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Sue Hoffmann, MAAVS President

Hi everyone - MAAVS friends and fellow African violet enthusiasts - Welcome to 2021!

Here's a happy MAAVS MEMO! Wait until you see the results of our virtual show. We can thank Linda Kilby who spearheaded the project, Cindy Castaldi and Minh Bui for compiling the photos and designing the album; and Ken Barbi who made everything compatible for the MEMO. Good job! Unfortunately, the MAAVS website is down right now, so you'll have to wait to see it online, but Tom Glembocki is aware of the problem and trying to get it resolved as soon as possible.

We had good participation, with members submitting photos of their blooming beauties. See big ones - - oh my, Marie Burns' entries! Karyn Cichocki added her very happy Species and Gesneriads. There are lots of gorgeous photos.

Many thanks to these members for sending photos: Ken Barbi, Donna Biggs, Lisa Bradley, Minh Bui, Marie Burns, Karyn Cichocki, Alice Dulaney, Erika Geimonen, Sue Hoffmann, LaDonna Hopson, Barbara Jones, Linda Stinnette, and Leslie Swezey. Yes, it does take some time. I had to find a dark blanket for my background, choose and groom my blooming plants, and learn how to get decent pictures with my cell phone camera. I shared the photos to my email account and sent them to Cindy. Next time it will be easier. I encourage you to do a test-run so you can have your plants in the next virtual extravaganza! The virtual showing is done to bring smiles and add plants to others' wish lists. There's nothing to lose! Neither you nor your plants are judged for awards or ribbons, and it feels nice to participate.

Let's hope with the New Year, more sunlight each day, promise of COVID vaccines and life appearing more stable overall, that we can get back in the swing of things. Because it's taking a while to get the vaccine, most of the spring shows have been cancelled, but we are going forward with previous plans to hold our MAAVS convention in Morgantown, Pennsylvania, this November. We will follow all special

instructions and protocols to make sure everyone stays safe.

After talking with Sandy Pine (Convention Chair), Linda Kilby and Minh Bui (Show Co-chairs) and Linda Stinnette (Treasurer), we are ready to move forward. As soon as we have further information from the hotel, we will release confirmed dates and the show schedule. Minh Bui is the Show Awards Chair. Minh can be reached at minhbui82@hotmail.com

We have lost several well-known members since our last show, so I personally want to honor them with special memorial awards: Diane Richardson, MAAVS 1st President; Mary Boland, charter member, Parliamentarian, Master AVSA judge and AVSA President; and Bill Paauwe, owner of Violets by Appointment.

I had a great time being invited to speak for the AVS of Springfield (PA) January meeting via Go-to-Meeting. We spent almost 2 hours online with their club meeting, my program about "Taking Care of my Violets During Stressful Times", followed by lots of questions and visiting. It was my first exposure to online meetings and think with practice on my part, it is a great way to get together. Thankfully I had lots of plants blooming plus lots of problems to show. It was wonderful to see Joan Santino. Minh is scheduled to speak for several clubs about his lighting experiments on ZOOM. The latest spectrum he's exploring is Ultraviolet light and he's quite pleased with the results. So glad he gets to share this knowledge.

Please hang in there. Follow your state and local restrictions, sign up for your vaccines, and let's look forward to getting together in November. Spend time looking through the web sites of our Commercial members, make your wish lists, trade and put down leaves and repot those mature

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Rich Follett	2007 - 2011
Joan Santino	2011 - 2015
Brenda Petry	2015 - 2017
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plants. We have 9 months to get ready for show. Be happy and enjoy your plants.

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Mary Boland

Mary Agnes Boland passed away on December 23, 2020. She was 93. Her husband, Art, passed away on June 22, 2020, at the age of 90. They were married in Alexandria, VA on January 19, 1952. Mary was a past president of AVSA, Teacher & Master Judge Emeritus, and a Charter Member of MAAVS. Mary and Art last attended the November 2019 MAAVS Convention in Virginia Beach. They are missed by their family, Annamarie (Rick) Mays, Susan (Mike) King, Brigitte (Jack) Ferrick, and Ginger (Dale) Robertson. Grandchildren include Nicole (Joe), Shane, Kyle (Jenni), Megan (Will), Jack (Sarah), Ethan (Katie), Travis (Rachel), Lauren, Tara (Josh), Eddie (Denisse), Brett and 10 great-grandchildren. She joined Art at an interment at Quantico on January 7, 2021.



Bill Paauwe

William (Bill) H. Paauwe, 91, of West Sayville, Long Island, New York, died suddenly on Monday, January 4, 2021. He was a lifelong resident of West Sayville. Bill worked for more than 30 years with The Equitable Life Insurance Company in Manhattan, and studied voice in New York and sang with choral groups in New York City at Carnegie Hall, Town Hall, and Radio City Music Hall. He was an avid African violet grower and an original commercial member of MAAVS. He was a member of the local Sweetwater African Violet Society as well as a member of African Violet Society of America.

We last saw Bill and his daughter, Nancy Paauwe, at the November 2018 Convention in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Bill's wife Kathryn died in 2014, and they will always be remembered for their **Violets By Appointment** commercial business at our shows.

Bill is survived by his daughter Nancy Paauwe of Georgia, as well as grandchildren, Janna, Calvin and Audrey. His other daughter, Betsy Paauwe-Choate, died in 2017

Sports

Searching the internet brings up this very interesting site: <http://firstclass2.com/sports.htm> which lists lots of African violet sports. It lists the original variety and the name of the sport(s). You'd be surprised at what comes from what!

MAAVS 2021 Convention/Show in Morgantown, Pennsylvania is still **on schedule** for November at the Morgantown Holiday Inn.

Dom Fialki (House of Violets) Moscow

MAAVS' member, Vladimir Kalgin, is the owner of Dom Fialki (House of Violets) in Moscow, Russia, that was mentioned in the November 2020 MAAVS Memo. It has a web site at www.domfialki.ru worth visiting. Don't forget to get Google to translate the site into English.



Sales Shelves in Dom Fialki

Dom Fialki has operated since 2002 as a flower shop devoted entirely to African violets and gesneriads. It is actually an association of African violet growers. It has 12 employees and more than 100 best growers and hybridizers not only from Moscow but also from different regions including the Ukraine who bring their plants to Dom Fialki.



Vladimir in Sales Area of Dom Fialki giving an award to the Show Winner

They have 13 shows a year 11 days long each with more than 600 blooming plants on the shelves. The rest of the month, Dom Fialki operates as a shop selling plants, pots, mixtures, fertilizers, and more. They count the number of visitors during the past 10 years **at more than 1**

million. Vladimir and his wife Tatiana have provided many awards at our Convention Shows for the Best Russian/Ukraine Collection.



Tatiana and Vladimir at the 2006 MAAVS Convention in Owego, New York

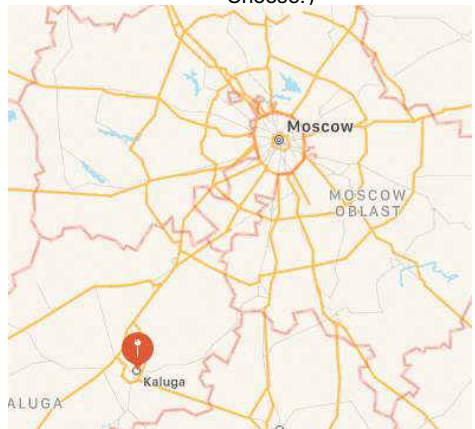
But for Vladimir, African violets and Dom Fialki are still a hobby. For 14 years, Vladimir has owned a dairy farm in the Kaluga region near Moscow which is his primary business. There are over 3,000 cows, two milk processing facilities, storage and logistic facilities and 85 dairy stores in Moscow and the Moscow region. They produce more than 200 different dairy products with about 700 employees from farm to retail store. Only the highest quality milk and dairy products are sold to more than 10,000 customers a day. His products are marketed under the **OK Milk** brand www.okmilk.ru (again don't forget to get a Google translation).



Tatiana and Vladimir Kalgin in Baikal, Russia on Lake Baikal



OK Milk Farm Operation (from Seed to Cheese!)



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Collections



Cajun's Lil Sprinkles
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Wesley's Princess Hot Mess
Shown by Donna Biggs



*Ma's Happily
Ever After*
Shown by Donna Biggs



Cajun's Royal Knockout
Shown by Donna Biggs



Optimara Noid
Shown by Donna Biggs

Standards Green



Harbor Blue
Shown by Marie Burns



Saint Paulia Lacey
Shown by Barbara Jones



Edge of Darkness
Shown by Linda Stinnette



The Alps
Shown by Sue Hoffmann



Queen Sabrina
Shown by Leslie Swezey



Optimara Ontario
Shown by Erika Geimonen



Blue Girl
Shown by Sue Hoffmann



Sweet Affair
Shown by Marie Burns



Heaven's-A-Calling
Shown by Linda Stinnette



RS - Rozshidnie Zari
Shown by Minh Bui



Granger's Desert Dawn
Shown by Linda Stinnette



Optimara Atlanta II
Shown by Sue Hoffmann



Amour Elite (sport)
Shown by Sue Hoffmann



Yukako
Shown by LaDonna Hopson

Standards Variegated



Black Magic
Shown by Minh Bui



Mind's Brook
Shown by Sue Hoffmann



Mac's Virtually Velvet
Shown by Lisa Bradley



Cajun's Flamboyant Mistress
Shown by LaDonna Hopson

Semi-miniature and Miniature



Optimara Little Intermezzo
Shown by Linda Stinnette



Ness' Cranberry Swirl
Shown by Sue Hoffmann



Morgan's Declan Duff
Shown by Erika Geimonen



Windsome
Shown by Erika Geimonen



Gleeeful Elf
Shown by Lisa Bradley

Trailers



Tiny Moon Goddess
Shown by Karyn Cichocki



Jersey Starlight Trail
Shown by Lisa Bradley



Cajun's McKenna Trail
Shown by Sue Hoffmann



Senk's Snowy Egret
Shown by Lisa Bradley

Species



S. diplotricus 'Parker'
Shown by Karyn Cichocki



S. shumensis
Shown by Karyn Cichocki



Velutina Lite
Shown by Donna Biggs



S. grotei 'Silvert'
Shown by Karyn Cichocki

Other Gesneriads

Streptocarpus

Episcias

Primulinas

Petrocosmea

Other Gesneriads Grown for Foliage



Episcia Silver Sheen
Shown by Donna Biggs



Primulina linearicalyx
Shown by Karyn Cichocki



Primulina Rachael
Shown by Minh Bui



Petrocosmea Blue Jay
Shown by Alice Dulaney



Sphaerorrhiza rosulata
Shown by Karyn Cichocki



Primulina Rachel
Shown by Donna Biggs



Nematanthus 'Christmas Holly'
Shown by Ken Barbi



Sinningia Cardinalis
Shown by Barbara Jones



Primulina Rachel
Shown by Alice Dulaney



Primulina (opipogoides x linearifolia)

Shown by Minh Bui



Primulina Hisako

Shown by Alice Dulaney



Ozark Leprechaun Magic Shown by

Leslie Swezey



Kohleria - Peridot's Mango Martini

Shown by Sue Hoffmann



Streptocarpella Blueberry Cream

Shown by Minh Bui

*I hope you all enjoyed our first virtual show. I especially want to thank Linda Kilby, Minh Bui, and Cindy Castaldi for pulling this entire effort together. Another special **thank you** to all our members who entered the show.*

Sue Hoffmann, President

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