

Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society 32nd Annual Convention

Violets In the City
November 8-9, 2024



St. John Episcopal Church
140 N Beaver St
York, PA 17401



Open to the Public

Friday, November 8th, 2024

-Sales from 9 AM–5 PM

-Showroom from 1 PM–5 PM

Saturday, November 9th, 2024

-Sales & Showroom from 9 AM–4 PM

MAAVS

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President's Message

With our upcoming convention three months away, I remember our previous convention at Gettysburg as if it was just yesterday. Though it was one of the most challenging conventions to put together logistically due to the last minute venue change, the organization came together and put on one of the most fantastic shows I've ever seen. This reminds me of the tenacity, enthusiasm, and talent that courses through the organization's veins. I have no doubt that this year's show at York, Pennsylvania, will be equally exciting, with just as many or more beautiful plants and designs to be showcased.

Keep in mind, there are a few changes that aim to offer a slightly different but equally pleasing experience. Our Friday dinner this year will include the awards ceremony at the hotel, where Linda Stinnette and I will do our best to get the awards done in time for the dinner. The show's high table will now feature the designer of the Best Design



Minh Bui, MAAVS President, at 2023 AVSA Convention with Best Trailer in Show, Rob's *Vanilla Trail*

in showcase their work at the head table if they are willing to move it themselves. Saturday's dinner will be at the Iron Horse York restaurant nearby where we will install new MAAVS Officers, and where Karyn Cichocki will reveal next year's convention theme - - which is an exciting one!

As this is my last official letter, I want to thank each and every one of you for making my time as President fun and easy. I've certainly had so much fun and made so many great friends and memories, and will take all these memorable experiences with me to my next plant journey. Have a great rest of your summer with family and loved ones, and hope to see you all at the

November convention!

Cheers, Minh Bui, MAAVS President

The Baltimore African Violet Club

Is offering a rosette for the *Best Fantasy in any MAAVS or AVSA affiliate show*. Send request and a check for \$5 made out to Carolyn Epstein at:

Carolyn Epstein
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MAAVS 2024 Show
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made between 1 pm and 7 pm
on Thursday November 7th

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Diane Richardson (D)	1991 - 1995
Sue Hoffmann	1995 - 1999
Linda Abplanalp	1999 - 2001
Ken Barbi	2001 - 2005
Rodney Barnett	2005 - 2007
Rich Follett	2007 - 2011
Joan Santino (D)	2011 - 2015
Brenda Petry	2015 - 2017
Sue Hoffmann	2017 - 2022
Minh Bui	2022 - Present

Nominating Committee Recommendations for MAAVS Officers

President - Rodney Barnett
Vice-President - April Van Ness
Secretary - Jackie Leitzel
Treasurer - Linda Stinnette

The VOTE will take place at the Saturday General Membership Meeting, and the Officers will be installed at the Saturday Night Dinner at the Iron Horse.

Submitted by Sue Hoffmann,
Chairman

Coming back to MAAVS this year "POP-UP" Silent Auctions

We need your donations, new items, plant related items, plants, bring us something you would bid on! Please find either Linda Kilby or Jackie Leitzel to turn in your silent auction donations. We need your money, come bid at the auction, we will try to post when and where the next auction will take place during the auction that is currently taking place. The first auction will be located at the registration table! We need your time, Linda and Jackie can't do it alone, if you find you have a spare half hour please volunteer to sit at the silent auction table so Jackie and Linda can go take care of other issues that may need their attention.

****Please be prepared to take home anything you donate that does not get bid on.**

****Please be prepared to pay for anything you win when you pick it up.**

MAAVS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED OFFICERS (Executive Committee)

President	- Minh Bui
Vice President	- Rodney Barnett
Secretary	- Jackie Leitzel
Treasurer	- Linda Stinnette

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2024 Show Chair	- Linda Kilby & Jackie Leitzel

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MAAVS Collection Rosette	- Minh Bui
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Properties	- Tammy Dubois & April Van Ness
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Deadlines for the Convention

Early Bird Convention Registration to Jackie Leitzel

Hotel Reservations by calling 717 846 4940

Meal Selections on Registration Form

Judges and Clerks Volunteering to Rodney Barnett

Regular Convention Registration with no meals

Design Registrations to Pat Knight

Souvenir Book Copy Advertising to Jackie Leitzel

Awards Donations to Jackie Leitzel

For Awards Donations to appear in the Convention Souvenir

Booklet, we must have them by October 25th

By Sep 1st

By Oct 8th

By Sep 30th

By Oct 25th

By Oct 25th

Oct 1st to Oct 25th

By Oct 15th

By Oct 25th

It's Awards Time!

Greetings all! I hope to find you well and planning to attend the 32nd Annual Convention and Show in York, Pennsylvania, November 7th to 9th this year, and that you have already set aside the plants you plan to enter and that you are also thinking of the clever and innovative designs you will create using America's favorite house plant as your touchstone. And as you may already know, MAAVS presents cash awards to the winners in the major categories and also those plants and designs judged to be the best-in-their classes. MAAVS depends on generous donations from the membership to be able to offer these cash awards to the individuals who's hard work on their plants and designs is recognized by the judges. Your donation will appear in the Convention Souvenir Booklet if you submit it before October 25th. Please donate an award on your *registration form* or send your check (made out to MAAVS) to: MAAVS Awards, c/o Jackie Leitzel, 1078 Dyer Road, New Columbia, PA 17856. Awards make nice thank you gifts for exhibitors. Thanks, Minh



Affiliate Events

The AVS of Philadelphia & Liberty Bell Gesneriad Society are holding a Flower Show & Plant Sale on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 11 AM to 4:30 PM at the Cathedral Village Senior Living - Auditorium at 600 East Cathedral Road, Philadelphia, PA 19128, Roxborough. For more information, E Mail to LBGesneriad@outlook.com or phillyviolets@gmail.com Call 215.233.2579



Design Reservations

Please make design space reservations with Pat Knight at kemts@cox.net or mail to: 8572 Patrick Henry Way, Gloucester, VA 23061. Entries will be accepted ONLY if postmarked or emailed starting **Tuesday, October 1st, and no later than COB Friday, October 25th** Questions can be answered by calling Pat at 757.681.0279

MAAVS York Dinners

Friday Night **Awards and Costume Buffet at the Hotel**
Buffet Selections Include: Buttermilk fried chicken, Braised port loin, Fried catfish or Vegetable Wellington with salad and desert



\$49

Saturday Night **2025 Convention Theme Reveal Banquet at the Iron Horse York**

Appetizer: Aranchini, Arugula salad, or calamari. Desert: TBD

1. Brick oven pizza
2. Grilled 16 oz grass fed Angus ribeye with caramelized onions
3. Pan seared salmon with yogurt dill sauce, steamed broccoli, and roasted red potatoes

\$53

\$71

\$63

Prices include all taxes, tips, and fees

There will be a \$50.00 cash award bequeathed by **Dennis Hale** for the **Best Harbor Blue** in this show. This award is ongoing in memory of Dennis, a member of MAAVS, who loved and grew beautiful Harbor Blue's and who wanted to insure its continued propagation. Show yours - - win bucks! **Start growing for 2025.**



Get your Harbor Blue ready - - win \$50!!

What better way to support your friends, other growers, hybridizers and MAAVS members than with an ad in the 2024 Convention Souvenir Booklet? Ad rates remain at a very attractive price, only \$25 for a full page, \$15 for a half page, and \$10 for a quarter page.



Your support is greatly appreciated. Payment should be sent to Jackie Leitzel with your Convention Registration. Checks - made out to MAAVS. Send your *advertising copy* to Jackie Leitzel by October 15th.

How exciting! We are just 3 short months away from the show! We hope you all have been enjoying your summer and preparing your plants for show. We know that the board members and show committee have been busy planning for our show in York. With your help, we plan to make it the best show ever!

- * Advertise in the Convention Souvenir Booklet.
- * Plan to donate towards the awards, we all love to win, and small donations add up. You can include your donation towards the awards in your registration.
- * Silent Auction donations are needed. These items come from individuals and/or clubs. If you are a frequent customer at a nursery or greenhouse, maybe they will be willing to donate an item or a gift card.
- * Goodie bag donations. All members enjoy the Goodie Bags. If you or your club can donate items that you would enjoy, we will need 60 items for the bags.
- * The Hospitality Room is a great place to rest and relax. We invite you to bring a favorite food item to share. Snacks, desserts, and beverages are welcomed.
- * Registration is now open, early bird prices must be postmarked by September 1st

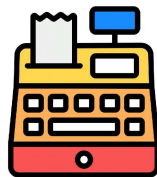
The Design Division of this year's show is FANTASTIC! If you have never tried a design, now is the time. Let your imagination open up, think of the beautiful cities that have been included in this division. Remember each class is limited. Let Pat Knight know that you plan to participate.

Thank you, Jackie and Linda

It is located at 1650 Toronita Street, York, Pennsylvania 17402 where we have obtained a room rate of \$134/day plus tax. You can make your room reservations NOW by calling the hotel at 717.846.4940, or go to our web site for a link to the hotel.

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2024 MAAVS Convention, Show, and Sale

"Violets in the City"

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

In case of emergencies, contact (name & number): _____

Registration (Check ONE below, *not applicable to spouse/guests)

____ MAAVS Member Early Bird: \$55* (Post-marked by September 1st) or

____ MAAVS Member: \$65* or

____ Non-member \$65* _____

Meals (meals include non-alcoholic beverage, gratuities, taxes, and \$10 complimentary subsidy (per meal) provided by MAAVS)

____ **Friday, November 8th, 2024:** Costume & Awards Buffet \$49 _____

Southern Home Cooking Buffet at Four Points by Sheraton, York, PA

Salads: Garden, macaroni, potato, cole slaw. Desert: pecan pie, fruit cobbler, lemon meringue

Check **ONE** below

____ Buttermilk fried chicken

____ Braised port loin

____ Fried catfish

____ Vegetable Wellington _____

____ **Saturday, November 9th, 2024:** 2025 Convention Theme Reveal Banquet

Iron Horse York located at 1 Market St, York, PA 17401

Appetizer: Aranchini, Arugula salad, or calamari Desert: TBD

Check **ONE** below

____ Any of their brick oven pizza creations including veggie based options (ironhorse.york.com) \$53

____ Grilled 16 oz. Grass fed Angus ribeye with caramelized onions roasted red skinned potatoes, and Arugula salad \$71

____ Pan seared salmon with yogurt dill sauce, steamed broccoli, and roasted red potatoes \$63 _____

Show Award Donations

Designated ** for: _____ OR _____ Undesignated

**First-come first-served basis. If two donors give to the same award, the later will be reallocated as needed. _____

Annual Membership Dues (Check ONE below)

____ Individual \$25

____ Joint (2 members at same address) \$30

____ Affiliate or Commercial \$30 _____

TOTAL _____

Official Lodging: Four Points by Sheraton, 1650 Toronita St, York, PA

Double queen room for \$134/night (excludes taxes/fees). Reserve by October 8, 2024. Call 717-846-4940 and mention Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society (MAAVS) to get group discount OR REGISTER online.

Check-in: 3:00 PM / Check-out: 12:00 PM

Please send registration and payment (payable to MAAVS) to:

Jackie Leitzel

1078 Dyer Road

New Columbia, PA 17856

or

Register & pay online

Application for Membership in the Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society

We look forward to you joining our Society. Existing members, can use this form to renew their membership.

Individual	_____ \$25.00
Joint (2 members, same address)	_____ \$30.00
Affiliate/Commercial	_____ \$30.00
MAAVS Pin	_____ \$ 5.00

If you join now as a new member, or renew your membership, your membership will expire 12 months from the date your payment is received. If dues are paid after June 2024, your membership will be good through December 31, 2025. **If paying by credit/debit card, please add \$1.00 for the credit card processing fee.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

E Mail _____

Local Affiliate _____

Member of AVSA Yes _____ No _____ # _____

**Check here if you want to receive the MAAVS
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Make checks payable to

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Credit or Debit Card

Card #	MM/YY	CVC
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Mail this form to:

Jackie Leitzel
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New Columbia, PA 17856

MAAVS 2024 32nd Annual Show Schedule

“Violets In the City”

November 8 - 9, 2024, York, Pennsylvania

Horticulture Division

Section I - Collection Classes (1 entry per exhibitor per class)

1. African Violet Society of America (AVSA) Collection of 3 different, registered standard varieties of the same type (3 single crown standards or 3 standard trailers). Open only to AVSA members.
2. African Violet Society of America (AVSA) Collection of 3 different, registered miniature or semi-miniature varieties of the same type (3 single crown or 3 trailers all of which must be either be semi-miniature or miniature varieties). Open only to AVSA members.
3. African Violet Society of America (AVSA) Collection of 3 Saintpaulia species, any type. Open only to AVSA members.
4. MAAVS Collection of 3 different varieties all of the same type: standard, miniature, semi-miniature, same type trailers and species. They need not be registered.
5. Russian/Ukrainian Hybrid Collection of 3 different AVSA registered standard varieties.

Section II - Standard Specimen Plants - Green Foliage

6. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones
7. Coral and pink tones
8. Fuchsia, red and wine tones
9. Lavender, light blue and orchid tones
10. Medium blue, dark blue and purple tones
11. Multicolored
12. White edged
13. All other edged
14. Fantasy and chimera

Section III - Standard Specimen Plants - Variegated Foliage

15. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones
16. Coral, pink and red tones
17. Blue and purple tones
18. Multicolored
19. Edged

20. Fantasy and chimera

Section IV - Semi-miniature Specimen Plants - Green Foliage

- 21. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones
- 22. Coral, pink and red tones
- 23. Blue and purple tones
- 24. Multicolored
- 25. Edged
- 26. Fantasy and chimera

Section V - Semi-miniature Specimen Plants - Variegated Foliage

- 27. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones
- 28. Coral, pink and red tones
- 29. Blue and purple tones
- 30. Multicolored
- 31. Edged
- 32. Fantasy and chimera

Section VI - Miniature Specimen Plants - All Foliage

- 33. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones
- 34. Coral, pink and red tones
- 35. Blue and purple tones
- 36. Multicolored
- 37. Edged
- 38. Fantasy and chimera

Section VII - Trailing Specimen Plants (See Hort. Rule 7 for all classes regarding containers)

- 39. Standard trailing
- 40. Miniature and semi-miniatures trailing, pots up to and including 4 inches in diameter.
- 41. Miniature and semi-miniatures trailing, pots over 4 inches in diameter.

Section VIII - Special Classes

- 42. Saintpaulia species
- 43. Plants in unusual or novel containers that are single crowned standard, miniature, or semi-miniature (the exhibit must reflect the theme of the show). (See Hort. Note 3)

44. Plants in unusual or novel containers that are trailing (the exhibit must reflect the theme of the show). (See Hort. Note 3)
45. Standard Vintage Violets Registered over 25 Years Ago (registered or recorded prior to October 1999 in the AVSA Master Variety List, or some other form of credible documentation (subject to the approval of the Classification Committee Chairman). (See Hort. Note 5)
46. Semi-miniature and miniature Vintage Violets Registered over 25 years ago (registered or recorded prior to October 1999 in the AVSA Master Variety List, or some other form of credible documentation (subject to the approval of the Classification Committee Chairman). (See Hort. Note 5)

Section IX - New Introductions (See Hort. Note 7 for all classes)

47. Seedling origination and other new introductions
48. New Introduction Sports of named plants to be exhibited as "Sport of _____"

Section X - Gesneriads other than African Violets - In Bloom

(See Hort. Note 7 for all classes regarding containers)

49. Tuberous - All sinningias
50. Tuberous - All other tuberous gesneriads
51. Scaly-rhizomed - Kohleria
52. Scaly-rhizomed - Achimenes
53. Scaly-rhizomed - All others
54. Fibrous - Columnea, Nematanthus and Aeschynanthus
55. Fibrous - Streptocarpus in pots up to and including 4 inches wide
56. Fibrous - Streptocarpus in pots greater than 4 inches wide
57. Fibrous - Episcias
58. Fibrous - Primulina
59. Fibrous - Petrocosmea
60. Fibrous - All other fibrous-rooted gesneriads

Section XI - Gesneriads other than African Violets - Grown for Ornamental Qualities other than Bloom (See Hort. Note 7 for all classes regarding containers)

61. Episcias grown for ornamental qualities other than bloom - Pink/White leaf color
62. Episcias grown for ornamental qualities other than bloom - Green,

bronze, and all other leaf colors

63. Primulina named cultivars and hybrids

64. Primulina species

65. Petrocosmea

66. Other gesneriads grown for ornamental qualities other than bloom

Section XII - Special Exhibit Division

67. African Violet Educational display

68. AVSA Promotional Information

Design Division

Section XIII - Interpretive Plant Arrangements

Use one or more blooming African violet plants, removed from the pot, in a design with other fresh cut, dried or treated plant material. The 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 plants used. Limit of four entries in classes 69-72. ‘

69. “Paris, France” – The French revere Notre-Dame’s twin Gothic towers as much as the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe and their Bordeaux wines. Create a vision of Paris in your design. Limit 4 entries (22”H X 15”W X 15”D)

70. “Rome, Italy” - is one of the most impressive, historical cities in the world. Its Coliseum is the largest, oldest standing Amphitheatre; constructed AD 72—AD 80. The Coliseum’s grand arches may take visitors back to the days of gladiators, warriors and chariots. Limit 4 entries (22”H X 15”W X 15”D - maximum depth 14”)

71. “Sydney, Australia” - The futuristic Sydney Opera House architects used ‘computer-aided design’ to engineer its complex shapes. Concrete shells and internal arches create this unique roof design. It has more than eight million visitors annually. Create your design using a variegated plant with no blossoms. Limit 4 entries (22”H X 18”W X 10”D - The side wings of the niche are 10” deep. However, up to 14” may be used for depth of design).

72. “Edinburgh, Scotland” - This was UK’s 2nd most visited city with 2.4 million from overseas in 2018. Well-known for its Whisky, tartan plaids and Scottish Crown Jewels (the oldest surviving set of crown jewels in the British Isles). What will inspire your design? Limit 4 entries (9”H X 6”W X 6”D)

Section XIV - Interpretive Flower Arrangements

Use fresh-cut African violet blossoms in a design with other fresh cut, dried or treated plant material. The 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 plants used. Limit of four entries in classes 73-77.

73. "Istanbul, Turkey" - Nothing rivals the colors, sights and smells of the largest spice market in the city. Spices, dried fruits, nuts, teas and seeds are among the many treasures to be found at the Spice Bazaar, which has existed since the 1600's. Limit 4 entries (9"H x 6"W x 6"D)

74. "Monte-Carlo, Monaco" – A Gambling Mecca of the Rich and Famous—hear the high rollers and clinking coins in the renowned casinos. Major gaming includes Roulette, Craps and Baccarat. Limit 4 entries (14"H X 11"W X 11"D)

75. "Kyoto Japan" – The most celebrated Cherry Blossom Festival in the world is held each year between March and April at the Kyoto Botanical Gardens. Around 450 specimens of 130 different cherry tree varieties are displayed in the gardens. This kinetic arrangement may have implied movement or be a mobile. Limit 4 entries (22"H X 18"W x 10"D - The side wings of the niche are 10" deep. However, up to 14" may be used for depth of design)

76. "Kiruna, Sweden" - The Abisko National Park in Sweden is renowned for its natural beauty, wildlife and fabulous display of the Aurora Borealis, described as the most beautiful dancing lights to decorate the skies. Your miniature arrangement will be staged in front of an 8" metallic grey disc (to be supplied, nothing can be attached or touching the disc). Limit of 10 entries

77. "Reykjavik, Iceland" - One of the 25 wonders of the world, the Blue Lagoon is visited by over 700,000 people each year to soak in its healing powers and rejuvenating qualities. This geo-thermal pool's blue color is due to the high content of silica, algae, and minerals. Create your underwater arrangement in a clear, transparent container completely submerged in water, to be viewed from the top. Limit of 6 entries.

Section XV - Container Gardens

Include one or more blooming African violets and other growing material in a miniature garden. All material must be planted in the container - - no cut material is permitted. All classes will be viewed from the front

only. You must include an index card with each exhibit naming the plants used in your exhibit.

78. Terrarium - A landscape design in a covered glass container. No base is permitted. Must be no larger than 24" in any dimension.

79. Dish garden - A landscape design in a dish no greater than 24 inches in its longest dimension. One planting area.

80. Natural garden - A landscape design in a natural container. No base is permitted. May have multiple planting areas. Limit of 24 inches in any dimension.

SHOW RULES

Horticulture Division Rules

1. Classes are open only to members (amateur or commercial) of MAAVS who are also registered for the convention. Section I, Classes 1-3 are open only to members of AVSA. Class 4 is open only to members of MAAVS. Commercial members may enter all classes.

2. All horticulture entries must be presented Thursday, November 7, 2024 between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Only clean, healthy plants will be accepted. Members of the Classification Committee have final authority. All plants being entered in the Horticulture Division of the show must have been in the exhibitor's possession for ninety (90) days. All entries must be in bloom, except for classes 61 - 66: "Gesneriads other than African Violets - Grown for Ornamental Qualities Other than Bloom." All African violet exhibits, with the exception of species and trailers, must be single crowned.

3. An exhibitor may enter only one of each variety in any class in the Horticulture Division, but an unlimited number of varieties may be entered. Collection classes (Classes 1 - 5) and plants in Unusual or novel containers (Classes 43 & 44) are limited to one entry per exhibitor, although an exhibitor may enter plants of the same variety in different classes. Exhibits in unusual or novel containers (Classes 43 & 44) must reflect the theme of the show. Classes may be subdivided at the discretion of the Show Chairman.

4. Exhibitors must submit a list of entries in schedule and class order to the Classification Committee when entering. All African violet species, cultivars and other gesneriads must be correctly named. All plant names are subject to correction by the Classification Committee. Plant registration numbers will be included for entries in AVSA Collections (Classes 1-3), and Russian/Ukrainian Collections (Class 5).

5. To be eligible for entry into Class 45 and 46, the Vintage Violet Classes, the variety must have been registered or documented 25 or more years (October 1999) before the show. Documentation can be the AVSA Master Variety List, current AVSA First Class, or other credible sources as determined by the Classification Chairman. Vintage violets may also be exhibited within their appropriate size/color/type class at the exhibitor's discretion, however, only exhibits in Class 45 and 46 will be considered for a Vintage Violet Award (if given).

6. New Introduction Seedlings in Class 47 and New Introductions Sports in Class 48 must be originated by the exhibitor or the exhibitor needs to present a written release from the originator. New Introduction Seedlings and New Introduction Sports entries may not have been shown previously at any AVSA Convention Show or AVSA Affiliate show. A sport (mutant AKA Sport) may ONLY be exhibited in Class 48 as a "Sport of _____". If a name has been given to the sport, such as Yasuyo Sport, Susie Sport, Rhonda Sport, etc., or a unique name not including the word "Sport" such as "XYZ Susie", it must be exhibited in its appropriate size/color/type class - - NOT Class 48. However, if the exhibitor wants to include it as a New Introduction sport in Class 48, it must be labeled "Sport of _____ (XYZ Susie)". Class 48 is for sports of named varieties that show more exceptional traits than the original plant - - it is not a class for plants not looking/blooming true.

7. All specimen plants are to be exhibited in clean white, green or terra cotta color plastic pots. Pots may, at the exhibitor's discretion, be slip-potted with an identical pot of the same size and color. If not concealed, all labels and wicks must be removed. "Other gesneriads" in Classes 49 - 66 may be exhibited in the containers in which they are grown. If an "other gesneriad" is grown as a hanging plant, we will attempt to provide a hanging venue to exhibit the plant if a riser is required it must be provided by the grower. Trailers in Classes 39 - 41 may also be exhibited in the containers in which they are grown. Oyama and Moist-rite pots are acceptable in all classes.

8. Judging will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Friday, November 8, 2024. During judging, only Judges, Judges' Clerks, Show Chairman, Entries Chairman, Classification Chairman, Awards Chairman, and Judges' Chairman will be allowed in the showroom. Exceptions will be made by the Show Chairman.

10. No exhibit may be removed until the show closes on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. Exhibitors are reminded to remove

exhibits promptly. All precautions will be taken to prevent damage to plants and displays during the show, however, all entries are made at the exhibitor's risk.

10. The authority for judging will be the AVSA Handbook for African Violet Growers, Exhibitors and Judges (2022 edition and subsequent updates in the African Violet Magazine). This show will be judged by the merit system by AVSA Judges. Only blue ribbon exhibits are eligible for special awards. Decisions by the judges are final.

Design Division Rules

1. Design Classes are open to all MAAVS members who are registered for the convention.

2. Each exhibitor may have only one exhibit per class and may exhibit in all classes. All design exhibits shall be the exclusive work of the exhibitor.

3. African violets should be emphasized in the design. One or more plants or cut flowers may be used. The American flag, state flags, flags from other nations, plants on the endangered list from any state or nation, artificial plant material and live creatures shall not be used in any design exhibit.

4. Dried, treated, painted and fresh-cut plant materials are permitted only in Design Classes 69 thru 80. All moss used in container gardens must be alive. No dried moss will be permitted.

5. All niches are white in color. Accessories are permitted in all classes. Back-boards or draping may be used if attached with pins, but tape is not permitted on the niches.

6. No exhibit may be removed after entry. Exhibitors need to maintain fresh blossoms in their designs during the show and can do that at any time they feel their blossoms have gone by, or if requested by the Show Chairman.

7. Plants may be purchased at any time from any source for design. All plants and blossoms must be free of pests and disease.

8. Please make design space reservations with Pat Knight at kemts@cox.net. Entries will be accepted ONLY if emailed starting Tuesday, October 1, 2024, and no later than Friday, October 25, 2024. There are a limited number of entries per class. These will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Questions can be answered by calling Pat at 757.681.0279.

MAAVS Collection Rosette

The MAAVS Collection Rosette for an exhibit consisting of three African violets of the same type (standard, miniature, semiminature, trailer [standard, miniature, or semiminature], or species) is available to affiliate clubs.

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