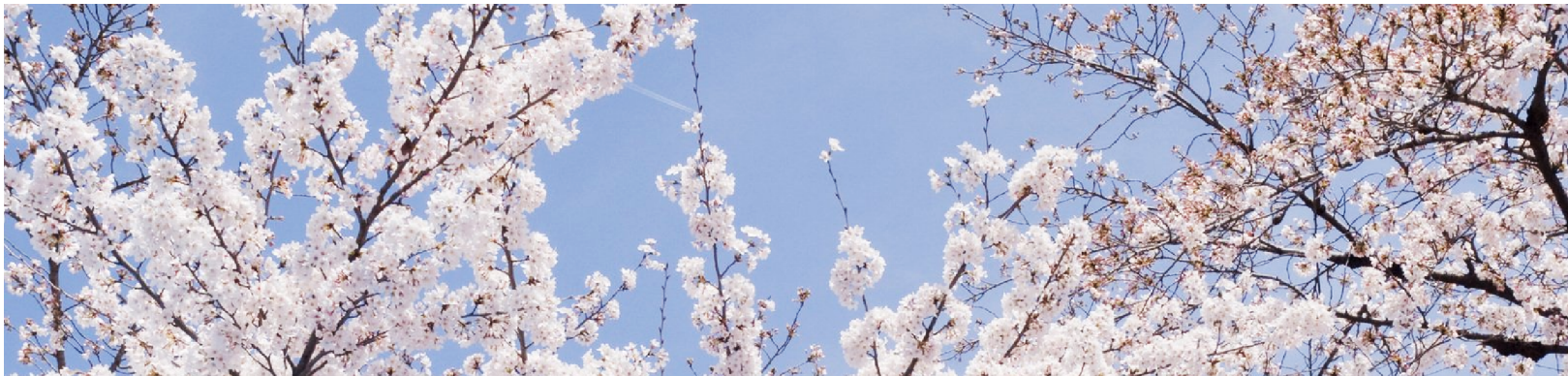




Missouri Valley African Violet Council

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2020



President's Message

Greetings All,

I hope your year is going well and your African Violets are doing well.

This is the time of year when many clubs are holding spring shows and sales. Please let us know about yours, if you are scheduling one this spring.

For the first time in many years the African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa only had a Spring Sale instead of a judged show. It was a great success. We had a large number of people attend who purchased a lot of plants and supplies. We also had a 'repotting station', which was very successful. If you are not able to have a show, you might consider doing this to introduce more people to our favorite house plant.

We are planning to hold the Spring Meeting at the same HyVee in Blue Springs in June. With the problems caused by the coronavirus, we may have to rethink this, so we will keep you posted.

Stay safe,

Nancy Moerer

"Our Man Rex" (reprint from last issue to include photo)



"Rex, I have a problem" --- That is how my phone call started out last September! I had an idea, but I didn't have the expertise to put it together. For the fall show in Omaha I had a banner made with grommet holes around the edge so it could be attached to a wall. But, for those who were at the event, you will remember we didn't put the winners table against a wall; it was diagonal in the room. So my problem was that I needed to display the banner with a freestanding holder of some kind.

After discussing the situation with Rex, I drew a little something on a piece of paper, took a cell phone picture of it, and sent it to him. Rex told me he had an idea of what I needed and not to worry about it, he would help me out. So I didn't give it another thought.

When Rex arrived he started to put together a frame he built that was freestanding behind the table. It was just perfect for the problem I had. Rex donated all of the materials and his time for the project. As usual, he came through when we needed help! Thanks for being there Rex!! Job well done.

Randy G Deutsch, Convention Chair

A Word From Our Convention Chair...



"A Carnival of Violets" is the show theme for the Fall Show to be held in Omaha this coming October. The dates are October 9th and 10th, 2020. The show theme is a fun one, I've seen the first draft of the design schedule and it is really fantastic. Carnivals from around the world are represented in a very colorful and entertaining way. Don't miss out on the fun!

There is plenty of room in the large showroom for lots of plants. I hope you are working on your entries to bring. It should be a great show and sale. Don't forget, this is the year for the auction, so please save and bring anything you would like to donate to that as well. It is always good to see our Missouri Valley family each year. We look forward to seeing you in October!

Randy G Deutsch, Convention Chairman

From the Editor...



Hi Everyone!

I joined Missouri Valley at the Fall 2019 Convention. I've been a part of Metropolitan St. Louis African Violet Council and Gateway West Gesneriad Society for several years now and have really enjoyed getting to know these plants and the awesome people that care for them!

Thanks to Fran and Sue for encouraging me to attend the Convention and making it so much fun! It was a great experience and a perfect opportunity to meet up with friends I'd met at last year's Gesneriad Convention as well. Brandon and Tom, you guys were amazing taking me out and showing me around Omaha!

If there's anything you'd like to see in the newsletter let me know. We'd love to hear about what's going on in your local club. And send in a picture if you have one! It's nice seeing your faces!

Thank you so much to Judy Carter who has been editing our newsletter for us. You've been such a great help getting me organized to take over the newsletter!

Scott Ammann, Newsletter Editor

Upcoming Shows and Events

Please check these clubs websites before going as many may have been canceled or rescheduled due to the coronavirus

April 11 (canceled due to coronavirus)

9 am - 3 pm
Sho Me AVC Show and Sale
Loose Park Garden Center
51st & Wornall, Kansas City, MO

April 24-25

Evening AVC Club of Des Moines Show and Sale
Sales: Friday, 12 pm - 9pm & Saturday, 10 am - 9 pm
Show: Saturday, 12 pm - 9 pm
3800 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines, Iowa

May 8

9 am - 3 pm
Lawrence AV Club Sale
The Malls Shopping Center
23rd & Louisiana
Lawrence, KS

May 16-17 (canceled due to coronavirus)

9 am - 5 pm
Metropolitan St Louis AVC Show and Sale
Missouri Botanical Garden
Orthwein Hall
4344 Shaw Boulevard, Saint Louis, MO
Violets, Episcias, Streptocarpus, Kohlerias, Petrocosmeas, and more....
Contact information: linda.mslavc@gmail.com (Linda) or 314-406-4628 (Martha)

May 24-31 (canceled due to coronavirus)

AVSA Convention and Show
Little Rock, Arkansas

June 27

MVAVC Spring Meeting
10 am Board Meeting
11 am Plant Sales
12 pm Lunch followed by Meeting & Program
Hy-Vee at 625 SW, US-40
Blue Springs, MO 64014



Treasurer's Report

Missouri Valley African Violet Council				
Income Statement				
1/31/2020				
<u>REVENUES:</u>				
Sales	\$ 1,874.00			
Over/Short Cash Box	\$ (2.75)			
Less: Sales Tax	\$ -			
Total Sales		\$ 1,871.25		
Spring Meeting	\$ -			
Auction	\$ -			
Awards	\$ 875.50			
Fall Show Registration	\$ 1,120.00			
Fall Show Banquet	\$ 1,560.00			
Fall Show School	\$ 180.00			
Donations	\$ 59.57			
Membership Dues	\$ 905.00			
Interest	\$ -			
Total Other Revenue		\$ 4,700.07		
Total Revenues		\$ 6,571.32		
<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
Insurance	\$ 261.25			
Dues/Fees	\$ -			
Spring Meeting	\$ -			
Speaker Expenses	\$ 40.00			
Fall Show Expenses	\$ 522.83			
Fall Banquet Expenses	\$ 1,716.19			
Reimburse Sales	\$ 1,496.60			
Fall Judges's School Expenses	\$ 323.00			
Awards	\$ 720.00			
Donations	\$ 775.00			
Website Expenses	\$ -			
Historian Expenses	\$ -			
Newsletter Expenses	\$ -			
Bank Charges	\$ 12.23			
Total Expenses		\$ 5,867.10		
Net Income:		\$ 704.22		

Missouri Valley African Violet Council				
Balance Sheet				
1/31/2020				
ASSETS:				
Checking Account	6,216.16			
Savings Account	5.00			
Meeting Cash Box	-			
Prepaid Expense	-			
Charles Schwab CDs	7,873.16			
Total ASSETS:	14,094.32			
LIABILITIES:				
Deferred Rev-Memberships	15.00			
Deferred Awards	120.00			
Total Current Liabilities:	<u>135.00</u>			
NET ASSETS:				
Unrestricted Net Assets	13,959.32			
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS:	<u>14,094.32</u>			
NOTE:				
Charles Schwab CD's;				
Balance 5/31/16 = \$5,195.56				
Balance 5/31/17 = \$5,308.80 2.1%				
Balance 10/6/18 = \$5,298.49 (0.2%)				
Balance 3/31/19 = \$5,491.67 3.6%				
Balance 6/30/19 = \$5,817.05 5.9%				
Balance 8/31/19 = \$5,812.07				
Add 2K 10/16/19 = \$7,812.15				
Balance 10/31/19 = \$7,826.92				
Balance 12/31/19 = \$7,873.16				

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Member announcements

Silhouettes for pickup - The large black & white silhouettes of the ballroom dancers that were used at the 2016 MVAVC show in Grand Island are available for pickup at the Spring meeting in Kansas City. They were used at the African Violet Club of Greater Kansas City show a couple of weeks later. They are very lovely but if they don't find a new home, they will be taken to a thrift store as they have outlived their welcome at my house.

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