

New Members

2013-2014 Yearbook



Organized: December 1975

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African Violet Society
Of
America, Inc.

Affiliated: March 1976

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AVSGT Members - 35

AVSA Members - 24

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ARTICLE XII

Amendments

The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present at any regular meeting, provided notice of such amendment shall be given to every member in writing, at least two weeks previous to that meeting.

STANDING RULES

1. No financial obligation for an expenditure shall be made without Board approval or as otherwise approved by the Budget.
2. The Treasurer shall disburse funds by check to the payment of accounts under \$100.00 without Board approval; shall disburse funds, by check, to the payment of accounts of \$100.00 or greater only by Board approval.
3. No member shall promote self-interest advertising at any Society function.
4. Members who are hospitalized shall receive a card from the Society.
5. In Memoriam gifts shall consist of either flowers or monetary donations to a designated charity or Society on behalf of a Society member, spouse, or child.
6. Each Board member shall attend all Board meetings or shall notify the President.
7. A commercial grower's list will be made available with only those names of growers who are eligible to enter plants in the Show.
8. In the event of a meeting being cancelled due to bad weather, all members will be counted present.
9. Loan of Society properties to any other person or organization shall not be made without Board approval.
10. Members are encouraged to show a minimum of four entries before being allowed to sell plants at the Annual Show and Sale. If members have no entries for the show due to timing or disasters, they should be allowed to sell if they have sale plants.
11. Members must attend three meetings yearly with the fiscal year being July 1 through June 30. Those not attending such three meetings or the equivalent alternative are to be dropped from membership at the end of the fiscal year. Alternative to attendance is: working a minimum of four hours at our annual show and sale and/or exhibiting an entry in our annual show.
12. Persons that have been members previously can renew membership in AVSGT by attending one meeting of AVSGT and paying dues.

Section 8. The Yearbook Committee:

(a) Shall be responsible for compiling an annual Yearbook to be distributed to members no later than the October meeting.

Section 9. The Ways and Means Committee:

Shall be responsible for all fund raising projects and activities, as directed by the Society.

Section 10. The Scholarship Committee:

(a) Shall consist of a chairman and two members at large.
(b) Shall select, when directed by the Board of Directors, a scholarship recipient, who shall be a student studying Horticulture or a related field at an accredited college or university.

ARTICLE X

Duties of Special Committees

Section 1. The Auditing Committee:

(a) Shall be appointed by the President at the May meeting;
(b) Shall consist of two (2) people, neither of whom shall be the President, Vice-President or Treasurer;
(c) Shall audit the Treasurer's books and give a written report at the next general meeting;

Section 2. The Nominating Committee:

(a) Shall consist of five (5) members, elected at the second regular meeting proceeding the May meeting;
(b) Shall present a slate of officers at the May meeting;
(c) The Chairman of the Committee shall attend the Board of Directors' meetings during the term of his (her) chairmanship, with no voting privileges.

ARTICLE XI

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this organization in all cases to which they applicable and to which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws.

Officers and Committees

Elected Officers

President	Nancy Moerer
Vice-President	Elmer Godeny
Secretary	Sherrie Wallace
Treasurer	John Carter
Historian	Karen Briley

Appointed Officer

Parliamentarian	Jeanne Cotten
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Standing Committees

Advisory	Judy Carter
Flower Show	Ramona Donnell
Hospitality	Gerri Yeagle
Membership	Tena Painter
Notification	Frances Kilpatrick
Programs	Elmer Godeny
Publicity	Sherrie Wallace
Newsletter	Judy Carter
Scholarship	Elmer Godeny
Ways and Means	John Carter
Yearbook	John & Judy Carter

Honoraria

Past Presidents

George Hightower	1976-1977
Jaunita Freeman	1977-1978
Marilyn Campbell	1978-1979
Mara Del DeMars	1979-1980
Charles Sims	1980-1981
Jaunita Freeman	1981-1982
Barbara Thomas	1981-1984
Emily Haynes	1984-1985
Nancy Moerer	1985-1986
Pat Sutton	1986-1988
Judy Carter	1988-1990
Rose Howlett	1990-1991
Rita Linkswiler	1991-1993
Rose Howlett	1993-1995
Pat Sutton	1995-1997
Rennie Taylor	1997-1999
Pat Sutton	1999-2001
Judy Carter	2001-2003
Jo Ellen Corley	2003-2004
Pat Sutton	2004-2005
John Carter	2005-2007
Judy Carter	2007-2009
Sherrie Wallace	2009-2011
Judy Carter	2011-2013

ARTICLE IX

Duties of Standing Committees

Section 1. The Advisory Committee:

- (a) Shall consist of the three (3) immediate past presidents;
- (b) Shall advise the Society on procedures;
- (c) The immediate past president of the Society shall be Chairman of the Advisory Committee.

Section 2. The Flower Show Committee:

Shall be responsible for planning and executing all flower shows as directed by the Society.

Section 3. The Hospitality Committee:

- (a) Shall secure hostesses for refreshments at each meeting;
- (b) Shall assist the Program Chairman in planning social events;
- (c) Shall provide names of the hostesses for each meeting to the Yearbook Chairman for inclusion in the Yearbook.

Section 4. The Membership Committee:

- (a) Shall keep an up-to-date list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of all members and shall provide this information to the Secretary and the Notification, Publicity and Yearbook Chairmen;
- (b) Shall provide name tags for members and guests at each meeting;
- (c) Shall send an invitation to attend meetings to each prospective member;
- (d) Shall introduce new members and guests at each meeting.

Section 5. The Notification Committee:

- (a) Shall keep an up-to-date list of all members' names, addresses, and telephone numbers;
- (b) Shall notify members of any information pertinent to the Society when requested by the President or Board of Directors;
- (c) Shall keep the club advised of bereavement or illness of members and shall remember them in the name of the Society.

Section 6. The Program Committee:

- (a) Shall arrange programs of all meetings;
- (b) Shall submit the programs to the Board of Directors for approval;
- (c) Shall submit a list of the programs to the Yearbook Chairman by September 1st;
- (d) The Vice-President of the Society shall be the Chairman of the Program Committee.

Section 7. The Publicity Committee:

- (a) Shall be responsible for all publicity concerning the activities of the Society;
- (b) Shall be responsible for compiling and mailing the Society's official publication, *The Bloomin' News*, to each member as often as directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Historian

- (a) shall prepare a history of the activities of the Society;
- (b) shall have the book on display at the Annual meeting.

Section 6. The Parliamentarian

- (a) shall attend all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors, and advise the President, Board of Directors, and committee member, officer or member on parliamentary questions concerning the Society;
- (b) shall be a member of a Bylaws Committee.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section 1. Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 So. Peoria, unless otherwise directed by the Society.

Section 2. The June meeting will be the Annual meeting.

Section 3. The fiscal year begins July 1st.

Section 4. One-fourth (1/4) of the members of the Society shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII

Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, Parliamentarian, and Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

Section 2. The Board of Directors:

- (a) Shall meet upon the call of the President;
- (b) Shall transact emergency business of the Society between meetings, any action to be ratified by the Society;
- (c) Shall be subject to the orders of the Society and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Society;
- (d) Six (6) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees shall be Advisory, Flower Show, Hospitality, Membership, Notification, Program, Publicity, Yearbook, Ways and Means and Scholarship.

Section 2. Special Committees shall be Auditing and Nominating.

AVSA Accredited Judges

Master Judge & Teacher

Pat Sutton

Master Judges

Jeanne Cotten Ramona Donnell Doris Carson

Senior Judge and Teacher

Elmer Godeny

Senior Judges

John Carter Judy Carter

B J Ohme

Advanced Judges

Patricia Daniel Susan Hill

AVSA Life Members

Doris Carson Judy Carter John Carter Jeanne Cotten

Jack Cochran Ramona Donnell Elmer Godeny

Susan Hill Sherry Whitmer

AVSA Representative

John Carter

ARTICLE V
Duties of Officers

AVSA Information

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Section 1. The President

- (a) shall preside at all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors;
- (b) shall appoint the Parliamentarian, with the approval of the elected officers;
- (c) shall appoint Chairmen of Standing Committees with the approval of the elected officers;
- (d) shall appoint special committees with the approval of the Board of Directors;
- (e) shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee;
- (f) shall appoint an Auditing Committee at the May meeting consisting of two members to audit the Treasurer's books, neither of whom shall be the President, Vice-President or Treasurer.

Section 2. The Vice President

- (a) shall preside at the meetings in the absence of the President;
- (b) shall, upon resignation or removal of the President, become President for the unexpired term;
- (c) shall be Chairman of the Program Committee.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary

- (a) shall record the minutes of the Society and the Board of Directors;
- (b) shall supply the President with a copy of the minutes within ten days following a meeting;
- (c) shall keep an attendance record of meetings;
- (d) shall maintain record book(s) in which the bylaws, special rules of order, standing rules and minutes are entered, with any amendments to these documents properly recorded, and to have the current record book(s) on hand at every meeting.

Section 4. The Treasurer

- (a) shall be custodian of all funds, which shall be maintained in an account designated by the Board of Directors;
- (b) shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures;
- (c) shall disburse funds, by check, to the payment of accounts due by the Society upon approval by the Society;
- (d) shall receive dues from members;
- (e) shall present a financial report at each meeting of the Society;
- (f) shall give written financial reports to the President and Secretary at each meeting;
- (g) shall deliver the Treasurer's books to the Auditing Committee two weeks after the June meeting;
- (h) shall sign all checks;
- (i) shall prepare a proposed budget for the coming year, subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Elections

- Section 1. The elected officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Society.
- Section 2. Officers shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected.
- Section 3. An elected officer can serve no more than two consecutive terms except for the Treasurer who may serve up to four consecutive terms.
- Section 4. To be eligible to serve as an elected officer, the nominee shall be a member in good standing and have belonged to the Society for at least one year.
- Section 5. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members.
- Section 6. To be eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee, a member shall be in good standing and have belonged to the Society for at least six months.
- Section 7. The Nominating Committee shall be elected at the second regular meeting preceding the May meeting.
- Section 8. Election of the Nominating Committee shall be by ballot.
- Section 9. Nominees placed on the ballot shall have given consent to serve.
- Section 10. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
- Section 11. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy on the Nominating Committee.
- Section 12. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers at the May meeting.
- Section 13. Additional nominations may be made for officers from the floor. No person shall be nominated whose consent to serve has not been secured.
- Section 14. The election of officers shall be by ballot except when there is but one nominee, in which event the vote can be by voice.
- Section 15. The officers shall be elected at the May meeting and shall assume their duties at the close of the June meeting.
- Section 16. The Parliamentarian shall be an appointed officer, appointed by the President with the approval of the elected officers.
- Section 17. The Board of Directors shall fill a vacancy in any elected office except President.

SOCIETY PROJECTS

- Supporting the African Violet Society of America by donations to the AVSA Building Fund, the AVSA Booster Fund and/or the Tinari Endowment Fund.
- Distributing AVSA culture folders and other informational material to the public at the Tulsa Garden Center and during AVSGT Shows and Sales.
- Participating in the Tulsa Garden Center Affiliates Council and supporting Tulsa Garden Center activities.
- Donating a scholarship to a full-time horticultural student at Tulsa Community College or other accredited educational institution.
- Providing AVSGT 's periodic newsletter, *The Bloomin ' News*, to each member.
- Volunteering to present programs on violet culture and care to other garden clubs upon request.
- Participating in the Missouri Valley African Violet Council Fall Convention and Show in St. Joseph, Mo, October 11-12, 2013.
- Presenting the Standard African Violet Show and Sale, which is judged by AVSA accredited judges, on February 21-22, 2014 at the Tulsa Garden Center. This event is open to the public.
- Participating in the 68th annual African Violet Society of America Convention and Show to be held in Nashville, TN, May 25 - June 1, 2014.

Hospitality Hosts/Hostesses

September 16, 2013	Jeanne Cotten Ramona Donnell
October 21, 2013	Karen Briley Tena Painter
November 18, 2013	Frances Kilpatrick Pat Sutton
December 16, 2013	Christmas Party - Everyone
January 20, 2014	Elmer Godeny Joan Day
February 17, 2014	Jacque Northrup Curtis Northrup
March 17, 2014	Susan Hill Joan Gallo
April 21, 2014	Nancy Moerer Doris Carson
May 19, 2014	Sherrie Wallace Phil Wallace
June 16, 2014	Nancy Moerer Gerri Yeagle
July 21, 2014	John Carter Judy Carter
August 18, 2014	Judy Carter John Carter

African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa, Inc. *By-laws*

ARTICLE I

Name and Affiliation

- Section 1. The name of this Society shall be the African Violet Society of Greater Tulsa, Inc.
- Section 2. The Society shall be an affiliate of the African Violet Society of America, Inc.
- Section 3. The Society shall be a non-profit organization and no part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any individual member. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, all monies shall go to a project or projects designated by the membership after the payment of all debts.

ARTICLE II

Object

The object of this Society shall be to afford a convenient and beneficial association of persons interested in the culture and propagation of the African violet, botanically known as the Saintpaulia.

ARTICLE III

Membership and Dues

- Section 1. Any person actively growing African violets and/or other Gesneriads shall be eligible for membership in this Society upon paying dues.
- Section 2. All Society members are encouraged to be members of the Tulsa Garden Center.
- Section 3. Single memberships shall be ten dollars per annum.
- Section 4. Family memberships shall be fifteen dollars per annum.
- Section 5. Annual dues are due May 1st. New member dues effective January 1 or after shall be one-half (1/2) the annual dues.
- Section 6. Dues not paid by the close of the June meeting shall be considered delinquent and the member shall be dropped from the Society.
- Section 7. Prospective members may attend no more than three meetings without paying dues.

Membership

Special Honorary Members

Jack Cochran*

Regular Members

* - AVSA member

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Programs

AVSGT meetings are held at the Tulsa Garden Center on the third Monday of each month unless otherwise indicated.

" Violet Visiting " from 7:00 - 7:15 PM precedes the regular meeting as a time for refreshments and informal discussions . The business meeting begins at 7:15 PM followed by the program.

September 16, 2013

Program: " Re-potting and Growing African Violets "
Speaker: Sherrie Wallace

October 5, 2013

AVSGT Fall Sale

October 11-12, 2013

" Violets Along the Pony Express Trail"
MVAVC Fall Show and Meeting
St. Joseph, MO

October 21, 2013

Program: " 2013 AVSA Convention DVD "
Speaker: Elmer Godeny

There are several programs possible from this one DVD including an interview with the top exhibitor.

November 18, 2013

Program: "DVD Program on African Violet Species "

Speaker: Elmer Godeny

Elmer will present a program including a DVD presentation on violet species and discussion on growing these interesting plants.

December 16, 2013

Holiday Party: 6:30 pm at Tulsa Garden Center

Pot Luck Dinner – our club will provide the meat and drinks. Members are invited to bring a vegetable or salad and a dessert. Bring your family and enjoy a fun evening. Everyone who wishes to join in the Santa gift game should bring a fun wrapped gift valued under \$10. Happy Holidays!



July 21, 2014

Program: "Growing for Beginners "

Moderator: Sherrie Wallace

Sherrie will cover the basics of violet growing. We will also be able to share our successes and problems.

August 18, 2014

Program: "Dog Days of Summer " - a "dog " show

Speaker: Everyone

Plan on bringing your absolute worst-looking African violet plant to the meeting and compete for "Best Dog ". We will talk about the problems represented by everyone 's plants and what to do about them.



May 19, 2014

Program: "The Gesneriad Family "

Speaker: Doris Carson

Come and enjoy and learn about this huge family that is the source of our beautiful African violets. Doris is widely known as an exhibitor, grower and judge of Gesneriads.

Bring a Gesneriad cutting, stolen or starter plant to exchange.

May 25 - June 1, 2014

68th Annual African Violet Society of America
Convention and Show - Nashville, TN
Visit www.AVSA.org for convention information!

June 16, 2014

Program: "Growing African Violet Trailers"
(DVD by Bill Price)

Speaker: Elmer Godeny

Installation of officers will be held during the meeting. We will then learn more about trailers from Bill Price, well-known for his many show winners.

January 20, 2014

Program: "What Are The Judges Looking For? "

Speakers: Pat Sutton

Learn what the Judges are going to look for when judging your plants in the show next month.

February 17, 2014

Program: "Preparing Your Plants for the Show "

Speakers: Elmer Godeny & show committees

Learn the mechanics of Classification and Entries procedures to enter your plants into the show. Find out how to mark your plants for the plant sale. Get answers to any show and sale questions that you may have and sign up on the workers ' lists. Show and sale will be at the end of this week.

February 21 - 22, 2014

Spring Show and Sale

AVSGT Presents

" It ' s All About Violets "



*Thirty-seventh Annual Standard AVSA
Affiliate Flower Show and Plant Sale*

February 21 - Entries & Judging

February 22 - 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM

Ramona Donnell, Show Chair

March 17, 2014

Program: " Growing to Win "

Speakers: Our Show Winners

Our recent show winners are invited to lead the discussion of the basics including putting down leaves, repotting and feeding. Program is to be advertised during the show and sale.

Leaf exchange - Bring bagged leaves to share.

April 21, 2014

Program: A Fun Game - "Violet Jeopardy "

Speaker: Nancy Moerer

Tonight we will have fun with a version of the popular TV show "Jeopardy " that Nancy brings to us. Prizes will be awarded. Bring your violet trivia knowledge and join us for an exciting evening!