

The Desert Blooms

Newsletter of the Tucson African Violet Society



February 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jeri Anderson

February is the month of love, love, love. I think we all love our violets and love to show them off. Our upcoming show and sale is a wonderful time to let the public see why we've become so attached to these little house plants.

Don't be shy about showing off your plants. Pick out a few right now and groom them for show. Have more than you expect to show on the ready just in case your 'show plant' didn't make the grade at show time. It's always a challenge to have that perfect plant doing its best right at show time.

Don't forget about the Show Cover Design Contest. Entries need to be in to me by January 27th.

Our February meeting topic is on doing a kinetic design. Fun to do, and the blooms don't even have to be your own!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NW: Sharon Hill, Chairperson & Ruth Connors

Day: Sue Sacco & Lois Rose

Night: Theresa Hackney & Judy Soop

Hopefully you have all read the 'Guidelines for Officers' section of your notebook to see which office you can fill. When the nominating committee member calls on you please be ready to say 'YES' to some position so our club can continue to be a success.

HELP WANTED

Jeri Anderson, Editor

I'm looking for someone to write a short 'Tips' article for our newsletter.

CLASSIC ROCK & ROLL

Kathy Bell, Show Chair

Debbie at Golden Pin Lanes is doing all kinds of marketing for our show so I hope you are getting your show and sale plants ready so we can put on a really nice show in our new home.

The only thing we cannot do in our new home is have food, water or other beverages. Remember they are a business. They will provide us with water and if you don't want to eat there you can eat in your car or go somewhere. They are being so good to us we need to follow their rules.

We have all the chair positions filled except Assistant Show Chair. But we still need lots of help.

If you haven't signed up yet to come help, the sign-up sheets will be at all the meetings, or you can call or email me and I will be happy to add you to the list.

NEEDED: Show plants!! Sales Plants!! Leaves!! Workers!! FUN!!

I am already getting phone calls about our show; asking when and where is it going to be held. This is a good sign!

Let's pull together and put on a great show!

See you at the SHOW!

EDUCATION TABLE

Lois Rose, Education Chair

We could still use a couple of people to sign up for the Education table at the show and sale in March. We will need lunch relief and help closing down too. Call Lois to volunteer.

DESERT SUN AVGS SHOW

Saturday, February 18th, 2017

Valley Garden Center, 1809 N. 15th Ave, Phoenix, AZ, 85007. One block north of 15th Ave & McDowell Road.

Sale: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Show: 10:00a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

LOOKING FOR

Sue Stout is looking for: ‘Tea’s Blueberry Butterfly’ & ‘Apache Midnight’

Rose Garcia has lost almost all of her violet collection. She would like to have leaves from any plant that she has given out. So, if you have a plant going that Rose gave you, please give her a leaf.

Asian Chicken Noodle Salad

- 1 - 3oz. package Ramen Noodle Soup - chicken flavor
- 1/4 cup cooking oil
- 3T rice or wine vinegar
- 1T sugar
- 2 cups finely shredded cabbage
- 1 cup chicken, cooked and cut in cubes
- 1/2 cup sliced green onion
- 3T sesame seed
- 3T sliced almonds

Break up noodles. Combine oil, vinegar, sugar, 1/2t salt, dash pepper and seasoning packet from noodle package. Stir in noodles and rest of ingredients. Chill several hours. Just before serving, stir in almonds.
You can substitute beef for the chicken.

Judy Oyen served this tasty salad at the September northwest meeting.



Winning kinetic arrangement at 2016 AVSA convention.

TAVS CALENDAR

General Meetings

- Wed., Feb 1st, 7:00 p.m. Night Division, †
- Wed., Feb. 8th, 10:00 a.m. Day Division, †
- Thurs., Feb. 9th, 2:30 p.m. Northwest Division, *

Spring Show & Sale ‘Rock & Roll’

Sat., March 18th, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Golden Pins Lane
1010 N. Miracle Mile

AVSA National Convention

‘Gateway to the Tropics’
Orlando, FL
May 28– June 4, 2017

Newsletter Deadlines

- Tues., Feb. 21st**Deadline for March
- Thur., Mar. 23rd** Deadline for April

† The Cascades, 201 N. Jessica Avenue.
In the Third floor Fit Center.

*The Inn at The Fountains, 5830 N. Fountains Ave.,
behind (south of) The Fountains Retirement Village,
2001 W. Rudasill. In basement meeting room.