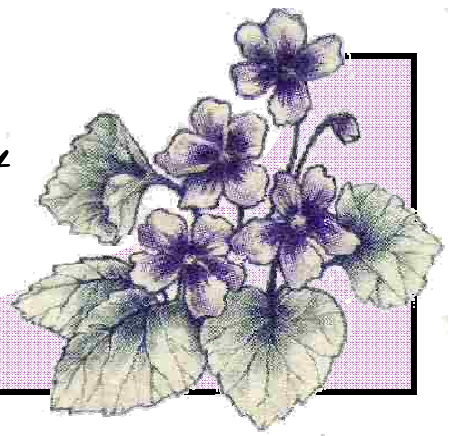


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NEXT MEETING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

It's been a long hot summer and I, for one, am ready to begin the fall season. I'm looking forward to seeing my violets do well again.

Our board members have been hard at work over the summer break planning for the upcoming club year. The audit has been completed and filed with the secretary. Anyone interested in reviewing the audit, please see **Barbara Newlin**.

The show committees are forming and there are several that still need volunteers. Please consider what you can do to make our next show a smashing success. We would also like to hear your suggestions for a show theme.

Carolyn Smith has reviewed your suggestions and has planned programs that will be fun and informative. Our first program for this club year will be "Growing to Show" presented by **Kitty Hedgepeth**.

Please make sure your dues are up to date. **Kitty Hedgepeth** will be accepting dues during Saturday's meeting. Members with unpaid dues by mid September will not appear in the yearbook.

Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. Feel free to bring in a plant or design for judging.

Our Members:

Happy Birthday to...

Jim Hasslacher - 9-5

Glenna Hasslacher - 9-13

Emily Hierholzer - 9-16



Hospitality

September – Barbara Stewart

October - Bill Schmidt

November – Kitty Hedgepeth

December – Christmas Feast

January -

February -

March – Josane Wagner

April -

May – Installation of Officers

June – Annual Outing

Curtis and Darlene Stevens became proud grandparents on July 21 with the arrival of their first grandchild, Grayson Curtis Holcomb. Grayson weighed a healthy 8 pounds 13 ounces, was 20 inches long, and has beautiful blue eyes. Both mama and baby are doing very well, and Poppy and Nana now know why these little ones are called "grand" children.

Grace Bailey has moved to Virginia Beach. We will miss her greatly and wish her well. Please make a note of her new address in your yearbooks.

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Peggy Coley is thrilled about the birth of her granddaughter Aliza Wayne. Aliza was born in El Paso, Texas on June 9th, weighing 7 lbs, 3 ounces, and 20 ¼ Inches long. Bert, Kate and Aliza visited Peggy last month and she enjoyed every minute. Peggy also sends her "hello's" and wants everyone to know what wonderful memories she has of RAVS and it's members. Please make sure you have Peggy's new email in your yearbooks. XXXX

Harry Livesay has a new email. Please make note of it in your yearbooks. XXXX

Jim Hasslacher was recently in the hospital where he received a pacemaker. We all wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him soon.

Historians Corner

July, August, September

1987 Members raised \$217.50 for a donation to the AVSA Building Fund by participating in a promotion for Ukrop's 50th anniversary.

1989 Bev Promersberger was guest speaker with the topic, "Growing to Show."

1996 RAVS participated in Lakeside Days by setting up a display on Lakeside Avenue.

Supplies

The Right Tool for the Job

Caring for violets can sometimes be a challenge, especially when we notice those tiny little suckers growing between the leaves. If left unattended these suckers will eventually ruin their symmetry, cause them to grow in a twisted and lopsided fashion, and discourage blooming. By removing these suckers as soon they appear, our violets can grow to their true potential. We also can benefit by rooting these suckers to add to our collection or to share with friends.

The challenge comes from removing the sucker in one piece without damaging the parent plant. Fortunately there is a tool that fits the job perfectly. African violet enthusiasts refer to them as a "sucker plucker". These handy little tools are readily available to RAVS members for just \$1.95. To get one, please see our supply clerk at our next meeting.



Show your club spirit by wearing a club pin! See **Kitty Hedgepeth** at the meeting. Pins are a bargain at \$6.00.

MAAVS

NYSAVS/MAAVS Convention T-Shirt and Golf Shirts are available in any color, with any combination of colors for the printing. The T-shirts are \$15.00. Sweat shirts and golf shirts are \$25.00. Tote bags can also be ordered in black, white, or red for \$15.00. Bib aprons will also be available for purchase, colors and cost to be announced.

Please note size and color when you place your order, and either enclose payment with your MAAVS' Convention Registration (checks payable to MAAVS), or mail payment to Fay Wagman, 52 Harper Drive, Pittsford, NY 14534, **before October 12th**. You can also place your order via email to FayW@aol.com, but **you must order before the Convention!** There will be none available at the time of the Convention; however, you can pay for purchases made by October 12th when you pick up your orders at the Convention.

To view photos of the shirts, go to maavs.org. Click on MAAVS Memo on the upper left side of your screen. Page down to June 2010. The photos are about half-way down the document.

**Minutes of the
Richmond African Violet Society
June 5, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by **Josane Wagner**, President, at Barbara Newlin's home.

DEVOTIONS: **Barbara Stewart** read a poem from Poems of Faith from the Salesian Collection called "On Friendship" by Pearl E. Auer. **Josane** mentioned that a volunteer is still needed for devotions. There was some discussion about the need for the position since no one has volunteered. It was suggested that members sign up for a month to read devotions. It will be discussed at the September meeting.

Vicki Carr called roll. A quorum of 16 members was present. There was one honorary member: Mary Sue Hudson and four guests: Doug Carr, Ronny Stewart, Bob Bruckhart and Dakota Woodruff.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Curtis Stevens mentioned that the first name of his guest at the last meeting, Laureen Hyman, was misspelled. The correct spelling is Laureen, not Lorene. Carolyn Smith moved that the May minutes be approved as corrected. **Bill Schmidt** seconded the motion. The motion passed with a show of hands.

TREASURER REPORT: **Sharon Long** gave the treasurer's report since **Kitty Hedgepeth** was not in attendance. The balance in the checking account is XXX. Currently, there is \$XXXX in the petty cash account. The full report is filed with the Secretary. **Sharon** thanked **Margaret Bruckhart** for donating her plant sales to RAVS. Also, Sharon collected RAVS dues. **Sharon** read thank you notes from Doctors without Borders for our donation; Barbara Jones from AVSA for the awards we donated; and **Miriam Pendleton** for her 35 year RAVS membership plaque and cake.

HOSPITALITY REPORT: No Report.

SUPPLIES/INVENTORY: Curtis Stevens. **Curtis** had some supplies in his car except Coir.

PROGRAMS: Carolyn Smith said she had not received all the program surveys and asked members to please complete them for her.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Second Vice-President Vicki Carr: No report.

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT: No chair.

HISTORIAN REPORT: Bill Schmidt. No report.

RAVS 2010 SHOW REPORT: Bill Schmidt mentioned that the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens felt badly about the communication issues during the show. They agreed to take the unsold violets in lieu of their normal rental fee which was \$XXXX; the value of the plants was \$XXXX. 76 of the 156 plants were sold. \$XXXX was made after expenses. Bill said that visitors seemed to like voting and 157 ballots were completed. **Carolyn Smith** said that the lack of traffic and confusion was disappointing but that everyone who helped made a heroic effort. Bill said that next year's show will definitely be in the main building. **Bill** did not believe the programs were successful and should not be repeated next year. **Sharon Long** thought the repotting clinics should not be repeated with visitor's own plants. Perhaps just a demonstration like what was done last year would be better. Sharon offered to do the education table again next year since everything used this year can be used next year.

LIBRARY REPORT: Debbie Woodruff/Barbara Stewart. Barbara Stewart has three totes of AVSA magazines from the 1970's, 80's and 90's to give to **Debbie**. Sharon Long asked whether it is necessary to keep old copies, but Debbie said she does not mind keeping them and enjoys reading them.

HORTICULTURE TIPS:

Violet Tips: Carolyn Smith did not have any particular tips today, but she said she would like someone else to volunteer for this position next year. She said it can be an educational experience for the volunteer as well as members.

Gesneriad Tips: Barbara Stewart mentioned that she had some books on How to Know and Grow Gesneriads for \$8.00. She also brought a jar of homemade strawberry jam for the raffle.

EXHIBITS: Barbara Stewart: There were no exhibits.

MAAVS REPORT: Kitty Hedgepeth: No report.

AVSA REPORT: Sharon Long: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Josane mentioned that the website has been updated and **Heidi Helbling** is still responsible for maintaining it. Bill Schmidt mentioned that a back-up person or persons still is needed.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Schmidt said he brought some irises, tomatoes and basil plants if anyone wanted some. **Barbara Stewart** and **Josane Wagner** brought trays of young plants for interested members. **Vicki Carr** brought baby food jars. **Barbara Stewart** mentioned that the Great Big Green House was having a 35% sale but the number of plants was dwindling. With no more discussion, the meeting was adjourned and members had a wonderful pot luck lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Newlin, Secretary