



# AFRICAN VIOLET LEAVES

A publication of the Illinois African Violet Society, Inc.

**SPECIAL EDITION**

Hello fellow I.A.V.S. members,  
Happy Spring! Although as I look out my window it looks more like Winter, you can't argue with Mother Nature. None-the-less Spring is here and our Spring show is just around the corner. I hope you enjoy perusing the show schedule and that it entices the creative flow in the designers out there. As always your participation is encouraged and needed. We have a great presentation planned, so be sure to read about it in this issue and get your cameras ready. Also, we are at the Hilton once again, and as the structure of the Spring shows may change, make sure you take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy the lovely accommodations that the Hilton offers us and their delectable banquet dinner. I hope to see you, and your plants, at the show and dinner.

In my final President's message I want to thank all of the members for their support. Just keeping your membership active is one level of support for this club. I want to offer a special thanks to those select members who step-up and take a more active role by participating at shows and events whether it's through showing plants, contributing their time by helping out at shows and events, or encouraging your local club to show support by offering their time and services. My deepest thanks go of course to the current and past Board members, Editors, Chairmen and Directors, who offer the most support by taking on these volunteer positions, in a time when keeping any club active is getting more and more challenging. Thanks again to you all.

If I can leave you with one last thought it would be to get involved. If you want this club to remain and hopefully thrive, it depends on **you**. Time is at a premium for everyone it seems, but it's now or never. So, the next time someone asks you to do something for your club, say YES. And then, follow through. Fit it in, make some time, shift something around if you have to. It's worth it, you'll enjoy it, and you will have the satisfaction of knowing *your* efforts will keep this valuable club working.

Happy growing and see you at the show!

**Andrea L. Worrell**

Editor's Message:

Hello members,

In this issue of Leaves you will find the Schedule for the IAVS annual Spring show & convention. The Board members are your "hosts" for the show this year. I hope everyone will enter because without the members participation the show isn't near as much fun. Mike England has graciously offered to run the Silent Auction and Raffle. Since the show has a pet theme to it, items that are donated can follow the theme. I know that there will be a bird feeder with a cat on it for one item.

Don't forget that the Helen Rhodes Memorial Award plant for this year is Rob's Scrumptious. The plant chosen for 2009 is Spring Cardinal hybridized by Paul Sorano. I am pleased that Jerry Hug will be our presenter of the afternoon program. He will be doing a "hands on" program on photography. If you want some tips on how to make photos of your plants look professional this is a program to attend! Jerry's expertise is with digital cameras, but please bring a film camera if that is all you have.

The following is a reprint from the MAAVS Memo, written by their President, Rich Follett.

Every show needs support backstage, performers onstage, and an audience to show appreciation. One of these roles is bound to be right for you! I have made up a 'top ten' list of simple things you can do to help ensure the success of our 2008 convention, even if you have only a few minutes each week. Here goes:

1. Enter plants and/or designs
2. Come to the convention yourself , even if just for a day
3. Bring one or more friends
4. Sponsor an award
5. Encourage a friend or fellow club member to sponsor an award
6. TALK ABOUT the convention - help build excitement!
7. Think positively
8. Find a way to share the convention with one or more children
9. Contribute something collectible, unique or handmade to Ways and Means
10. Volunteer to cover an on-site convention duty, even if only for an hour.

As this is my last newsletter as editor, I am hoping that the members of IAVS will step up and contribute articles so that the next editor will have something to print. I have had many ask why an issue hasn't come out in the Fall and the Winter of 2007. Having a header and the Archives isn't sufficient material to justify sending out a newsletter if that is all that will be in it. I know it sounds like an excuse, but unlike my predecessor, I am not a writer. So having said that, it is YOUR responsibility to provide something of interest for the other readers.

And as my last newsletter as Vice President, I would like to thank Joe Bruns who has always been a constant source of assistance. His knowledge and willingness to help anyone who asks for help gives him a special spot in my heart.

I would also like to thank Andrea who trusted me to step into the VP position. I have learned that she is a trusted friend who is willing to share her knowledge of African violets with anyone who asks.

See you at the show, Judi

# **Illinois African Violet Society, Inc.**

**52nd Annual Show and Convention**

**May 16 & 17, 2008**

***Violets and Kitties and Pups, Oh My!***

Hilton Lisle/Naperville 3003 Corporate West Dr. Lisle, Illinois 60532; (630) 505-0900  
Hosted by the Illinois African Violet Society, Inc. Show Chairman – Andrea L. Worrell  
OPEN TO PUBLIC Saturday, May 17, 2008 – 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m

## **SHOW SCHEDULE**

### **HORTICULTURE DIVISION**

#### **SECTION I – SPECIAL AWARD CLASSES**

Class 1 – African Violet Society of America collections of three (3) different registered varieties, all of the same type: *Standards, standard trailers, or species* (regardless of type). Open only to members of AVSA. Membership card required. One collection per exhibitor.

Class 2 – African Violet Society of America collections of three (3) different registered varieties, all of the same type: *Miniatures, semiminiatures, miniature or semiminature trailers*. Open only to members of AVSA. Membership card required. One collection per exhibitor.

Class 3 – Magill Cup Award. A collection of five (5) African violets, of different varieties, all of which must be the same type: either standard, miniature, semiminature, species, or trailers (all five trailers either standard, miniature, or semiminature). Varieties *need not* be registered. Each plant will be judged and point scored. One collection per exhibitor.

Class 4 - Helen Rhodes Memorial Award. Rob's Scrumptious.

#### **SECTION II – STANDARD AFRICAN VIOLETS, GREEN FOLIAGE**

Class 5 – White, cream, blush, yellow, and green (solid color and two-tone).

Class 6 – Pink, dark pink, rose, and coral (solid color and two-tone).

Class 7 – Red, wine, fuchsia, and plum (solid color and two-tone).

Class 8 – Lavender, mauve, and orchid (solid color and two-tone).

Class 9 – Blue and purple (solid color and two-tone).

Class 10 – Multicolored (two or more different colors).

Class 11 – Fantasy and chimera.

Class 12 – Edged blossoms.

#### **SECTION III – STANDARD AFRICAN VIOLETS, VARIEGATED FOLIAGE**

Class 13 – White, cream, blush, yellow, and green (solid color and two-tone).

Class 14 – Pink, dark pink, rose, and coral (solid color and two-tone).

Class 15 – Red, wine, fuchsia, and plum (solid color and two-tone).

Class 16 – Lavender, mauve, and orchid (solid color and two-tone).

Class 17 – Blue and purple (solid color and two-tone).

Class 18 – Multicolored (two or more different colors).

Class 19 – Fantasy and chimera.

Class 20 – Edged blossoms.

#### **SECTION IV – MINIATURE AFRICAN VIOLETS**

Class 21 – White, cream, blush, yellow, and green (solid color and two-tone).

Class 22 – Pink, red, fuchsia, coral, and wine (solid color and two-tone).

Class 23 – Blue, purple, lavender, and orchid (solid color and two-tone).

Class 24 – Multicolored, fantasy, chimera, and edged.

Class 25 – All variegated foliage.

#### **SECTION V – SEMIMINIATURE AFRICAN VIOLETS, GREEN FOLIAGE**

Class 26 – White, cream, blush, yellow, and green (solid color and two-tone).

Class 27 – Pink, red, fuchsia, coral, and wine (solid color and two-tone).

Class 28 – Blue, purple, lavender, and orchid (solid color and two-tone).

Class 29 – Multicolored, fantasy, and chimera.

Class 30 – Edged blossoms

#### **SECTION VI – SEMIMINIATURE AFRICAN VIOLETS, VARIEGATED FOLIAGE**

Class 31 – White, cream, blush, yellow, and green (solid color and two-tone).

Class 32 – Pink, red, fuchsia, coral, and wine (solid color and two-tone).

Class 33 – Blue, purple, lavender, and orchid (solid color and two-tone).

Class 34 – Multicolored, fantasy, and chimera.

Class 35 – Edged blossoms.

#### **SECTION VII – TRAILERS AND SPECIES, ANY TYPE FOLIAGE**

Class 36 – Standard trailers.

Class 37 – Miniature trailers.

Class 38 – Semiminiature trailers.

Class 39 – *Saintpaulia* species.

#### **SECTION VIII – SPECIAL CLASSES, ANY TYPE FOLIAGE**

Class 40 – New cultivars, sports, mutants, and seedlings.

Class 41 – Novice. Open to members who have never entered or who have never won a blue ribbon in any IAVS judged show. Limited to five (5) entries per exhibitor.

Exhibitors entering this class *may not* enter any other horticulture class.

Class 42 – Plants in unusual, decorative, or novel containers. *One entry per exhibitor*, consisting of one African violet plant (single-crown or trailer) planted in the container.

#### **SECTION IX – GESNERIADS OTHER THAN AFRICAN VIOLETS**

Class 43 – Standard *Streptocarpus*.

Class 44 – Miniature *Streptocarpus*.

Class 45 – Other gesneriads in bloom.

Class 46 – Gesneriads grown primarily for foliage.

Class 47 – Other miniature gesneriads.

### **DESIGN DIVISION**

#### **SECTION X – INTERPRETIVE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS**

Designs using fresh-cut African violet blossoms and other cut plant material which may be dried, fresh, painted, or treated. Other flowers may be used, providing they do not dominate over, and are in scale with, the African violet.

Class 48 – "Cat Nap" – Do you let your kitties nap in your violet room? Do you brush cat hair off of your plants before a show? Depict your kitty's favorite napping spot, and let your violet be your kitty. To be placed in a white niche measuring 8"H ´ 8"W ´ 8"D. One exhibit per member.

Class 49 – "Hounds of Egypt" – It is said that the first domesticated dogs came from Egypt. Create a design celebrating the Egyptian contribution of our canine companions. This design is to be placed in a white niche measuring 12"H ´ 12"W ´ 12"D. One exhibit per member.

Class 50 – "Man's best friend" – They may fetch our paper. They may bring our slippers. They may chew our slippers! Whatever they do we love them because they remain our loyal and loving furry friends. Show your love for your dog(s) with African violets in this design, to be placed in a white niche measuring 28"H ´ 22"W ´ 12"D. One exhibit per member.

Class 51 – "Here Kitty, Kitty" - Kitties love things that float and move through the air. What better fun for kitty than their own mobile! Don't - test it with your kitties with the violets on. Do - include something that would attract your kitty in this mobile design. A black wooden frame measuring 26"H ´ 26"W with a center hook will be provided. No backdrop permitted. One exhibit per member.

Class 52 – "Wet your whiskers" – Cats and water, a combination that usually doesn't go together – unless you put something attractive in your bowl that is. No fish allowed, as you know, but an attractive violet might do the trick. Don't let the caption fool you, this one is for the kitties. Other live line material may be used. To be viewed from the front only. One exhibit per member.

### **SECTION XI – INTERPRETIVE PLANT ARRANGEMENTS**

All entries in this section must consist of one or more African violet plants removed from the pot and used in a design. Fresh-cut, dried, treated, painted, and colored plant material may be used. The African violet plant root ball must be concealed. A base or container may be used to hold the arrangement, but designs that might be construed to be dish gardens are to be avoided.

Class 53 – "Kitty's ball of yarn." – We love our kitties. We love our violets. But we don't love our kitties playing with our violets. Give them a ball of yarn to play with instead. But before it ends up under the couch, save some because you'll need it for this design. No maximum, but you must have *some* yarn in this design for kitty to play with. To be placed in a white niche measuring 28"H ´ 22"W ´ 12"D. One exhibit per member.

Class 54 – "Happiness is a warm puppy." – Anyone that has ever held one knows that's no lie. Warm puppies make you feel all warm and fuzzy inside and out, and like all is right with the world. Keep this feeling of warmth going by creating an arrangement in *all warm colors*. This is to challenge you since most violets are in the cool color range. But, here's a chance to nurture those corals and reds, or whatever fits into your warm color theme. To be placed in a white niche measuring 28"H ´ 22"W ´ 12"D. One exhibit per member.

Class 55 – "The cat's meow!" – The cat's pajama's, cool cats, these '60's phrases came about to represent something that is hip, current, and just plain cool. Why? Because cats are cool! Represent your cool cat with a '60's flair when you create this arrangement. A small arrangement to be placed in a white niche measuring 12"H ´ 12"W ´ 12"D. One exhibit per member.

### **SECTION XII – CONTAINER GARDENS**

Each entry is a miniature garden with one or more blooming African violets and other growing plants. No cut plant material is permitted, and accessories are optional.

Class 56 – "We are Siamese if you please." Give these fanciful felines a tribute to their homeland by creating a dish garden with that Southeast Asian flair. This dish garden should not to exceed 18" ´ 18". No niche provided. One exhibit per member.

Class 57 – "A walk in the park." – What's better than a walk in the park with your favorite doggy on a beautiful spring day? Create a terrarium that depicts your doggy's favorite path through a beautiful park. The terrarium must fit into a 20" ´ 20" space. No niche provided. One exhibit per member.

Class 58 – "Dog days of Summer." – It may be on the beach together. Maybe it's on a

blanket under a tall oak tree. Or perhaps, a walk through the forest is your choice. Create a natural garden which shows us where you like to spend time with your pooch on those dog days of summer. This design must fit into a 20" x 20" space. No niche provided. One exhibit per member.

## **SPECIAL EXHIBITS DIVISION**

### **SECTION XIII – EDUCATION AND AVSA INFORMATION**

Class 59 – Education and AVSA information exhibit. By invitation.

#### **SHOW RULES**

##### **GENERAL RULES**

1. Entries will be accepted on Friday, May 16, 2008, between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Entries will also be accepted on Saturday, May 17, 2008, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. for pre-registered plants ONLY. All pre-registrations must submit completely filled out pre-registration forms, (available in *Leaves*) and be received by Andrea Worrell by May 9, 2008. The Saturday morning entries schedule will be strictly followed. Any late entries will be put on display only.
2. Exhibitors must be members of the Illinois African Violet Society.
3. The Illinois African Violet Society and the hotel will afford all possible protection to exhibits, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
4. Members of the Placement Committee will place all entries in horticulture.
5. Commercial members may enter any class in the schedule.
6. Judging will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2008. The show will be judged on the merit basis, and only qualified AVSA judges will be permitted to judge. The decision of the judges is final. The schedule is the law of the show.
7. During judging, only judges, judges' clerks, Show Chairman, Judges' Chairman, Classification Chairman, Entries Chairman, and Awards Chairman will be permitted in the show room.
8. Entries shall not be altered after being judged (except to replace blossoms in designs), and cannot be removed until the close of the show.
9. Exhibitors may not remove their entries from the display tables until the official closing of the show at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2008, or they will forfeit all ribbons and awards.
- 10. Exhibitors must remove all entries and clean up by 5:00 p.m. or be subject to hotel overtime fees.** In addition, showroom access will be closed after 5:00 p.m. May 17, 2008.
11. Entries will not be sold in the show room until the closing of the show. Any member wishing to sell exhibits after show closing must wait until the show room is cleared of all the other exhibits. Buyers must remain outside the show room until it is cleared of other exhibits.

#### **HORTICULTURE DIVISION RULES**

1. All plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession at least three (3) months, and must be clean, healthy plants. All African violet exhibits must be in bloom.
2. All plants must be single-crown plants, except species, trailers, and some gesneriads.

3. All pots, with the exception of hanging baskets, unusual containers, and gesneriad containers, must be slip-potted in a clean white, green, or neutral-colored pot of the same size as the exhibit is being grown.
4. No flared-top pots, supports, or collars will be permitted. Exhibitors must print their names on adhesive sticker and attach this to the bottom of the pot.
5. Each variety must be correctly named or it will be subject to correction by the Classification Committee. Any plant not blooming true to the original variety will be entered in the class appropriate to the original variety.
6. Any number of plants may be entered in each class by an exhibitor, but only one plant of a variety may be entered in the same class. An exhibitor may enter plants of the same variety in Classes 1 through 4 and Class 42 as in Classes 5 through 39.
7. Class 40 entries must be accompanied by a 3" x 5" card stating that the entry is originally from seed or from mutation. Mutations or sports should be entered as "Sport of (name of original plant)." Entries in this class must never have been exhibited in an IAVS show before.
8. Only blue-ribbon plants will be eligible for special awards. Any blue-ribbon plant in classes 1–4 will be eligible for any other awards.

#### **DESIGN DIVISION RULES**

1. African violet plants and other plant material used need not have been grown by the exhibitor.
2. Artificial plant material or live creatures may not be used. The American flag may not be used.
3. Bases and accessories may be used in all classes unless otherwise stated.
4. Each exhibit in the Design Division must be accompanied by a 3" x 5" card stating the class title, varieties of African violet(s) used, and all other plant material used in the design.
5. Exhibitors may have only one entry per class, but may enter as many classes as they wish, providing space is available. Reservations for entry space in the Design Division will be open April 8, 2008, and will close May 8, 2008. Space will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be made in writing. Please state class numbers and send requests to:

Andrea Worrell  
619 Franklin Street  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

#### **IMPORTANT NICHE INFORMATION**

The actual measurement of the IAVS larger niches is 28"H x 22"W x 7"D. The 7" deep is a flange used to support the niche when open. Your design when using the large niche should not exceed 12" deep.

The niche measuring 12"H x 12"W x 12"D is as stated, and your design must fit inside that measurement.

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**Registration Information:**

**(Make checks payable to I.A.V.S.)**

**· Registration fee for attending the programs and/or showing plants: \$10.00**

**· Saturday Evening Banquet fee, menu as follows: \$35.00**

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**Send your registrations to:**

**Andrea Worrell \*\* Registrations must be received by  
619 Franklin Street Friday, May 9, 2008.  
Downers Grove, IL 60515**

**If you are planning on showing plants at the show:**

**An Exhibitor's Sheet is printed for you in this issue. It would be very helpful if you could fill this out with your entries prior to entering, and bring it with you to the entries table. This will help expedite the entries process, increase show efficiency and decrease any potential wait time for you! You are not required to pre-register your plants if you are entering on Friday, May 16, 2008. HOWEVER, per the show schedule, anyone entering plants during the Saturday morning entry time **MUST** pre-register their plants by having this form filled out and received by the Show Chairman by Monday, May 12, 2008. (You are not required to show plants that you have pre-registered). Thank you for your cooperation!**

**Registration times:**

**Friday, May 16, 2008 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 17, 2008 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (Plant pre-registration required.)**

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**Special Note:**

For several years now, I.A.V.S. has enjoyed the special discount pricing and high quality accommodations that the Lisle Hilton has been able to extend to us. This year, even though they still allowed considerable discounts, the pricing structure of hotel space and meal functions increased dramatically here and throughout the industry. I.A.V.S. is paying \$38.66 per person for the meal – not an unreasonable price for a great meal – but quite a difference in our past banquet prices. Therefore, I.A.V.S. is subsidizing the cost difference on behalf of the members, which you see reflected in your banquet price. Please help show your support by attending the banquet.



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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Entries for Pre-registered plants only.
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. I.A.V.S. Executive Board Meeting.
- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Judging of Show.
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation/Workshop - TBA
- 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Show open.
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Presentation - Hand's-On program from Jerry Hug, "So you have a digital camera - Now what do you do?"
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. I.A.V.S. General Membership Meeting.
- 4:30 p.m. Show closes.
- 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Awards and Dinner Banquet

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**Judges Clerks Needed**

No experience necessary. On the job training!  
If interested please contact Andrea Worrell  
630-515-1151

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**Awards Donations**

It's that time again! We would appreciate any donations for awards for this year's show. Last year our members' donations were outstanding. Thank you for your support.  
Please send show award donations to:  
LuAnn Christenson  
370 Broadmoor Drive  
Eldridge, IA 52748

## From the Archives...

by Joe Bruns

### 50 Years Ago:

The Taylorville African Violet Society offered the Taylorville Cup, to be awarded to the novice grower with the highest-scoring plant (90 points or above)..

There were eight accredited judges among the IAVS members.

"Fall Finale of African Violets" was the theme of the Society's last fall show in Rockford in 1957. Beginning in 1958, IAVS switched to a spring show, with "Spring in Springfield" being the first spring show.

### 25 Years Ago:

The Fall Get-Together was sponsored by the Quad Cities AVS, with Ruth Tiedeman presenting a program on "Artistic Design."

The spring 1983 show, "Melody of Violets," was hosted by the AVS of Northern Illinois, with Adelle Johnson as Show Chairman. it was held at the Rodeway Inn in Chicago.

### 10 Years Ago:

The Fall Get-Together was hosted by the Margaret Scott AVS, with programs by Gary Mikita on *Streptocarpus* and Chris Poore on Miniature African Violets

IAVS put in a bid to host the 2001 AVSA Convention and Show. On the Advisory Committee were Carol Allegretti, Steve Covolo, Andrea Worrell, Anna Jean Landgren, and Joe Bruns.

"Your Hit Parade of Violets" was the theme of the 1998 show, held at the Holiday Inn of Elgin, with Ellie Palm and Jean Willey as Co-Chairmen.

Tom Moore will be the new Editor of *Leaves* magazine.

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### **“So you have a digital camera – Now what do you do?”**

Jerry Hug has been a photographer for 40 years. His works have appeared in the Chicago Cultural Center, the main Rotunda of the Thompson State of Illinois Building in Chicago, Brickton Gallery in Park Ridge, Bloomingdale Park District Museum, William Koheline Gallery at Oakton Community College, Johnson Galleries in Santa Fe, NM, "The Clearing" and Hardy Galleries in Door County, WI and the Des Plaines History Center in Des Plaines, Illinois. His works have been nationally published and are included in various private collections on the North Shore. Jerry has won various awards for his photography through the greater Chicago area. In 2001 he was commissioned to produce a series of Historical Places in Maine Township, which was funded by a grant from the State of Illinois. Jerry is the President of CACCA (Chicago Area Camera Clubs Association) for 2007-2008.

### **This is a Hands On Class. We will take photographs in the class and learn how to get the best images from their cameras.**

We will cover using flash photography with digital cameras and also working with white balance to get the true botanical colors. Dealing with the problems of blue colors. Use of natural light vs. artificial lights for floral photography.

Please bring your cameras. Jerry has offered to take us into the show room to practice taking pictures of the show plants.

## **Affiliate Club News & Coming Events**

### **Barrington Bloomers AVS**

**Meeting Information:** 7:00 p.m. First Thursday of each month at the Community Church of Barrington, IL.

### **Fox Valley AVS**

**Meeting Information:** 7:30 p.m. on the third Friday of each month (except Dec.) at the Warrenville Fire Station, Warrenville, IL

### **Glenview/North Shore AVS**

**Meeting Information:** Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. Glenview Public Library, January thru October.

The club will have their show May 3 & 4, 2008 at the Chicago Botanic Garden  
If anyone is in need of their 3 blue ribbons for a judges exam, this is the place to get them.

Entries will be on Friday, May 2, 2008.

### **Hoosier AVS**

**Meeting Information:** Third Friday of each month at the Crown Point Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.

### **Lake Shore AVS**

**Meeting Information:** Third Tuesday of each month at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 7:00 p.m.

### **Margaret Scott AVS**

**Meeting information:** First Saturday of each month at Anita Purves Nature Center, Urbana, IL, 1:30 p.m.

### **Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society**

**Meeting information:** Fourth Sunday of the Month. Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 Thacker (Dempster) St., Des Plaines, IL Noon - 3 p.m.

### **Quad Cities AVS**

**Meeting Information:** Second Monday of each month (except Jan.) at Riverside Park Center in Moline, IL, 7:00 p.m.

Annual Spring Show - April 18 & 19, 2008 NorthPark Mall, Davenport, IA

# IAVS General Meeting Minutes

Date/time: Oct 6, 2007 @ 10:20 to 10:40.

Location: First Congregational Church of Forest Glen, 5400 Lawler, Chicago IL

Attendees: 18 members

Recording Secretary

- The spring general meeting minutes was read. A motion was passed to accept the meeting minutes as recapped.

Membership Report

- A report was unavailable.

Treasurer's Report

- We received most of the treasury book to be audit with results back by EOY

Leaves Magazine

- Judi will resign as editor when the new board is seated.
- A brief discussion on content ensued. There was no negative feedback.

Unfinished business

- An audit of the books will need to be done. We will try to get the books submitted this month to get the results back by the end of year. We believe there is enough information to determine what happened with the club accounts.
- Joe Bruns is on the nomination committee. Two additional members are being sought. Discussion followed. Patsy Harms and John Juggenheimer accepted.
- McGill cup...new awards chair being sought since as previously mentioned, Annie Reick resigned.
- A host club for the spring show is being sought. Given the late date, the board will reserve the Lisle Hilton site.
- The bylaw revisions are pending. The hope is to contact the volunteers by end of the 2007 year, or immediately afterwards, to set up the bylaws revisions. Tom Moore, Joe Bruns, Andrea Worrell are on the committee. The volunteer position of Annie Reick on the committee will be confirmed. Tomi added to committee.
- A new geographical mapping is needed.
- Fall meet format; A number of members had conflicts with the date. Feedback was requested on fall meet format. A suggestion was made to perhaps combine the fall meeting with an arboretum tour. Another suggestion was made to combine the fall meet with the Fox Valley AVS show.

New Business

- Helen Rhoades plant; 2008 plant is Rob's Scrumptious,
- 2009 plant is Spring Cardinal hybridized by Lyndon Lyon's
- We will have 3 issues of Leaves this year instead of 4, due to staff overload. A short discussion was held on whether a membership extension may be needed. The feeling expressed was that the number Leaves is not the driver for our membership.

# AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Application for Membership

Mail to: AVSA, Inc. 2375 North St., Beaumont, TX 77702

\*Membership runs one year from date paid and includes 6 issues of the  
AFRICAN VIOLET MAGAZINE.

\_\_\_\_\_ New Member? Or \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member \_\_\_\_\_ Membership  
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One-year membership, USA resident: \$25.00

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