

The Desert Blooms

Newsletter of the Tucson African Violet Society



Summer 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kathy Bell

Once again I am your President guess you get what you pay for. Tee Hee Hee.

Have a great summer, hope to see you at the Summer Programs they are always fun.

Look for emails over the summer because this is our last newsletter until we start back up in September.

We will be reviewing the by-laws soon and may make some changes, if you want to help let me know.

We will have a sale in October hopefully at the same church we did last year.

Also we have a date set for the 2018 Show at the Golden Pin Lanes, March 3rd. Therefore you have your summer projects cut out for you, get plants grown and ready to sale in October and show and sale in March!

Let me know if you are interested in a Judges School in the fall.

If you haven't paid already, please get your dues in as soon as possible; we would love for everyone to rejoin. Meeting on Saturdays will be great and kind of a new start for our club and we want you to be part of it! So get those checks to Gloria before June 30th, you don't want to pay \$5.00 more!

See you all soon and feel free to contact me.

2018 TAVS SHOW THEME

“CELEBRATING 60 YEARS - TAVS”

DUES ARE DUE

To avoid the \$5.00 late fee be sure to pay your dues before July 1st. You can pay at the June meeting or mail your \$10.00 check to:

Gloria Williams
2458 N. Camino Valle Verde
Tucson, AZ 85715

TAVS SUMMER PROGRAMS

Saturday, June 10th 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Cascades, 201 N. Jessica Ave., Third floor

Presenter: Jeri Anderson & Kathy Bell

Program: Educational video and then talk on bugs

Join us for a video on growing, potting, fertilizing your African violets followed by a talk on those pesky pests.

Saturday, July 8th 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

The Fountains, 5830 N. Fountains Ave., Basement

Presenter: Ken McGowan

Program: A Gesneriad Family Portrait

Come learn about all those other members of the gesneriad family.

Saturday, August 12th 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Cascades, 201 N. Jessica Ave., Third floor

Presenter: Ruth Connors

Program: Inside the Glass Box

Learn how to build a prize winning terrarium.



New TAVS Board Members
Robert Richert, Sharon Hill, Kathy Bell, Ruth Connors, Sue Stout,
and Meichele Juve

TIMELY SUMMER TIPS

Ken McGowan

- ❖ Reduce the number of hours under lights.
- ❖ Run the lights at night when temperatures are cooler
- ❖ For window growing, draw the curtains or blinds to prevent sunburn and room heating.
- ❖ Plants need more water but less fertilizer. Use 1/8 tsp per gallon.
- ❖ If humidity is low, mist the plants in the morning with very warm water.
- ❖ Keep plants out of direct sun until leaves are dry.
- ❖ Move variegated plants to the lowest shelf and use a fertilizer with low nitrogen (first number in formula 6-10-15) until cool weather returns (Tucson – November ?)
- ❖ Starting leaves can be risky because you need to keep moist and humid until roots start and risk rot.
- ❖ Be careful of outdoor gardening and bringing in unwanted visitors like thrips...they can hitch-hike, mites too – lousy bugs...
- ❖ Have a fan going near or in plants room – I have a fan that sits on the floor and I point up to bring cooler air from the floor to circulate in the room – stagnant air is to be avoided – ceiling fans on a summer setting will draw the air up also – but remember a fan in a window would only circulate hot dry air.
- ❖ Never, never leave your plants in a closed up car or even windows slightly cracked...car temperatures rise fast and are deadly...if you have to, try the trunk...
- ❖ Have a thermometer with F temps and even better, a humidity indicator also...



Busy Time at the Cascades Sale

TAVS CALENDAR

SUMMER PROGRAMS

- Sat., June. 10th, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m Cascades, †
- Sat., Jul. 8th, 10:00 a.m. - Noon. Fountains, *
- Sat., Aug. 12th, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cascades, †

AVSA National Convention 'Gateway to the Tropics'

Orlando, FL
May 28– June 4, 2017

Newsletter Deadlines

- Thur., Aug. 23rdDeadline for September
- Thur., Sept. 21st Deadline for October



Bingo Fun at Spring Potluck

† 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.
