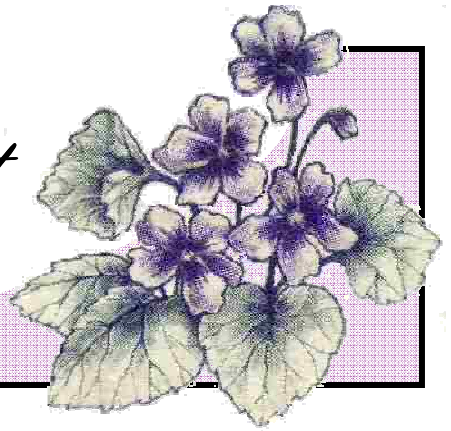


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NEXT MEETING MAY 9

Please note that this is a change from our regular schedule!



Congratulations to Harry Livesay Best in Show/ Horticulture and Barbara Stewart Best in Show/Design

A Big "Thank You" From Josane

I would like to thank every one of you who had a hand in making our 2009 Richmond African Violet Society-Shenandoah Saintpaulia Society co-sponsored show and sale a success. This was definitely a TEAM effort. All of the show chairmen did a wonderful job and we ended up with lots of helping hands. It doesn't just take chairmen to make something this big happen. It takes everyone from chairmen to members volunteering. If you helped setup or take down, entered plants, sold plants, brought food and drink, hosted, chaired, or contributed decorations for the theme table it all helped us put together an awesome show and sale.

I want to thank Bill Schmidt my show co-chair who had the hardest job of all; that of keeping me focused and on track. Bill organized committee meetings, set up deadlines, touched base with other show chairmen, and made sure that everything was done correctly. Thanks Bill!
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The program this month will be the installation of New Officers. Meeting begins at 10:00a.m.

Hospitality Schedule

May -Officer Installation

June -Annual Outing

Ukrops Golden Gift certificates will be in the mail soon. Please bring your certificate to the meeting or mail it to **Sharon Long**. Her address is in the club yearbook. Our club must have receipts that total at least \$1000, so every certificate counts.

Sharon has 6 project plants remaining. Let her know if you are interested in one. She will prioritize by members who have not received one and members asking for a second plant.

Sharon asks that anyone with receipts for show expenses please bring them to the May meeting or mail them to her as soon as possible.

Happy Birthday to...

5-09 Harry Livesay

5-14 Ronnie Swaim

5-17 Barbara Stewart

NEEDED

We need a volunteer to be Supplies chairperson. Duties include keeping the supply bin stocked and bringing the bin to each meeting, sales to

members. Please contact **Josane Wagner** if interested.

A Big “Thank You” cont.

Vicki Carr, Sales Chairman and her hubby Doug drove to The Violet Gallery and back to pickup our sales plants. She did a great job making sure that our sales table ran smoothly. The table sold a ton of plants and I'm looking forward to seeing what the final dollar value ends up being. Sharon, our club Treasurer has a gigantic job making sure that everyone gets paid.

A super thanks to Barbara Stewart, Publicity Chairman who did a splendid job making sure that we had plenty of coverage. Adding to the show's publicity was wonderful Kitty Hedgepeth who graciously agreed to do a spot promoting our show on Channel 6's Virginia Today early Thursday morning. Lewis Ginter also did an outstanding job promoting our show and sale.

Thanks to Richard Follett, Judge Chairman for finding the “perfect” judges to judge this year's show. This group has a combined total of over a hundred years worth of experience in judging! What a fun group of judges. Richard provided each judge a framed photograph and poem done by Ann Heap, a Shenandoah Saintpaulia Society member, as a thank you gift.

A huge thanks goes to Carolyn Smith, Hospitality Chairman who hosted the Judges' breakfast. The room was setup beautifully and the food was great. All the judges enjoyed themselves in a relaxing environment. Carolyn made sure that the volunteer break room was well stocked with drinks and food. Thanks to everyone who brought food; it was all wonderful. I know because I tasted everything! After Thursday no one had to go buy food unless they really wanted to. It was so nice to walk back to the break room, get a nibble, and be able to visit with club members and Ginter volunteers.

Sharon Long, Schedule Chairman wrote a very imaginative show schedule to go along with our “Violets of the Caribbean” theme. Sharon was also our Show Setup Chairman. She and Pat Osborne, Show Setup Intern did a beautiful job of setting up the designs. The teal and cream colors really added to the Caribbean them. A huge thanks to everyone who showed up Thursday to help us setup the room and also Sunday to take down the room. Without your helping hands it would have taken us forever to finish.

Heidi Helbling, our Theme Table Chairman along with our “on-line theme table committee” created a fantastic theme table which showed off all the

winning plants beautifully and still carried out our theme. Thanks also to Kitty for lending us the “pirate” ship. It was literally the icing on the cake. Margaret Bruckhart, Education Table Chairman and Sandra Moses, Education Table Intern setup a remarkable education table. We were constantly directing show visitors to the table where they could find helpful handouts to take home.

Kitty Hedgepeth, our Entries Chairman, Vicki Carr, Classification Chairman along with Curtis Stevens, Classification/Entries Intern did a wonderful job Thursday evening getting everyone entered. Kitty kept up the great work Friday morning entering the scores into her computer.

Kitty Hedgepeth who was also our Awards Chairman made sure that we had beautiful rosettes to handout to the winners along with making sure our bowls and plaques are engraved with this year's winners. She put together three cute quilted tool “cuddles” to give to the People's Award, Novice Design, and Novice Horticulture winners. Kitty created and sewed together the tool “cuddles” and even stocked them with tools.

Our show clerks were Harry Livesay, Carolyn Smith, Sandra Moses, and Pat Osborne. Thanks for letting me talk you into clerking! Being a show clerk is a fun job and a great way to learn what goes on during judging. I'd also like to thank those members of SSS who drove to Richmond to help out.

Again, I want to thank everyone who had a part in making our 2009 RAVS-SSS show and sale a success.

Thanks from the bottom of my heart!

Josane Wagner
RAVS President

Show Results

Harry Livesay Best in Show/Horticulture, Tricolor/Horticulture, Best Standard, Best Novice/Horticulture

David Dick Second Best in Show/Horticulture, Best Variegated

Nell Reese: Third Best in Show/Horticulture, Best Semi-miniature, Best Mini, Best Trailer, Best Vintage, Best Optimara, Best Lyon's.

Barbara Stewart: Best In Show/Design, Tricolor/Design, Design Sweepstakes, Best Plant Arrangement, Best Container Garden.

Kitty Hedgepeth: Second Best in Show/Design, Best Flower Arrangement, Best Gesneriad.

Bill Schmidt: Third Best in Show/Design, Best Project Plant, Best Unusual container, People's Choice/Design.

Carolyn Smith: Award of Merit/Horticulture, Best Saintpaulia Species.

Josane Wagner: Horticulture Sweepstakes.

Sharon Long: People's Choice/Horticulture.

Vicki Carr: Best Fantasy Blossom.

Exhibits

Glenna Hasslacher earned a White ribbon for Bubblegum Charm and **Harry Livesay** earned a Blue ribbon for Pretty Miss Kelly.

MAAVS

"Things Go Better With...African Violets" will be held at the Williamsburg Woodland Hotel and Suites in Williamsburg, Virginia November 12-14, 2009. The show schedule has been posted on

the MAAVS 2009 convention page. www.maavs.org

The AVSA's ol; list maker, Floyd Lawson, has invited members to send him a list of your 25 favorite African Violets for him to put 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. Simple rules: Compile your list of up to 25 favorites and send it your club meeting. Every member gets 25 votes. 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 we reach the end, everyone has a great list of what is growing and blooming around the world. It's fun to do, and it is so helpful to other growers. We learn of old favorites and new introductions.

Minutes of the Richmond African Violet Society April 4, 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 21 Members was present.

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

Treasurer Report: **Sharon Long's** reported that the balance in checking was \$3500.16 and \$19.85 in petty cash giving a total balance of \$3520.01.

Sharon Long presented several funds of the AVSA to donate our annual donation of \$100.00. **Kitty Hedgepeth** moved that we make our annual AVSA donation of \$100.00 to the Web Site fund. **Joanne Woolard** seconded the motion. With a show of hands, the motion passed.

After some discussion, **Sharon Long** moved that we donate \$100.00 of the money raised from the **Alice Grundy** auction to the Ann and Frank Endowment Fund. **Kitty Hedgepeth** seconded the motion. With a show of hands, the motion passed.

Library Report: **Debbie Woodruff** had a selection of books and magazines available for check out.

Historian Report: **Margaret Bruckhart** asked members for soil recipes to display on the education table at our show.

Hospitality Report: **Rika Rawles** discussed checking the hospitality box to replace or replenish the supplies.

Supplies/Inventory: **Joanne Woolard** announced that she would be selling supplies during the break

Member Update:

Helen Pangola is still recuperating at Imperial and was scheduled to have her cast removed April 2, 2009.

Vicki Carr announced that she will be a first time Grandma sometime in December. (Post meeting update: TWINS)

Josane Wagner will be a first time grandma in June.

Josane Wagner read a Thank-You note from Peggy Coley and family.

Horticulture Tips:

- ❖ **Violet Tips: Carolyn Smith** discussed an article from the September/October 2008 AVM on What Variable Means. The article focused on how blossoms change because of Epigenesis (environmental factors). **Josane Wagner** discussed using a plastic clam shell container for cupcakes to use as a terrarium for starting plants. The same container also makes a useful carrying tray if the tops are cut off.
- ❖ **Gesneriad Tips: Barbara Stewart** discussed using indicator plants in growing areas. She also recommended waiting until after dark to search for pests because many pests are more active during the night.

MAAVS Report: Kitty Hedgepeth: announced that the 2009 MAAVS convention will be held November 12-14, 2009 at the Williamsburg Woodland Hotel and Suites in Williamsburg, VA. Room Rates will be \$99.00 per night and the hotel is in walking distance to the historic district. The theme of the show will be “Things Go Better With...African Violets”. She also directed members to visit MAAVS.org for more information.

Sharon Long moved that we purchase a half page ad in the MAAVS convention booklet for \$15.00. **Bill Schmidt** seconded the motion and with a show of hands the motion passed. **Sharon Long** and **Vicki Carr** will work on the ad over the summer break.

AVSA Ways and Means chairperson, **Brenda Petry** of the Violet Gallery, sent a “Thank-You” note for **Grace Bailey’s** donation.

OLD NEWS:

By Laws: Discussion on By-law revision will be tabled until after the RAVS show and sale.

Niches: Josane Wagner asked **Sharon Long** to bill the Mid-Atlantic AVS for \$20.00 to replace niches damaged at the last MAAVS convention.

Library Display: Bill Schmidt and volunteers will be setting up a display at the Tuckahoe Library following the meeting.

Elections: Curtis Stevens presented the slate of officers. There were no nominations from the floor and **Glenna Hasslacher** moved to elect the slate of officers as presented. **Joanne Woolard** seconded the motion. With a show of hands, the motion passed. **Josane Wagner** announced that the installation ceremony would take place next meeting. **Sharon Long** volunteered to plan the ceremony.

Josane Wagner, Bill Schmidt and Barbara Stewart invited members to join them Sunday, April 5th to attend a regular meeting of the Shenandoah Saintpaulia Society.

New Business:

There was no New Business.

Refreshments provided by **Margaret Bruckhart**.

Exhibits:

- ❖ **Harry Livesay** won a blue ribbon for PRETTY MISS KELLY.
- ❖ **Glenna Hasslacher** won a white ribbon for BUBBLE GUM CHARM

Program this month was presented by **Josane Wagner** and **Bill Schmidt** “Preparing for Show”.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Carr, secretary