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

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"Nature - that place where large birds fly about, uncooked!" ~ Unknown

Leaves

*"How silently they tumble down
And come to rest upon the ground
To lay a carpet, rich and rare,
Beneath the trees without a care,
Content to sleep, their work well done,
Colours gleaming in the sun.*

*At other times, they wildly fly
Until they nearly reach the sky.
Twisting, turning through the air
Till all the trees stand stark and bare.
Exhausted, drop to earth below
To wait, like children, for the snow."
~ Elsie N. Brady*



Streptocarpus
'Brooklin's Bubble Gum'
Bruce Williams



You're invited to attend the next meeting on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at the Toronto Botanical Garden 777 Lawrence Avenue East at 2:00 P.M. Garden Hall Please bring a guest

The program will include Propagation Members hands on workshop Start cuttings for the Show sales table Mini Show, Sales Table Show & Tell

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Playback by The Listener

It was a warm, but stormy day for our October 15th meeting. Twenty-nine members attended.

Sue Smith officiated for the first part of the meeting, as Steve Kerr was going to be late.

A reminder about the November 18th Judging School. Last chance was Oct 15 for

registration.

The program was a "Plant Clinic". It was nicely presented by Paul Lee and Beverley Williams. Bev had a *Smithiantha*, a rhizomatous plant, that she removed from the pot and found that there were several large rhizomes and 2 of them had good growth. She repotted them in their own pots. A tuberous plant, a *Sinningia* 'Peachy



Propeller' was next. It had 2 stalks, one that had already bloomed, this was removed and the tuber was replanted. Paul talked about his latest exploration of organic fertilizers. Salt-free Ocean Water was interesting. Paul told us that it has a multitude of nutrients and that he has a few drops of it daily. Any and all questions were answered. Thanks Paul and Bev!



Paul also had 5 heads of garlic that he contributed as a fund raiser. They went for \$3.00 each and were quickly bought-up. I managed to get a clove from Pat Smith. I kept it in my badge holder until I got home. It fell out in the driveway, I found it later.

I was going to write a tale about it, that it had fallen at the edge of my driveway and the next day had rooted and grew 16 feet, but I didn't, who would believe it.

We had a nice break, a lot of goodies at the refreshment table. Nice plants for the mini show, pictures in the following pages. Steve Kerr attended to the affairs of the societies after the break.

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Show and Tell: Steve showed his terrarium, which was entered in our Spring Show, noting how well the plants had grown since then. The terrarium is visible in the following award photo; Sue Smith had a Kohleria that she was growing well in Leca Stones, in a feta cheese container that has a pull out screen.



Two Awards of Appreciation were presented to two deserving members.

One was to Gillian E. Smith for her contribution of the development of the TAVGS Bylaws, she went through seven versions.

And one to Doris Brownlie for her efforts as Treasurer of both societies.

Congratulations to both!



Steve Kerr led us to a vote to accept the “Seventh Draft Bylaws for a New Entity, Tentatively Called :

“**Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society**”.

We also voted on the name. The vote was by a raising of hand.

Both votes were passed by a large majority of members.

Pictures of our members during the vote is displayed below. Stan Sudol is missing from the pictures. Stan voted "yes". It took three years to get us to this point.

Nominations for a new Executive will be in November and elections will be held in December.



Members Update

A warm welcome to our new members

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Introducing our new web site for TAVGS

<http://tavgs.ca/>

Visit and explore, and discover.

Responsive Design:

This web site is designed to expand and contract depending on the viewing device. This is done through "media queries" that detects the viewport of the visitor. As the screen becomes smaller, several things happen:

- The horizontal drop-down menu changes to a vertical drop-down menu. This is "touch friendly" on mobile devices.
- Some items such as block quotes and SlideShow captions (if applicable) may be hidden at smaller screen sizes.
- Large photos are scaled down to fit the screen.

Drop-Down Navigation Menu:

The navigation menu can hold a main topic and one or more sub-topic levels. The sub-topic level will expand on mouseover and will contract when you move the mouse off the menu item.

Lightbox:

Many pages contain photos of our favourite plants. Click on an image to see a larger or different view. The Lightbox allows you to click on a small photo and have a larger image appear in a semi-transparent overlay that will appear on top of the page. The script will automatically size itself, so your images can be varying sizes. On mobile devices, the lightbox resizes the images to fit the screen.

I hope you will enjoy the new site. Please let us know what you think of it.

Thanks,
Stan

**Mini Show
October 15, 2017**

Judges: Robert Hall
Paul Lee

2nd *Saintpaulia* sp. clone *grotei* 'Silvert'

Don Gates



AVSA Judging Rules

Class 1

1st *Saintpaulia* sp. clone *grotei* 'Van Someren'

BIS

Audrey Burry-Plunkett



Best in Show

Saintpaulia sp. clone *grotei* 'Van Someren'

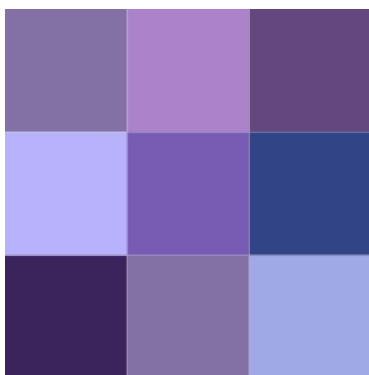
Audrey Burry-Plunkett

TGS Judging Rules

Class 1

1st *Primulina glandulosa* var. *yangshuoensis*

Julie Thompson



Violet is a colour.
Here is a small sample
of various hues.

The spelling of *yangshuoensis*, should be this, I think.
I have seen it as *yangshouensis* about half the time.

2nd *Primulina maciejewskii*

Julie Thompson



3rd *Primulina linearicalyx*

Julie Thompson



See Bill Price's plant at 2017 GS Convention - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBrwH9Iv5l4>

There are hundreds of videos about gesneriads and African Violets on youtube.com, covering everything you can imagine.

Class 2

1st *Eucodonia 'Adele'*

BIS

Sue Smith



Best in Show
Eucodonia 'Adele'
Sue Smith

Class 3

1st *Streptocarpus 'Brooklin's Bubble Gum'*

Bruce Williams



Meeting Revision

The September 2018 Meeting has been changed to September 16.

**I Found a
Chrysothemis pulchella 'Black Flamingo'
by Judy Zinni**



ED: Judy was in Barbados to attend and compete in a triennial international floral design show.

Chrysothemis pulchella 'Black Flamingo' in **Hunte's Garden** in Barbados. Judy Zinni visited this garden last June and was delighted to see this gesneriad peppered about the beautiful garden. The yellow flowers are beautiful, but don't last too long; however, the orange calyces are quite persistent, giving wonderful contrast to the dark leaves and making this tuberous gesneriad a plant with long-lasting appeal.

Hunte's Garden is a privately owned Botanical Garden, that is open to the public.

Photographs by Judy Zinni

Thanks for sharing.

Remembrance Day

In Canada, November 11 is officially called Remembrance Day, but it is also known as Armistice Day and Poppy Day. It commemorates civilians and military personnel who lost their lives in armed conflicts.

