

**Deadline to submit
items for the May issue
is April 26th.**

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Please Note:

**DAVS Board
Meeting at 6:30
p.m., April 14th
before our regular
meeting.**

**Upcoming DAVS
Programs:**
April—Gesneriads,
Castles and Gardens
May—So, You Want
Prize Winning Strep
June—Picnic

Host and Hostess Schedule:

- April—Snack by Elizabeth, Drinks by Nancy M., Raffle by Ray R., Show and Tell
- May—Snack by Barb & Linda, Drinks by Barb & Linda, Raffle by Barb, Linda & Elizabeth, Little Show
- June—Picnic, details to follow



Bobbie LaFashia and her 'Best in Show' violet.

Presidents Message

Dear DAVS Members,

What a great show! Once again, DAVS members shined as they brought out their best of the best for our annual show. My hat goes off to our members who managed to put on a very nice show despite severe space limitations. And a big thanks to Ray and Gary who managed to get creative with the very limited area they were given for plant sales. That didn't stop them from doing a very brisk business.

But now it's time to look to next year and start to get ready for our big party: hosting the 2016 annual Gesneriad Society convention. If you are willing to help, please let me know. We've already recruited a number of our members to fill key positions (Barb Borleske, Bobbie Lafashia, Terry Celano, Stephanie Griffith and Elizabeth Varley) but we still need more help. You know what they say about it taking a village.

Please put your thinking caps on because at the April meeting (and board meeting) we will discuss what table favor we want to bring to the event this year inviting folks to come to the shindig in Delaware. We also may have to get creative about our own show as there is a chance Boscov's won't be able to accommodate us next year.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the 14th. With spring on its way, I am keeping my fingers crossed for a nice evening.

Regards, Mary

March Meeting Minutes

President Mary Schaeffer called the meeting to order with 17 members in attendance. The February minutes were printed in the newsletter.

Show and tell

Gary brought in a nice plant of *Nematanthus* 'Dibley's Gold' and talked about it being a naturally occurring variegated foliage sport. It did have one green branch and he said that would have to come out.

Program

Demystifying New-fangled Lights presented by Mark. Mark answered three important questions:

- 1) What is the difference between T-12, T-8 and T-5 bulbs?
- 2) How much light is my plant getting?
- 3) What is the optimal amount of light for my plant?

Mark also donated a light meter to the library. Members are encouraged to borrow it and check their own lighting situation.

Committee reports

Newsletter: Deadline for the April issue is March 26th.

Treasurer: New balance is \$6,060.25. Bobbie is collecting the donations for the award money.

Library: Open tonight, please let Anne know if you need a book.

Membership: New member is Levin Tilghman.

Plant Sales: Barb will put in an order to Cape Cod after the show. Let her know what you need.

AVSA: No report.

GS: No report.

Show: March 28th at Boscov's. The show will be on the sales floor, but with somewhat less space than last year.

Friday set-up will determine how the tables are to be placed. Try to get entries to Barb ahead of time, even if you are not sure what you will bring. It is easier to change an entry than to create one on the day of the show. Mary will email all a copy of the entry sheet.

Clerks are Libby, Mark, Diane, and Julia. Terri will take care of the judges with a breakfast and lunch at Bertucci's.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Celano

2015-2017 Slate of Officers

The following Slate of Officers for 2015-17 is proposed by the Nominating Committee for election at the April meeting:

- ♦ President Stephanie Griffith
- ♦ Vice President Ray Ruger
- ♦ Secretary Terry Celano
- ♦ Treasurer Bobbie LaFashia

Nominations also can be offered from the floor. The installation of officers will be held at the June meeting. The nominating Committee was chaired by Elizabeth Varley.

Special Event:

Annual show & sale for African Violet Club of Burlington County on Saturday May 9th at Meadford Leas

Liberty Bell Chapter Invites You...

To join them on April 21st for the re-scheduled talk by John L. Clark about entitled "Gesneriad Evolution in the Caribbean"

Their meeting is held at Cathedral Village Retirement Community, 600 East Cathedral Road, Philadelphia, PA - 19128 (*see below for link to map*)

Cathedral Village is located in the Andorra section of Roxborough, diagonally across from the Andorra Shopping Center where Ridge and Henry Avenues merge at Cathedral Road. Members may park on the church side of the driveway before the entrance or anywhere in the rear parking lots after the drop-off zone.

We gather for refreshments and socializing at 7:00 pm and the meeting begins at 7:30 pm in the Cathedral Village Auditorium. If you would like to join them for dinner please contact Betsy Gotshall at gottshb@verizon.net

Link to map:

https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=600+East+Cathedral+Road%2C+Philadelphia%2C+PA+-+19128



Maria Walueff won 'Best Other Gesneriad.'



Two more absolutely stunning *Saintpaulias*!