



Newsletter

of the Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society

We're not strangers - only friends you have not met!

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"Without Valentine's Day, February would be... well, January." ~ Jim Gaffigan



President's Message

Congratulations everyone on what has been accomplished. We are now the Toronto African Violet & Gesneriad Society.

I have been president twice before, but this time is different. We have become a new Society forged from two older societies, but with the same objectives as before, these being the love of, the sharing of, the promotion of the plants called gesneriads. With these ideals as our base we should be able to be a really vibrant and vigorous society.

I want to thank everyone for their vote of confidence last meeting, and Steve Kerr for all his work to help bring us to this conclusion. As president during this time of change, he was the person who had to smooth the way as well as handling everyone with their questions.

This is all in the past now, and remember this is your Society. I will try to help to make it

the way you want it to be with the help from all the executive.

It gives me great pleasure to see such a nice full meeting with everyone attentively listening to the speaker Brett Flewelling enlightening us on his particular way of growing African violets.

I think it is great for us to be able to come to a meeting on a Sunday and not think of the troubles around us, have a coffee, socialize and learn something. If you think of it maybe you can bring something for the snack table, and maybe someone can help with making the coffee etc. each meeting.

I hope to see you at the next meeting,

Paul



Mourning Dove at rest in snow-storm one evening by feeder



**You're invited to attend the next meeting on
Sunday, February 4, 2018
at the
Toronto Botanical Garden
777 Lawrence Avenue East at 2:00 P.M.
Garden Hall Please bring a guest**

**The program will include
"An Eye on Artistic Design
Arrangements, Gesneriad Style"
Webinar with Mel Grice
also
Mini Show, Sales Table
Show & Tell**

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**Playback
by
The Listener**

It was a clear, but very cold day for the January 14th meeting. Arthur Jenkins counted thirty-six members who attended.

Gillian E. Smith and Sue Smith provided some input from the meeting and Gillian took a few photos. Thank you very much.

Doris Brownlie brought a plant to Show and Tell. The plant is called *Saintpaulia* 'Arctic Frost' and was a show plant, white with blue, a chimera. Unfortunately it turned blue, some of the stalks and leaves doubled, the plant also has two crowns. The picture don't show the disarray of the leaves, but it was interesting how a show plant became deformed with time.



There was no mini show.

Lyudmyla Kashuba and Igor Pridayoun had a very nice Sales Table and they sold about ten plants. A couple of photos from Gillian.



Arthur led a big raffle, especially leaves which raised \$83. Thanks, Arthur and to all who brought items.

A big congratulations to the new 2018-2019 Executive for the Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society. The team is listed on the left side of this page. A Picture of Paul Lee, Past and Current President, and Sue Smith is shown below.

The last picture is of Brett Flewelling, who gave us the talk he is preparing for the convention.



The main program was a presentation by Brett, who talked about growing miniature and semi-miniature Saintpaulia, and mainly about modifying growing procedures to local conditions. He has a humid basement, and so uses different watering practices and soil to people with dryer growing spaces. He does not wick his plants. He only has time to repot plants once a year, but that works for him. He keeps his basement cool and varies hours of light and fertilizer he gives his plants. He told us of his best practices in preparing and packing plants for a show, and Brett has won many prizes, although he was too humble to say that.

Brett did a super job with his presentation - lots of interest and questions. Thank you, Brett.



A warm welcome to our new members

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From our friend Barney



*I love you,
You love me,
We're best friends like friends should be,
With a great big hug,
And a kiss from me to you,
Won't you say you love me too*

Happy

Valentines

Day!

TORONTO AFRICAN VIOLET AND GESNERIAD SOCIETY

Annual statement - 2017

Combined Balance December 31, '16, \$15,291.12

CREDIT

	TAVS	TGS	TAVGS.
Refreshments	55.50	55.50	111.00
Memberships	690.00	1278.25	1968.25
Raffle.	110.75	124.45	235.20
Auction Plant sales	203.70	203.70	407.40
Show awards	355.00		355.00
Jump on Spring	88.00	88.00	176.00
Donations	34.25	34.25	68.50
Show Entrance	235.00	235.00	470.00
Club sales	193.00	193.00	386.00
Show plant sales	74.00	2.40	76.40
Spr.&Fall sales	556.25	556.25	1112.50
Judging school	155.00		155.00
Projector rent		50.00	50.00
Vendors	387.85	374.15	762.00
Money Market.		20.24	20.24
TOTALS:	3,138.30	3,215.19	6,353.49
Balance December 31,2016	\$15,291.12		
Credit	6,353.49		
Debit.	7,533.31		
Balance December 31, 2017	\$14,111.30		

Money Market \$4,500.00 + Banks \$9,501.30 + Pettv Cash \$110.00

		DEBIT	
	TAVS.	TGS.	TAVGS
Refreshments	78.25	29.05	107.30
Advertising	245.08	205.67	450.75
Rent	944.72	2,748.16	3,692.88
Speakers.	273.35	266.40.	539.75
Judges' Gratuity	123.67	28.68	152.35
Judges' lunch	90.39	90.38	180.77
Court of Honour	81.32.		81.32
Rosette request	3.75		3.75
Show awards	600.00		600.00
Judging School	101.50		101.50
Awards & Newsletter	19.25	55.26	74.51
Website	47.13	296.75.	343.88
Conv, awards	193.00	83.50.	276.50
Aff. Memberships	330.00	542.30.	872.30
Webinars		55.75.	55.75
TOTALS:	3,131.41	4,401.90	7,533.31

This report submitted by Doris Brownlie - Treasurer of the Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society

Notes

Plant Sales A big thank you to the donors of plant material to the raffle in January

Please contribute to our newsletter: Send articles, photos and other submissions to your editor at stan_pat_sudol@rogers.com. Deadline is always three weeks before meeting date. Got cultural questions or any requests for plants or supplies? Send it along as well.

Please remember to bring cuttings, tubers, rhizomes and plants (pest-free and properly labeled) for our plant sales table.

Please bring your prize-winning specimens for the Mini Show and other interesting exemplars for Show and Tell.



September 2018 Meeting Date

After months of uncertainty, we have finalized the date of the September 2018 Meeting. It is September 23rd. Please update your calendars.



Show Awards Doris Brownlie

Emma and I will still be receiving Show awards at the February meeting.

We thank the generous donors from the January meeting who donated more than \$100.00.

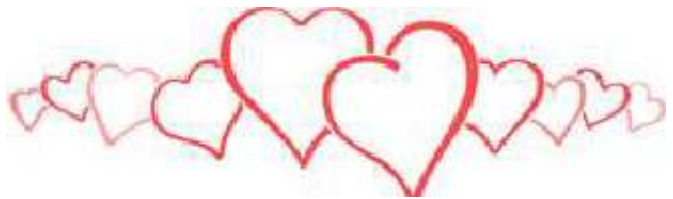


"Frog parking – all others will be toad"

February Events



February 2



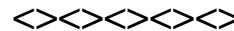
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February 14



Happy Family Day!

February 19



"Gardening: just another day at the plant"