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Thanks to everyone for responding to our convention questionnaire. With an overall positive response, we decided to hold the MAAVS convention. It will be November11to13,2021, Morgantown, Pennsylvania, Holiday Inn. Restrictions have been relaxed by the Governor there, so it should be smooth sailing for the show & sales areas and our Saturday night banquet. Sandy Pine, future conventions chair, assured me that our Friday night smorgasbord dinner should run smoothly. The restaurant has already reopened with new safety standards. The Dixie convention has opted for a virtual get-together this Fall,

while Ohio State will hold their convention at Kingwood Center Gardens in September.

This year our show theme is "Violets with Us Throughout the Years: Our 30th Anniversary Celebration." You'll find the schedule inside. It has been sent to AVSA, and we are awaiting approval. The design section will let members show their creativity and strength. Here is the basis for the class titles:

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Our MAAVS.org website is operating again, and will be full of information about our upcoming Convention/Show. In addition, you can rely on the MAAVS Facebook Page that Jackie Leitzel maintains at (https://www.facebook.com/groups/2646182925438855) You will get your registration form and further information in the next MEMO in September.

Congratulations to Joan Santino from AVS of Springfield (PA), a prior MAAVS President, for receiving the Hudson Memorial Award for Affiliate Leadership this year at the AVSA virtual national convention.

We have five months until show time. Right now is an excellent time to look for potential exhibit plants and repot. Identify different solid colors and a colorful assortment of fantasy, multi-color, two tone and chimera plants to grow for the many classes in the horticulture section of the show.

You are getting an overview of 2021 in this MEMO. The next

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Rich Follett	2007 - 2011
Joan Santino	2011 - 2015
Brenda Petry	2015 - 2017
Sue Hoffmann	2017 - Now

issue will have the registration form, and more in-depth information about hotel registration and the show. If you have recommendations, please let us know.

I'm honestly looking forward to getting together and visiting in person. Virtual meetings have kept us together, but this will be the best! Just imagine walking through the sales room.

Get ready, get set, and get repotting!! We're back!

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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 semiminiature varieties of the same type (3 single crown or 3 trailers all of which must be either be semiminiature 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, semiminiature, same type trailers and species. They need not be registered.
- 5. Russian 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 -Semiminiature 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 - Semiminiature 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 8 for all classes regarding containers)

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

Section VIII -Special Classes

- 42. Saintpaulia species and natural hybrids
- 43. Plants in unusual or novel containers that are single crowned standard, miniature, or semiminiature (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 1996 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. Semiminiature and miniature Vintage Violets registered over 25 Years Ago (registered or recorded prior to October 1996 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)
- 47. African violets with distinctive foliage such as Bustle, Clackamas, girl, Longifolia, etc. (See Hort. Note 6)

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

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

Section X -Gesneriads other than African Violets -In Bloom (See Hort. Note 8 for all classes regarding containers)

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

Section XI -Gesneriads other than African Violets -Grown for Ornamental Foliage (See Hort. Note 8 for all classes regarding containers)

- 62. Episcias grown for ornamental foliage -Pink/White leaf color
- 63. Episcias grown for ornamental foliage -Green, bronze, and all other leaf colors
- 64. Primulina named cultivars and hybrids
- 65. Primulina species
- 66. Petrocosmea
- 67. Other gesneriads grown for ornamental foliage

Special Exhibit Division

Section XII -Special Exhibit Division

- 68. African Violet Educational display
- 69. AVSA Promotional Information

Design Division

We meet in Pennsylvania Dutch country to celebrate our 30th anniversary. As this year's theme implies, our African violets have been with us through the years and shared our triumphs, joys, laughter, friendships, love, sorrow, saying goodbye to beloved members, and we now add a pandemic to our life lists. Share your feelings from these special, personal times and express them in your designs. Thanks to the African violets that continue to see us through it all.

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. 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 African violet (s) and other plants. Limit of four entries in classes 70-73.

- 70. "Happiness" –Each of us has happy zones. What make you happy? There are so many things –among them might be: a special pet, a hug, a lobster dinner, yummy candy, a rollercoaster, bright colors or a cozy bed and sleep. Create a plant arrangement to show something that makes you happy. (22"H X 18"W X 10" wings -maximum depth 14")
- 71. "Good Health" –We all try to maintain good health, especially during the past year. What steps have you taken to stay healthy and well during the pandemic? Have you gone to the gym, started yoga, added new foods/vegetables, started biking or gone for walks? Create a plant arrangement breathing strength and wellness into your design. (22"H X 18"W X 10" wings -maximum depth 14")
- 72. "Family" –Whether they are near, far or in our memories, we all have a family base. They have shared many of our deepest feelings, our struggles and successes. Our family is our strongest support. Show your family strength and framework in this plant arrangement design. (22"H X 18"W X 10" wings -maximum depth 8")
- 73. "Friendship" –How one-sided would our lives be without friends? They truly add "the other side" of life's fabric. Friends are there to talk, share, and complete our lives. Imagine the friendships built through our African violet clubs and MAAVS. Interweave some "friendship fabric" into your plant arrangement. (18"H X 15"W X 9" wings -maximum depth 12")

Section XIV -Interpretive Flower Arrangements

Use fresh-cut African violet blossoms in a design with other fresh cut, dried or treated plant material. 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 African violet (s) and other plants. Limit of four entries in classes 74-76.

- 74. "Joy" -Let joy emanate from your heartfelt flower arrangement. (12"H x 10"W x 6" wings-maximum depth 8")
- 75. "Hope" —"A feeling of desire for something, and confidence in the possibility of its fulfilment." Create a flower arrangement using bright colors to show confidence and strength. (18"H X 15"W X 9" wings -maximum depth 12")
- 76. "Growth" Moving forward, developing and gaining greater form through positive evolution. Your flower arrangement design should contain increasing volume or size to portray growth. (22"H x 18"W x 10" wings-maximum depth 8")
- 77. "Prosperity" Prosperity signifies being comfortable through success and wealth. Let wealth and success radiate from your miniature flower

arrangement. To be displayed in front of an 8" white disc. Limit of 10 entries. 78. "Love" –What the world needs now... Include something red in your adaptation of love in this underwater flower arrangement. To be shown in a clear, transparent container completely submerged in water. This class has a limit of six 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 African violet(s) and other plants in your exhibit.

- 79. Terrarium A landscape design in a covered glass container and no base permitted. No more than 24" in any dimension.
- 80. Dish garden -A landscape design in a dish no greater than 24 inches in its longest dimension. One planting area.
- 81. Natural garden -A landscape design in a natural container and no base 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 11, 2021 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 62-67-"Gesneriads other than African Violets-Grown for Ornamental Foliage". 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 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 1996) 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. African violets with distinctive foliage such as Bustle, Clackamas, Longifolia, girl, etc. may be exhibited in Class 47, or within its appropriate size/color/type class at the exhibitor's discretion, however, only exhibits in this class will be considered for a Distinctive Foliage Award (if given).
- 7. New Introduction Seedlings in Class 48 and New Introductions Sports in Class 49 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 49 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 49. However, if the exhibitor wants to include it as a New Introduction sport in Class 49, it must be labeled "Sport of ______ (XYZ Susie)". Class 49 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.
- 8. 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 50 -67 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 or will elevate it on a riser. 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.
- 9. Judging will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Friday, November 12, 2021. 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 13, 2021 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.

11. The authority for judging will be the AVSA Handbook for African Violet Growers, Exhibitors and Judges (2016 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.
- 3. African violets should be emphasized in the design. One or more plants or cut flowers may be used except in Container Gardens. 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 70 thru 78.
- 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 or mail to: 8572 Patrick Henry Way, Gloucester, VA 23061. Entries will be accepted ONLY if postmarked or emailed starting Friday, October 1, 2021 and no later than Friday, November 5, 2021. Questions can be answered by calling Pat at 757-681-0279.

MAAVS 2021 Convention/Show in Morgantown, Pennsylvania is **on schedule** for November 11 to 13, 2021, at the Morgantown Holiday Inn.

MAAVS Nominating Committee Report

Your MAAVS Nominating Committee members (Brenda Petry, Susan Barbi, and Sharon Long) submit the following MAAVS Members as officers to be elected at the November 2021 General Membership Meeting:

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

Submitted by Brenda Petry, Chairman

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Fun with Postage Stamps by Ken Barbi

Many of you have seen interesting postage stamps issued by various counties, but the USPS has its own collection. In the past, I have used stamps with a "scratch and sniff" aroma of an ice cream pop; and a Magic Rabbit jumping out of a hat. In this mailed Memo v o u will see the







Rotated View





Tyrannosaurus Rex issue of 2019. The first stamp on the top left when **tilted** comes alive as shown in the bottom left stamp; and the second stamp on the top right opens its mouth into a terrifying roar! Each of you is getting one or the other. Enjoy!

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