned a few new repotting techniques at the Denver AVSA Convention in 2007, will be sharing their skills and enlightenment with you. This program is for

beginners and old pros alike! Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Harry Livesay 9th
Ronnie Swaim 14th
Barbara Stewart 17th
Wayne Coley 24th



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

***May: Josane Wagner**

*June: Anniversary Luncheon

RAVS NEWS

Golden gift certificates will be arriving at your home sometime in May. Please mail your certificates to **Sharon Long** as soon as possible. She will need to have them by June 1st.

Barbara Stewart is planning to place an order with Belisles Violet House. If you would like to "go in" on the order, contact Barbara with your choices. There is an on-line catalog at <http://www.belislesviolethouse.com/>

Barbara Stewart would like suggestions for the project plant for the show year 2010. Give this some thought and send your ideas to Barbara.

ROAD TRIP!!

Josane Wagner will be driving to the Tidewater AVS show and sale Saturday May 3rd. If you would like to ride along, please call or email as soon as possible.

JUNE OUTING

Our anniversary Luncheon will be held at the Grapevine Restaurant located on Three Chopt Road on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. The price for each person is \$20.00 (including tip). Spouses, family and close friends are invited.

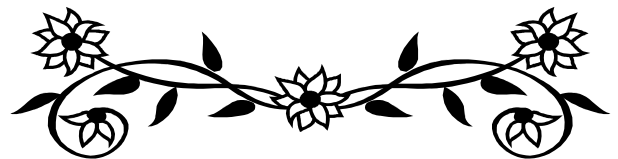
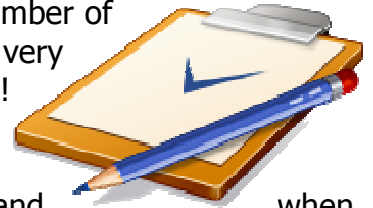
Make sure that **Carolyn Smith** receives your payment at the meeting. The restaurant requires an accurate count of attendees and we must pre-pay, so please let Carolyn know that you are coming and how many people you will be bringing.

AVSA

The AVSA's "ol list maker", Floyd Lawson, is asking you to help with the AVSA's Best Variety List again this year.

He is asking that every club participate. The rules are very simple: Every member compiles a list of no more than 25 of your favorite African violets and turn it in to **Kitty Hedgepeth**. Kitty will then organize the list and send it to Floyd. He puts together the Best Variety List to be published in the November/December issue of the African Violet Magazine. This forms the base of the AVSA's Honor Roll of Violets. So the number of violets and the number of total votes can be very large, GOOD!!

However, large or small each list is very important and when the end is reached, everyone has a great list of what is growing and blooming around the world. It's fun to do, and it is helpful to other growers. We learn of old favorites and new introductions. So, get busy on that list and bring it the meeting on Saturday!



Deadline for articles for the June newsletter is
May, 27, 2008.

Richmond African Violet Society
April 18 – 19, 2008 –Richmond, VA
Violet Memories: Looking Back 60 Years

Nell Reese

Best in Show	Foxwood Trail
Tricolor—Horticulture	Foxwood Trail
Best miniature	Orchard's Bumble Magnet
Best Trailer	Foxwood Trail
Best Project Plant	Foxwood Trail
Best Lyon's Plant	Toy Castle

Kitty Hedgepeth:

Second Best in Show	Tiny Wood Trail
Third Best in Show	Tiniki
Design Second Best in Show	Asian Garden
Best Standard	Tiniki
Best Container Garden	Asian Garden
Best Plant/ Unusual Container	Rob's Galiwinku
Best Chimera	Tiniki
Peoples' Choice Design	Mother Earth

Barbara Stewart:

Design Third Best in Show	Drifting Down the James
Best Plant Arrangement	Drifting Down the James
Horticulture Sweepstakes	
Design Sweepstakes	
Most Blue Ribbons in Show	

Pat Osborne:

Best Novice in Horticulture	Rob's Wooloomooloo
Best Novice in Design	Corsages
Best Flower Arrangement	Corsages
Sweepstakes for First Time Exhibitor	
Design Best in Show	Corsages
Tricolor—Design	Corsages

Josane Wagner:

Best Optimara in Show	Opt. Evergrace
Best Vintage Violet	Chanticleer

Sharon Long:

Best Gesneriad	Streptocarpus "Christmas Morning"
Peoples' Choice Horticulture	Streptocarpus "Christmas Morning"

Grace Bailey:

Best Semi-miniature	Rob's Antique Rose
Best Variegated	Rob's Boogie Woogie

Heidi Helbling:

Best Fantasy Blossom	Rob's Boolaroo
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2007-08 Programs Survey

Please rate the programs we have given this year:

4 - Great!	3 - Pretty Good	2 – OK	1 – Didn't Like It	N/A –Missed it	
Sept: Those Pesky Pests (Stewart)	4	3	2	1	n/a
Oct: Training Your Trailer (Follett)	4	3	2	1	n/a
Nov: Mini Show	4	3	2	1	n/a
Dec: Luncheon/Silent Auction	4	3	2	1	n/a
Jan: Design Workshop (Long/Stewart)	4	3	2	1	n/a
Feb: Discovering Streptocarpus (Hedgepeth)	4	3	2	1	n/a
Mar: Grooming Workshop (Stewart)	4	3	2	1	n/a
Apr: Preparing for Show (Show Committee)	4	3	2	1	n/a
May: Repotting program	4	3	2	1	n/a

Comments:

What programs would you like to see next year?

Please return survey for to Barbara Stewart. Thanks!

Minutes of the Richmond African Violet Society

April 5, 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 17 members was present.

The March minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report

In **Sharon Long's** absence, **Vicki Carr** reported that the balance in checking was \$2,866.54 and \$19.85 in petty cash giving a total balance of \$2,886.39.

First Vice President's Report: Barbara Stewart

A few club project plants were available.

Second Vice President's Report: Joanne Woolard

Supplies were available at the break.

Historian Report: Margaret Bruckhart

There was some discussion on the project to preserve old scrapbooks. Discussion was tabled until the board can hash out the details.

Committee Reports

- **Library Report: Debbie Woodruff** reported that **Barbara Stewart** donated two issues of Petal Tones and an updated version of How to Know and Grow Gesneriads.
- **Horticulture Tips**
 - **Violets: Carolyn Smith** discussed keeping variegated plants in cooler temperatures and their placement on light stands.
 - **Gesneriads: Barbara Stewart** gave a short report on the gesneriad show that was held in Washington D.C. March 15th. She also brought in small bags of cedar shavings to place around plants to repel thrips. Barbara discussed how *Episcias* are grown a multi-crowned plants and how stolens are

acceptable as long as they add to the overall form of the plant.

Old Business

- **Kitty Hedgepeth** announced that the Alice Grundy Memorial Bowl will be purchased and engraved at the same time as the Plymale bowl and presented to the winner at the May meeting.
- **Carolyn Smith** passed around a sign-up sheet for those planning to attend the 60th Anniversary banquet. She began collecting money and reminded that she must have payments by the May meeting.
- In **Sharon Long's** absence, **Kitty Hedgepeth** requested \$150.00 for cake and decorations for the banquet.
- **Carolyn Smith** gave a short report on the exhibit at the Twin Hickory Library.

New Business

- **Josane Wagner** asked that members interested in car pooling to **Dennis Miller's** home for Streptocarpus shopping see her at her break.
- **Josane Wagner** reminded members that May's meeting has been rescheduled for May 10th due to the Tidewater AVS show. She invited members interested in going with her to the show to contact her.

With no new business, the meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed refreshments provided by **Kitty Hedgepeth**. **Josane Wagner and show chairmen** presented a program on "Preparing for Our Show".

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Carr, Secretary