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President's Message

Well, we did it again, another convention is in the books! Two years in a row we needed to be very flexible, and we proved that we could do it. Who would have thought a year ago when I proposed a very different type of venue, that this convention would turn out the way that it did. Thank you for trusting me enough to at least give it a try. All in all, the convention was an overwhelming success thanks to the hard work of so many people. First, I would like to thank our past president Minh Bui, who secured the hotel and dinner venue for us; both worked out great. There is a long list of people who have spent many hours on zoom meetings, telephone calls, emails, etc. to do the behind the scenes planning for this event . . . thank you, thank you, thank you! Many thanks to St. John Episcopal church for allowing us to take over the church for a few days.



President Rodney Barnett at 2024
MAAVS Show with **Buckeye**
Cranberry Sparkler

The show room was nothing short of incredible. What a presentation! Everything looked so professional and well thought out. I thought we would have trouble filling the space, but you proved me wrong. This may have been the most designs we have ever had. What a feast for the eyes! Kudos to those who had the time and patience to present these works of art. We thought we were going to be short on plants this year, especially African Violets. Wrong again. The plants just kept coming thru the door until we filled the

social hall. We do really have a very talented group of people who love to grow plants, and it shows. Our show had 197 horticulture entries, 52 design entries, and 2 special exhibits for a total of 251 exhibits. We had 28 members exhibiting with an attendance of 45 members plus their guests. Our Show received the **Blue AVSA Standard Show Award** with a score over 95 points!

Thanks to all who helped setup, tear down, clean up, and organize the show room and vendor area. Thank you to all who helped with the show. Those who did entries, classification, placement, awards, and the judges and clerks. I also really liked the flow of our event this year. The first thing that the public saw was the commercial vendors! We had some excellent presentations this year greatly adding to the quality of our show. I didn't want to mention too many names since I knew some might get overlooked. However, I would be remiss if I didn't mention Jackie Leitzel, who wore way more hats than she would ever admit.

Thank you Minh for leading us through some tough times . . . coming out of Covid and moving into a very different and changing world. We wish you the best as you move on to work with our national AVSA organization!

This letter could easily go on for a few more pages, so let me end with this. While the show is still fresh in your minds, could you please let me know of any suggestions, comments, etc. that you may have especially since we will most likely be in York again next year. Congratulations on a wonderful show!

Rodney Barnett, President
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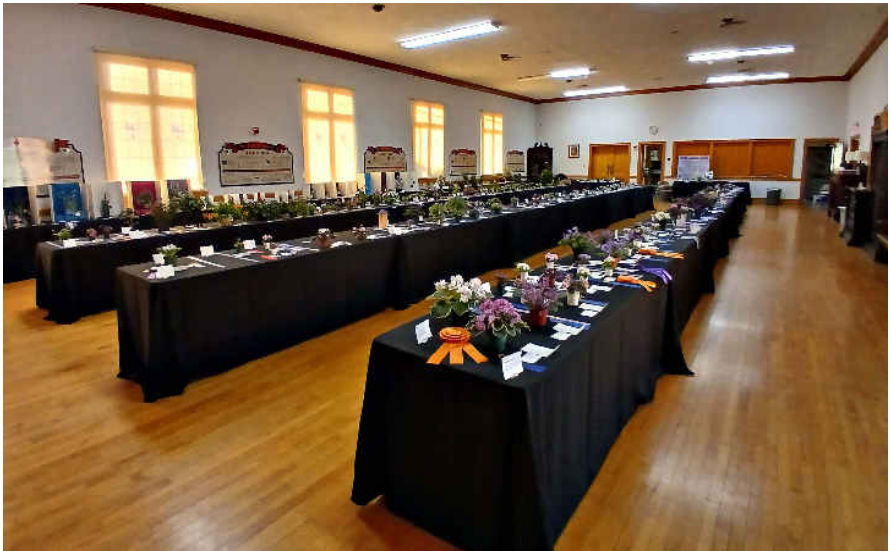
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Barbara Stewart Winner of Best Costume on Friday Night



Kurt Jablonski with his Best In Show *Hunter's Ashes of Roses*



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Inside of St. John's Church, York, Pennsylvania

Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society

November 8 - 9, 2024 – York, Pennsylvania

“Violets in the City” SHOW RESULTS

In RED, exhibit
has a photo
following

Best in Show

Hunter's Ashes of Roses

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

2nd Best in Show

Hunter's Itsy Bitsy

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

3rd Best in Show

Hunter's Cabbage Goddess

Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, Pennsylvania

Tri Color Hort 95 points or higher

Hunter's Ashes of Roses

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best Standard AVSA Collection

Irish Pink

Amethyst

Carolina Made You Look

Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, Virginia

Best Mini/Semimini AVSA Collection

Optimara Little Trio

Orchard's Bumble Magnet

Frosted Denim

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

2nd Best Mini/Semini AVSA Collection

Precious Red

Jolly Orchid

Hunter's Chickadee Chirps

Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, Virginia

Best Species AVSA Collection

S. 5h clone rupicolus

S. 3 clone shumensis Mather EE

S. 5c1 clone ionanthus

Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, Pennsylvania

2nd Best AVSA Species Collection

S. 5c1 clone tongwensis

S. 5a clone grandifolius No. 237

S. 5b clone confusa Mather E

Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, Virginia

Best AVSA Collection in Classes 1 - 3

Optimara Little Trio

Orchard's Bumble Magnet

Frosted Denim

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

2nd Best AVSA Collection in Classes 1 - 3

S. 5h clone rupicolus

S. 3 clone shumensis Mather EE

S. 5c1 clone ionanthus

Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, Pennsylvania

Best MAAVS Collection

Optimara Little Trio

Gleeful Elf

Hunter's Itsy Bitsy

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best Russian Collection

Not Awarded

2nd Best Russian Collection

Not Awarded

Best Harbor Blue

Not Awarded

Best Carolina

Carolina Made You Look

Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, Virginia

Best Lyons/Sorano Origination

Circus Fascination

Won by: Donna Brining from Hammonton, New Jersey

Best Chimera

Yakako

Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, Pennsylvania

Best Standard

Buckeye Cranberry Sparkler

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Pennsylvania

Best Semiminiature

Hunter's Ashes of Roses

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best Russian/Ukrainian Hybrid

SK-Apple Orchard

Won by: Sue Hoffmann from Virginia Beach, Virginia

Best Miniature

Hunter's Itsy Bitsy

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best Trailer (not species)

Carolina Bodacious

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best Variegated**Buckeye Cranberry Sparkler**

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Pennsylvania

Best Unusual Container

Rob's Kitten Caboodle

Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, Pennsylvania

Best Fantasy**Buckeye Cranberry Sparkler**

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Pennsylvania

Best Species**S. 3 clone shumensis Mather EE**

Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, Pennsylvania

Best Vintage in Classes 45 & 46**Neptune**

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Pennsylvania

Best Other Gesneriad**xRhytidoneria Ako Cardinal Flight**

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Pennsylvania

Best Streptocarpus**Streptocarpus 'Heartland's Baby Egrets'**

Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, Virginia

Best Primulina (species/hybrid)

Primulina 'Mineko'

Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, Virginia

Horticulture Award of Merit

Aeschynanthus xsplendidus

Won by: Marie Burns from Baltimore, Maryland

Horticulture Award of Merit 2

Primulina 'Mineko'

Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, Virginia

Best Design in Show**"Natural Garden"**

Won by: Jill Fischer from Farmville, Virginia

2nd Best Design in Show**"Rome, Italy"**

Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, Virginia

3rd Best Design in Show**"Kyoto, Japan"**

Won by: Dreama Bigio from Norfolk, Virginia

Tricolor in Design 95 points or higher**"Natural Garden"**

Won by: Jill Fischer from Farmville, Virginia

Best Plant Arrangement**"Rome, Italy"**

Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, Virginia

Best Flower Arrangement**"Kyoto, Japan"**

Won by: Dreama Bigio from Norfolk, Virginia

Best Dish Garden**"Dish garden"**

Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, Pennsylvania

Best Natural Garden**"Natural Garden"**

Won by: Jill Fischer from Farmville, Virginia

Best Container Garden**"Natural Garden"**

Won by: Jill Fischer from Farmville, Virginia

Best Terrarium**"Terrarium"**

Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, Virginia

Design Award of Merit**"Monte-Carlo, Monaco"**

Won by: Dreama Bigio from Norfolk, Virginia

Design Award of Merit 2**"Dish garden"**

Won by: Barbara Stewart from Midlothian, Virginia

Best Affiliate Club *Determined by Minh

Tidewater African Violet Society

Horticulture Sweepstakes

24 blue ribbons

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Runner-Up to Horticulture Sweepstakes

23 blue ribbons

Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, Pennsylvania

and

Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, Virginia

Design Sweepstakes

11 blue ribbons

Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, Virginia

Runner-Up to Design Sweepstakes

6 blue ribbons

Won by: Dreama Bigio from Norfolk, Virginia

Best in Class 10**Looxo Prretty**

Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, Virginia

Best in Class 11**Looxo Gorgeous**

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 13**Dead of Night**

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 14**Hunter's Explosion**

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 16**Rose Bouquet**

Won by: Lisa Bradley from Broomall, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 19**Buckeye Cranberry Sparkler**

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 20

Buckeye Befuddled

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 21**Hunter's Cabbage Goddess**

Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, Virginia

Best in Class 22**Hunter's Ashes of Roses**

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 23

Rob's Fuddy Duddy

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 24**SK-Apple Orchard**

Won by: Sue Hoffmann from Virginia Beach, Virginia

Best in Class 25

Teen Thunder

Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 27

Rob's Dandy Lion

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 28

Jazz Bouquet

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 29

Sassy Shirley

Won by: Sue Hoffmann from Virginia Beach, Virginia

Best in Class 30

Rob's Scrumptious

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 31

Hector

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 32

Little Misty Blue

Won by: Sue Hoffmann from Virginia Beach, Virginia

Best in Class 33

Wesley's Samwise Salutations

Won by: Karyn Cichocki from Lafayette, New Jersey

Best in Class 34

LE-Kotyonok Miau

Won by: Donna Brining from Hammonton, New Jersey

Best in Class 35**Hunter's Itsy Bitsy**

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 36

Shirl's Hawaiian Lei

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 37

Jolly Trrinket

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 39

Dresden Doll

Won by: Barb Borleske from Wilmington, Delaware

Best in Class 40

Teeny Bopper

Won by: Marie Glass from Paradise, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 41**Carolina Bodacious**

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 42

S. 5b clone confusa Mather E

Won by: Karyn Cichocki from Lafayette, New Jersey

Best in Class 43

Rob's Kitten Caboodle

Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 45**Neptune**

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 46

Orchard's Bumble Magnet

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 48

Sport of Optimara Hiroshige

Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, Virginia

Best in Class 49

Sinningia 'Bewitched'

Won by: Barb Borleske from Wilmington, Delaware

Best in Class 53

Smithiantha 'Stone's Lemon Tea'

Won by: Bill Schmidt from Richmond, Virginia

Best in Class 54

Aeschynanthus longicalis

Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, Virginia

Best in Class 55**Streptocarpus 'Heartland's Baby Egrets'**

Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, Virginia

Best in Class 56

Streptocarpus 'Bristol's Chicken Little'

Won by: Paul Sorano from Dolgeville, New York

Best in Class 57

Episcia 'Silver Skies'

Won by: Donna Biggs from Northampton, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 58

Primulina 'Mineko'

Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, Virginia

Best in Class 59

Petrocosmea flaccida

Won by: Barb Borleske from Wilmington, Delaware

Best in Class 60

xRhytidonera Ako Cardinal Flight

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 62

Episcia 'Kee Wee'

Won by: Lisa Bradley from Broomall, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 63

Primulina 'Minnie Pearl'

Won by: Barb Borleske from Wilmington, Delaware

Best in Class 64

Primulina longgangensis

Won by: Barb Borleske from Wilmington, Delaware

Best in Class 65

Petrocosmea 'Keystone's Blue Jay'

Won by: Alice Dulaney from Broomall, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 66

Aeschynanthus 'Bolero'

Won by: Judi Du Pont from Newark, Illinois

Best in Class 67

Education Table

Won by: Donna Biggs from Northampton, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 68

Avisa Table

Won by: Donna Biggs from Northampton, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 69

"Paris, France"

Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, Virginia

Best in Class 70

"Rome, Italy"

Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, Virginia

Best in Class 71

"Sydney, Australia"

Won by: Lisa Bradley from Broomall, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 72

"Edinburgh, Scotland"

Won by: Bill Schmidt from Richmond, Virginia

Best in Class 73

"Istanbul, Turkey"

Won by: Bill Schmidt from Richmond, Virginia

Best in Class 74

"Monte-Carlo, Monaco"

Won by: Dreama Bigio from Norfolk, Virginia

Best in Class 75

"Kyoto, Japan"

Won by: Dreama Bigio from Norfolk, Virginia

Best in Class 76

"Kirunba, Sweden"

Won by: Dreama Bigio from Norfolk, Virginia

Best in Class 77

"Reykjavik, Iceland"

Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, Virginia

Best in Class 78

"Terrarium"

Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, Virginia

Best in Class 79

"Dish garden"

Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, Pennsylvania

Best in Class 80

"Natural Garden"

Won by: Jill Fischer from Farmville, Virginia

Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society

York, Pennsylvania

SHOW PICTURES



Best in Show, Tri-Color, & Best Semiminiature
Hunter's Ashes of Roses
Won by: Kurt Jablonsk from Malvern, Pennsylvania



Best Design in Show, Best Natural Garden, Best
Container Garden, & Tri-Color
"Natural Garden"
Won by: Jill Fischer from Farmville, Virginia



2nd Best Design in Show & Best Plant Arrangement
"Rome, Italy"

Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, Virginia



3rd Best Design in Show & Best Flower Arrangement
"Kyoto, Japan"

Won by: Dreama Bigio from Norfolk, Virginia



2nd Best in Show & Best Miniature
Hunter's Itsy Bitsy

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, Pennsylvania



3rd Best in Show
Hunter's Cabbage Goddess

Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, Pennsylvania



Best Standard, Best Fantasy, & Best Variegated
Buckeye Cranberry Sparkler
Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion,
Pennsylvania



Best Russian/Ukrainian Hybrid
SK-Apple Orchard
Won by: Sue Hoffmann from Virginia Beach,
Virginia



Best Carolina Hybrid from Best Standard AVSA
Collection
Carolina Made You Look
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Best Species
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Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia,
Pennsylvania
from Best AVSA Species Collection



Best Other Gesneriad
xRhytidoneria Ako Cardinal Flight
Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion,
Pennsylvania

Class 77, “Reykjavik, Iceland” was an unusual **underwater presentation**. Rather than viewing it from the front, it was viewed from the top down. Tammy Dubois won this Best in Class 77.



Best in Class 77 “Reykjavik, Iceland”

Musings from York Show Visitors

I though it would be fun and interesting to hear from our 2024 York visitors as to what they would have **done differently**, or thought **worked well**.

Entries Committee Chairman, Ken Barbi

The one thing I would change for future MAAVS Shows would be to have Horticulture Entrants send the Entries Committee Chairman a preliminary list of what they **think they might enter**. It would greatly speed up the Entries process allowing an advance addition of an exhibitor's name and city of residence. It would also make adding Other Gesneriads easier since so many of them have too many vowels!!

Anonymous

The meat balls, chilli, chicken dip, and chicken soup in the kitchen were excellent! Bring them on next year!

Anonymous

I'd like to go back to this Church in York. It offered allot of space and a welcoming environment. I think the Commercials liked it too and did well! But next year, we should have all our dinners at the Four Points hotel!



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