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President's Message

A MAAVS Board of Directors' Meeting will be held on **December 18th at 2 pm Eastern Standard Time**. Any MAAVS member can join the meeting. You will receive an E Mail Invitation prior to that time. If you only receive the MEMO by USPS and don't have a listed E Mail address, please get together with another local member to be present.

What a fantastic 30th anniversary MAAVS convention we've had this year! It was certainly one of the most exciting, fun, and memorable shows I've ever attended! On the very first day, we were all amazed as 200+ high quality entries entered classification and designs. That night, the entries program crashed, but Judi came to our rescue. The next morning, she was able to recapture all the data and printed the documents for the judges to do their jobs. Thank you to everyone who made the show a success, especially Sue and Judi for entries/classification, the three panels of judges and clerks, and the 30+ exhibitors/designers who put their hard work on display for the world to see.



Minh Bui, MAAVS President

On Saturday, we had an amazing tour of the Baltimore National Aquarium and a nice lunch around the Inner Harbor on a nice warm day. That night, we honored all the wonderful growers and designers at a decadent awards dinner. After that, I was honored to present our former President, Sue Hoffmann, a lovely bouquet of flowers for all her hard work, sacrifice, and dedication she has given to MAAVS throughout the years.

Towards the end of the awards banquet, the new officers were sworn in, including myself as the President. My objectives for the next couple years are to improve visibility - particularly with members of my peers, the millennial generation - and to elevate MAAVS presence and recognition within the African violet & gesneriad communities. The last couple years have taught me that social media and virtual meetings are highly effective at educating and communicating to the public. We have

seen some of the top growers and designers consistently showcasing their work on social media, and I want to encourage everyone to continue doing so. Even better, include photos of you with your plants and designs! Too often, we only see images of the final result -the best in show or best design. It is the photos of people with their plants that garner the most interests. This was how I met Dakota (Dak), who I've known for over a year on Instagram. I was amazed by his passion for African violets and gesneriads, and being a local Baltimorean, he was able to attend our convention this year. After talking to him, he is excited to join and hopes to exhibit plants at next year's convention!

Finally, I am all ears on what our members have to say to improve their MAAVS experience, so please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I look forward to working with all of you the next couple years.

Cheers, Minh Bui, MAAVS President
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Brenda Petry	2015 - 2017
Sue Hoffmann	2017 - 2022
Minh Bui	2022 - Present

Convention Show Thoughts

by Jackie Leitzel

And that's a wrap! Ribbons in hand, red white or blue, I think we can all agree it was a great show and so wonderful to be back in the company of our violet friends.

A huge thank you to our amazing vendors, Lyndon Lyon Greenhouse, Black Oak Violets and Fancy Bloomers, we so enjoy shopping your tables and chatting with you!

We closed out the weekend with a huge thank you for all the years of keeping the society moving forward and together to Sue Hoffmann our now past president and look forward to see where our new president Minh Bui will take us.

I can not finish this off without recognizing all work that Linda M Kilby, Rodney Barnett and so many others put into making the past few days such a nice time. Also a big thank you to all the members of MAAVS that took time away from their home lives to come and join us for the fun!

Now don't forget to post your pictures to our **Facebook Group** www.facebook.com/groups/2646182925438855 so everyone who was not able to join us can see all the beautiful plants and designs everyone worked so hard on!
Affiliate Activities

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Affiliates, please keep us updated with your activities so we can publish them here, and put them on our Web Site as soon as we receive them.

- Lighting for African Violets and Gesneriads: Tips and Trends" by Dr. Minh Bui with **Richmond AV Society** on February 18, 2023
- Lighting for African Violets and Gesneriads: Tips and Trends" by Dr. Minh Bui with **First AV Society of Denton, Texas** on March 7, 2023
- **Richmond AV Society** Show and Sale at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, VA on April 1 - 2, 2023
- **Baltimore AV Club** Show and Sale on May 12 -13, 2023 (Location TBD)
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Tidewater AVS Wins Club with Most Awards Picture Courtesy of TAVS

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MAAVS has purchased a new MAAVS Web Site name - - midatlanticafricanvioletsociety.org in addition to the one you all know maavs.org They both work fine. Enjoy our new popularity. Ken

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.



These plants must be entered by a MAAVS member and need not be AVSA-registered varieties. Each plant will be point scored in accordance with *The African Violet Society of America Handbook For Growers, Exhibitors, and Judges* and awarded a ribbon as merited. To exhibit, you must be a MAAVS member.

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Best in Show *Cajun's Bridal Show*
Shown by Rodney Barnett



2nd Best in Show and Best Trailer *Linda Darnell*
Shown by Rodney Barnett



3rd Best in Show and Best Semimini *Jolly Jan*
Shown by Rodney Barnett



Best Species *S. sf clone orbicularis*
Shown by Rodney Barnett



Best Other Gesneriad *Stretocarpus 'Heartland's White Gold'* Shown by Linda Abplanalp



Best Miniature *Morgan's Declan Duff*
Shown by Erika Geimonen

MAAVS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MAAVS Baltimore Award Winners' Table

MAAVS Baltimore Convention Results

Best in Show	Cajun's Bridal Show	Rodney Barnett
2nd Best in Show	Linda Darnell	Rodney Barnett
3rd Best in Show	Jolly Jan	Rodney Barnett
Best AVSA Collection	Cajun's Bridal Show, Woodland Sprite, and Buckeye Real Deal	Rodney Barnett
Best MAAVS Collection	Linda Darnell, RS-Zimmy Tsvetok, and Carolina Bodacious	Rodney Barnett
Best Russian/Ukrainian Collection	Not Awarded	Rodney Barnett
Best Russian/Ukrainian Plant	RS-Zimmy Tsvetok	Linda Abplanalp
2nd Runner-up Hort Sweepstakes		Karyn Cichocki
Best in Design	"Hope"	Jackie Leitzel
2nd Best in Design	Terrarium	Karyn Cichocki
3rd Best in Design	"Natural Garden"	
Best First Time MAAVS Entrant	Not Awarded	
Best Mini	Morgan's Declan Duff	Erika Geimonen
Best Semi-mini	Jolly Jan	Rodney Barnett
Best Standard	Cajun's Bridal Show	Rodney Barnett
Best Variegated	Cajun's Bridal Show	Rodney Barnett
Best Chimera	Yukako	Rodney Barnett
Best Trailer	Linda Darnell	Rodney Barnett
Best Fantasy	Carolina Bodacious	Rodney Barnett
Best Saintpaulia Species	S. 5f clone orbicularis	Rodney Barnett
Best Lyons/Sorano	Iris Angel	Donna Brining
Best other Gesneriad	Streptocarpus 'Heartland's White Gold'	Linda Abplanalp
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Best Dish Garden	Dish Garden	Cindy Castaldi
Best Unusual Container	Kentucky Gooseberries	Pat Knight
Best Plant Arrangement	"Friendship"	Karyn Cichocki
Best Flower Arrangement	"Hope"	Karyn Cichocki
2nd Best Semi/mini	Thunder Surprise	Erika Geimonen
Award of Merit	Natural Garden	Jackie Leitzel
Award of Merit	"Love"	Donna Biggs
Award of Merit	Henckelia walkerae	Rodney Barnett
Overall Sweepstakes Winner	24 Blue Ribbons	Rodney Barnett
Runner-up Sweepstakes	23 Blue Ribbons	Barbara Borleske
Hort Sweepstakes	24 Blue Ribbons	Rodney Barnett
Runner-up Hort Sweepstakes	23 Blue Ribbons	Barbara Borleske
Design Sweepstakes	6 Blue Ribbons	Karyn Cichocki
Runner-up Design Sweepstakes	3 Blue Ribbons	Tammy Dubois



Best Design "Hope" Shown by
Karyn Cichocki



2nd Best Design Terrarium
Shown by Jackie Leitzel

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