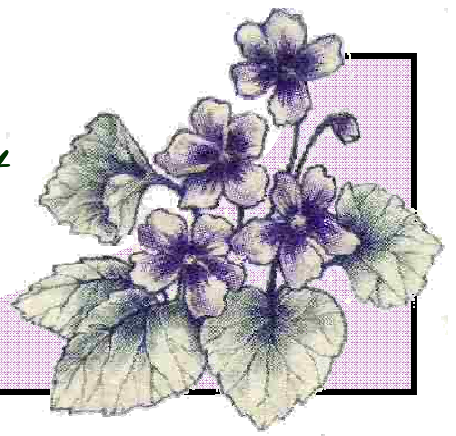


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NEXT MEETING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT RICHMOND FRIENDS MEETING



Welcome To Our New Home!



I hope everyone is excited to be meeting in our new location at Richmond Friends Meeting. I strongly recommend that members “Google” or “MapQuest” their route to 4500 Kensington Avenue and to allow for some extra travel time. If you still need help with directions, feel free to contact Vicki Carr. Reminder: This is race weekend so you may want to adjust your route away from the Va. Fairgrounds.

Members who have a handicap license may park in front of the Church on Kensington Avenue and handicap entrance is to the left side of the church; everyone else must park on Commonwealth. We will have two orange cones set up in front of the side entrance on Commonwealth. This area is for unloading your vehicle only. And finally, please be patient. It may take us several months to iron out the kinks.

The program this month will be a silent auction of Wayne Coley’s growing supplies as our way of helping Peggy prepare for her move to Culpeper. Members are welcome to donate personal items to the auction but please note that all proceeds will go to Peggy Coley.

We will begin setting up for the auction at 9:00 a.m. and members are asked to arrive early to help with the setup.

Kitty Hedgepeth will conduct a horticulture “Show and Tell” and Barbara Stewart will conduct “Gesneriad Corner”.

Please bring a plant or design in for judging.

Project plant, Ma’s Ching Dynasty will be available at Saturday’s meeting. Please see Barbara Stewart.

RAVS News

Happy Birthday to you...

September

9-05 - Jim Hasslacher

9-13 - Glenna Hasslacher



If you have not yet paid your dues for the 2009-2010 club year, please contact Kitty Hedgepeth as soon as possible. If dues are not paid by mid-September, your information may not appear in the club yearbook.

Please check your information in the yearbook and contact Vicki Carr with any changes.

Historian's Corner

This year, our little newsletter turns 20 years old! Historians Corner is a fun new feature that celebrates this milestone. Each month, Bill Schmidt will list things that happened by month throughout the years. We hope you enjoy it!

September

1979 Members of the Richmond African Violet Society hosted a tea at the home of Alice Doggett for prospective members of a night time African violet club.

1984 The first September meeting was held at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

1989 A Saturday plant sale was held in front of the Stony Point Ukrops.

1991 Members put on a large display of an African violet show at the Virginia State Fair.

By-laws

Below are the proposed changes from the By-law committee. Please take a few moments to review them before Saturday's meeting. We will discuss the proposals and take suggestions from the membership. Voting on the revisions will take place at our October meeting. The additions are in Article 9, Sections 1 and 5 and Article 5 Section 1 ... red ink, bold text, and underlined.

ARTICLE 9 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, shall call special meetings when necessary, and shall appoint all special committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall fill any vacancies that occur and shall be an ex officio member of all committees

except the Nominating Committee. The President shall be the **(only)** alternate signature on all bank accounts of the Society.

SECTION 5. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and disbursed and shall disburse no monies except as ordered by the Society. The Treasurer shall collect all membership dues. **(The Treasurer shall monitor state and federal tax rules for compliance by the society and file annual taxes as required. The Treasurer shall be the principal signature on all bank accounts of the Society.)** The Treasurer's accounts shall be audited once a year and the Auditor shall make a report at the September meeting. A new Auditor shall be appointed by the President every two years.

ARTICLE 5 – MEETINGS

SECTION 1: The regular meetings shall be held the first Saturday of each month from September through June, with the exception of the September meeting, which shall be the Saturday following Labor Day. A meeting date may be temporarily changed if ordered by the President and two other members of the Board. **(It shall be mandated that all members attending meetings on odd calendar days of any month be required to wear plaid.)**

Hospitality Box

September - Kitty Hedgepeth

October – Vicki Carr

November – Bill Schmidt

December: Annual Christmas Luncheon

January – Barbara Stewart

February – Josane Wagner

March – Sharon Long

April – Barbara Newlin

May – Need a Volunteer

June: Club outing. Location will be announced

Please consider contacting one of the above people and offering to co-host.

Deadline for October's newsletter is September 23rd.

**Minutes of the
Richmond African Violet Society
June 6, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by **Josane Wagner**, President, at the home of Barbara Stewart.

Vicki Carr called roll. A quorum of 13 members was present.

Reading of the Minutes: Barbara Stewart moved that the minutes be approved as published in the newsletter. **Margaret Bruckhart** seconded the motion. The motion passed with a show of hands.

Treasurer Report: Kitty Hedgepeth read her financial report.

Library Report: Debbie Woodruff: Barbara Stewart announced that she has extra copies of The Appraisal for any member interested.

Historian Report: Bill Schmidt: There was no report.

Hospitality Report: Rika Rawles: There was no report.

Supplies/Inventory: Curtis Stevens: Curtis had supplies and interested members were asked to see him after the meeting.

Second Vice-Presidents Report: Membership Update: Vicki Carr: **Barbara Stewart** called **Peggy Coley**. Peggy is planning to make a move to an assisted living facility. Barbara also talked to **Ruth Tate**. Ruth is doing well.

Ways and Means Update: Sharon Long accepted Ukrops Golden Gift Certificates from members.

Left over sale plants were offered for sale.

Horticulture Tips:

Violets Tips: Carolyn None

Gesneriad Tips: Barbara Stewart suggested forming a road trip to attend the Gesneriad Society's 2009 annual convention and show that will take place July 1-4, 2009 in Silver Spring MD.

Exhibits: There were no exhibits.

MAAVS Report: Kitty Hedgepeth: There was no report.

AVSA REPORT: Sharon Long: There was no report.

RAVS Show Report: Josane Wagner: Josane discussed the dates for 2010 Display and Sale and the 2011 Show and Sale at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. The Display will be held in the Education Building for 2010 but will return to the Robins room in 2011.

OLD NEWS:

The By-Law committee will meet over the summer and will have a revision ready for the executive board meeting that will be held at the home of Josane Wagner in August.

NEW NEWS

Josane Wagner announced that there will be an executive board meeting at her home during the month of August. Exact day will be determined by email.

Josane Wagner read Thank You notes from Phyllis Laslett from Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.

RAVS New Meeting Location: Bill Schmidt gave his presentation on Richmond Friends Meeting. **Barbara Stewart** gave her presentation on Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church and **Vicki Carr** gave her presentation on First Mennonite Church of Richmond. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Vicki Carr will put together a presentation with the details of each location to be emailed to and reviewed by each member. Members wanting to cast a vote will email that vote to Bill Schmidt by the dead line of June 21, 2009.

Sharon Long announced that as of the meeting of April 4, 2009, re-elected President **Josane Wagner** and newly elected Treasurer, **Kathryn Hedgepeth** will be the officers of the Richmond African Violet Society who are now authorized to conduct business for and to sign documents on the society's checking account.

Josane Wagner adjourned and the membership and their guests enjoyed a picnic lunch. A trip to Chadwick and Son Orchids followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Carr, Acting Secretary