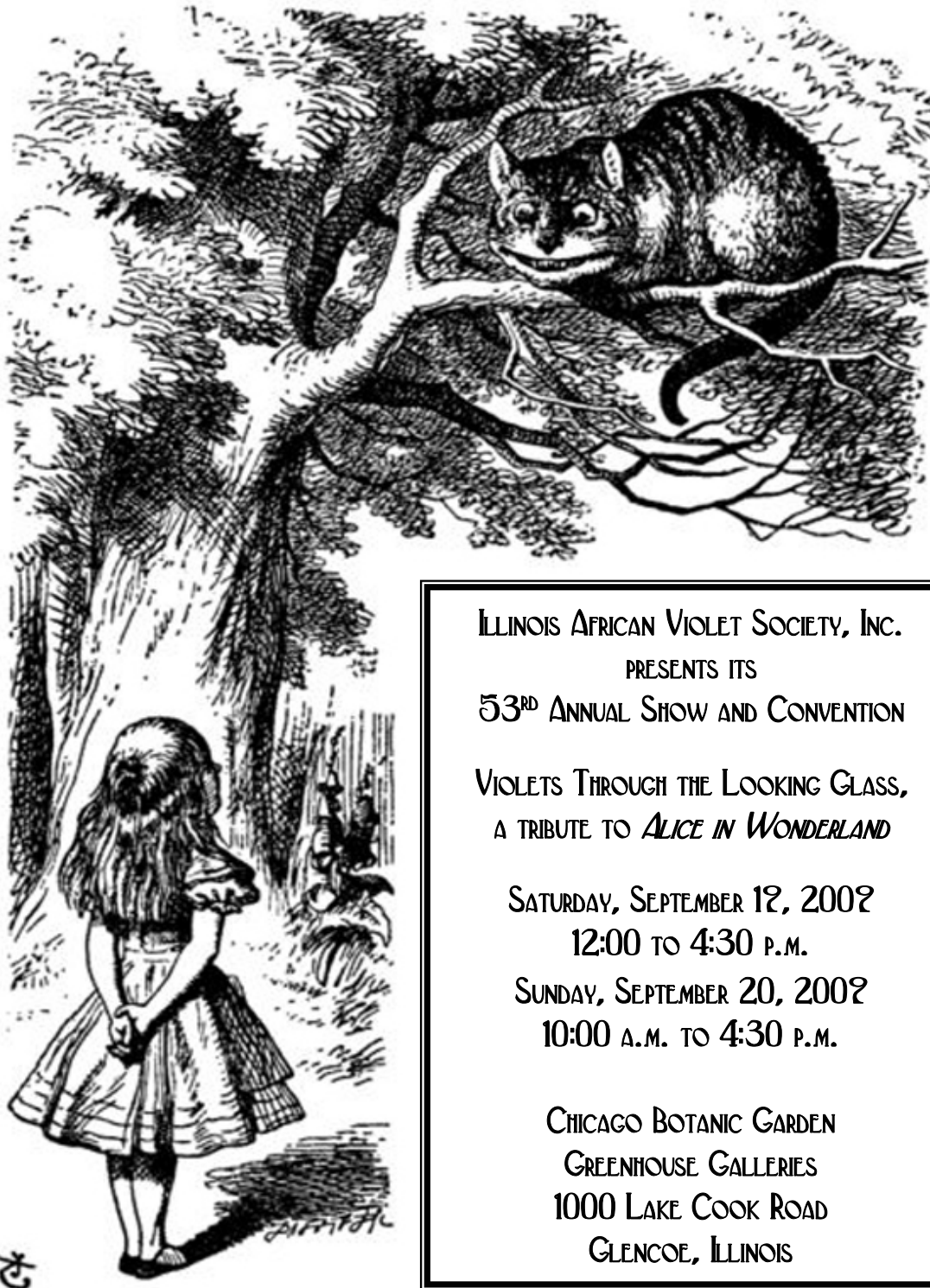




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Spring 2009



ILLINOIS AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY, INC.
PRESENTS ITS
53RD ANNUAL SHOW AND CONVENTION

VIOLETS THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS,
A TRIBUTE TO *ALICE IN WONDERLAND*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009
12:00 TO 4:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009
10:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

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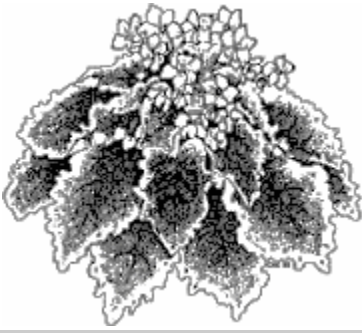
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Folks – I might have missed some Board members – since I'm new, and our President, Tom Moore, has just had a knee replacement, I wasn't able to get a full list from him at press time.

So, please forgive me if I've left you off – it will be corrected in the Summer edition

— Annie :-)



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President's Message

Hello Members,

IAVS needs to grow and change to survive and I have not been nearly active enough since taking office to accomplish this. However, recently many people have stepped forward to offer a hand with the work and I wish to express my thanks to all. I have been having some difficulty with a knee of mine that is wearing out and it appears that I will need to have it replaced. At this point I just want to get on with it so that I can start to get back into my old life. Well enough of that, what are we going to be doing this year?

At the fall meeting on September 20th of last year Lake Shore AVS gave us their previously assigned show dates of September 19th and 20th 2009 at the Chicago Botanic Garden for the annual IAVS show. We will not have our usual Spring Show this year. At this moment no spring get together is planned.

The Annual show this year will revert back to our old format over three days with entries on Friday and the show on Saturday and Sunday in the Greenhouse Galleries of the Chicago Botanic Garden. I believe this will give us our best chance in years to meet and speak with more members of the public who have an interest in African Violets. I want to have information to disseminate on local clubs as well as the IAVS. I want to get show visitors to a local club meeting to answer all their questions and spark their interest in growing violets and then join the IAVS as well.

With the present economic uncertainty we can promote violet growing as an inexpensive stay at home activity for the whole family. Kids can share in the anticipation of new plants from leaves and growing their own "babies" into flowering plants with a modicum of care. You don't really need all those plant stands and lights to grow violets. We need useful, simple, and reliable ways to grow violets at home using materials that can be found around the house. "Low tech, recycled, and

repurposed" should be our motto to get people into the violet hobby. If you can show people how really simple it is to get a plant to live and flourish they will have the interest to continue.

As always I need the help of each and every one of you to come up with ideas and suggestions as to how we can spread the word and keep the violet hobby alive in Illinois. I have included a preliminary schedule of events for this year's Fall Show so that you can mark the dates on your calendar and see when and where you can help and participate since no club is putting on this show it will truly be a statewide effort. I specifically need an Awards chairman for the upcoming show. As always you can e-mail me at tom@tnm3.org or call me at 847-251-3857 to volunteer or with questions or suggestions.

Look to the summer issue of *Leaves* for the full and complete schedule.

Good Health and Good Growing,

Tom Moore



Illinois African Violet Society, Inc.
53rd Annual Show and Convention

*Violets Through the Looking Glass,
a tribute to "Alice in Wonderland"*

September 19 - 20, 2009

Chicago Botanic Garden
Greenhouse Galleries
1000 Lake Cook Road
Glencoe, Illinois

Wrangler Violets

By: Barbara Goodsell

Back in the early 80's, I grew a lot of Wrangler plants but they sort of fell by the wayside, as I wanted to grow Sandra Williams', Kent's, Lyon's and Rob's hybrids.

My interest in Wranglers perked up when the January '06 *African Violet Magazine* came out.

There was a nice article on the plants, and the hybridizer, Winston Smith, who is now in his 80's and no longer hybridizes.

I find the plants are just great, they just do their thing and grow. Many of them get quite large.

There are about 149 listed in the Master Variety List (*Ed. – now called the African Violet Master List, or AVML*), but where could I find them?

I located a commercial right in our *African Violet Magazine*, Admiral Violets. Over the past three years I've been ordering Wrangler leaves, and I've had very good luck with them. Marcia Belisle also has some leaves in her catalog.

Most of the Wranglers are registered, but my most favorite, "Winter Hawk," is not registered.

Wranglers are vintage violets and would make a nice addition to a show or sale.

Treasurer's Report

Following is a short report from IAVS Treasurer, LuAnn Christenson. As of 30 April 2009:

Savings Balance: \$4,072.93

Checking Balance: \$1,105.11



I'm Late! I'm Late! For a Very Important Date!!!

Don't be late – Mark that date in your calendars NOW for the new Fall IAVS Show and Convention:

Violets Through the Looking Glass

**September 19 – 20,
2009**

We've got a great new location!

We're at a new time of Year!

You won't want to miss the IAVS Fall Show and Convention:

Violets Through the Looking Glass, a tribute to 'Alice in Wonderland'



Have You Thought About a Donation to the Awards Fund . . . ?

September seems a long way off, now that we're FINALLY having some Spring weather, but it will be here before you know it. Here's a very easy way to help with the Fall Show: make a tax-deductible donation to the Awards Fund!

If you have ever been on the receiving end of an envelope with a little bit of cash in it for one of your prize-winning plants, you know what a thrill it can be :-). Every little bit helps, so, if you would like to make a donation to the Awards Fund for the show, it would be very much appreciated. You can send donations (made out to IAVS) to:

Tom Moore
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A Letter From the Editor

Hello Everyone! My name is Adrienne “Annie” Rieck, and I’m the new Editor of *African Violet Leaves*. I’m so excited to be taking on this job in the Society!

I’d like to thank Hannah Yee for her time as Editor – her school obligations were more than she anticipated and I volunteered to step in. Tom Moore took me up on my offer, and here I am. :-)

For those of you who don’t know me, I’m a past awards chair for IAVS; past vice president of Hoosier AVS; past president of Ventura County AVS (in Ventura, California); former member of the Board of Directors of the AVSA; and past chair and vice chair of AVSA’s national Membership & Promotions Committee. I’m a lifetime member of AVSA and an Advanced AVSA Judge. I am also a member of IAVS and Missouri Valley African Violet Council.

In the real world I work in marketing for a large, national law firm headquartered in Chicago, where I am a writer and researcher. Away from the office, I knit, spin my own yarn, make music when I can, and raise and show African violets. :-)

I look forward to seeing those of you I know, and meeting those of you I don’t, at our new Fall Show in September. BUT, in the meantime, since we often do not actually see each other more than once or twice a year, I’d like to ask for your help.

This newsletter and our website (www.iavs-online.org) are the best ways we have to communicate with each other. **So let’s start talking!!** I’ll do my best (with your help) to keep you informed here :-)

You can reach me in a number of ways:

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20331 Harding Avenue
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(708) 481-8955 (please don’t call after 9:00 p.m. – I go to sleep early because I get up at 4:45 a.m. (!))

Annie97@aol.com (email is the fastest and easiest way to reach me!)

I would love to hear from you!! Did you have an amazing speaker at your last meeting? Do you have something exciting coming up? Got some digital photos to share? Have you got a show in the works? A short article? *Let me know!!!*

This edition is a shorter version of *Leaves*, but I hope to be back to a slightly larger newsletter for the Summer Edition, which you can expect to receive in early June.

Thanks everyone – I sure hope we’ll be talking soon!

— Annie :-)

Some Show Winners!

Lake Shore AVS Fall 2008, “We Vote for Violets”

Best in Show/Best Standard: Harbor Blue; Best AVSA Standard Collection: Harbor Blue, Tomahawk, Snow Squall; Best Trailer: Sweet Amy Sue, **Patricia Harms**. Best Semiminiature: Ness’ Satin Rose; Best Gesneriad: Streptocarpus Sport of Bristol’s Lily White, **Morgan Simmons**. Best Miniature: Taj Mahal, **Patrice Bender**. Best Species: s. rupicola, **Kathy Pozzi**. Horticultural Sweepstakes: **Harold Appleton**. Best Design/Design Sweepstakes: **Lana Gernady**.

Club Happenings

Glenview/North Shore AVS

meets the 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

January through November

Glenview Public Library

August 2008 – Members brought in pots of various types and discussed the right size for plants. Members are unhappy they can no longer purchase the wide, rolled rim pots.

September 2008 – Fertilizer was discussed, with a variety of products brought in by members.

October 2008 – Suckers past and present! In the past, a sucker was determined as having two leaves. Some plants developed two leaves that were removed, not knowing the bloom stalk was developing. Now, suckers have 4 leaves, thus not disturbing the bloom developing.

November 2008 – Tom Moore presented the program, “My Secrets,” which he shared with members.

May 2 and 3, 2009 – Glenview/North Shore had a display, educational exhibit and sale of African violets and gesneriads from Out of Africa, at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Illinois.

The Skinny on IAVS Fall 2009 Show!

For your planning purposes, here is all the preliminary info on our 53rd Annual Show and Convention: *Violets Through the Looking Glass, a tribute to 'Alice in Wonderland.'*

Where: Chicago Botanic Garden, Greenhouse Galleries, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, Illinois

Who: Hosted by the Illinois African Violet Society: If you are a member *we need your help!*

Time: Open to the Public: Saturday September 19th noon-4:30 p.m., and Sunday September 20th 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Setup: Friday September 18th. 10:00 a.m. until completion. Show Room Setup to include skirting and decorating of tables, placement of class cards, etc. ***Staging Chairman Needed along with sufficient volunteer help to complete the show setup.***

Plant Entries: 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. **No Saturday plant entries.**

Judging: Saturday September 19th. Judging of Show entries until noon. ***Judges Clerks needed*** to assist the judging teams.

Saturday, September 19, 2009:

The IAVS Executive Board Meeting will take place from 9:00 – 10:00 a. m. on Saturday morning.

Activities for the Public to include a presentation for children, showing of various video materials for everyone and informational materials on State member clubs and IAVS. ***Volunteer help needed.***

Two Presentations or Workshops, one in the morning and one in the afternoon on Saturday: TBA.

Banquet and Awards Presentation Saturday evening. Location and time: TBA.

Sunday, September 20, 2009:

Continuation of Public Activities while the show is open.

Show closes at 4:30 p.m. Breakdown of show. ***Volunteer help needed.***

The full show schedule will appear in the Summer edition of *African Violet Leaves*.

From the Archives

Will return in the Summer edition!

Last Minute Thoughts . . .

We need a Staging Chair for the show. This is a great job, and lots of fun, too. You get to be in charge of making everything look stunning :-). Can you and a couple of your friends help? Please contact Show Chair, Tom Moore!! tom@tnm3.org or 847-251-3857.

Judges Clerks are needed for the show. This is a great way to see the show before anyone else :-). And also a great way to learn. Contact Tom Moore if you are interested. tom@tnm3.org or 847-251-3857.

Is there any interest in a Judging School for next year? Please let Annie Rieck know, Annie97@aol.com or 708-481-8955.



Membership

Membership in the Illinois African Violet Society includes all rights and privileges as a member, as well as a subscription to *African Violet Leaves*, published four times a year.

Membership dues are \$12 annually for an individual (\$33 for three years), or \$13 annually for two individuals residing at the same address (\$36 for three years).

A discount of \$2 per year is offered if you are willing to read/ download *African Violet Leaves* on the web site instead of having it mailed to you. In that case, membership dues are \$10 annually for an individual (\$27 for three years), or \$11 annually for two individuals residing at the same address (\$30 for three years).

To join, fill out a membership application and submit it to our Membership Secretary, along with a check made out to Illinois AVS.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN
Illinois African Violet Society, Inc.

Send to: Joseph J. Bruns, Membership Secretary
1220 Stratford Lane
Hanover Park, IL 60133-2667

Date _____

Please enroll me as a member of Illinois African Violet Society. My dues are enclosed.

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