

# The Desert Blooms

Newsletter of the Tucson African Violet Society

December 2016

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Jeri Anderson*

It's that wonderful time of year when family and friends get together to share the holidays. Our TAVS violet family celebrates with a wonderful potluck. I hope to see everyone at our December 10<sup>th</sup> potluck. Remember guests are welcome and gifts are optional.

Normally we would be voting on our TAVS Show cover design, but as yet we do not have a set location, date/time. So, this year come with ideas for design classifications. It's always a bit of a struggle to come up with 'open-ended' titles so the designers have a wide variety of ideas to work with. Remember our show theme is "Classic Rock & Roll". Most of us have lived through that period of time so we should be able to come up with good titles.

We have a new member, Glenda McCulley, who will be attending the NW group meeting. Be sure to introduce yourself to her at the potluck.

## SNIPITS FROM THE MAG

Anne-Lee Tomczyk

**It's Time for a Dust-Buster Session, May • June 2008.....**

This article can be written every month and my guess is that it still would not help....especially in this sandy, dusty state that we live in. Everyone (hopefully) takes care of the debris around each of their plants; i.e.: dropped or spent blooms, damaged leaves, soil overflows. BUT how often do you actually dust your leaves. Now I will admit that I am just as bad....I brush my leaves any time I repot and occasionally in between, but constant dust can clog up the pores on the leaf surface and hinder the photosynthesis, thereby slowing down the growth of your plant.

Every time you vacuum, dust, or sweep your floor you are raising dust and it will cling to those little hairs on your leaves so place your fingers carefully under each leaf, then brush (a makeup brush or small paint brush works well, not too soft) from the center of the plant to the outside.

You can also wash your plant....Google that to see if it's right for you.

Your plants will thank you.

## DECEMBER POTLUCK

**December 3, 10:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

**Event: Joint Potluck Holiday Party**

**Program: Members who attended the national convention will give a brief talk about their experience.**

**Location: The Fountains in the basement where we have meetings.**

**Bring: Dish to share; please bring serving utensil.**

**Club will provide: drinks, paper products and plastic ware.**

**Gift to exchange (gift optional) (\$10.00 limit)**

**Guests are welcome.**

## SHOPPING REMINDER

Don't forget to use the "Amazon Smile" button on the AVSA.org webpage. Just go to [www.avsa.org](http://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.



**For Sale**

I have 4 sturdy tall clear hoods that will fit the black trays. They have adjustable vents at the top and were originally \$7.50 each.

I am selling them for \$3 each. Call me if you are interested and I will bring to the December potluck.  
Lois Rose



Picture of Ken McGowan's 55 gallon aquarium full of *Epicias*  
Many thanks to Ken for donating all those beautiful clippings to the November raffle tables.

**TAVS CALENDAR**

**December Joint Potluck**

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

**Spring Show & Sale**

**'Classic Rock & Roll'**

Place/Date/Time ..... TBD

**AVSA National Convention**

**'Gateway to the Tropics'**

Orlando, FL  
May 28– June 4, 2017

**Newsletter Deadlines**

Tues., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> .....Deadline for January  
Thurs., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> .....Deadline for February

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

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

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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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