

The Desert Blooms

Newsletter of the Tucson African Violet Society



September 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kathy Bell

Welcome back to another great year with our violets and friends. We have some great programs and presenters and will be worth coming to all the meetings; you won't want to miss them!

I'm excited about our new meeting days and think it will spark some new interest in our club! So don't forget our meetings are as follow: Northwest Group meets the Second Saturday of the month from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Both Eastside Groups meet the Third Saturday of the month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

I am also excited that we have a new webpage (www.tucsonavs.com) and web master. Ken McGowen is our new web master relieving Julie Schulick after taking care of our webpage for many years I don't even know how many. Thank you Julie for doing a great job and helping get our club information into social media.

I know Jeri will have a few words to say but I also want to thank her for being our newsletter editor for many years again not sure how many. I'm sure she knows! Ken McGowen will become our new newsletter editor starting with our October edition. Send in those articles!

Over the summer we had some great programs if you missed them you missed some good information and fun!

Also over the summer your new board and Jeri Anderson (thank you) worked hard on making changes to Bylaws, Rules and Policies, and a few others documents that will need to be replaced in your notebooks. You should receive them by the time we have our first meeting and that is the time to ask questions. We will approve the Bylaws at the October meetings.

We have our October Sale and Display coming up on the 7th. I hope you all will have some nice plants for the display table and for sale. Get all the details at the September meetings.

Feel free to contact me by phone or email.

TAVS FACEBOOK PAGE

Ken McGowan

<https://www.facebook.com/Tucson-African-Violet-Society-460341997645982/>

Here is the URL for the TAVS Facebook page.....keep in mind that someone who does not have a Facebook page can see the TAVS page in a simpler format but not as good as having their own Facebook page. Folks don't have to do a lot with their own page, which is usually one of the main reasons they don't fool with it, but I would encourage them to try and they can always close down their page if they want.

I share (post) on our Facebook page a lot of good info and really nice photos from the other AV and gesneriad groups.

WEEKLY GROWING TIPS

Jeri Anderson

The 'Weekly Growing Tips' archive has been moved to the Members Content area of the AVSA website. So, you can still get to the archived tips but now they are just available for members of AVSA.

Fall Display and Sale

Rincon United Church of Christ
122 N. Craycroft (Next to Stein Mart)
October 7, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Set-up time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Clean-up time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Box flats are needed.
Please let Kathy Bell know how many sale plants you expect to bring.
If you have any display plant(s) you are going to bring, let Kathy Bell know the plant's name.

SHOPPING REMINDER

Don't forget to use the "Amazon Smile" button on the AVSA.org webpage. Just go to 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.



LOOKING FOR

Glenda Mcculley is looking for a used plant stand, 3 or 4 shelves, 4 feet long with lights.

YIPPEE!

Jeri Anderson

I guess 'Yippee' isn't a very proper way to react when someone offers to take over the newsletter, but I am very ~~excited~~, ~~gleeful~~, thankful that Ken McGown offered to do the newsletter starting in October. So many people have written articles and shared pictures over the past years that I couldn't begin to thank everyone who has helped keep 'The Desert Blooms' going. Thanks everyone....you know who you are.

2018 TAVS SHOW THEME

"CELEBRATING 60 YEARS - TAVS"

AVSA ORLANDO CONVENTION



Best African Violet in Show
Rob's Boolaroo
Won by: Kurt Jablonski



Best Design in Show
"Miami's Parrot Jungle"
Won by: Susan Anderson

TAVS CALENDAR

General Meetings

Sat., Sept. 9th, 2:30 p.m.....Northwest Division, *
Sat., Sept. 16th, 1:30 p.m..... Eastside Division, †

Fall Display & Sale

Rincon United Church of Christ
122 N. Craycroft (Next to Stein Mart)
October 7th, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

AVSA National Convention

‘African Violets CAN Link US Together’
Buffalo, NY
May 20 – 27, 2018

Newsletter Deadlines

Mon, Sept. 25th Deadline for October

† 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.
