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President's Message

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about our 17th Annual Convention and Show which will be held in York, Pennsylvania. First of all, I would like to thank the Baltimore African Violet Club for volunteering their time and talents to host our convention this year after a couple of other options had fallen through. Because we had a late start in selecting a site, we were not able to have the convention in November as we had hoped. This year's convention will be held at the York Holiday Inn & Conference Center from Thursday, **October 11 though Saturday, October 13, 2007**. Carol Hamelink will be the Convention Chair, Marie Burns and Susan Barbi will be the Show Co-Chairs. Our theme will be "007, *Bond* - - - *James Bond*," and of course, we will be featuring any and all things James Bond. I am sure that staging and designs will be interesting to say the least this year.

Because the convention is being held earlier this year, a block of rooms has already been set aside for us and reservations can begin at any time. Rooms can be reserved by credit card by calling **717.846.9500**. The room rate is \$104 per night with a 9% tax added for up to 4 persons per room. Hotel reservations must be made by **Monday, September 10, 2007**, in order to guarantee this rate; please remember to mention that you are part of the Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society when calling in your reservation. The hotel is located at 2000 Loucks Rd. in York, Pennsylvania. You will be very pleased with the accommodations that the Holiday Inn has to offer. We have plenty of room for both the show and the commercial sales, and the show room and commercial sales rooms are centrally located with easy access for both loading and for the public to visit. We are working hard on the publicity for this event, and we expect a large turnout from the public.

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Former MAAVS Presidents:

Diane Richardson	1991 - 1995
Sue Hoffmann	1995 - 1999
Linda Abplanalp	1999 - 2001
Ken Barbi	2001 - 2005
Rodney Barnett	2005 - Present

Affiliate Events

The Long Island African Violet Society presents their AVSA Judged show, "Astrologically Speaking" on Saturday, March 31st from 2 to 5 pm, and on Sunday April 1st from Noon to 5 pm. It will be held at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center, 111 North Oceanside Road, Rockville Center, NY 11570. For information, please call Lois Szostak at 631.425.4949 or by e mail at loisas@optonline.net

The African Violet Society of Syracuse presents its 54th Annual Spring Show and Sale, "Violets Visit Nature". It will take place May 5th and 6th, 2007, at the Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 East Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville, New York 13027. Hours are Saturday, May 5th 1 - 6 pm and Sunday, May 6th, 10 am - 4:30 pm. Call 315.638.2519 for information.

The Tidewater African Violet Society of Norfolk, Virginia, presents its 24th Annual Show and Sale, "VIOLETS in the NEW WORLD, A Quadricentennial Celebration". The show will take place on May 5th and 6th, 2007, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 8919 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, Virginia. Hours are Saturday, May 5th 1 - 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 6th 12:00 - 5 p.m. Call 757.868.9966 or e-mail: hopsonL451@aol.com for information.

The Baltimore African Violet Club presents its annual show and sale at the Harford Mall, Bel Air Road, Bel Air, Maryland. The theme of the show is "Violets on the Yellow Brick Road." It will take place on Friday, May 11th with sales 10 am - 9:30 pm, and the show 2 pm - 9:30 pm; and Saturday, May 12th with sales and show 10 am - 5 pm. For more information, please contact Shirley Huffman at Bshuffman2@aol.com or by phone at 301.854.2021.

Violet Overcomes Fusty Stereotype

(From the January 25th, 2007, Washington Post)

New Varieties and Bloggers' Buzz Give Granny Plant a Boost

*By Adrian Higgins, Washington Post Staff
Writer, Thursday, January 25, 2007*

Judged on its merits, the homely African violet is a pretty sweet houseplant.

With a modest amount of care, it will bloom continuously in a house or apartment. The foliage is tidy and attractive. Good varieties are cheap to buy, and, if you stick a cut leaf in a pot, it will produce a fresh plant in a month. So why haven't we got African violets lined up on every windowsill in our house?

It labors, of course, under the stereotype of being the granny plant. Sitting on the sill, it surrounds itself in old lace, if not arsenic. We should point out that we love grannies, but we find ourselves trapped in a world mesmerized by 20-year-olds leaping from one audio-visual platform to the next. How can an African violet compete with YouTube?

Ruth Rumsey, a spokeswoman for the African Violet Society of America, reports shrinking membership at the society's 300 clubs around the country. But interest in this humble houseplant continues. Violet fanciers have moved on to new and interesting varieties. Hobbyists still meet and hold shows, but much of the dialogue today is on Web blogs, said Ken Barbi, a violet fan and retired Air Force colonel in Annapolis.



Fanciers of the African violet are updating its staid image

He got hooked more than 20 years ago when his wife, Susan, also an Air Force officer, was posted to South Korea. Here, she said to him, keep my violets happy till I get back. African violets now consume a large part of their lives, though they have figured out how to travel without their babies suffering.

African Violet Care

Light

An African violet needs enough light to bloom, but it will burn in direct sunlight. An east-facing window is ideal, but consider some sort of supplemental light in winter. If you are growing several violets under lamps, give them 12 to 14 hours of light daily, and place them 10 to 14 inches from the lamps. Shop lights work, but get a version with the tubes spaced several inches apart.

Water

Allow tap water to sit for a day before using it, to let the chlorine dissipate. Avoid softened water, which contains damaging sodium. The soil surface should dry a little between waterings. A simple wick system will feed and water the plant for as long as a month in your absence and is an easy way to grow violets. Set the pot on a plastic food container filled with water and a notch cut into the lid. Run a piece of nylon twine between the pot and the water in the container. Hide the container in a decorative basket.

Soil

Use a free-draining soil-less mix. Custom violet mixes are too heavy for use in a wicking system, and should be lightened by adding perlite.

Atmosphere

No higher than 75 degrees, no lower than 60 degrees. Keep the daytime and nighttime temperature difference below 10 degrees. Relative humidity should be 40 to 50 percent.

Fertilizing

Use a diluted violet feed when watering. If using a wick, make up the solution at one-quarter of the recommended strength.

Repotting

Allow a plant to become established before repotting. After several months, the stem will elevate the plant above the soil line. To correct this, trim the bottom of the root ball before repotting so that the leaves are again at soil level. Except with trailing violets, new flowering crowns should be removed to keep one main blooming stem.

SOURCES: Ken Barbi, Lyndon Lyon Greenhouses, African Violet Society of America.

When their plants are in full array, they are brought up to a bright sunroom overlooking the woods. Otherwise, they are raised in a windowless room in the basement, where fluorescent lights sustain them. The walls are plastered with show ribbons.

Perfectly adequate violets are available at supermarkets and mass merchandisers. The key is to get them before they sit around too long in neglectful environments. But if you venture into the sphere of fancy hybrids, the modest care these plants need seems all the more worthwhile.

There are at least 18 flower types and almost as many leaf variations. Barbi displays a variety named Emerald City. Its green, pointed leaves are arranged like overlapping, radiating feathers. In the center, a stalk erupts carrying two dozen blossoms with 16 more in bud.

Each flower is white, with violet streaks on three of the five petals. The petals sparkle in the light, like candied violas. This bicolor effect is the result of a desired mutation, and called a chimera in violet circles.

Emerald City is one of about 750 varieties that have been bred by Paul Sorano, whose nursery - - Lyndon Lyon Greenhouses, in Dolgeville, NY (<http://www.lyndonlyon.com>) - - was established by his grandfather in 1954. Sorano is today among a shrinking brethren of full-time professional violet growers. He ships from May 1 to Nov. 1.

Unlike other violets, the chimeras cannot be propagated true from leaves, so Sorano has to raise them from new crowns. This is trickier and jacks up the price to a whopping \$15 or so. Other show-quality varieties are less, about \$5. In the world of choice and desirable plants, these figures are peanuts. African violets, we should note, are not true violets, but members of a genus of jungle herbs called *Saintpaulia*, which are native to East Africa.

Most violet blooms are no more than an inch across. A few years ago, a pink-flowered variety named Super Duper broke the three-inch barrier. Others followed, including Spectacular (white, edged violet) and Rhapsody in White. Sorano sells them for under \$6. The hottest violet at the moment is a chimera from Japan named Yukako, desired for its weird green and blue pinwheel flower. At a show, "I was selling them for \$50 a pop, and I couldn't keep up with demand," he said. One recently sold on eBay for \$322, he said. "It's a bidding war that goes on," Sorano said. "People get caught up in it."

Fortunately, choice violets are available for a lot less. Barbi cradles a species plant named *Saintpaulia velutina*, mauve in bloom but now resting. He cradles it in his hands; its leaves are rounded. "It has a nice rosette pattern and shows very well in bloom," he said.

He is drawn, too, to those with variegated leaves, and miniatures. He holds aloft Irish Flirt, whose 14 blooms are green and white and heavily petaled. "They look like little cabbages," he said.

Most of the collection grows on a four-tier light table that Barbi built from one-inch PVC pipe. Each of the four shelves is bathed by four-foot fluorescent growing lamps.

The Barbis' treasured varieties and their diverse ilk "are far, far different from what you see in the supermarket, or what you had seen on your grandmother's windowsill," said Ralph "Rob" Robinson, a breeder and grower in Naples, N.Y., who ships year-round.

Robinson, founder of the Violet Barn (<http://www.robsviolet.com>), is confident that the

breeding advances of the plant will assure a future for the violet.

And the hobby is taking off in other countries, notably Russia. Fanciers there "don't have a lot of money," Barbi said. "It's like the U.S. in the '40s and '50s. People are looking for activities that you can afford to do. It's not an expensive hobby."

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Nominating Committee

At the October 27, 2006, MAAVS Board Meeting, Diane Richardson was added to the five member MAAVS Nominating Committee. The members are shown below. Please contact them to suggest nominees.

Ken Barbi	Past President and Chairman
Linda Abplanalp	Penultimate Past President
Libby Glembocki	2004 Appointee
Lauren Jones	2005 Appointee
Diane Richardson	2006 Appointee

Membership Update

by Ken Barbi

Thank you to all of you who renewed your membership or changed membership status. Please check the information to the right for accuracy. *If we have your e mail address and phone number it will be shown (if not it will say None). Also shown is your new membership expiration date.* It is very important to have your correct e mail address if you receive the MAAVS Memo electronically so we can stop sending it through the post office. More than half the addresses receiving the MAAVS Memo by e mail can't be cross referenced with MAAVS members.

Many of our former Affiliate members have not reviewed their organization membership. As a result, your group will not be able to have a MAAVS Collection Class. The latest list of Affiliate members is shown in the box on page 14.

Application for Membership Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society

Date _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Individual _____ \$15.00

Joint (2 members, same address) _____ \$20.00

Affiliate/Commercial _____ \$20.00

MAAVS Pin _____ \$ 5.00

(If new member dues are paid between June 30th and December 31st, your membership will expire on December 31st of the following year)

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MAAVS Board of Directors Meeting October 27, 2006

The MAAVS Board of Directors meeting was held October 27, 2006, at 2:25 pm in the Admiral Room of the Treadway Inn, Owego, NY. Those attending were: Rodney Barnett, President, George McDonald, Treasurer, Ken Barbi, Kitty Hedgepeth, Laurene Jones, Doris Brownlie, Mary Ryan, Diane Richardson, and Jean Tippett, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Rodney Barnett. There was a quorum present. Minutes from the November 11, 2005, meeting were read by the Secretary.

Correction to the minutes was: Sue Hoffmann was show chair. Honorary Life Members were proposed. They were Marie Burnes, and Ken & Susan Barbi as a joint life members. Executive Board members, Rodney Barnett, George McDonald, and Jean Tippitt voted in favor.

The Baltimore AVC has volunteered to host the MAAVS convention in 2007. Because of circumstances beyond anyone's control, the Saintpaulia AVS could not hold it in 2007. Marie Burns has volunteered to be Show Chairman, with Laurene Jones continuing as Registration Chairman. The theme for the convention is "007, Bond . . . James Bond." We have George McDonald to thank for this.

George McDonald took the floor to discuss holding the 2008 MAAVS convention in Morristown, NJ, at the Arboretum. There is a huge base of growers in the area. It was brought up that Tri-State, NY State, and MAAVS could possibly join together. We need to contact Janet Riemer, George McDonald and Karen Chitalki to start the conversation. We discussed the possibility of having drivers, or a shuttle, to transport attendees between the Arboretum and the hotel. Other possible locations brought up were Raleigh, Durham NC; Springfield, PA, and Virginia Beach, VA.

Kitty Hedgepeth asked about the possibility of having an affiliate show and not having a host club. If a club does say no, can we go ahead anyway with convention plans? The membership tends not to be overruled as a group. It was also asked if it were possible to have a society sponsored show.

The advertising for the convention was discussed. The information is in the convention manual located on the web site. Diane Richardson though passing this info on to the incoming convention volunteers would be helpful.

It was brought up that the MAAVS board would like to see the convention go South again. Kitty Hedgepeth asked if anyone has approached any of the South Carolina members. No one had. George McDonald has been to a Dixie Contention. He said it was very small, no attendance and no committees.

It was suggested to approach Rich Follett again about holding the contention in the Shenandoah Valley in 2008. There was a lot of discussion about the different areas to hold a convention and all of the pros and cons to them.

It was also discussed that MAAVS could sponsor AVSA Convention and hold it in Williamsburg, Richmond, or Norfolk. Ken Barbi made a motion for the Board to propose to the MAAVS membership the possibility of sponsoring an AVSA convention in 2010 or later. Laurene Jones 2nd the motion. Ken Barbi called the question.. Rodney Barnett asked for a vote and the motion carried.

Ken Barbi is chairman of the nominating committee along with Linda Abplanalp, Libbie Glembocki, Laurene Jones and Diane Richardson.

Jean Tippett expressed Linda Abplanalp's regrets at not being able to attend the convention this year. Her husband had surgery on his foot and continues to improve.

Ken Barbi reported for Susan Barbi that there are 5 rosettes left and that the new ones ordered will look different.

It was also reported we have 11 new members bringing total membership to 175.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Tippett, Secretary

General Membership Meeting, October 28th, 2006

The general membership of the Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society met on October 28th, 2006, at the Treadway Inn in Owego, NY.

The meeting was called to order by President Rodney Barnett. There were 22 members present constituting a quorum.

Rodney Barnett presented to the membership that the 2007 convention would be held in Baltimore, MD. The theme, suggested by George McDonald, will be "007, Bond . . . James Bond". Marie Burns has volunteered to be the show chairman. Dates for the convention will be announced at a later date.

Proposed sites for 2008 was the New Jersey area, or move south again - possibly to the Shenandoah Valley area. Tri-State AVS would host a New Jersey area convention.

After proceeds from this years Ways & Means have been counted, and expenses disbursed, MAAVS will get « the profits. There is a desire to fill the Ways & Means Committee permanently. Everyone consider this position and let the President know if this is something you could do.

Some of the membership objected to the distance they have to travel to get to a convention. Also, there was some dissent on MAAVS pairing with affiliates to put on conventions.

Sue Hoffmann commented that within the MAAVS organization, there were more than enough competent people to put on a MAAVS convention.

Ken Barbi advised us that Dianne Richardson was working to bring MAAVS members in South Carolina into convention thinking.

Fay Wagman discussed the fact that she, with New York State AVS, and Sue Hoffmann, with MAAVS, were able to work together and bring this convention to Owego even though Fay lives in New York and Sue lives in Virginia.

Laurene Jones made the motion that for future conventions that MAAVS sponsor instead of

holding a joint convention with affiliates. Ken Barbi seconded the motion. Fay Wagman also expressed agreement with this. Marie Burns said we needed to bring the uniqueness of MAAVS back in our convention.

Libbie Glembocki made the motion for MAAVS to sponsor our 2008 convention and to seek a location to hold it. Marie Burns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Members of the Triangle AVS in Raleigh, North Carolina, were asked to take to their membership the possibility of "hosting" a convention.

Sue Hoffmann asked Tom Glembocki to check into hotel accommodations in the Raleigh area. Sue Hoffmann volunteered to look in and around the Virginia Beach area. These discussions need to be presented by February 1st, 2007, so plans for the convention can be made.

Rodney Barnett brought before the membership for discussion, the possibility of hosting an AVSA National Contention in 2010 or later. Ken Barbi's motion was read and discussion followed.

Janet Riemer discussed some of the aspects about hosting an AVSA Convention. AVSA would provide the seed money for the contention and the location for the convention.

It was noted that in the past when the Potomac Council of African Violet Judges sponsored the convention, there was no cost to them.

Tri State AVS, in 1993, benefitted from the convention when it was held in Lancaster, PA. There were no members in Lancaster, and all of the preparations were done long distance. In 1984, Philadelphia, in a joint effort with AVSA held it.

Ken Barbi brought up the question of parking for a convention this large along with enough people to participate in the planning and execution. Marie Burns discussed the need to be able to offer places of interest and tours of local sights. Norfolk, Williamsburg, and Philadelphia were suggested as good places to hold a national convention because of so many points of interest.

AVSA Will do all negotiating for the rooms, handle all contracts and have blocks of rooms set aside. The hotel would have to be large enough to accommodate us. We would also need ballroom space. AVSA has held a convention where it was held in 2 hotels, one across the street from the other.

Sue Hoffmann asked for an approximate number of people who attended the last AVSA convention. We were advised about 480 to 500 attended. Laurene Jones proposed that President Rodney Barnett be given the authority to conduct discussions with AVSA to sponsor a convention in 2010 or later. Ken Barbi seconded the motion and it carried.

Sue Hoffmann asked if there was a treasurer's report and George McDonald responded ...no... our current balance is around \$28,000. Approximately \$23,000 of this would be disbursed to the Treadway Inn for this convention, and there is \$1,000 in the safety deposit box. Sue Hoffmann asked for the normal balance carried before the convention commences. The balance as of July 31st, 2006, was \$5,500.

Ken Barbi reported there were 175 members of which 11 are new since our last convention. A number of members renewed their memberships with their registration forms. Many of the memberships expire between 2007 and 2010. Laurene Jones suggested talking about membership at dinner.

Tom Glembocki brought up that the MAAVS Memo can be read on-line. A PDF reader is needed to do this. The MAAVS Memo can also still be received by mail.

Sue Hoffmann recognized Vladimir Kalgin and thanked him for his contributions to the convention. He offered award money for the Russian hybrid collection winners.

With the minutes being published in the MAAVS Memo, President Rodney Barnett asked if there were any corrections. Fay Wagman stated the George McDonald made the motion to hold the Owego, NY, convention, not her.

Ken Barbi made the motion to adjourn the meeting. George McDonald seconded

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Tippett, Secretary

2007 MAAVS Convention and Show Venue

This Fall, the Annual Convention and Show will be held at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in York, Pennsylvania, on October 11th thru 13th. Earlier than usual, but schedule to minimize conflict with the NY State AVS and the Tri-State AVS Conventions and Shows. The folks in Baltimore are heading up the committees with Carol Hamelink as the Convention Chairman, and Marie Burns and Susan Barbi as Show Chairmen/Co-chairmen.



Our Show theme is **“007, Bond . . . James Bond”** and our Show Schedule will be published in May. The Show Chairman is Marie Burns with Susan Barbi as co-chair. Entries is Michelle Lewis, Classification is Ken Barbi and Roxanne Shrewsberry.

Placement is Susan Scarborough, Karen Foster and Barbara McDonald. Schedule in horticulture is Ken Barbi; schedule in Design is George McDonald. Design Reservations is Bob Loomis. Judges and Clerks is Kitty Hedgepeth. Staging is Diane Richardons. Properties is Ken Barbi. Awards is Rich Follett. Education Table will be provided by Old Dominion African Violet Society.



The Holiday Inn pictured below is within walking distance of a large mall, has free internet Wi-Fi access, and a large indoor recreation center with pool, whirlpool, sauna, mini-golf, ping pong and children’s play area. Room costs will be \$104 plus tax, and ***pets are welcome*** to stay with you.

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2007 Convention in Baltimore, MD	- Carol Hamelink

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Welcome new MAAVS member Dave Paris from Fairport, NY.

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MAAVS Collection Rosettes



A MAAVS Collection Rosette for an exhibit consisting of three African violets of the same type (standard, miniature, semiminiature, trailer [standard, miniature, or semiminiature], or species) is available to affiliate clubs.

These plants must be entered by a MAAVS member and need not be AVSA-registered varieties. Each plant will be point scored in accordance with The African Violet Society of America Handbook For Growers, Exhibitors, and Judges and awarded a ribbon as merited. Exhibitor **must** be a MAAVS member.

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