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The object of the Society shall be to afford a convenient and beneficial association of persons interested in the African violet (Saintpaulia); to stimulate widespread interest in the propagation and culture of African violets; to promote ways and means for widespread distribution of all varieties and species of African violets among its members and others interested in growing them; and to gather and publish reliable, practical information concerning the culture and propagation of African Violets.

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President's Column

A time of thanksgiving...Those are the first words that come to mind as I think about the activities of IAVS in recent weeks. The Fall Meet hosted by the Hoosier Club was a wonderful occasion made possible by the selfless, creative and imaginative work of that enterprising group. Particular thanks go to Gary Mikita, Jean Willey and Sue and Harold Andresen and their committees. One can only imagine the hours of planning and preparation that were required to pull off an event such as that with hardly a hitch. Securing Dale Martens for the afternoon program was a stroke of genius, and Sue and Harold's morning program was equally engaging. On behalf of all of you I say a big "THANK YOU!"

A second "thank you" goes to the Fox Valley Club for their enthusiastic acceptance to host the Spring Show with Andrea Worrell as chairman. This relatively new club has a large membership of willing workers and we look forward to an excellent event. Please see details for time and place elsewhere in Leaves.

Also in this issue is a feature regarding the Booster Fund which was inaugurated some years ago but which has fallen by the wayside, I encourage you to look reality in the face and step up to the plate and do your part to insure that the future of the Society is sound. Those of us who read, the African Violet are aware of the supplemental funds that go beyond our annual dues to support the work of AVSA. IAVS has the same pressing needs to remain solvent I thank you in advance for your careful consideration of a request to go the second mile.

Thanks are also due to Joe Bruns, Patsy Harms and John Jugenheimer for their work on preparing the Questionnaire which is inserted in Leaves. It is important that we have your thoughts on the most effective way to serve your needs as members of our cherished organization. Please take a few minutes to complete the form and send it back to me at an early date. File #13 is not an appropriate place for this document!

I hope your Thanksgiving celebrations were happy occasions and that the coming holidays and New Year will bring you and those whom you love much happiness and peace.

Morgan Simmons

From the Editor

The Fall meet was a great success. The Hoosier A VS did a terrific job. The silent auction had really nice things and the hand made bags for the raffle tickets were so cute everyone wanted one to take home. The mini show had lovely plants, a credit to all the members that grew them. The food left a little to be desired but the speaker

compensated for that. The Andresens shared their way of growing, with soil recipes, potting schedule, water information, and some of the tools they use. It certainly helps to have two people that enjoy the same hobby when repotting, one doing the repotting and the other doing the labeling. This team sure does know how to grow lovely plants. Dale Marten had slides of many beautiful plants. Many are not yet available but she sure gave us something to watch for in the future. She was also so generous in giving us new plants to experiment with. Every one got 2 new plants which is always fun.

Thanks for two wonderful lectures.

Harold Andresen in his Hoosier newsletter included this additional information on his soil mix. "I did not really measure each bag of soil but I know they were one quart bags so I will guess that there is at least a quart of mix in the bags so for one quart of soil I would add: two cups of perlite, one cup of coarse vermiculite, one half cup of hort. grade charcoal, one tablespoon of gypsum, two teaspoons of dolomite limestone, (fine) either one half teaspoon of 0-46-0 which is super triple phosphate or you could use two teaspoons of bone meal and end up with about the same thing. I have been spraying all my plants with Physan 27 once a week to eliminate a powdery mildew problem I have had in the winter months in the past and so far it is working".

I am sure that many of you are members of the African Violet Society of America and so get the magazine. Some special things to look for are published at the same time every year. When thinking of ordering plants for show be sure to check the "Best Varieties" which appears in the November/December issue, and "Tally Time" that appears in the March/April issue. "Coming Events" appear in the March/April issue. The A VSA Commercial Members and Affiliated Clubs with the Judges are in the September/October issue. Looking for an Index of Articles and Authors? They are in the January/February issue; also an Index of colored photos.

Minutes for Fall Meeting of the Illinois African Violet Society Board Members

Members present: Janice Bruns, Joe Bruns, Lois Crider, Patsy Harms, John Jugenheimer, Anna Jean Landgren, Gary Mikita, and Morgan Simmons

The meeting was called to order at 9: 10 a.m. Saturday October 11, 2003

Since Barbara Newton could not attend, Patsy Harms was asked to take the minutes. Morgan explained the absences of several board members. Gary Duchien was sending the treasurer's report via Express Mail and it should be there before noon. Minutes from the Spring meeting were approved as printed. Arlene Ashley had contacted Morgan for a list of the

videos that are available for rental. Patsy has a list and has sent it to Arlene and will print the fist in the next Leaves.

Morgan and Joe discussed the possibility of the Fox Valley club hosting the spring show and sale. Fox Valley Dad asked for additional money for the show. IAVS gives \$200.00 to defray costs. Since IAVS covers everything except staging, name tags, and table favors which would be the only costs to the hosting club, the board felt that \$200.00 was ample. The board also agreed to forgo the cost (\$25.00) for a table at the show for the sponsoring club. Joe .Bruns said Mildred Schroder had died and Lois Crider said we had also lost Eileen Peer. Joe will see that we get a new list of members that will be mailed out with the winter issue of Leaves. Lois said they are getting ready for the "Taste of Champaign" and have 6 new members. John Jugenheimer reported that the Quad City club was in good shape with 30 members. He gave several good suggestions on how to get new members. The Man they gave their shows in, Duck Creek, has closed so they have moved to North Park Mall which is a very nice facility and they will stay there for the future. John suggested we get some way to coordinate the state shows as they often conflict with another state show.

Morgan thanked Gary and the Hoosier Club for hosting the Fall Meet and Gary gave us a summary of what went into putting it all together. He suggested that we should trY to swap speakers with other clubs to create more interest and so the same people don't give all the programs; he has asked people from Iowa, Ohio, etc. Anna Jean asked if we knew who had the ribbons for the state. We are going to need a new properties chairman since Charles Newton is unable to serve. Jan Bruns offered the motion that we should eliminate the Commercial Chairman position since we no longer have any commercial sellers. This will require a revision of the Bylaws and will have to be voted on by the membership. Morgan asked how realistic it was to have two shows a year since we are depleting our treasury. He had mentioned raising dues and had heard some dissent to this idea. He said the dues barely cover the cost of the Leaves which runs on an average of \$175.00 each issue. It was suggested that Life Members (there are 10) who do not pay dues might want to contribute something. It was also suggested that we reinstate the IAVS Booster Fund, which most of us didn't know existed. It was proposed that aJ questionnaire be sent out with Leaves to determine the things that are most meaningful for the membership. Joe Bruns, Patsy Harms, John Jugenheimer and Morgan Simmons will design the form.

Bill Meier is a new student judge. Several growers are selling violets on the inter net and doing very well. A section will be added to the membership form for donations to the Booster Fund. The Andreesens will be moving away from the area in the spring.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Patsy Harms, Secretary Pro Tem

Illinois African Violet Society Treasurer's Report May 1, 2003 to October 1, 2003

BALANCE ON HAND MAY 1, 2003 \$11,678.98

INCOME	
Membership	481.00
Donations	10.00
Silent Auction	257.00
Awards	270.00
Registration & Banquet	845.00
Wyndham refund	800.00
Bank Interest	20.40

	\$2,683.40

EXPENSES	
AVSA Dues	27.00
Bond Insurance	100.00
Awards	180.00
Staging	90.51
Wyndham Hotel	3479.91
Pat Richards Speaker's Fee	77.50
Speaker's Hotel Room	86.11
Judges' Mileage	50.00
Secretary of State Filing Fee	5.00

	\$4,691.19

BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 1, 2003 \$9,671.19

2003 Show & Convention

INCOME	
Sales Table	50.00
Silent Auction	257.00
Donation	10.00
Awards	270.00
Registration/Banquet	845.00

	\$1,432.00

EXPENSES	
Awards	180.00
Staging	90.51
Hotel	2679.91
Speaker	163.61
Judges	50.00

	\$3,164.03

NET LOSS \$ 1,732.03

Booster Fund

A facelift for an old friend!

Some of you will remember that some years ago a Booster Fund was established as a way of increasing the treasury of IAVS. For some reason that initiative has fallen through the cracks, and so the Executive Committee, mindful of the recent invasions of our savings account, feels that it- is time to revive it and ask for your contributions to offset the increased costs ,of running the society, especially the shows and the increased costs of postage and printing. This step is being taken to avoid, if possible, an increase in dues which might be a burden for some.

If you are one who wishes to keep the Society solvent and have the means of making a gift to this fund, please send your checks (made out to IAVS and marked "Booster Fund") to our treasurer Gary Duchien at 117 Lynn Street, Washington, IL 61571.

Write a check; pat yourself on the back; and end up with a smile on your face! All of us will sleep better.

Club News

Barrington Bloomers.

September - Sandy Fuller supplied Bonsai plants from her Bonsai trays and ordered small plants from Robs and everyone took part in the construction of a "Dish Garden". In October they had a hands on work shop for constructing an underwater arrangement, and in November they will do the same for constructing a terrarium. Looks like they will be some stiff competition at the next State show. The December meeting will be their Holiday party.

Hoosier African Violet Society.

The October newsletter gave well deserved thanks to all the members for producing such a wonderful and interesting Fall Get together. The October program was how to separate baby plants from the mother leaf and getting them to grow in their own containers. Harold and Susan Andresen have bought the version #2 of Joe Bruns program and are just thrilled with it. There was no official program for November but it was suggested each member bring their "tool boxes" to share with the other members.

One of their members, Patti, will be playing her accordion at their Christmas party.

Lake Shore African Violet Society

September and October meetings were programs to help get ready for the November show and sale. Their show was a great success where they received the A VSA Standard Show Achievement Award with an 98 1/2 score. November will be a Video program. December is the annual Holiday Party where awards will be awarded.

Quad Cities African Violet Society

September was the annual potluck dinner. Saturday, October 8 was the Fall Plant Sale at the Riverside Park Garden Center. October was also the Dawg Show for the club. They are now busy getting ready for the spring show which will be the last weekend of March. Cel is giving a program on selecting plants to grow for show, and the twelve week guide lines for show plants. They welcomed two new members Lyle and Ava Resser of Geneseo, IL.

Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society.

At the September meeting the members discussed the problem (the same one all clubs are facing) of rising costs for meetings and operations while dues have not gone up for many years. The addition of the 1972 book "Streptocarpus: An African Plant Study" was a rare find and a wonderful addition to their rare, out-of print, and hard to find materials. The Show and Sale was held October 18 and 19 at Friendship Park Conservatory in Mount Prospect. with Joyce Carpenter giving the lecture "Growing with Leca Stone". The November program was a Slide Show "Alpine and Cool Growing Gesneriads", and December will be the Holiday Party which includes a pot luck dinner and silent auction.

Coming Events

Quad Cities African Violet Society Spring Show and Sale

March 26, 27, and 28
North Park Mall Davenport, Iowa.

The Late Bloomers African Violet Club Show and sale

May 1 and 2, 2004
In Rockford, IL

Illinois African Violet Society Spring Show and Sale

May 21 and 22, 2004
Hilton Lisle/Naperville.
3003 Corporate West Dr. Lisle, IL 630-505-0900
Toll free 1-800-552-2599.

NIGS Spring Plant Show March 20 and 21, 2004

Chicago Botanic Garden

AVSA 58th Convention and Show Tucson, AZ

April 11th through the 18th, 2004
Double Tree Hotel at Reed Park
443 South Alvernon Way

MEMORIAL

Eileen Peer 85 died June 30, 2003. Eileen was a charter member of the Margaret Scott African Violet Society of Urbana-Champaign, IL. one of the first Societies to be organized December 11, 1959 in the state of Illinois. Mrs. Eileen Peer was an avid grower of African Violets. She won many awards in state and local competitions. She was much appreciated by the members of the Margaret Scott African Violet Society for her expert knowledge about growing African violets and assisting new members. Eileen was a member for 44 years. All the Margaret Scott Society members will miss Eileen.

From the Archives... by Joe Brun

These excerpts have been taken from old issues of Leaves magazine.



40 Years Ago - Winter 1963 issue:

District 1 of the Illinois African Violet Society had 21 active clubs, including the new African Violet District Council of Northern Illinois. Agnes Grud (left) wrote an article on mites. She recommended treating with Kelthane or the new duPont Mite Spray.

Josephine Gibson Toogood discussed her soil recipe, which consisted of 2 parts peat, 1 part garden soil (muck), 1 part compost, and 1 part aerator (Vermiculite, Perloam, Turface, and silica sand). Larvicide is added and left to stand for one week.

Carla Henning recommends the following varieties: 'Fire Sprite', 'Wgite Hope', 'Song of Summer', 'Pink Commotion', 'Love Story', 'Dream Stuff', and 'Wild Willie'.

25 Years Ago - Winter 1978 issue:

Jimmy Dates was President of AVS. He mentioned in his President's Message that his mother, Lillian, had passed away. She was a charter member of IA VS, and served for many years as the Commercial Chairman. It was announced that the Benkes sold their greenhouse in Aurora. The new name will be Bri-Lea Greenhouses.

Linn Thompson (peoria) took over the duties as Editor of the African Violet Leaves magazine.

Among the new members were Terry Duchien, Shirley Guenther, and a new affiliate club, the Evening Bloomers AVS.

Balance on hand in the IAVS treasury was \$2,851.08.

The number of Optimara varieties has recently grown from 12 to 20, and it's expected that there will be 22 by the end of 1978, and 50 in two years.

10 Years Ago - Winter 1993 issue:

In his "Judges' and Exhibitors' Forum." article, Karter Wilkening discussed judging designs.

In her "Information Please" article, Adelle Johnson also discussed the design division of the show schedule.

Among new members was the newly-formed Hoosier African Violet Society. Celia Schafer wrote an interesting article on her violet record-keeping system. Lydia Driskell requested donations of awards for the 1994 show.

Balance on hand in the IAVS treasury was \$10,161.79.

Know Your pH factor By Patsy Harms

pH (Puissance de Hydrogen) is the symbol for the logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen ion concentration expressed in gram atoms per liter of a solution, and used to indicate acidity or alkalinity or in simpler terms, the scale which determines the Acidity or alkalinity of your soil, water, and fertilizer. At the top of the 14 step scale is sodium Hydroxide with a pH of 14.0 (very alkaline) and at the bottom of the scale is Hydrochloric acid with a pH of 0.0 (very acidic).

In nature, roots can creep around in the field to find the soil most favorable for it's needs. We know that crops are grown in areas where the soil is favorable for that kind of plant, thus wine grapes cannot be grown in the same soil as potatoes, the soil determines the crop.

But we grow in little pots so we can design a recipe for our potting mix, a proper water supply, and fertilizer that will be conducive to good growing conditions for our African violets. The nutrients in the soil must be turned into microorganisms for the plant to absorb. The pH and the temperature will create the microorganisms activity that is necessary for the plant to be able to absorb the nutrients. The scale for African violets is slightly acidic between 6.4 and 6.9. When the pH is very high or very low it creates a condition called "phosphate lock-up" which makes it impossible for the plant to absorb the necessary nutrients. Over fertilizing will only make the matter worse.

To correct this condition you need to first know what the pH of your soil is. If your soil has a pH that is too low (5 to 6 pH), you can add dolomite lime to your soil mixture,

many commercial mixes have already added this to their mixtures. If you prefer you can water your plants with a solution of one-half teaspoon of whiting, bone meal to a gallon of warm water, or one-half teaspoon of Epsom salts per gallon of water. If your soil is to alkaline (above 7 pH) you can use a mixture of two tablespoons of vinegar to a gallon of water and use it to water your plants.

You can call your local water department to find out the pH of your local water supply. Most city water supplies have chemicals such as chlorine, or fluoride added to them. By filling your gallon jugs and letting them stand for 24 hours these chemicals will evaporate, placing them in the sun will speed up the evaporation process. If you do not have a municipal water supply you should test your water and adjust your pH by, again, using a little household vinegar to correct water that is too alkaline. If you have well water it would be strongly recommended that you have this checked. If your water supply is unreliable you may want to use rain water (check however as rain water can be very acidic), reverse-osmosis water, or water collected from your dehumidifier.

Fertilizers also contribute to the pH problems in more acidic conditions.

Urea based fertilizers seen to create more Soil has a tendency to drop in pH as it ages so repotting is necessary because it keeps plants at their proper balance. The acidic condition can speed up deterioration of soil components and causes the soil to hold too much water.

Some of the symptoms of pH imbalance:

Yellow edges around your leaves, stunted growth, fewer blossoms, tight center leaves are all signs that your soil is too acid. Too much alkaline will cause your centers to be pale and the leaves will show brown edges and slow or retarded growth. Too acidic (Low reading), leaves turn yellow, edges brown.

If you do not want to mix your own soil there are many commercial mixes available through the African Violet Magazine or local garden shops. In checking with the local Botanic garden I learned that they use commercial mixes for potting their plants.

There are several devices for measuring the pH level of your soil. You can find places on the inter net that carry them. I recently bought a Electronic Soil Tester at Jamaican Gardens in Morton Grove, IL. for aboOt \$22.00. It calls for an AA battery and will test both pH and fertility, so it can also be used for your outside garden soil. You can also send samples to your local Cooperative",Extension Service at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Agriculture.

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Please allow plenty of time when ordering and previewing your tapes.

Order at least two weeks before you are going to use it so we can get a tape to you on time. Indicate the tape you want, the date you want it and the date you plan to present it. Please include a donation often dollars (\$10) to cover the handling costs. (Checks should be made out to IA VS.) The "Videotape Rental Request" form is reproduced here for your convenience. It will help when requesting tapes.

Numbers at the margin are tape numbers.

"Trailers" presented by Jamie Christiansen
Jamie presents basic identification and growing information on these decorative varieties of African Violets. A very informative and interesting program
About 50 minutes
From IA VS Convention, 1995

1. **"Home Remedies"** presented by Barbara Kirby
Show-and-tell style presentation on natural pest prevention. Barbara discusses the dangers of certain chemical treatments and possible substitutes. A very down to earth program.
About 50 minutes
From IA VS Convention, 1995

2. **"The Ten Propers"** presented by Donna Mann and Martha Compton
A presentation of violet growing basics. Great for beginners and experienced growers who want a review of basics. Full of great information.
About 50 minutes From Winter 1995

3. **"Mechanics of Design"** Jackie Jones
Jackie Jones gives methods for planning and executing award winning designs.
About 46 minutes
From IAVS Convention, 1995

4. **"Of Mites and More"** presented by Jamie Christiansen
Jamie's talk is packed with information!
About 65 minutes (Parts of the question-answer session can be eliminated or played in fast forward to shorten it if needed.)
From IAVS Get Together, October, 1995

5. **"What do Judges Look For?"** presented by Celia Schafer
Cel explains the merit judging system and how to evaluate your plants for show. She explain symmetry, condition, suckers, bloom quality and quantity, and potting as a judge would use these terms. This is an information-packed program for those who are interested in showing plants, as well as for those who are interested in becoming judges.
About 30 minutes.
From IAVS Convention, 1996.

6. - **"To Do or Not To Do"** presented by Jean Willey
Jean talks about her violet-growing experiences and explains the methods that have enabled b to win so many ribbons and awards. Included is information on potting up plants, transplanting, recycling everyday items to use with your plants, tools, and leaf propagation. Warning: the ending is abrupt. (If you want Jean's presentation, but in a shorter format, see Houseplant How-to, Segment 3)
About 55 minutes From Fall 1996

7. **"Tom Moore's Way of Growing For Show"**
This entertaining speaker talks about his show-winning methods.
About 48 minutes From October 1996

8. **"Miniature African Violets"** presented by Judy Wegner
Judy won Second Best at the A VSA show in Columbus. She tells us how she grows those exceptional minis and semiminis. She discusses soil, her combination methos of wicking and mat watering, lighting, propagating, and other topics.
About 40 minutes
From IAVS Convention 1996

9. **"Humourous Anecdotes"**
Randy Hillman and Tom Moore collaborate and teach by entertaining.
About 40 minutes
From IAVS Convention, 1997

10. **"Starting Plants from Leaves"**
Tom Moore tells how to start plants in his entertaining style of presentation.
About 38 minutes
From IA VS Convention 1997

11. **"Judges Forum"**
Jackie Jones, Jean Willey, and Ceil Shaeffer answer questions about judging at African Vi 011 shows.
About 21 minutes
From the IAVS Convention, 1998

12. **"How I Grow Mini's, Streps, an_Syngias"**
Chris Poor tells us her methods of growing; and gives hints and helps from her experiences.
About 52 minutes
From the IAVS Convention, 1998

13. **"Streptocarpus"** Gary Mikita
Gary Mikita talks about his growing methods.
Entertaining and informative
About 40 minutes
From the IA VS Convention, 1998

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Houseplant How-to Segments

IH **"Basics of growing African Violets"** Carol Allegretti and Steve Covolo. Packed full of practical information for beginners and other growers.
First aired in February, 1997

IH **"Growing beautiful African Violet Trailers"** Anna Jean Landgren
First aired in March, 1997

IH **"Teaching the Tricks"** Jean Willey
Jean Willey teaches Tracy Bruns the basics of growing African Violets
First aired in April, 1997

2H **"Making Mobile Designs"** Ed Johnson
Ed Johnson shares his methods of creating show stopping mobiles.
First aired July, 1997

3H **"Rags to Riches"** Andrea Worrell
Andrea's programs contain lots of great material presented in an organized manner with excellent visual aids.
First aired August, 1997

3H **"Green and Growing or Dead and Exotic"**
A panel show answering growers' questions on several types of plants including Mrican violets, and orchids.
First aired October, 1997

3H **"Beautiful Designs"** by David Travis
David shows how to create lovely designs for use in your home. It is a refreshing look at design from a different perspective than judging for show.
First aired November, 1997

3 H **"Propagating Your Posies"** Andrea Worrell.
This is another of Andrea's excellent presentations packed full of ideas and presented with expertise.

4H **"Putting on a Show"**
By the Lake Shore Mrican Violet Society.
Behind the scenes footage showing what goes into the development and display of an African Violet Show.
First aired in January, 1998

4H "Arrangements for Special Occasions"

Jan Bertram, Martha Coronado, and Patsy Harms of the Lake Shore African Violet Society These award winning designers give you their ideas.

First presented in February, 1998

4H "Lighting" Joe Bruns

Joe is an expert on lighting for African Violets. He shares his extensive knowledge.

First aired August, 1998

4H "Steve Covolo; My Secrets"

Steve grows produces huge, show stopping plants by growing in his own unique way. His comments have relevance for every grower even though his methods are not for everyone!

First aired September, 1998

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