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NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 8th



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. I know that mine went by too quickly. Still, I was able to meet with my two sisters and their families for a family reunion at Stonewall Jackson Lake in West Virginia. Ken and I also took a long weekend along with two other couples and rode our motorcycles around the Grandfather Mountain area in North Carolina.

I have missed seeing everyone at our monthly meetings and I am looking forward to starting new in September. Barbara has planned some wonderful programs for us, several will be hands-on programs. The first program is near and dear to my heart, "Those Pesky Pests"!!

The Executive Board was able to meet August 12th in my home. I feel that we were able to get a lot accomplished in two hours. As your new president, I want to immediately concentrate on the club's web site. The RAVS web-site introduced me to our club and I feel that it is a wonderful resource for reaching new members. I believe that an updated web-site without advertisements is needed to attract new members to our club. I am happy to say that Heidi Helbling has taken on this task and you will be thrilled with her results. Heidi is

going to introduce us to the updated RAVS web-site at our September meeting. All that we have left to do is vote on a name for the site. We will be voting on the following three names at the September meeting:

- ravs1948.org
- richmondavs.org
- ravsociety.org

Another goal of mine is to increase our club's membership. I've been talking up violets and our club at work and I am hoping to get some visitors. Whenever you run across a violet lover, please invite them to our club. If each of us just brings in one new member we will double in size.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

Yours truly,
Josane

Meeting begins at 10:00a.m. Feel free to come early for a few minutes of socializing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

9-5 Jim Hasslacher

9-13 Glenna Hasslacher



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

September - Heidi Helbling
October - Sharon Long
November - Bill Schmidt
December – Annual Christmas Luncheon
January - Barbara Stewart
February-Vicki Carr
March - Debbie Woodruff
April - Kitty Hedgepeth
May - Josane Wagner
June – Annual Picnic - Location to be announced.

RAVS NEWS

It's time again to publish the yearbook. Please take a moment to check your information in last year's book. If there are any changes or inaccuracies, please contact **Barbara Stewart or Vicki Carr**.

Are Your Dues Up To Date? If you have outstanding dues, please contact **Sharon Long** as soon as possible. Members that have not paid dues by the end of the September 8th meeting will not appear in the yearbook.

RAVS is now a Garden Member of Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, and our club members get a discount on Garden membership. **Barbara Stewart** will have membership application forms at the meeting. Members who miss the meeting may call Barbara to have her send a copy of the application.

Below is a picture of a trunk that has been in the club for many years. We have consolidated the contents and no longer need the trunk, so



would like to find a good home for it. Let **Barbara Stewart** know if you are interested in it. If several people are interested, she will bring it to the September meeting and we will have a silent auction for it. It is in very good condition, and comes with a vintage "sale" sign attached to the inside.

EXHIBITS

Members may exhibit one plant and one flower arrangement or artistic planting each month. Flower arrangements are to be made of cut African violet blossoms and fresh greenery and artistic plantings are to include the entire African violet plant. Each member is expected to exhibit one specimen plant during the year.

MAAVS NEWS

The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn, York, PA, on October 11 through 13, 2007. The theme is 007, Bond...James Bond and promises to be a fun show!

Room reservations must be made by September 17th to get the MAAVS convention block rate so hurry and make your plans now to attend. The toll free number of the hotel is 800-992-0613.

More information about the convention including show schedule and registration forms may be found at www.maavs.org. Only MAAVS members may exhibit in the show. If you would like to participate in this year's show, contact **Kitty Hedgepeth** for a membership application.



Deadline for the October newsletter is September 26, 2007