



AFRICAN VIOLET LEAVES

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Fall 2008

President's Message

Hello Members,

After the spring show Andrea had a lovely miniature violet for me as a welcome to the President's job but she also had about six or seven boxes of IAVS "stuff" that she was glad to be rid of. Yesterday I finally dug through the boxes and repackaged the contents so I could store it until needed. Among the things I came up with was a folder with the duties and job descriptions of the elected officers prepared by Anna Jean Landgren in August of 1990. I put that one aside to answer the many questions I still have.

Down in the bottom of one box I found the original corporate seal and when I pressed it onto a sheet of paper to be able to read it I discovered that IAVS was organized on May 21, 1955 and incorporated on September 17th of that same year. I started to think about how many people have worked to keep this violet club alive and going for those fifty three years. There have to have been good and bad times during that long stretch and yet we have survived and continue to raise, show, and exchange our favorite violets. These are new and different times in many ways and I am going to need your help and assistance to keep things going into the twenty first century.

Our Fall Meeting will have a very different format. It will be a day at the Chicago Botanic Garden tied in with the Lake Shore AVS show and sale. The Garden Café can be quite crowded at lunch so you may wish to bring your own picnic with you to enjoy on the grounds. I hope to meet and talk with many of you then and get your ideas for changes you would like to see in your state society.

Due to rising costs I believe we have had our last annual show at a hotel. I need your thoughts on where and how we can hold our show next May. Since individual club memberships have declined it seems reasonable to me that several clubs will need to work

together to host our spring show. If you want to discuss any ideas with me you can contact me by e-mail at tom@tnm3.org or call me at 847-251-3857. See you in September at the Botanic Garden and until then.

Good health and good growing,

Tom Moore

Editor's Note

Dear Members,

Welcome to the fall issue of the IAVS Leaves! Please particularly take note of the information with regards to the fall meet, and I hope to see you there.

You will notice that our issue is very bare bones this time. This is because the IAVS Leaves is an effort that is impossible without the help of members who take the initiative to contribute their time and information. Please send information and news on club events, show results, et cetera, and let me know of any changes that need to be made with regards to club meeting information and so on. In particular, we have a need for article submissions. If you have a story about growing, or can speak to topics your fellow members would appreciate hearing about, please consider writing an article and submitting it for the next issue of Leaves. I'd like to particularly thank Barbara Goodsell for the information she contributed to this issue.

The easiest and fastest way to get in contact of me is via e-mail. If possible, please submit materials for the Leaves in this manner.

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Illinois African Violet Society Fall Get Together

A Day at the Chicago Botanic Garden

**1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe IL 60022
847.835.5440**

September 20, 2008

Come and enjoy the many beautiful display gardens, visit the Model Railroad Garden, take a guided Tram ride through the grounds or simply stroll and enjoy the sights.

This year the Fall Meet will be held in conjunction with The Lake Shore AVS show which always has a beautiful display of our favorite plants. Gary Mikita will be selling African violets and other gesneriads for the grower who just has to bring something home.

Schedule of Events:

10:00 AM Board of Directors Meeting

11:00 AM Video: Richard Follett's Presentation of David Senk's Exciting New Violet Hybrids; given at this year's national convention

1:30 PM General Membership Meeting

Lunch will not be provided. You can bring your own and picnic at the garden or buy lunch at the Garden Café.

The garden charges a \$15.00 parking fee per car. However the parking is free under a Reciprocal Membership Program if you are a member of: Garfield Park Conservatory, George L. Luthy Memorial Botanical Garden, Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden, Morton Arboretum, Quad City Botanical Garden, or Washington Park Botanical Garden. Please have your membership card to show at the gate house.

Stop at the Lake Shore Show for the locations of the video presentation and the membership meeting. Mark your calendars and come out and enjoy the fall display at one of our nation's premier botanic gardens.

Area AVSA Judges

Please utilize this list for the sake of finding judges for club shows. Listed are the names of Illinois AVSA judges with contact information and judge's status.

Illinois

- J Brown, Carol J.
4904 W. Hill Dr., Godfrey, 62035-1346
- S DuPont, Judi
12300 Sleezer Rd., Newark, 60541-9532
- X Goodsell, Barbara
429 Cherry Ln., Glenview, 60025-4576
- J Harms, Patsy
2133 Crawford Ave., Evanston, 60201-1870
- X Jarnowski, Frances
182 Old Sutton Rd., Barrington, 60010-9366
- M Landgren, Anna Jean
1 Calvin Cir Apt B401, Evanston, 60201-1942
- S McIntosh, William A.
1107 Weil Rd., Lebanon, 62254-1805
- J Reick, Adrienne
20331 Harding Ave., Olympia Fields, 60461
- X Simmons, Morgan
2210 Hartzell St., Evanston, 60201-1424
- S Yee, Susan M.
300 E. View St., Lombard, 60148-2043

J – AVSA Judge, X – Senior Judge, M – Master Judge,
S – Student Judge, T – Teachers, and ME – Emeritus
Status, Last/First name, Address, City, Postal Code

Publicity Chairman's Message

Hi Members!

I've been asked to take over the duties of Publicity Chairman by Tom Moore. I've had this job for a number of years in the past.

Since IAVS is a state wide society, with some members in Iowa and Indiana, I would like to include these areas in publicity when we have a fall get together or our state show.

Here's what you can do to help me get publicity out. If you have a hometown newspaper, send me the name, address and zip of the paper. I in turn will send out publicity for IAVS. I will need this info by Sept. 15th.

Let's get things back on track to try to increase the membership of IAVS. Hope to hear from you soon.

Barbara Goodsell
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Glenview, IL 60025
847-729-1690

P.S. I no longer have e-mail. Please send all information to the above address.

Show Results

Illinois African Violet Society

May 17, 2008

Lisle, Illinois

"Violets and Kitties and Pups, Oh My!"

Best in Show, Best Semiminiature: Super Boy - Andrea Worrell

Runner-Up to Best in Show, Best Standard: Rebel's Crested Robin - Susan Andresen

Best AVSA Collection (Standard/Species): Rebel's Crested Robin, Omaha Thunder, Floozie - Susan Andresen

Best AVSA Collection (Miniature/Semiminiature): Rob's Antique Rose, Pink Pussycat, Ness' Satin Rose - Susan Andresen

Second Best AVSA Collection (Miniature/Semiminiature):

Rob's Hot Chocolate, Ness' Satin Rose, Ness' Crinkle Blue - Morgan Simmons

Best Design: "Dog Days of Summer" - Susan Andresen

Runner-Up to Best Design: "Wet Your Whiskers" - Frances Jarnowski

Best Miniature: Shirl's Red Sky - Judi Du Pont

Best Gesneriad: Streptocarpus Sport of 'Bristol's Lily White' - Morgan Simmons

Best Trailer: Dazzle Trail - Susan Andresen

Ruth Tiedeman Award (Best Design): "Dog Days of Summer" - Susan Andresen

Anita Rae McCormac Memorial Award (Best Blue and White Semiminiature): Ness' Crinkle Blue - Morgan Simmons

Best Species: Saintpaulia orbicularis var. purpurea - Morgan Simmons

Horticulture Sweepstakes: 27 blue ribbons - Susan Andresen

Runner-Up to Horticulture Sweepstakes: 24 blue ribbons - Judi Du Pont

Design Sweepstakes: 10 blue ribbons - Susan Andresen

Runner-Up to Design Sweepstakes: 5 blue ribbons - Micheline England

Glenview/North Shore African Violet Society

"Vote for Violets"

Best in Show, Best Standard: Optimara EverGlory - Charles Snyder

Best Mini: Optimara Little Pueblo - Barbara Goodsell

Best Semiminiature: Rob's Calypso Beat - Barbara Goodsell

Best Trailer: Cirelda - Tom Moore

Best Gesneriad: Episcia Karolyn - Barbara Goodsell

People's Choice Rosette: Cherries and Cream - Tom Moore

Best Design: Dish Garden - Barbara Goodsell

Horticulture and Design Sweepstakes: Barbara Goodsell

Affiliate Meetings and News

Barrington Bloomers AVS

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Community Church of Barrington, IL.

Fox Valley AVS

Meets at 7:30 p.m on the third Friday of each month (except December) at the Warrenville Fire Station, Warrenville, IL.

Third annual show will be October 25-26 at the Morton Arboretum. The show hall will be open Saturday 1-4 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Glenview/North Shore AVS

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Glenview Public Library.

In May: The four members put on a successful show at the Botanic Garden, with 54 plants and 12 designs.

In June: Members discussed and brought in their soil mixes. They were cautioned to check the labels to assure it does not contain fertilizer.

In July: Discussion on growing African violets and leaf exchange

Hoosier AVS

Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Friday of each month at the Crown Point Civic Center.

Lake Shore AVS

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Margaret Scott AVS

Meets at 1:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month at Anita Purves Nature Center, Urbana, IL.

Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society

Meets from noon – 3 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month at Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 Thacker (Dempster) St., Des Plaines, IL.

Quad Cities AVS

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month (except January) at Riverside Park Center in Moline, IL.