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**2020 MAAVS Convention CANCELLED
and POSTPONED to 2021 - - Same time and place
All Membership Expirations Extended by 1 Year**



Sue Hoffmann, MAAVS President

Hello Friends,

You have no idea how often I've thought about MAAVS, the health and safety of our membership, and the scheduled November convention since March when Corona virus became an issue. AVSA cancelled their national convention, affiliate shows were cancelled, and then Dixie AVS cancelled its October convention. Board members talked. We tried to follow through and arrange our 2020 convention, but after much discussion we decided to follow the safest

road. The 2020 convention is cancelled and rescheduled for November 2021. The hotel is set, the show booklet will be updated and we can look forward to being together in a safe environment next year. The additional planning time should bring the best plants and designs in MAAVS' history! Plus, we are looking at a hotel in the Hunt Valley/Baltimore area for 2022. We have a lot of things to look forward to in the future. I hope everyone has stayed home and stayed

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Brenda Petry	2015 - 2017
Sue Hoffmann	2017 - Present

well. It's been unusual and not always easy, but I'm thankful for my plants. Every day I try to tackle repotting, watering or grooming. The more time I spend with my plants, the better they look and seem to offer a constant array of new, beautiful blossoms. Next comes organizing my pots and planting material. It's amazing how many containers of fertilizer I've found in cabinets. Even though some are rock solid, I imagine they're still good?

Now is a great time to check out our commercial growers' web sites. Fancy Bloomers, the Violet Barn, and Lyndon Lyon have photo galleries on their web sites. Just search by name. They may not be on top of the list, but they are there. It's fun to look at lists or browse on the Internet. Some good vintage plants are back in circulation. I was happy to find Granger's Wonderland, Mindi Brooke, and Maverick's Faded Jeans. It would be fun to see lots of collections, vintage and unusual foliage plants in the next show!

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Throughout the spring, members have been working in the background, on the phone, via emails or actually driving to hotels for site visits. Special thanks to Ken Barbi for prompting us to postpone our convention and producing our MAAVS MEMO, Donna Brining (VP and co-convention chair), Linda Stinnette (Treas.), Barbara Greenawalt (Sec.), Brenda Petry (Past President), Jackie Leitzel (Membership), Minh Bui (Affiliate chair and co-show chair), Sandy Pine (Future conventions and co-convention chair), Linda Kilby (co-show chair), and Chuck Brining and Minh Bui for conducting hotel site visits and taking photos at two locations.

Since we will not get together this year, we are holding memberships over until next year. Dues will

be collected in 2021.

Wherever you are, please be safe and stay healthy. I hope each of you finds happiness in your plants and your African violet friends!

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M. Diane Richardson



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Message from Our Convention Chairmen

Hello all,

We hope this edition of the Memo finds everyone safe and well. These are unconventional (no pun intended) times in which we live. Our 2020 MAAVS Convention plans were running along smoothly. We had a great site booked for the very dates we wanted. Newly-renovated guest rooms at a really good rate, easy inside access to spacious show and sales rooms just a few steps through the Hotel lobby door, an indoor pool, an exercise room, and an antique car museum in the same building for anyone who gets bored with African Violets (seriously?). We had several people ready to attend a judging school on Wednesday.

The Morgantown Holiday Inn is located about 3 miles off the PA turnpike Morgantown. A 20 minute drive from the hotel takes you to the heart of Amish, aka. PA Dutch Country - Lancaster. The not-to-be-missed "Sight and Sound Theater" with its incredible live shows that "Bring the Bible to Life" is located about 45 minutes from the Hotel. The world-famous Shady Maple Smorgasbord/bakery/farmers market is a 10 minute drive from the Hotel. We had planned to hold our Friday night banquet there. Like I said, the 30th MAAVS Convention was shaping up to be one of the best ever!

Then, Covid-19 reached our shores and the rest is history we all would rather forget. As local shows began to cancel or reschedule, regional conventions and the national AVSA convention itself followed suit. In fact, the entire country went into lockdown. We - MAAVS board members, Show Chairs, and Convention Chairs and others involved with the convention plans - had multiple discussions regarding the fate of our November date. Should we stand firm and hope that by November there would be a vaccine, or at least a treatment, for this virus? It is a fact that the majority of our members are over 65 - would they feel safe coming, even if treatment was available? What if social distancing and mandatory masks was still required? If we had to stay 6 feet apart, how would classification and entries, placement, and judging work? How could we monitor the numbers of people in the sales and show rooms and ensure the "6ft apart" rule? Would the Shady Maple be able to accommodate us? Would the restaurant even be open? What about the Awards Dinner on Saturday in the Hotel Dining room? What might this do to Commercial Sales? Questions, questions, questions...

OK. So some of us were willing to take a chance, especially given all the other AV shows and sales cancellations, thinking this would be a ray of light for all those who were suffering from "in-person AV viewing" withdrawal. That is until all the above "What if" questions started to be asked. And then, just as the country was beginning to open up and it looked like the virus might be under control and maybe, just maybe, we could take a chance and hold the convention after all - Minneapolis happened. In the resulting protests and riots hundreds or thousands of people threw social distancing out the door. Oceans of people, without masks, standing shoulder-to-shoulder, gathered in the streets of major (and even some minor) cities across America. Many health-care professionals fear that all the work of slowing the spread has now been lost and we will soon see a Covid-19 spike that could be as bad as or worse than what we saw in March and April. So, as time and talks went on, it became evident that the smart thing to do was cancel the 2020 convention. That's the bad news.

BUT there IS some good news! We can have this same awesome site at the same time in 2021! We are moving ahead to have the contract redrawn with the date changes. And, now that you know all there is to see and do in the area, you have time to make plans to maybe come a day early and take advantage of all that Lancaster has to offer, especially "Sight and Sound Theater". Those shows book up early - some a year in advance - so you might want to visit their website and see what's showing in November 2021. Just be sure you're on the PA theater site - they have a theater in either Tennessee or Branson Missouri (can't remember which - "old age" disease. Whichever, we won't be anywhere near there!

And there is even more good news. We are in negotiations with the Hunt Valley Baltimore Hotel for the MAAVS convention in November 2022. We had planned to be there in 2021, but now that we have rebooked Morgantown, we moved Baltimore to 2022.

So, in spite of everything, we are moving forward with only a slight delay in plans. We hope you will use this extra time to work with your plants - maybe finally get caught up with all the baby separation, organization, and repotting (you know how these little guys just keep growing and growing, especially this time of year) and plan for some extra sight-seeing next year in Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Meanwhile please stay well, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing everyone in Morgantown in 2021!!

Sandy Pine and Donna Brining, MAAVS Convention Co-Chairs

2020/2021 Design Schedule

Section XIII - Interpretive Plant Arrangements

Use one or more blooming African violet plants removed from the pot, in a design other fresh cut, dried or treated plant material. Niches are white. Backboards or draping may be used if attached with pins, but tape is not permitted on the niches. You must include an index card with each exhibit naming the African violet (s) and other plants.

Limit of four entries in classes 70-73.

70. (2007) **007 Bond...James Bond** - Create an original plant arrangement using James Bond inspired paraphernalia to convey the spy himself. (22"H X 18"W X 10" wings - maximum depth 14")

71. (2009) **Things Go Better with Violets** - Design an arrangement with an everyday item(s), and make it better with an African violet (22"H X 18"W X 10" wings - maximum depth 14")

72. (2012) **Mr. Violet Visits Washington** - Incorporate an artifact that represents our nation's capital into this original design (22"H X 18"W X 10" wings - maximum depth 14")

73. (2017) **Timeless Violets** - "The 1920s" – Radiate aspects of the roaring 20s in your plant arrangement (18"H X 15"W X 9" wings - maximum depth 12")

Section XIV - Interpretive Flower Arrangements

Use fresh-cut African violet blossoms in a design with other fresh cut, dried or treated plant material. Niches are white. Backboards or draping may be used if attached with pins, but tape is not permitted on the niches. You must include an index card with each exhibit naming the African violet (s) and other plants.

74. (1991) **Make Friends with Violets** - Convey companionship and friendship with your flower arrangement (12"H x 10"W x 6" wings- maximum depth 8"). Limit of 4 entries.

75. (1999) **Violets on Broadway** - An arrangement inspired by Broadway's glam and glory (12"H x 10"W x 6" wings - maximum depth 8"). Limit of 4 entries.

76. (2003) **Viva Las Violets - "Lady Luck"** - Create a Las Vegas inspired kinetic flower arrangement that has movement or implied movement (22"H x 18"W x 10" wings -maximum depth 14"). Limit of 4 entries.

77. (2014) **Diamonds are Forever** - Display your glittering miniature arrangement in front of an 8" white disc. Limit of 10 entries.

78. (2015) **Violets Visit the Fair - "Dunk Tank"** - An underwater arrangement shown in a clear, transparent container, and completely submerged under water. Limit of 6 entries.

Section XV - Container Gardens

79. Terrarium - A landscape design in a covered glass container. No base permitted. 24" maximum dimensions

80. Dish Garden - A landscape design in a dish no greater than 24", with a single planting area

81. Natural Garden - A landscape design in a natural container, no base permitted, may have multiple planting areas. 24" maximum dimensions

2020 AVSA Convention Statistics From the *Virtual Violets Show*

561 Total Exhibits in the show including 375 African violets, 168 Gesneriads, 17 Designs, and 1 Special Exhibit

136 Exhibitors came from 4 Nations (USA, Canada, Japan, Portugal), 68 AVSA Affiliates, and 35 US States

45 Raffle Award Winners

From Other Convention Events

254 New Introductions from hybridizers in 10 Nations (Canada, China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Portugal, Taiwan, Russia, Ukraine, and US)

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