



Newsletter

of the Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society

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

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*"New Year's Day;
Nothing good or bad,—
Just human beings."*

~Masaoka Shiki (1867–1902), haiku translated from Japanese by Reginald Horace Blyth



President's Message

Happy New Year everyone 2019 is here and it is a bit scary to me.

It is hard for me to believe that I have been President of this new TAVGS entity for a year. I feel we have settled into the new way of life very nicely, having good numbers of members at our meetings. I think this is a vote that we are providing programs of interest to some of us some of the time, and all of us most of the time. Being a member of the executive one cannot always gauge the response to our meetings, so any feedback is always appreciated.

Remember this is your chapter, so if there are things you want to mention or change, I guess I am your facilitator.

At the next meeting we have a presentation, thanks to Stan, of our first combined Spring Show as TAVGS. I feel that was another successful milestone in our short history.

So, to celebrate this year gone by, we, the executive, have a small surprise. At the next meeting, help us all celebrate the first year of us being together.

I hope you all feel as positive as I do as we move into another Year.

Paul



You're invited to attend the next meeting on
Sunday, January 13, 2019
at the
Toronto Botanical Garden
777 Lawrence Avenue East at 2:00 P.M.
Garden Hall Please bring a guest

The program will include
2018 Spring Show PP Presentation
Presentation: Stan Sudol
Celebrating our 1st Anniversary
also
Mini Show, Sales Table
Show & Tell

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**Playback
by
The Listener**

It was a nice, sunny day for our Social and Pot Luck meeting on December 9th. Thirty-three members and guests attended.

Paul Lee attended to the affairs of the society and then we jumped right in to the important stuff - the food.



The food tables were outstanding, a lot of variety and new items that appealed to all. Everyone came hungry, so all was appreciated.

Arthur Jenkins was very busy selling tickets for the Chinese auction, and then drawing the winning tickets. Thank you Arthur!

Thank you to all who brought food and items for the Chinese Auction and the

regular Auction, which was aptly handled by Pat Smith.



Our January 13th meeting program is a presentation of our 2018 Spring Show, which should contribute to getting your enthusiasm up and running for our 2019 show "Spring Festival" on April 13-14th.

We will also be celebrating our 1st Anniversary as a new and vibrant Society.

Have a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year!

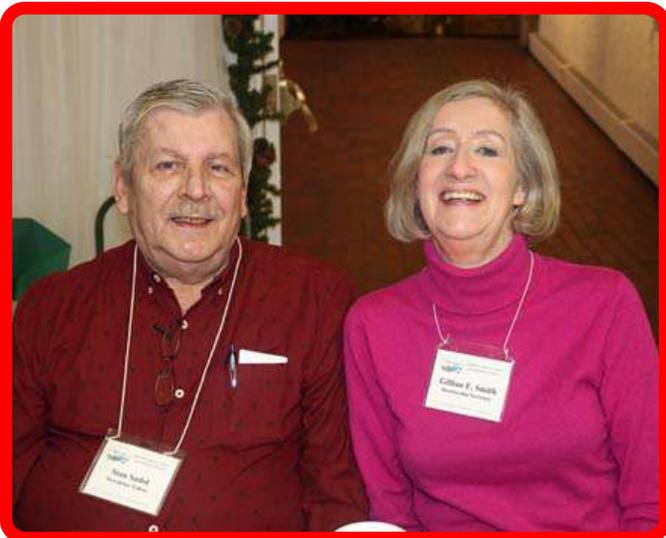
A few photos from our December 9th Social



Nasrin Jahed and Karin Brockmueller



Doris Brownlie and Louise Cheung



Stan Sudol and Gillian E. Smith



Shauna Brown and Jean Chang



Judy Zinni and Audrey Burry-Plunkett



Sue and Patrick Smith



Jayne Evans and Alan Lewis



Igor Priyoudin and Lyudmyla Kashuba



Nick and Elena Yevtushenko



Olga Vertlib and Marina Burova



Alla and Nick Kotova



Marianna Hollerbach and Thomas Vandebussche



Bev and Bruce Williams



Jackie Mills and Irina Firer



John Whyte and Emma Bygott



Arthur Jenkins working the Chinese Auction



Paul Lee and Pat Barnett

"Prayer for the New Year"

Lord, as the New Year dawns today,
Help me to put my faults away.
Let me be big in little things;
Grant me the joy which friendship brings;
Keep me from selfishness and spite,
Let me be wise to what is right.

A Happy New Year! grant that I
May cause no tear to any eye.
When this new year in time shall end,
Let it be said: "I've played the friend,
Have lived and loved and labored here
And made of it a happy year."

~ Edgar Guest (1881–1959)



Members Update

A warm welcome to our new members.

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A Big Thank You

One of the big jobs that our Membership Secretaries do every year is writing out the Membership Cards. But, now thanks to Marianna Hollerbach, who came up with a method to create and print the membership cards from a membership list, this tedious and time consuming task is gone. Thank you Marianna.



OOPS

The December 2018 newsletter had a typo in the mini show. It has been corrected and is available on our web site.

Primulina petrocosmoides was misspelled.



Notes

Plant Sales A big thank you to the donors of plant material to the auction in December.

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.



Membership Renewal

It is now 2019, so if you have not renewed your membership to TAVGS, please do so as soon as you can.

Gillian E. Smith and Nasrin Jahed are our Membership Secretaries, and their mailing address is on page 2 or bring the form to the next meeting.

