



Council News

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Violet Council

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The President Speaks

Holiday greetings to all of you!

I hope and pray all of you are weathering the storms of the season, be they meteorology - or economy - related. In many ways for many people, it's been a difficult time, but isn't it good to know that we have our violets and gesneriads to occupy our time and give us therapy and blooms to enjoy. How wonderful it is to be able to play with our plants even through the long dark days of winter.

As we come to the close of 2008, it is time to pause and say thank you to MVAVC members who have been faithful in their duties to our organization. Special thanks go out to John Carter, who is retiring from his position as our Newsletter Editor. He has done a fine job and often has put together issues with little material submitted by members. Thanks also to Jimmie Toney for continuing to provide such excellent work for our website and to David Harris, who will be retiring from his job as our Historian. Hearty thanks also to the whole membership of the Cedar Falls club for putting together such a wonderful show this fall.

I am so pleased that Ramona Donnell has agreed to assume the duties of Newsletter Editor. Please, please, everyone try to step forward with articles and/or items of interest for inclusion in future issues.

If we don't see you in Reno in April at the AVSA convention, we'll hope to see you in Des Moines at the spring MVAVC meeting.

Best wishes to all of you as you travel, gather with families, or just party away the holidays! God bless us every one!!

Kent

Hospitality Plus

Follow ME! Waterloo is not a very large city. Not large enough for street maps on some state maps. Without a GPS or Mapquest directions the hotel and community center was a little tricky to find. The people in Waterloo are great, though. I was told the following by two different members who stopped to get directions. They were told, just follow me. The resident then led them to the community center. Such hospitality is greatly appreciated and shows the values of the people of smaller rural communities. Thank you, the citizens of Iowa, for your hospitality and friendliness. Thanks also to the Cedar Falls AVS for hosting our show and meetings. They did a great job!

Do you realize our spring meeting and next fall meeting will also be held in Iowa? Come join us!

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To enjoy the color photos be sure your email address is correct on the roster so you can see it on the web in color! If you are receiving this via mail and have an email address, send it to the editor—see page 5.



Happy Holidays





Coming Events

February 14-15

AVC of Greater Kansas City
Annual Judged Show and Sale
Loose Park Garden Center
51st Street and Wornall, Kansas City, MO
February 14, (9 am - 3 pm)
February 15, (10 am - 2 pm)
Info: Fred & Pat Inbody
Phone: (816) 373-6915
E-Mail: kskd1@juno.com

February 27-28, 2009

African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa
Spring Show and Sale
Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 So Peoria, Tulsa, OK
Public hours Saturday 9:00 AM—4:00 PM
Contact: Judy Carter, judithmcarter@valornet.com

March 21-22, 2009

Omaha African Violet and Gesneriad Society
Annual Spring Show and Sale
Mulhall's Nursery 3615 N. 120th St.
Omaha, NE 68164
Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4
Contact: Joyce Stork kents@tvsonline.net
Phone number:402 721-1478

March 28-29, 2009

Lincoln African Violet Society
Annual Spring Exhibition and Sale
St. Mark's Methodist Church
8550 Pioneers Blvd. Lincoln, NE 68520
9am - 4pm
Contact: Joyce Stork kents@tvsonline.net
Phone number:(402) 721-1478

June 2009

MVAVC Spring Meeting
Des Moines, IA
Botanical Garden

Please share your event schedule with us and please send the results of your shows so they can be reported.



The Winners Are . . .

Mid America African Violet Society
November 2008 Show Results
"Violets at the Movies"

AVSA Standard Collection Gold Rosette – Pat Inbody
Wild Irish Rose, Favorite Child, Annabelle

Purple Rosette - Lynn Canning
Missouri Pride, Ma's Lily Pad, Optimara Trinidad

AVSA Mini/Semi Collection Gold Rosette – Lynn Canning
Rob's Boogie Woogie, Rob's Macho Devil, Little Pro

Purple Rosette– Pat Inbody
Rob's Boogie Woogie, Rob's Sarsparilla, Winnergreen

- List of winners and their plants: Best African Violet in Show Pink Star Lou, 2nd Best African Violet Rob's Boogie Woogie, Best Standard California Berries, Best Miniature Midget Lilian, Best Semiminiature Rob's Boogie Woogie, Best Trailer Pink Star Lou, Best Unusual Container Cherry Cola, Best Vintage African Violet Pink Star Lou, Most Best in class 21, Sweepstakes in Horticulture 41 Blues, Sweepstakes Runner-up in Horticulture 21 Blues, Best Other Gesneriad Strep "Salmon Sunset", Best Design 'Remenbering the Silver Screen', Second Best Design 'Fantasia', Sweepstakes in Design 4 Blues.



Best African Violet in Show & Best Standard– Annabelle – Won by: Kent Stork / Best Semiminiature African Violet - Rob's Slap Happy - Won by: Jan Tyler-Blanchard



Second Best African Violet in Show & Best Trailer - Milky Way Trail – Won by: Judith Carter (left) (right) Best Miniature African Violet - Orchard's Bumble Magnet – Won by: Kent Stork



Missouri Valley African Violet Council
October 10-11, 2008 Waterloo, IA
"Violets by the River"

Horticulture Winners:

- Best African Violet in Show & Best Standard Annabelle Won by: Kent Stork from NE
Second Best African Violet in Show & Best Trailer - Milky Way Trail - Won by: Judith Carter from OK
Third Best African Violet in Show & Best Species Saintpaulia orbicularis var. purpurea Won by: Adrienne Rieck from IL
Best Semiminiature African Violet Rob's Slap Happy Won by: Jan Tyler-Blanchard from IA
Best Miniature African Violet Orchard's Bumble Magnet Won by: Kent Stork from NE
Best Other Gesneriad Streptocarpus 'Heartland's Baby Egrets' Won by: Dale Martens from IL
Best African Violet in Unusual Container Persian Prince Won by: Carol Magoon from IA
Best New Cultivar Breaking News Won by: Kent Stork from NE
Best Vintage Violet (1982 or older) Number 32 Won by: Judith Carter from OK
Best Missouri Valley Hybridizer Collection Annabelle, Sahara, Singin' the Blues Won by: Kent Stork from NE
Gold Rosette Best Standard AVSA Collection Buckeye Candy Kisses, Buckeye Leprechaun Charm, Funambule Won by: Kent Stork from NE
Gold Rosette Best Miniature or Semiminiature AVSA Collection Orchard's Bumble Magnet, Optimara Little Moonstone, Persian Prince Won by: Kent Stork from NE
Purple Rosette Second Best Miniature or Semiminiature AVSA Collection Dean's Rosalie, Rob's Twinkle Blue, Toy Castle Won by: Catherine Thompson from IA
Purple Rosette Second Best Standard AVSA Collection Silverglade Streams, Sansoucy' Julie-Marie, Benediction Won by: Adrienne Rieck from IL
Best Geneva Edged Rebel's Minnesota Haze Won by: Ginny Platte from IA
Best Species Collection Saintpaulia confusa, Saintpaulia orbicularis var. purpurea, Saintpaulia pendula Won by: Barbara Pershing from IA
Horticulture Sweepstakes 58 blue ribbons Won by: Catherine Thompson from IA
Runner-Up to Horticulture Sweepstakes - 27 blue ribbons Won by: Jan Tyler-Blanchard from IA

Design Winners:

- Best Design & Best Interpretive Flower Arrangement "Soaring of Eagles" Won by: Mary Jo Bradley from IA
Second Best Design "Nesting Birds" Won by: Judith Carter from OK
Best Container Garden "Listen! Sounds of Nature" Won by: Jimmy Toney from KS
Best Interpretive Plant Arrangement "Wind and Waves" Won by: Pat Dunlap from MO
Design Sweepstakes - 4 blue ribbons Won by: Jeanne Cotten from OK
Runner-Up to Design Sweepstakes 3 blue ribbons Won by: Jimmy Toney from KS





WATERLOO AWARDS----With the support of so many members we again had a very successful Fall Show! On behalf of MVAVC I would like to thank all of those members who contributed to the awards fund this year. I hope I have not forgotten anyone, if I did it was not on purpose. Those contributing this year were: Raymond/Robin Russel, Sherrie Wallace, John/Judy Carter, Betty Ferguson, Kent/Joyce Stork, Nancy Amelung, Jackie Jones, Dona Stillwell, Ruby Cox, Doris Carson, Linda Golubski, Claire D'Allessandro, Randy/Carla Deutsch, Barb Pershing, AVC of Greater Kansas City, Susan Schinckel, Ramona Donnell, Terri Post, Dale Martens, Francis Kilpatrick, Adrienne Rieck, Judy Dupont, and Metropolitan St Louis AVC. If anyone was forgotten, please let me know. Your continued support is appreciated -- thanks again!
 Randy G Deutsch, Awards

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee consisting of Jeanne Cotton, Terry Post and Nancy Moerer will present the following names for the respective offices for election at the Spring Meeting in Des Moines next June. In accordance with the Bylaws, nominations will be accepted from the floor. You must have the permission of the person nominated. The names to be submitted are:

President	Randy Deutsch
1st Vice President	Barbara Pershing
2nd Vice President	Joyce Stork
Secretary	Nancy Amelung
Treasurer	Terry Post

Fall Show Report

	Income	Expense	Profit(loss)
Sales	\$4281.31	\$3400.16	\$881.15
Auction	462.50		462.50
Awards	595.00	640.00	(45.00)
Banquet	1120.00	738.15	381.85
Registration	1006.00		1006.00
Room Rental		765.00	(765.00)
Judges School	180.00	48.06	131.94
Schedule Printing		14.20	(14.20)
Miscellaneous		152.02	(152.02)
Staging		98.40	(98.40)
Rosettes		<u>432.70</u>	<u>(432.70)</u>
Totals	\$7644.81	\$6268.69	\$1356.12



Awards Table



Dale Martens, Linda Golubski & Ron Davidson

Treasurers Report:

Beginning Balance 10/8/08	\$11,640.61
Deposits:	
Banquet	\$100.00
Registration	20.00
Late Fees	2.00
Bank for Sales Room	150.00
Sales	4281.30
Auction	462.50
Dues	<u>17.50</u>
Total Deposits	\$5,033.31
Disbursements:	
Show Expenses	\$2198.51
Judges School Expenses	33.06
Sales Compensation	3400.16
Awards	640.00
Refunds due to illness	120.00
AVSA Dues	<u>35.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$6,426.73
Balance as of 12/3/2008	\$10,247.19
Balance in North American Savings	<u>3,186.01</u>
Total Cash & CD	\$13,433.20



**Missouri Valley African Violet Council
General Business Meeting
Waterloo Center for the Arts, Waterloo, Iowa
October 11, 2008**

President Kent Stork called the general business meeting to order at 7:55 pm following dinner. In the absence of Secretary Pat Sutton, the minutes were recorded by Judy Carter. A quorum was present. As the first item of business, Kent presented Jimmy Toney with a certificate of appreciation and a year's membership in MVAVC for his continuing, outstanding work on, and recent upgrading of, our website.

The minutes of the last meeting were previously published in the MVAVC Newsletter. Nancy Amelung asked for a correction to delete the statement that she still receives the MV bank statements. She does not. Dale Martens moved and Nancy Moerer seconded the motion that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed.

Treasurer Linda Golubski reported the bank balance as of October 8, 2008, as \$11,640.61 and the North American Savings CD as \$3,186.01. This gives us a total balance of \$14,826.62. John Carter moved and Gary Dunlap seconded the motion to approve the report. The motion was approved and the report will be filed for audit. Linda also reported that she received three thank-you notes for AVSA show awards given by MVAVC.

Committee Reports: Membership -- Chair Randy Deutsch reported that MVAVC now has 48 individual memberships, 13 family memberships and 10 affiliate memberships on record. We have had several new members this year. He asked that everyone review their address information and give him their updates. He also stated that the membership form is now posted on our website. He introduced Dennis Miller of Minnesota as our newest member and Kent asked all of our new members to rise and be recognized. Kent then did a roll call of states and noted that we had members in attendance from ten states. Website manager Jimmy Toney announced that he had already placed our show results on our site and that he would also place the membership list in the Members-only portion of the site.

Show – Chair Barbara Pershing reported that the show and sale were very successful with 309 show entries, an AVSA score of 98.4, around \$4,000 in sales and nine students in the judging school. She thanked Dale Martens for giving her Gesneriad program and said it was well attended. We had 54 registrations and expenses should be quite low with the Arts Center costing us only \$600-700.

Newsletter – Editor John Carter has asked that the Board accept his resignation effective December 31, 2008. Kent will ask for volunteers for this position.

Historian – Kent also noted that David Harris has indicated that this will be his last term in this position, so the Nominating Committee will be seeking someone to fill this office. David asked that members send him any photos, etc. for the history book.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Nominating – Kent asked for volunteers for this committee. None were forthcoming, so he asked Jeanne Cotton, Nancy Moerer and Terri Post if they would serve and they agreed.

Show – Kent announced that the Spring Meeting would be held in Des Moines, Iowa on the second weekend of June, 2009. He noted that famed author Elvin McDonald is now in charge of the Botanical Center there and we may see if he would be available to give us a program there. Dale Martens told us how Elvin worked to create the original Gesneriad Society when he was just a teenager. Kent also stated that Jeanne Cotton and Ramona Donnell had created a document, the "Fall Show Guidelines for Hosting Groups" to be used by MVAVC and he will ask Jimmy to post this on a special page on the website so that future hosts will have this information to use while planning our Fall Meeting and Show. Kent then turned the meeting over to Randy Deutsch who presented the show awards. Randy noted that this show had 30



exhibitors of which 21 received best-in-class or higher awards. Kent Stork won Best in Horticulture, Catherine Thompson won Horticulture Sweepstakes, Mary Jo Bradley won Best Design and Jeanne Cotton won Design Sweepstakes.

Kent led a round of applause for the hard work of the Cedar Valley AV Club and thanked them for hosting our meeting and show. He announced that our Fall 2009 Meeting will be held in Sioux City, Iowa and that Terri Post would be the chairperson. However, Terri’s club is quite small and she will need our assistance in putting on this meeting.

Announcements – David Harris asked for any history book items to be sent to him. Joyce Stork, AVSA President, reminded all to remember the AVSA calendars and books for gifts and to be sure to come to the 2009 Reno convention where our meetings will end on Friday night and we will have the opportunity to take a cruise on Lake Tahoe on Saturday following our meeting week. Judy Carter, AVSA Awards Chair, also reminded the members that she would be glad to have award donations for the Reno show from members or their clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm to be followed by the auction which brought in an additional \$462.50.

Submitted by
Judy Carter, Acting Secretary

Show Plant Schedule

Standard plants:

Weeks before the show	Tasks
16 weeks	Pot up large standards already show size. Let bloom once after re-potting, then begin disbudding. Fertilize with mild fertilizer
12 weeks	Pot up smaller standards moving up to a show size. Let bloom once after repotting, then begin disbudding. Fertilize with mild fertilizer.
10 weeks	Begin “bloom booster” fertilizer, e.g. 12-36-14
8 weeks	Final disbudding of all blooms and buds
6 weeks	Resume fertilizing with balanced fertilizer.
4 weeks	Important grooming for shape, moving up buds between leaves.
1 week	Grooming for show: Brush leaves, remove spent blooms, remove any extra leaves out of symmetry

Miniature/Semiminiature Plants:

Weeks before the show	Tasks
20 weeks (5 months)	Repot older minis (Hard break - major grooming)
12 weeks (3 months)	Repot minis (Soft break - minor grooming)
7-8 weeks	Last disbudding
4 weeks	Major Grooming
1 week	Touch-up Grooming

The above schedule was provided by Anne & Richard Nicholas at their presentation a year ago at our fall show and meeting. Richard and Anne are consistent winners in their local club, Lonestar African Violet Council and the AVSA national shows. Richard also hybridizes the large plants. The Lonestar series are his hybrids and he generally wins best new introduction when he enters that class.

Show time is fast approaching so take a calendar and mark these countdown dates on it!



Best Design Mary Jo Bradley



2nd Best Design Judy Carter

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Changing of the Editor

My first newsletter for the MVAVC was December 2001. December 2008 will be my last one. We have certainly seen some changes in that period of time. First, the newsletter was made available on the MVAVC website. During the past few years we have gone from 6 to 8 pages in a regular newsletter. Recently we have started including color photos and emailing the newsletter to persons who have an email address. This gave you color that you could print if you wanted to and saved MVAVC the cost of copying and postage.

There have also been a few negative changes. For several years affiliates regularly sent in the notice of their shows and sales. This has pretty well dropped off with the exception of a couple of groups. I used to receive results from shows also. Again this has dramatically decreased. One hopes this will turn around.

The main purpose of the MVAVC is to be an educational facilitator to help the membership become more proficient in our hobby of growing African Violets and their kin folk. The newsletter is one vehicle to share growing information and ways to solve problems we encounter. Joyce Stork, Barbara Pershing and Linda Golubski have made valuable contributions to the newsletter in that regard. Others have also contributed and I am sure we remember David Harris researching our history and sharing that with us for several issues. But for many issues such as this one, nothing is contributed. All of us as members have an obligation to support our group (MVAVC) in any way that we can. I know that all of us are not writers but you can share valuable tips in a simple paragraph or two. It does not have to be pages long to help us all.

Ramona Donnell was President when she recruited me to be Newsletter Editor. Now she has accepted the challenge and opportunity to serve as our Editor. It is our responsibility to get the information to Ramona on a timely basis so she can perform her editor duties. You may want to look up the definition of editor. The editor is responsible for assembling the information provided and getting it into a format that will be pleasing to read. It is not the responsibility of the editor to write articles, call affiliates for show dates and results and keep track of the membership roster.

I have enjoyed being your editor for the past 7 years, but my duties with our national group, AVSA, will take more of my time now. Please support Ramona in her new endeavor and plan on writing some articles for us. It makes it all worthwhile! John



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Auction Items and Helpers -- it was a fun evening!

