



TORONTO  
AFRICAN  
VIOLET  
SOCIETY

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**Toronto African Violet Society  
(TAVS) Newsletter**

Newsletter Editors,  
Don MacDonald, Sonia Brock

**Our next meeting is on Tuesday,  
15th January at 7:30 p.m.**

At the Glebe Road United Church,  
20 Glebe Rd. East, Toronto.

(3 blocks north of Davisville,  
East of Yonge St.)

There will be a **Raffle Table** with plants and  
other items on it.

**Our Plant Sales Table** will be available to all who wish to  
sell their extra plants. Remember the club gets 20% of the  
sales. All plants must be named and labeled properly. If you  
are bringing more than 6 plants we are going to ask you to  
assist on the table if asked. Bring a list of your plants that  
you are selling for the person in charge.

**Supplies Table:**

For all of our new members. The supplies table has all the  
soil, pots and fertilizers available for sale. The sales table is  
operated by the club and all proceeds from sales go to the  
club.

**Meeting Topic :**

**Bugs How To Recognize & Treat Them    Speaker: Jim Toms**

Currently Past President of the African Violet Society of Canada, Editor of Chatter magazine and also Past President of Lakeshore AVS and an African Violet judge. The series that appeared earlier in Chatter called "Getting the Bugs Out" was by Jim Toms. Although he doesn't anticipate writing on bugs in the immediate future himself, he is still receptive to submissions from other writers on the subject.

Jim says, "My claim to fame in the bug world is getting too many of them and, as a result, having to develop better ways of getting rid of them and preventing recurrence. A lot of my emphasis is on prevention, but I do have cures for those that can be cleaned up.

Basically I take a very tough approach. My emphasis is on bugs although I will cover the one disease, powdery mildew, that most affects violet growers. I will also have a bit to say about some diseases that turn up less often."

**President's Message**

Happy New Year to all of you.

A special "Thank You" to all members who donated materials for our Auction at our December meeting! I also wish to thank those who brought food for our Christmas Dinner feast. We all had a wonderful, friendly time. You all deserve a pat on the back.

Our Show is coming up in a few months. Have you chosen your plants you wish to show? I sure hope so.

All the best in the coming year (2008).

**Dates to Remember**

**Gesneriad Judging School**

Where: St Philip's Lutheran church, 61 West Deane Park Drive, Toronto, near the airport and near hotels.

When: Feb. 9th, 2008. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Teacher: Paul Kroll

Fee: \$15.00 if sitting for an exam, \$10.00 if you are attending only.

Please register with Doris Brownlie by Jan.15th

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Directions to St Philip's Lutheran Church on the corner of Robinglade Dr & West Deane Park Drive: Exit from the 427 at Holiday Drive. Turn right on The West Mall and right on Rathburn Rd. Go through the lights at The East Mall. West Deane Park Drive is north off Rathburn, just west of Martin Grove Rd., the next lights. (There is a small sign)

Enter the church on the West Deane Park Drive end. There is a path from the parking lot.

Please **bring plants and your lunch**. Tea and coffee will be provided.

### Get the Jump on Spring, Saturday, February 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free admission

Toronto Botanical Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave. E.

Showcasing over 30 Horticultural societies, garden clubs, nurseries and stores from all over Ontario.

### Canada Blooms, March 12-16

Metro Toronto Convention Centre



### Canadian Vintage Violets - John and Doris Brownlie - 1983

From this list you can see that 1983 was a good year for the Brownlies. The following African violets will be added to the vintage list in 2008. Take a close look at this list. Do you grow any of these? Do you remember any of them?

Aca's Betty Davis (J. Brownlie)	Single burgundy star. Dark green, pointed. Miniature
Aca's Hilda K. (J. Brownlie)	Single-semidouble white. Light green, quilted. Standard
Aca's Johnny Redcoat (J. Brownlie)	Semidouble red/white tips. Dark green. Semiminiature
Aca's Lady (J. Brownlie)	Single pink two-tone. Medium green, plain. Standard
Aca's Laura (J. Brownlie)	Single-semidouble pink two-tone. Light green, quilted. Miniature
Aca's Maija (J. Brownlie)	Single pink two-tone. Plain. Standard
Aca's Peaches 'n' Cream (J. Brownlie)	Double pink. Dark green. Standard
Aca's Pink Cloud (J. Brownlie)	Single pink ruffled. Dark green, quilted. Standard
Aca's Red Rave (J. Brownlie)	Single red. Plain. Standard
Aca's Syracuse (J. Brownlie)	Semidouble pink. Medium green, plain. Standard
Helen B (J. Brownlie) 1983	Single pink thin white edge. Medium gree, pointed. Miniature.

Very Cherry (J. Brownlie) (1983ML)

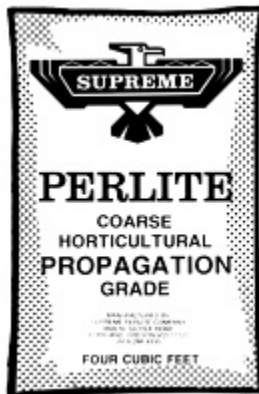
Double dark red. Quilted. Semiminiature.

### Perlite

Very light weight, porous and sterile. Use for starting seeds or cuttings in flats, in wick systems or use as a mix with other mediums for hydroponic growing. Can also be used as a soil additive for houseplants, flower beds and greenhouses.

Perlite is the generic term for a naturally occurring siliceous rock that expands 4 to 20 times its original volume when heated above 1600F. During expansion, perlite "pops" to form very lightweight granules. Each perlite granule consists of numerous tiny closed air cells surrounded by a large broken, irregular surface area. Perlite is inorganic, lightweight, inert, sterile, permanent, rot and vermin proof, asbestos-free, odorless and has a neutral pH.

Perlite is an ideal soil amendment because it lightens, aerates and drains propagation and growing media. It also helps increase total media pore space providing additional room for healthy root growth and development. Perlite's irregular surface traps moisture and nutrients for assimilation by roots over time. Perlite's unique internal closed cell structure acts as a built-in insulator to help buffer temperature fluctuations.



### Vermiculite

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Vermiculite is an entirely and naturally occurring mineral, similar to mica, that is sold both in its natural state and by exfoliating the core. Exfoliation is the term used to describe the expanding process raw vermiculite goes through under extreme heat, rendering the material naturally layered, perfectly suited for trapping air and moisture. It does not create any waste byproducts during processing and is inert, non-toxic, fire resistant and is capable of holding many times its weight in water.



### **2008 TAVS Show Themes**

I have the decision as to which submitted theme will be used for 2008. The following table at the end are the themes that were submitted by our membership. I would like to thank everyone that submitted a theme. They are all great themes.

After tallying up the votes from our membership that attended the November meeting, the top three actually tied in the number of votes are:

- Carnival of Violets
- Violet Dreams
- Violets on Parade

The three themes were submitted to our Design Chairperson, Eleanor Elston without the submitter's name, and she chose ***Violet Dream as the 2008 theme*** and has provided me with the Design portion of the schedule, which I will submit to AVSA for approval. I'm impressed with the design themes that she has derived from the show theme. I will send out the show schedule with the design themes after approval from AVSA, which will probably be after the new year.

	<b><i>Name of the Theme</i></b>		<b><i>Submitter</i></b>
1	A Violet Circus		Don MacDonald
2	Baskets of Joy		Don MacDonald
3	Carnival of Violets	Tied for Show Theme	Don MacDonald
4	Cheers for Violets		Marjorie Jackson
5	Designer Violets		Louise Cheung
6	Easter Parade		Don MacDonald
7	For Love of		Marilyn Crompton
8	Reflections		Don MacDonald
9	Serendipitous Violets		Salimah Ribeiro-Dewji
10	Singing Violets		Louise Cheung
11	Springtime		Don MacDonald
12	Springtime in Toronto		Jackie Mills
13	The Evolution of Violets		Louise Cheung
14	The King and Queens of Violets		Louise Cheung
15	Toronto Loves Violets		Carole Giangrande
16	Tune In! Tune on to Violets		Don MacDonald
17	<b><i>Violet Dreams</i></b>	<b><i>Tied for Show Theme</i></b>	<b><i>Marilyn Crompton</i></b>
18	Violet Royalty		Louise Cheung
19	Violet Shadows		Don MacDonald
20	Violets are Jewels.		Marjorie Jackson
21	Violets in Perfect Bloom		Salimah Ribeiro-Dewji
22	Violets in Springtime		Marilyn Crompton
23	Violets on Broadway		Don MacDonald
24	Violets on Parade	Tied for Show Theme	Jackie Mills
25	Violets on the Road		Louise Cheung
26	Violets, Life's Pleasures		Louise Cheung
27	Violets Break Time		Louise Cheung

Regards, *Louise Cheung, Co - Show Chair*

  
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**Financial Statement - December 2007**

**PREVIOUS BALANCE 6,662.33**

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENSES</b>
Raffle Table	41.00	TGB- Jump on Spring 30.00
Auction	126.50	D. MacDonald Xmas Tablecloths 11.40
		J. Mills - Party Supplies 7.90
		D. Brownlie - Gift for Hamiltons 50.00
		NY State 3 year Membership 45.00
		D. Brownlie - Door Prizes 16.50
		D. MacDonald Oct.-Nov-Dec. Newsletters 80.76
		D. MacDonald - Food Xmas Dinner 60.76
		L. Yip - Refreshments 15.13
		Rent of Hall 69.35
	<b>TOTAL 167.50</b>	<b>TOTAL 386.80</b>

**FLOAT**

Plant Sales	30.00
Growing Supplies	25.00
Petty Cash	75.00

**BALANCE 6443.03**

  
**2008 Event Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
Jan15	Bugs	Jim Toms
Feb 19	Chimeras	Louise Cheung
	Blossom Show	
Mar 18	Grooming Show Plants and Potting Down Necks+leaf exchange	Don MacDonald
	2007 Show Logistics - Submit Application of entries	Louise Cheung
Apr 15	Getting ready for show, clipboard , gesneriads propagation	Show Chair,
Apr 19	TAVS Show Entry and Judging	
Apr 20	TAVS Show opened to the public	
May 20	Gesneriads Propagation	Vincent Woo
Jun 17	Awards Dinner	
	Silent Auction	

The Adobe PDF file for this Newsletter is located here  
<http://www.soniabrock.com/TAVS/PDF/2008-TAVS-01.pdf>

**Here's the recipe for Steven Warencia's POPPY SEED ROLL,  
as served at our Christmas Dinner:**

**Dough:**

½ cup lukewarm water  
1 tsp. sugar  
1 1/4 tsp. active dry yeast  
½ cup sugar  
4 cups flour  
2/3 cup warm milk  
2 eggs  
6 tablespoons butter (room temperature)  
Zest of one large orange

**Filling:**

2 ½ cups poppy seed  
1 cup milk (near boiling hot)  
5-7 tablespoons butter  
½ cup sugar  
1 cup sultana or golden raisins  
1 cup chopped almonds or walnuts.  
2 eggs  
½ cup bread crumbs (approximate)  
1 tsp almond extract

Start filling ahead of time by soaking poppy seeds in boiling water. Let them soak for an hour or two, then drain them (I find large coffee filters work for this). Let dry thoroughly. Grind seeds in a blender, meat grinder or food processor until they release "milk". Place poppy seeds in a large pot, add milk heated to near boiling, then butter. When butter has dissolved, add raisins, chopped nuts. Add eggs and breadcrumbs. When mixture has cooled to room temperature, add almond extract.

For dough, add flour to large bowl, and make a well in the centre of the flour. Dissolve the yeast with teaspoon of sugar and lukewarm water. When the yeast foams, add this into the well. To this add the other ingredients in order, mixing as you go. Mix until a dough is formed then turn out onto a well-floured surface. Knead the dough, adding more flour as you go for 10 to 15 minutes until the dough is smooth and slightly elastic. Place dough into a greased, covered bowl to rise until doubled (about 40 minutes to 1 hour, I like to speed the process by placing the covered bowl in a slightly warmed oven). Punch down dough, divide into two. Roll each half of the dough into a rectangle and spread with filling. Roll up each half, pinching the edges as you go. Brush with a beaten egg. Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees F. for 50 to 60 minutes.

*Thanks, Steven.*