

# **MAAVS 2025 33rd Annual Show Schedule**

## **“Violets at Game Night”**

### **November 7 – 8, 2025 in York, PA**

#### **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 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 (3 standard, 3 semi-miniatures or 3 miniature) varieties.

##### **Section II - Standard Specimen Plants - Green Foliage**

6. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones
7. Coral, pink and red tones
8. Blue and purple tones
9. Multicolored
10. Edged
11. Fantasy and chimera

##### **Section III - Standard Specimen Plants - Variegated Foliage**

12. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones
13. Coral, pink and red tones
14. Blue and purple tones
15. Multicolored
16. Edged
17. Fantasy and chimera

##### **Section IV - Semi-miniature Specimen Plants - Green Foliage**

18. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones
19. Coral, pink and red tones
20. Blue and purple tones
21. Multicolored
22. Edged
23. Fantasy and chimera

Section V - Semi-miniature Specimen Plants - Variegated Foliage

- 24. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones
- 25. Coral, pink and red tones
- 26. Blue and purple tones
- 27. Multicolored
- 28. Edged
- 29. Fantasy and chimera

Section VI - Miniature Specimen Plants - All Foliage

- 30. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones
- 31. Coral, pink and red tones
- 32. Blue and purple tones
- 33. Multicolored
- 34. Edged
- 35. Fantasy and chimera

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

- 36. Standard trailing
- 37. Miniature and semi-miniatures trailing, pots up to and including 4 inches in diameter.
- 38. Miniature and semi-miniatures trailing, pots over 4 inches in diameter.

Section VIII - Special Classes

- 39. Saintpaulia species
- 40. 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)
- 41. Plants in unusual or novel containers that are trailing (the exhibit must reflect the theme of the show). (See Hort. Note 3)
- 42. Standard Vintage Violets Registered over 25 Years Ago (registered or recorded prior to October 2000 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)
- 43. Semi-miniature and miniature Vintage Violets Registered over 25 years ago (registered or recorded prior to October 2000 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 6 for all classes)

- 44. Seedling origination and other new introductions
- 45. 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)

- 46. Tuberous - All sinningias
- 47. Tuberous - All other tuberous gesneriads

48. Scaly-rhizomatous - Kohleria
49. Scaly- rhizomatous - Achimenes
50. Scaly- rhizomatous - All others
51. Fibrous-rooted - Columnea, Nematanthus and Aeschynanthus
52. Fibrous-rooted - Streptocarpus in pots up to and including 4 inches wide
53. Fibrous-rooted - Streptocarpus in pots greater than 4 inches wide
54. Fibrous-rooted - Episcia
55. Fibrous-rooted - Primulina
56. Fibrous-rooted - Petrocosmea
57. Fibrous-rooted - 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)

58. Episcia - Pink/White leaf color
59. Episcia - Green, bronze, and all other leaf colors
60. Primulina hybrids
61. Primulina species
62. Petrocosmea
63. Other gesneriads grown for ornamental qualities other than bloom

#### Special Exhibit Division

Section XII - Special Exhibit Division

64. African Violet Educational display
65. AVSA Promotional Information

### **Design Division**

Section XIII - Interpretive Plant Arrangements

Use one or more blooming (except for class 72) African violet plants, removed from the pot, in a design with other fresh cut, dried or treated plant material. The niches are white. The niches are white. Backboards or draping may be used and either pinned or if taped only masking tape is permitted on the niches (see design rule #7). You must include an index card with each exhibit naming the plants used.

66. "Checkers" – incorporate black & red in two complimentary designs using semi-miniature or miniature violets.

Limit 4 entries (22"H x 15"W x 10"D with 10" wings)

67. "Monopoly"- squares and/or rectangles should be in the design.

Limit 4 entries (18"H x 15"W x 10"D with 7" wings)

68. "Operation" – Limit of 4 entries (12"H x 10"W x 8"D with 5" wings)

69. "Poker" – a freestanding design, using one or more non-blooming variegated violet plants.

Not to exceed 15" in any dimension.

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 and either pinned or if taped only masking tape is permitted on the niches (see rule #7). You must include an index card with each exhibit naming the plants used.

70. "Chutes and Ladders" – create a kinetic design.

Limit of 4 entries (22"H x 15"W x 15"D with 15" wings)

71. "Dominoes" – create a black & white design with a touch of color.

Limit of 4 entries (12"H x 10"W x 8"D with 6" wings)

72. "Jenga" – incorporate a block(s) in the design.

Limit of 4 entries (12"H x 10"W x 8"D with 5" wings)

73. "Candy Land" – a freestanding design not to exceed 15" in any dimension.

Limit of 4 entries

74. "Pictionary" – a miniature design to be staged in front of a white 8" disc, which will be provided. No additional backdrops permitted, but an underlay or base is allowed.

Design not to exceed 8" in any dimension. Limit of 7 entries

75. "Go Fish" – an underwater design to be viewed from the front. 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.

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

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

78. Natural garden - A landscape design in a natural container. No base is permitted. May have multiple planting areas, but plants must be planted in the container. 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 6, 2025, 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 58

- 63: "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 40 & 41) 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 40 & 41) must reflect the theme of the show. Classes may be subdivided at the discretion of the Show Chair.

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 42 and 43, the Vintage Violet Classes, the variety must have been registered or documented 25 or more years (October 2000) before the show. Documentation can be the AVSA Master Variety List, current AVSA First Class, or other credible sources as determined by the Classification Chair. Vintage violets may also be exhibited within their appropriate size/color/type class at the exhibitor's discretion, however, only exhibits in Class 42 and 43 will be considered for a Vintage Violet Award (if given).

6. New Introduction Seedlings in Class 44 and New Introductions Sports in Class 45 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 45 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 45. However, if the exhibitor wants to include it as a New Introduction sport in Class 45, it must be labeled "Sport of (XYZ Susie)". Class 45 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 46 - 63 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 36 - 38 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 7, 2025. During judging, only Judges, Clerks, the Show, Entries, Classification, and Judges' Chairs will be allowed in the showroom. Exceptions will be made by the Show Chair.

9. No exhibit may be removed until the show closes on Saturday, November 8, 2025 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.

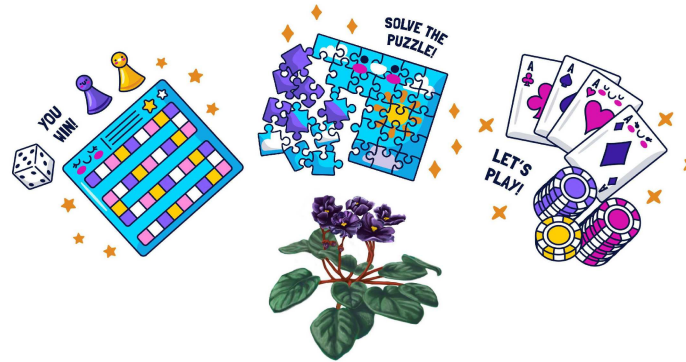
### ***Design Division Rules***

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. Set-up of designs must be completed by 8:00 pm on Thursday, November 6th. Blossom placement will be allowed from 8:00 – 8:30 am on Friday, November 7th.
4. 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.
5. Dried, treated, painted and fresh-cut plant materials are permitted only in Design Classes 66 thru 75. Class 75 (underwater) is to be view from the front.
6. All moss used in container gardens must be alive. No dried moss will be permitted.
7. All niches are white in color, unless otherwise indicated. Accessories are permitted in all classes. The niches are white. Backboards or draping may be used and either pinned or if taped only masking tape is permitted on the niches. NOTE: draping must not be touching the niche sides.
8. 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 Chair.
9. Plants may be purchased at any time from any source for design. All plants and blossoms must be free of pests and disease.
10. Please make design space reservations with Pat Knight at kemts@cox.net. Entries will be accepted ONLY if emailed starting Wednesday, October 1, 2025, and no later than Friday,

October 24, 2025. 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.

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