

The Desert Blooms

Newsletter of the Tucson African Violet Society



November 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jeri Anderson

There was a nice steady flow of violet shoppers at our Fall Sale. Quite a few of the shoppers were TAVS members; I think we are our own best customers. Members from both Phoenix violet clubs came down to attend our sale.

Gloria has reported that the total sales was lower than last year's fall sale. We will have to wait for the final report to learn if we made any profit, broke even or lost a bit of money. No matter the outcome, I hope we managed to pick up a few new members.

I probably missed a few people, but I think we had sixteen TAVS members helping with the sale. A big "THANKS" to all who helped.

The Cascades has a new sitting room décor for the library now, so both eastside day and night meetings will take place in the third floor Fit Center.

Our November meeting will be on *Streps & Episcias*. Please bring any Streps or Episcias you wish to show or share clippings.



Daniel - Teaching and selling.

Update on Hattie & Amos Baggett

Jeri Anderson

After the October Northwest meeting I called Norman Baggett to inquire about his parents. At that time Hattie was sick and staying at the Life Care Center on La Cholla and Amos was in the VA because of dementia. Hattie is now back home and Norman is taking care of her. Norman reports that Hattie is still growing her violets! Hattie is now 96 years old and Amos is 99 years old.

SHOPPING REMINDER

Don't forget to use the "Amazon Smile" button on the AVSA.org webpage. Just go to www.avsa.org and follow the Amazon Smile directions. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to AVSA.

On the AVSA website you will see the AmazonSmile button at the bottom of the page.



AFRICAN VIOLET PSALM

*African violets are my hobby;
I shall have no other.
They maketh me lay down my mop and broom.
They restoreth my peace
And lead me into strange places
More violets to find.
Yea, tho' I'm alone with my pots
And soil, I feel no loneliness.
The snip of a sucker, and a turn
Of a plant, they comfort me.
I prepare my plants on the shelf,
Sit and look while my dishpan
Runneth over.
Surely I will have fertilizer in
My cereal for breakfast.
And I will dwell in the state of
Confusion forever.*

Thanks to Barbara Fuller for sharing this poem.

Copper State AV Club Sale

UA Maricopa County Master Gardeners Fall Festival
At Metro Tech High School
1900 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ
(NW corner of 19th Avenue and Thomas)
Saturday, October 29, 2016
From 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

SNIPITS FROM THE MAG

Anne-Lee Tomczyk

What Sign Is It?, *September • October 2009*.....

For those of you who are newer to the Club, the AVSA Magazine in 2009 was 8.5" x 11" and periodically ran articles on *Moon Signs and Planting Guides*. The Water signs are the most fruitful, the Earth signs are semi-fruitful, the Air signs are barren, and the Fire signs are **most** barren.

Water (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces): Growth, Fast Growing, Reproduction, Repot, Good Root System

Earth (Taurus, Libra, Capricorn): Plant, Repot

Air (Aquarius, Gemini, Virgo): Destroy Pests and Suckers

Fire (Aries, Leo, Sagittarius): BEST time to Kill Pests

One of our first members (as least from when I joined), always, always planted according to the moon. She grew amazing plants in a small space in a 640 square foot home (which I very much enjoyed seeing) and was a top grower for TAVS. She lives on a ranch way out in the middle of nowhere (Avra Valley); her name ~ Hattie Baggett, age 96, married to Amos, age 99. She swore by making her plants beautiful according to Moon Signs.

Note: There will be copies of the complete article that appeared in AVM at the November meetings.

Dawg Training



Worst plant at Night meeting.



Terry will fix this dawg.



Northwest group's lineup of dawgs.

TAVS CALENDAR

General Meetings

Wed., Nov. 2nd, 7:00 p.m. Night Division, †
Wed., Nov. 9th, 10:00 a.m. Day Division, †
Thurs., Nov. 10th, 2:30 p.m. Northwest Division, *

December Joint Potluck

Sat., Dec. 3rd, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
The Inn at the Fountains

AVSA National Convention

‘Gateway to the Tropics’

Orlando, FL
May 28– June 4, 2017

Newsletter Deadlines

Tues., Nov. 22ndDeadline for December
Tues., Dec. 20thDeadline for January

† 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.

‡ 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
