The Desert Blooms

TUCSON AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

Newsletter

December 2017

Mac's Rogue Rogue

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

President's Message
Kathy Bell

Season's Greetings……

I hope everyone has a very Happy and Safe Holdiay Season and yours violets will flourish beyond belief!!!!!!

Feel free to contact me……Kathy

Monthly Treasurer's Report
Meichele Juve

……..show me the money $…

Income:	
Plant Sales	$1,936.61
Members Dues	$ 10.00
Supply Sales	$128.00
Raffle	$ 62.00
Square Trade Setup / Verification	.98
TOTAL INCOME	**$2,127.59**
Expenses:	
AVSA Donation to 2018 Convention	$ 100.00
Square Trade	$ .01
Supply Fees for Soil	$ 164.08
Member Plants Sales	$ 1,122.20
Drawer Till	$ 197.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$1,583.79**
Available Bank Balance (11.30.17)	**$ 5,476.54**

JANUARY MEETINGS:

Saturday – January 13th - @ 2:30 pm
Northwest Group – The Fountains
Program: 2017 Orlando Convention Talk (Kathy Bell) – Hosts: Meichele Juve

Saturday – January 20th - @ 1:00 pm
Eastside Group – The Cascades
Same Program (Kathy Bell – Jeri Anderson)
Hosts: Barbara Fuller and Maria Frisby

WELCOME BACK!!

At the December Potluck, Terry Richey, announced she would be joining the club again (Eastside Group). That was a great Christmas Present to have her back…….

We have a new member, Richard Craft, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Richard is the President of the local club, Glitter Gulch African Violet Growers. He wants to bring some plants down for our show – alright!

Member Update:

Glenda McCulley now has an email address – it is englishchannel53@gmail.com. Glenda and her husband couldn't make it to the potluck because of illness but Glenda says that are husband, Dennis, wants to join the club too!

Happy New Year

Bulletin Board

From Terry Richey……UPDATE…FOR SALE…
Large plant stand 5 light, 5 shelf, 5 ft long for a smaller light stand. **$100 OBO**

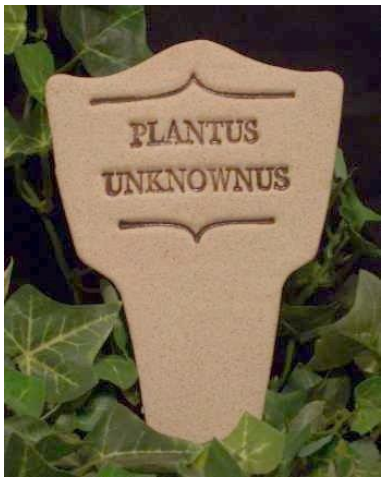
Email me at terngar0429@cox.net…….

Word of the Month: Rockwool

Excellent substrate used to grow plants hydroponically or used is some soil mixes; an extruded wool-like product formed through a process of melting rock and extruding it into threads like cotton candy and pressing it into loosely woven sheets at high temperatures.

Tucson Weather:
Why not check out the Fall/Winter Edition of "Coyote Cries" from the National Weather Service here in Tucson. Good information about this Fall/ Winter season and a report on last monsoon season. Here is the link:
https://www.wrh.noaa.gov/twc/CoyoteCrier/December2017.pdf

….don't lose that plant tag or forget to mark down on the pot or some other way to keep the name of your AV or Gesneriad. Come show time it is a must, otherwise it's a NOID (No ID)……



TAVS SHOW – 2018
& Celebrating 60 Years

Looking Back

~ 2002 ~

Tucson AVS Annual Show Winners:

Dorris Morris:
Best AVSA Standard Collection:
Optimara Degas II; Tango, Rhapsodie Rosalie
2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Sassy Sister, Irish Flirt, Precious Pink
Best in Show/Best Standard: Optimara Degas II

Darlene Panter:
Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection: Frosty Fun, Optimara Little Maya, Precious Pink
Best Semiminature: Frosty Fun

Julie Brown:
Best Trailer: Candy Fountain

Susan Merski:
Best Gesneriad: *Streptocarpus* 'Bristol's Ice Castle'

Joan Dixon: Best Design

Hattie Baggett: Horticulture Sweepstakes

Cindy Baker: Design Sweepstakes

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~ 1956 ~

.....in the beginning.....

Arizona Daily Star – February 21, 1956

"African Violet Society Formed"

A group of women interested in the growing of African Violets met at the home of Mrs. G.C. Scofield, Thursday, for the purpose of organizing an African Violet Society.

The aim of such a group is to improve methods of propagating and developing this popular house plant in the dryness of our climate and homes.

Temporary officers appointed are: Mrs. Scofield, Chairman; Mrs. John E. Lee, vice-chairman; Mrs. H.C. Proctor, secretary; Mrs. Hugh Sioan, treasurer; Mrs. Erie D. Morton, historian.

The name chosen for the club was **"The Tucson African Violet Society."** This is the second AVS to be formed in Arizona. The first was organized in Phoenix last spring, although in other cities and states, there are hundreds of such clubs, as interest in AVs has become wide spread. All societies are affiliated with the National Society, called "AVSA," with a membership of thousands. The TAVS will meet at the homes of members on the second Thursday of each month.

Countdown Clock

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

this space for rent –
make checks payable to Meichele

SHOW COMMITTEES– UPDATE (Dec 2017)
March 3, 2018
Golden Pins Lanes

Committees:

Show Chairperson:	**Kathy Bell**
Assistant Show Chairperson:	
Staging:	**Barbara Fuller**
Classifications & Entries	**Jeri Anderson**
Schedule:	**Jeri Anderson**
Education:	**Lois Rose**
Publicity:	**Kathy Bell**
Plant Sales:	
Property:	**Kathy Bell**
Placement:	**Judy Soop**
Judges:	**Maria Frisby**
Judges Clerks:	**Ruth Connors**
Host:	**Sue Sacco**
Awards:	**Candace Baldwin**
Cashiers:	**Meichele Juve**
Supplies:	**Kathy Bell**
Cover Design:	**TBD**

Thank you to those who have signed up so far. This will be updated in each month's newsletter so you can see where we need help

DECEMBER 2017 POTLUCK

Good eats and good friends all had a great time at the Annual December Potluck.

A big thank you to all who brought food, gifts for exchange and most of all your company. Some of you asked for the "No-bake Chocolate Eclair" recipe I brought in and was made by my dish, Scottie. I will attach it to the this newsletter email instead of trying to cram it into this 2-column document, "bon-appetit."

~ COMING EVENTS (2018) ~

February 17 – Saturday
Desert Sun African Violet & Gesneriad Society:
Show "Violets on Broadway,"
Valley Garden Center,
1809 North 15th Ave., Phoenix, AZ
Hours: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
PLANT SALE hours – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Additional Info: Ann Stoetzer
Email: anncie@cox.net

African Violets with Christmas Theme Names:

Christmas Rose (1956)
Christmas Angel (1981)
Christmas Glitter (1996)
Kris Kringle (NR)
Merry Christmas (1973)
Reindeer Games (1989)
Elf's Loveliness (1968)
Snowflake (NR)
Hot Toddy (NR)
Sugar Plum (1979)
Star of Bethlehem (NR)
Episcia 'Star of Bethlehem (see picture below)

Webpage of the Month

https://growershouse.com/map

They are right here in Tucson near Kino and 22nd. I've gotten supplies from them like plastic trays with domes, fertilizers, and light supplies. I know Daniel has used them also.

Webpage Listing

Copperstate AVC – Phoenix
http://copperstateavc.wixsite.com/website

The New Gesneriads Reference Web:
http://www.gesneriads.info/new-gesneriad-reference-web/

Pima Masters Gardeners (November Update):
https://extension.arizona.edu/pima-master-gardeners

Moon Phases:
https://www.timeanddate.com/moon/phases/usa/tucson

Great emails that come out every Monday:
Want to receive a weekly Growing Tip from AVSA? Sign up here!

Pictures of Episcias and Streptocarpus:
http://www.streptocarpus-info.com/Episcia/index.html

Optimara -
http://www.selectivegardener.com/

Gleanings from the Gesneriad Society (Monthly):
http://www.gesneriadsociety.org/current-gleanings/

Sinningia Species Index:
http://www.burwur.net/sinns/2arten.htm

Beauty will save the World – Alex Mayer – Ukraine:

look at this webpage just for the pictures – Alex is a photographer and you will ou and ah at his pictures….I've purchased some of his plants (tubers) thru ebay…..
http://crazybotanist.blogspot.com/2013/11/sinningia-simsim-royal-style.html

Editor's Notes:

Well, I guess you didn't think you would see this month's newsletter – The month started out ok but then Scottie was in the hospital for a week and that put everything on hold. Then the middle of the month we had to get Christmas decorating done outside and inside the house. In addition my work just insisted I do my work if I wanted to get paid – the nerve of them. So, enough of presenting my case in the court of excuses.

This is my third newsletter and I do appreciate folks making a point to tell me recently that they enjoy it – that is my goal – first to get you to read it and when you do, look forward to the next.

I am thinking of sending out the newsletter shortly after both meetings have happened for the month – In the case of January, for example, after the Eastside meeting on the 20th. This way I can use information from those meetings, etc. So let's see how that goes….

You can always check the website, facebook, or emails to check on meeting dates, programs, and host/hostess.

I will dedicate at least one page of the newsletter between now and Apri to pre and post show info.

See ya next year!

Ken