

The Desert Blooms

Newsletter of the Tucson African Violet Society



October 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jeri Anderson

Our September meetings were poorly attended which is unfortunate because a motion was made and voted on. The motion was “that we combine the two eastside groups into a single monthly Saturday meeting.” The voting results:

Night group: 4 = Yes, 0 = No

Northwest group: 5 = Yes, 0 = No

Day group: 2 = Yes, 5 = No, 1 = abstain

Because only half of our total TAVS group was present to vote on the motion and we will lose five members from the day group, I asked the TAVS board for permission to table this motion. A formal ‘Motion to Reconsider’ will need to be made at an October meeting.

Our October meeting will be on *Dawg Training*, so be sure to bring your worst plant and get pointers on how to improve it.

DAY MEETING NOTICE

The remodeling of the library area may not be finished in time for our October meeting. Therefore the meeting time has been changed to **10:00 a.m.**

Fall Display and Sale

Rincon United Church of Christ
122 N. Craycroft (Next to Stein Mart)
October 22, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Set-up time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Clean-up time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Box flats are needed.
Please let Kathy Bell know how many sale plants you expect to bring.
If you have any display plant(s) you are going to bring, let Kathy Bell know the plant’s name.

AVSA WEEKLY GROWING TIP

January 18, 2016

Joyce Stork

“Crowns Don’t Make African Violets Royal”

A crown is a plant term describing one single center of growth and all the leaves which developed from that center of growth. Violets develop new leaves at the center of the crown. The oldest leaves radiating from that center of growth will be the lowest row connected to the main stem. In a perfect crown the leaves seem to radiate out in a perfect swirl of ever-increasing leaves – often called a rosette.

A secondary crown is often called a sucker. Suckers grow between the leaf axils in the same places where bud stems form. Suckers may be removed and potted in their own pots. If a sucker is not removed, it will grow to be as large as the original crown. This can make the pot unstable and the overall look of the plant less appealing. Violets bloom and grow best if there is only one crown per pot. Master the crown! Maybe even win a tiara...



Every leaf is part of this crown of “Ace of Clubs”

CORN AND AVOCADO SALAD

Serves: 12 portions

Prep: Less than 30 minutes | Cook: 5 minutes

- 4 large ears corn
- 2 avocados, pitted, peeled, and chopped
- ½ red onion, chopped
- 1 carton cherry tomatoes, halved
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- ½ teaspoon grated lime zest
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

Cook corn in boiling water for 3 to 5 minutes. Cool corn, then cut from cob to yield about 3 cups. Combine corn in a bowl with avocados, onions, tomatoes, and cilantro. Add olive oil, lime juice, and lime zest and season with salt and pepper. Stir and serve.

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

Note: Judy used Trader Joe's frozen roasted corn.



Harmony's Little Stinker
Nice example of 'leaf chimera'

TAVS CALENDAR

General Meetings

Wed., Oct. 5th, 7:00 p.m. Night Division, †
Wed., Oct. 12th, **10:00 a.m.** Day Division, †
Thurs., Oct. 13th, 2:30 p.m. Northwest Division, *

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AVSA National Convention

'Gateway to the Tropics'

Orlando, FL
May 28– June 4, 2017

Newsletter Deadlines

Thur., Oct. 20th Deadline for November
Tues., Nov. 22nd Deadline for December

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

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

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

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