

# The Desert Blooms

Newsletter of the Tucson African Violet Society

May 2016



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Allan Reith*

Here we are, it is May already. Our annual meeting is coming up on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a. m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share. Also, bring some leaves and plants for violet bingo.

It is also dues time. You can pay them at the annual meeting. They are \$10 a year.

This is our last meeting until fall, but we will be having three workshops during the summer. Keep posted for time, place, and the type of event.

You may want to change your plant care to summer care. The hot weather seems to be here already.

## SPRING SHOW 'VIOLETS IN THE WEST'

*Meichele Juve, Show Chair*

I would like to thank ALL of the members that helped in putting on a wonderful show. It was a process and I had lots of help. Being very new to the leadership role of Chair, I do believe it turned out very well, some hiccups but it worked out very well. We scored better than last year with a 91.89 which gave us the African Violet Society of America "Standard Show Award".

There were lots of people at the SHABA Home Show; yes, some came just for the home show but we did have lots of people come by and inquire about our show and sale, some people had not heard of us. There were quite a few people signing up for information and new membership. That is always a good thing when we can have new members.

We now need to get on board and start preparing for next year's Theme for our Show and Sale. But we also have a sale in October in which we have to find a venue so if anyone has any recommendations, please let a TAVS board member know of your ideas.

Thank You again to everyone for ALL of your help. I could not have done it without you.

Thank You

## MAY POTLUCK

Date: Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Event: Joint Potluck

Program: Violet Bingo

Location: The Fountains in the basement meeting room.

Bring: Dish to share; please bring serving utensil.

Club will provide drinks, paper products and plastic ware.

Bring: Plants and leaves for violet bingo.

## SHOW PLANT REGISTRATION

*Wayne Tomczyk, Classification Chair*

Congratulations TAVS, another Show in the Books!

I am sorry that I missed the show, but the green ribbon for the club show seems to indicate a successful show. It takes a lot of effort from a number of club members to pull off a successful show and sale... my hat is off to our great club! So, now that the show is over, what should we do? One recommendation (although I know some members cannot bring themselves to do it) is to remove all blossoms from your plants before re-introducing them to your other plants back at home. This is a precautionary move to prevent possibly bringing home pests you may be exposed to at the show. This is also a great time to break down your show plants and put up leaves to start a new generation of ribbon winners for next year's show.

Let me make one more recommendation. This year, the African Violet Society is holding their annual convention and show in Albuquerque, New Mexico from Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>. If you can manage it, you will never have a better chance to experience a national convention in your own "back yard". Come see how the rest of the U.S. grows our beloved plants. Also, I cannot wait to see the professional hybridizer's and growers sales tables. It is a great opportunity to see, and buy, some new plants for your collection. See you in Albuquerque!!!

**VIOLETS IN THE WEST  
SPECIAL AWARDS**

**Best in Show, Best Standard, Best Vintage:**

*Fisherman's Paradise*

Won by: Kathy Bell

**2<sup>nd</sup> Best in Show, Best Trailer: Dresden Doll**

Won by: Judy Millstone

**Novice Best Plant: Cirelda**

Won by: Judy Soop

**Best Semi-Miniature: Rob's Antique Rose**

Won by: Judy Millstone

**Best Miniature: Windsome**

Won by: Gloria Williams

**Best Species: S. 5b clone confusa**

Won by: Judy Millstone

**Best Gesneriad: Kohleria 'Napoleon V'**

Won by: Kathy Bell

**Horticulture Sweepstakes: 23 Blue Ribbons**

Won by: Judy Millstone

**Runner-Up to Horticulture Sweepstakes: 15 Blue Ribbons**

Won by: Judy Soop

**Best Design, Best Kinetic Arrangement: "Rodeo Days"**

Won by: Sheila Wood

**2<sup>nd</sup> Best Design, Terrarium: "The Old West"**

Won by: Barbara Fuller

**Novice Best Design, Miniature Dish Garden: "Boot Hill"**

Won by: Judy Soop

**Design Sweepstakes: 6 Blue Ribbons**

Won by: Barbara Fuller

**Runner-Up to Design Sweepstakes: 4 Blue Ribbons**

Won by: Meichele Juve

Refer to our website, <http://www.tucsonavs.org> for the Collections and Best in Class winners.

**DUES ARE DUE**

To avoid the \$5.00 late fee be sure to pay your dues before July 1<sup>st</sup>. You may pay your dues at the May potluck or mail your \$10.00 check to our Treasurer:

**UPDATE ON ESTHER**

*Sue Stout, Jeri Anderson*

As some of you may know, Esther has been in and out of the hospital a few times this spring. She is back home and feeling better now. Her cardiologist is carefully monitoring her and she has nurse visits two times a week. She seems to be in good spirits and still tending to her lovely plants.

**VIOLETS IN THE WEST**



Best AVSA Collection – Three Species  
Shown by Judy Millstone  
Photo by Ken McGowan



Best Semi-miniature *Rob's Antique Rose*  
Shown by Judy Millstone  
Photo by Ken McGowan



Best Miniature *Windsome*  
Shown by Gloria Williams



Best Gesneriad *Kolleria Napoleon V*  
Shown by Kathy Bell



Best Trailer *Dresden Doll*  
Shown by Judy Millstone



Best Novice Plant *Cirelda*  
Shown by Judy Soop

### TAVS CALENDAR

#### May Potluck

Sat., May. 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Inn at The Fountains

Basement meeting room

#### AVSA National Convention

#### 'Violets Color the Land of Enchantment'

Albuquerque, NM

May 29 – June 5, 2016

#### Newsletter Deadlines

Thur., May. 19<sup>th</sup> ..... Deadline for Summer

Thur., Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> ..... Deadline for September

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† The Cascades, 201 N. Jessica Avenue.  
Summer programs will be on Third floor.

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

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‡ Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church Ave,  
Enter from the Granada Ave. side.

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+ Foothills Mall, 7401 N. La Cholla Blvd.  
NW corner of Ina and La Cholla

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