



# The Desert Blooms

TUCSON AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

Newsletter

October 2017

( 1956-2017 -- "60 Years of Growing and Showing" )



## President's Message:

We had a great turnout at the September meetings, it was good to see everyone there! Let's do it again in October!! Does this mean Saturdays work better for our members?

We also had record breaking totals at both meetings for the Raffle. Northwest \$40!! Eastside \$46!! Okay Northwest your challenge is to beat the \$46 on the RAFFLE!!! Eastside will have to beat what the Northwest does. Should be fun!! So bring those \$\$\$\$\$\$

We voted on the budget with one change and it passed, another item was added at the Eastside meeting and passed, now it needs to go to the Northwest group to be voted on. I'm sure it will pass then Meichele will update the budget and get it out to all of us.

We will also be voting on the Bylaw changes. Make sure you read them and look for that big increase in dues (for real?) and other changes made. We will discuss changes if needed at the October meetings along with all the other documents changes that were sent to you. Remember we will have to live with these changes!

We have our October Sale and Display coming up on the 7th. I hope everyone will have some nice plants for the display table and for sale!! See Show/Sale Time for more details.

See you in October!!

Feel free to contact me by phone or email.



**Burnt Autumn (P. Sorano) Reg# 10825 4/27/2016**



## OCTOBER MEETINGS

### **Northwest Group ( Fountains Location )**

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4:30 pm**

**PROGRAM: Blooming Violets ( Robert Richert )**

**Hostess: Ruth Connors**

### **Eastside Group ( Cascades Location )**

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 1-3 pm**

**PROGRAM: Blooming Violets ( Robert Richert )**

**Hostess: Rose Garcia & Sue Stout**

## 2018 TAVS SHOW

**Saturday, March 3rd, Golden Pins Lanes**



**Show Theme:**

**" Celebrating 60 Years - TAVS "**

more info to come.....



## ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALES - DISPLAY

**SATURDAY, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**GO TO PAGE 2 for details**

## Show/Sale Time Info and Requests:

Fall Sale and Display is  
Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> at the  
Rincon Congregational Church  
122 N. Craycroft Road

For a map go to our webpage – [tucsonavs.com](http://tucsonavs.com) or  
go to our Facebook Page

### MY “TO DO” LIST FOR THE SALE

(what your editor is hoping you are saying to yourself)

**I will bring display plants** anything that looks nice with a few blooms. Send Kathy the name and she will make a name tag also if it is a standard, mini, semi, episcia, strep, etc.

**I will tell Kathy I am bringing plants to sale** and how many I will bring so we have enough table space.

I will bring **leaves, leaves, leaves!!!!**

I will bring **boxes/flats** for the customers.

I can help!!! Education always needs help and a great place to learn!! Contact Lois Rose ASAP.

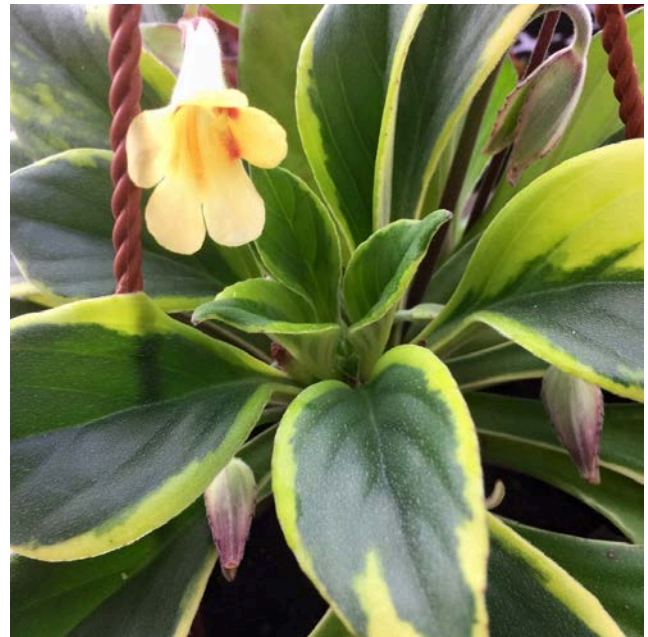
**We will setup from 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. doors open at 10 a.m.** *If you can come at that time let Kathy Bell know.*

**Hopefully we will be able to setup Friday night but we won't know until the last minute, I will let you know.** We close at 3 p.m., breakdown and be out by 4 p.m.

Any questions call or email me.

Thank you for all your help ahead of time.

Kathy



**Primulina “Harmony’s Sister Goldenhair”**



### **Word of the Month: “enthusiasm”**

...an occupation, activity, or pursuit in which such interest is shown...Synonyms: eagerness, warmth, fervor, zeal, ardor, passion, devotion..



## Editor's Notes:

When I sent out the emails asking for newsletter items you may want to submit I had mentioned about if you sent me a "trick" (AV/Gesneriad related topic) you would get a "treat"... Jeri A. sent in the following "Be sure and share a leaf or start of your favorite plants. This is so you will have someone to go back to if/when you lose that plant." Jeri will get her "treat" at the next meeting...Thank You



Another item I mentioned was TAVS Points. I was brainstorming (yeah me Kathy, LOL) on what can we do to challenge members in club activities and I came up with the following:

Each member collects points thru a designated time (say starting in November thru August). These points would be:

- **Bring a guest ( 5 points)**
- Meeting attendance (1 point)
- Event Participation (1 point)
- Sell Plants at Sales ( 3 points)
- Show plants/designs (3 points)
- Newsletter item (2 points)
- Bring Raffle item (1 point per item)
- Donate a plant(s) to either the Cascades or Fountains (3 points)

So I think you get the ideal of the program.....what do you think? Send me an email, call me, or approach me at a meeting. To get this going or putting it in File 13, I need to hear soon....



And finally, words that folks like to hear, I thought of having themes for our monthly meetings, and October was "Trick or Treat" for the newsletter and if you want, wear something scary to the meeting, you know like dressing up like a politician. Other months: November (Give Thanks), January (Baby It's Cold Outside), February (Be a Sweetheart), March, my favorite, (Luck of the Irish) and rounding out the club year, April ( April Showers bring May Flowers and Club Dues)....

Ken



If you're like me, I like to watch the weather, and the weather **here** can have an influence on our indoor plants too. We know we are in a hot climate for nearly half the year and pleasant weather for the rest. **For example, the month of October has an average high of 84.8F and a average low of 57.3 F.** The climate is changing and has thru years in cycles and we are now having more often higher temps. If you want to see more, go to this link, hover your mouse over it, right click, and then click on open hyperlink. Of course you can type in the URL in your browser.



<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/twc/climate/tus.php>

Check out our webpage, and on the home page is the daily weather as well as the moon phases.



Tick.....tick.....tick.....

The countdown has begun to our next show, our 60<sup>th</sup>!

We have as of today, **21 weeks and 5 days**....want to be more to be exact.....Go to this link, same

way as above, and at any time you know how much time you have to plan, pot, and grow those award show plants.....P.S. also on the webpage...go there, see what your missing.....

<https://www.timeanddate.com/countdown/generic?iso=20180303T10&p0=393&msg=TAVS+60th+Show&ud=1&font=sanserif>

**Some people aren't bugged by Wasps....  
" Imp's Corroded Edge "**



Recently Jeri A. sent out an email with an attachment with a list of Dates Originals Wasp AVs. I've put that list on the webpage, click on the documents button at the top of the home page.....

The leaves on this one are just as interesting as the blossom....I have Wasp AV at home, and I love the name, The Martian.....



**African Violets with Scary Names.....**

- Bloodshot ( P. Sorano)
- Deadly Hit (P. Sorano)
- Deadly Sting (S. Sorano)
- Ghost Dance (K. Stork)
- Dark Angel (Eyerdorn)
- Dark Night of the Soul (G. McDonald)
- Spook (R. Nadeau)
- Spooky (M. Corrigan)
- Rob's Astro Zombie (R. Robinson)



**Webpage of the Month**



Achimenes

<http://www.gesneriads.info/>

This is an excellent webpage with a lot of information on Gesneriads....a featured article now on the page is "Saintpaulia – The African Violet by Dr. Jeff Smith you know from the AVSA magazine and conventions.

The picture above of an Achimene is one of those gessies I haven't grown...have you? I believe Ruth C. has....are they easy to grow?

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**And the scariest African Violets (DNR):**



*Well that's it for my first newsletter....hope you enjoyed it and find it useful...that is my goal! Ken*

## ADDENDUM

October 3, 2017

### TAVS POINTS

I left out the incentive of this program. The **question** would be, other than just doing it for fun, what do I get if I have the most points at the end of the club year?

**Answer:** Your editor will give you a paid subscription for 1 year to either the AVSA Magazine or The Gesneriad Society Magazine (or green subscription).

My recommendation would also be that the two group secretaries be the point tally collectors and club member need to make sure they are aware of the points you collected. They would already be aware of your attendance at meetings but all other points are up to you. Of course, this is voluntary on the part of the two secretaries. I would take of the point tallies if they choose not to.

A correction also was needed for:  
Bring a guess ( 5 points) to read :  
"Bring a guest ( 5 points)"