



# The Desert Blooms

TUCSON AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

Newsletter

January - February 2018



OMG...Show in 3 weeks

( 1956-2017 -- "60 Years of Growing and Showing" )

*President's Message  
Kathy Bell*



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY:** Love is in the air and some of you might be lucky enough to get roses and candy. Candy is good, roses as lovely as they are can come with those wonderful little thrips that like violet blooms so try and keep them isolated, just remember they do fly.

The program for February is "Open Forum" by all of us! It was one of the suggestions on the sheet we passed around for program ideas. Come with your violet questions and even some new tips!!

Which reminds me we will be passing around signup sheets for our Summer and Fall programs so come with ideas of what you would like to learn over the summer (try to think hands on) and fall meetings.

Don't forget to read your show schedule and the rules. Reminder your classification forms for entering your plants are due February 15<sup>th</sup>ish. I'm sure Jeri will send out a reminder as we get closer. Hope we have some nice show plants and designs. Don't forget we need sales plants, etc. See Show Time article.

Need everyone to help since our club is getting smaller so please help out as much as you can. Thanks ahead of time!!

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

## FEBRUARY MEETINGS:



**Saturday – February 10<sup>th</sup> - @ 2:30 pm**

**Northwest Group – The Fountains  
Program: Open Forum ( Meichele Juve )  
Host: Daniel Edmondson**

**Saturday – February 24<sup>th</sup> - @ 1:00 pm**

**(Change in date for this meeting only)  
Eastside Group – The Cascades  
Program: Open Forum ( Sue Stout )  
Hosts: Denise Miller-Dolan & Ken McGowan**



**Monthly Treasurer's Report  
Meichele Juve**

*.....show me the money \$...*

**Short and simple this time around.....**

**Available Bank Balance ( 1.31.18 )      \$ 5,601.54**



## **Bulletin Board**

**From Terry Rich**

Large plant stan  
smaller light sta



**..FOR SALE...**  
, 5 ft long for a

***Good news for Terry...her plant stand sold.....***

# TAVS SHOW – 2018 & Celebrating 60 Years



**I IT's SHOW TIME EVERYONE  
!!!!!! THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN!!!!**

Important info. First there is be **CASH prizes!!!!** You can walk away with some money in your pocket for just showing off your beautiful plants and designs! And everyone will be a winner!!

Pretty sure we will follow the same timeline as last year but have to confirm that with Debbie at the bowling alley. **Last year we setup and entered between noon and 8 p.m. on Friday.** Saturday I think we were there at 8 a.m.? To do last minute entries and placement. **Start judging at 10 a.m. and the doors open at 10 a.m. for the public.** This year I think we have the problem solved to keep the public away from the judges. We will give it a try anyway!!

**We will close at 5:00 p.m., clean up, pack up and be out around 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. ONE DAY SHOW & SALE.**

We may need some extra tables I will let you know soon!!

You should all have a show schedule; so, please read all the rules since this will answer most of your questions.

**Make sure you send in your classification forms to Jeri Anderson by February 18<sup>th</sup>.** You can email them to her or snail mail. Remember to keep a copy for yourself.

If you aren't sure the plant is ready to show check with one of the mentors or with another club member. Sometimes they can surprise you!!

Make sure your show plants are ready and groomed when you go through Classifications and Entries.

There will be a table set up for light grooming such as dusting leaves or a flower removal. There will also be a short period on Saturday morning to check them once placement is finished arranging the categories and just before Judging begins.

**Are you bringing plants to sell? We need all the plants we can get. Remember baby standards, semi mini's and mini's cannot be tiny, tiny little plants, they need to be good size. Please contact me if you are going to sell plants so we have room for you in the sales area. Also make sure to read and follow the NEW Grower's Guidelines that you should have in your notebook, if not let me know and I will email them to you.**

I think we have enough flats, the boxes we use so the customers have something to put the plants in they want to purchase.

**VERY IMPORTANT – If you sale one of your Show Plants they have to be there until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, the person is to pay YOU, it is NOT to go into the cash register.** You pay the club 10% after you collect the money along with the sales slip.

We encourage/beg everyone to donate leaves since this is a great money maker for the club. Make sure you have signed up to help at the Spring Show and Sale.

Thanks everyone for all your help ahead of time and I'll see you at the Show!!

#### **More updates:**

**2-6.18 ...** you should have received an email from Kathy with a Show/Sales Flyer attached. Please get those out if you can to as many friends, etc, so the word gets out. Try taking some to local nurseries, stores, anyone you can think of who would be interested.



**Words of the Month: (AV love words)**

**Rated "M" for Mature Audiences**



**Anther:**

One or more sacks which contain the pollen.

**Girl Foliage:**

Deeply scalloped leaves, usually rounded or heart-shaped with white to yellow marking at the base of each leaf.

**Pointed:**

Ends of the leaves come to a definite point.

**Stigma:**

A sticky receptive surface to which pollen adheres.

**Single:** Blossoms have five lobes, appear single, with two upper lobes that are usually smaller than the three lower ones. (or someone who isn't married)

**Spooned, Ovate, Cupped-up:** Leaves are concave with high edges like a spoon.

**Tucson Weather:**

Well, I recently saw something in Facebook that said on Groundhogs Day:



**The Saguaro in Tucson saw it's shadow so that means 52 more weeks of summer...**

The lookout for this spring is warmer and drier than average....ugh.....

**Members Update:**

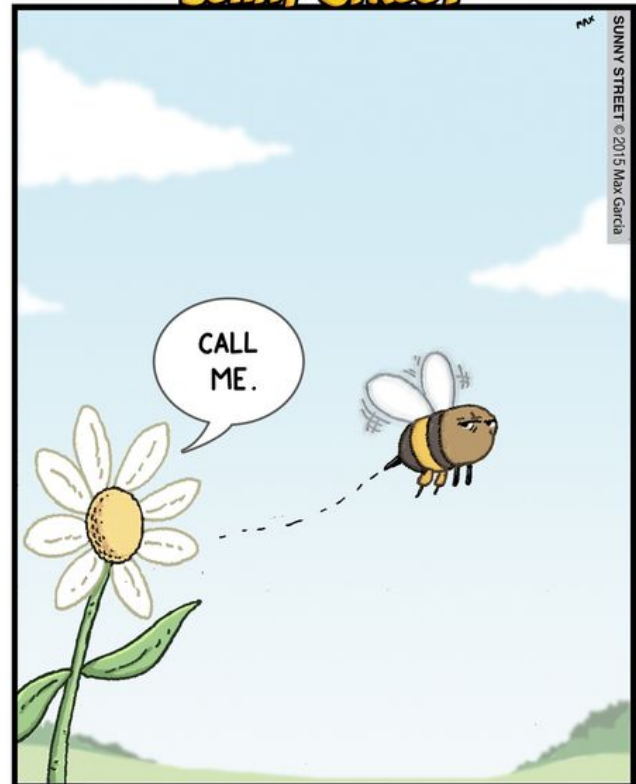
**Ruth Connors:** for now use the following email address: [englishrose67@cox.net](mailto:englishrose67@cox.net)

**Ken McGowan:** delete home phone number (520) 574-8030 and use mobile # (520) 360-6619. NEW email address is [936ksm@gmail.com](mailto:936ksm@gmail.com) and delete [wksm-93.6@cox.net](mailto:wksm-93.6@cox.net). For club business, use [tucsonavs@gmail.com](mailto:tucsonavs@gmail.com).

**Betty Hazard:** new email address is [bettys123here@aol.com](mailto:bettys123here@aol.com)

Jeri Anderson sent out on Jan 29<sup>th</sup> the latest updated Membership Directory, East Side Meeting Schedule, and Officers/Committees update. Please keep them handy and put in your TAVS Handbook (just blow off the dust first).

**SUNNY STREET**





**AZ Daily Star ( April 23, 1957 )**

**Tucson and Phoenix African Violet Clubs** will sponsor their first African Violet Show, April 28 at the Valley Garden Center in Phoenix, 1809 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. from 3 to 8 p.m. Theme of the show will be "African Violets in the Desert." General Chairman is Mrs. S. R. Stevens, Phoenix and the co-chairman is Mrs. G.C. Scofield, Tucson.

**Countdown Clock to the Show Start:**

<https://www.timeanddate.com/countdown/generic?iso=20180303T10&p0=393&msg=TAVS+60th+Show&ud=1&font=sanserif>

**SHOW COMMITTEES**

**March 3, 2018  
Golden Pins Lanes**

**Committees:**

- Show Chairperson: ..... Kathy Bell
- Staging: ..... Barbara Fuller
- Classifications & Entries ..... Jeri Anderson
- Schedule: ..... Jeri Anderson
- Education: ..... Lois Rose
- Publicity: ..... Kathy Bell
- Plant Sales: ..... Kathy Bell
- Property: ..... Kathy Bell
- Placement: ..... Judy Soop
- Judges: ..... Maria Frisby
- Judges Clerks: ..... Ruth Connors
- Host: ..... Sue Sacco
- Awards: ..... Candace Baldwin
- Cashiers: ..... Meichele Juve
- Supplies: ..... Kathy Bell
- Cover Design: ..... Ken McGowan



**~ COMING EVENTS ( 2018 ) ~**

**February 17 – Saturday**  
**Desert Sun African Violet & Gesneriad Society:**  
**Show "Violets on Broadway,"**  
**Valley Garden Center,**  
**1809 North 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., Phoenix, AZ**  
**Hours: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**PLANT SALE hours – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**Additional Info: Ann Stoetzer**  
**Email: [anncie@cox.net](mailto:anncie@cox.net)**



**African Violets  
For Valentine's Day**

- Candy Hearts (NR)**
- Cupid's Arrow ( 2012 )**
- Cupid's Kiss ( 1993 )**
- Heart Throb ( 1978 )**
- Heart's Aglow (1996)**
- Hot Lips ( 1972 )**
- I Love You ( 1985 )**
- Kiss Me Love ( 1997 )**
- Kissy Face ( 1987 )**
- Love Bug ( 1981 )**
- Love Potion ( 2016 )**
- Lovestruck ( 2013 )**
- Rose Bouquet ( 2001 )**
- Sweetheart ( 1951 )**
- Valentine ( 1976 )**
- Wine and Roses (1968)**





### Webpage Listing

**Copperstate AVC – Phoenix**

<http://copperstateavc.wixsite.com/website>

**The New Gesneriads Reference Web:**

<http://www.gesneriads.info/new-gesneriad-reference-web/>

**Pima Masters Gardeners (November Update):**

<https://extension.arizona.edu/pima-master-gardeners>

**Moon Phases:**

<https://www.timeanddate.com/moon/phases/usa/tucson>

**Great emails that come out every Monday:**

[Want to receive a weekly Growing Tip from AVSA? Sign up here!](#)

**Pictures of Episcias and Streptocarpus:**

<http://www.streptocarpus-info.com/Episcia/index.html>

**Optimara -**

<http://www.selectivegardener.com/>

**Gleanings from the Gesneriad Society (Monthly):**

<http://www.gesneriadsociety.org/current-gleanings/>

**Sinningia Species Index:**

<http://www.burwur.net/sinns/2arten.htm>

**Beauty will save the World – Alex Mayer – Ukraine:**

look at this webpage just for the pictures – Alex is a photographer and you will ou and ah at his pictures....I've purchased some of his plants (tubers) thru ebay.....

<http://crazybotanist.blogspot.com/2013/11/sinningia-simsim-royal-style.html>



### Editor's Notes:

Hi everyone

You missed a great time last week at the Doubletree restaurant, Javelina Cantina. Richard Nicholas and his wife Ann were in town for the Gem and Mineral Show and sat down with Kathy, Jeri, Ken and Scottie, Maria, Tom, and Judy S. for great food and conversation.

This newsletter is really, really, late and I do apologize. I will get my act together and in a cycle to get organized and on time. I will do the March newsletter shortly after the show and get on track for getting it out as each month begins.

I shared recently in an email of a Facebook milestone of "50 Followers." I put a call out to members to help us reach "60 Followers" to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Well within one day it went up to 57 followers so we are almost there.

See you at the meetings and show – wow – almost here and I'm not ready as usual.....

*Ken*



Sinningia leucotricha