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Minh Bui, MAAVS President at AVSA Convention with Best Trailer in Show, Rob's Vanilla Trail

President's Message

Thanks to a dedicated team of behind-the-scenes members who worked tirelessly to ensure the show went on, and to all of you for your high-quality show plants and creative designs, this year's MAAVS convention was an astonishing success. I've been hearing much praise throughout the country from

other AV hobbyists on the show's presentation and turnout. If there was any ever doubt that members of the Mid-Atlantic region had growing and design talent, that doubt has been shattered after this convention. I could not be prouder of MAAVS and its members for the hard work and commitment at this year's convention.

Now that our 2023 convention is complete, we start planning for next year's. Rodney, your Vice-President, has several candidate venues in sight in York, PA, and will be finalizing his decision in the next couple months. Stay tuned for updates on the website and on the Facebook MAAVS page.

Cheers, Minh Bui, MAAVS President minhbui82@hotmail.com

The Story of the 2023 MAAVS Convention and Show "The Little Show that Could"

Our 2023 Convention and Show was planned to be held in Hunt Valley, Maryland, on the outskirts of Baltimore in a Marriott Hotel. Four weeks before our show was to open, the hotel advised us it **was closing** on October 31st - - 3 days before our Convention and Show.

Wow - - Sandy Pine (our Convention Chair) went to work right away to find a new venue with the help of her Marriott Delta Hunt Valley contact, Craig Leigh . The search was on!

Eureka - - Just like a "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" fairy tail, the first alternative couldn't meet our dates, the second alternative was not affordable, but the third choice was the Wyndham Gateway in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, which became our new venue. Rodney did a site survey, and approved its feasibility. Sandy had to quickly negotiate a new contract keeping the costs the same as our Delta Hunt Valley location. Then all the meals had to be rearranged keeping the selections and costs consistent with our advertised Delta Hunt Valley selections and prices. **Once done, MAAVS registrants needed to know what happened.** New Registration Forms were developed, our WEB SITE was updated, and all registrants were contacted by E Mail, phone or rumor. I thought it would be a major disaster, but our loyal members accepted all the changes and they all came to our new venue in Gettysburg.

Everything was in motion now, and it's Show Setup Day. We had been given a space in the Wyndham's closed restaurant across the street from the hotel, and our Staging Committee (led by Linda Kilby and Jackie Leitzel) went into action and got all the design niches in place and all the plant categories identified. Then the unthinkable - - the outdoor temperature dropped into the mid 20's at night with a building heating system that was inoperative, and the exhibit space became unusable. Three hours before Plant Entries was to begin, the hotel staff and every available MAAVS member moved all the tables, design niches, class dividers, etc. across the parking lot into a new space in the hotel lobby. The lobby not a private room! It was an interesting morning, but we survived. Our Convention and Show finally took shape in a comfortable and affordable venue, and was a huge success. The commercials were very happy with sales, and the lobby location resulted in a lot of "foot traffic", with many visitors becoming interested in learning about African Violets. Horticulture had 184 exhibits, Design had 45 exhibits, and 2 Special exhibits.

Hat's off to MAAVS members! We will find new venues like this for the future.

(FYI This past October, the Dixie African Violet Society (DAVS) held their annual Convention/Show at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Alabama, and had great success. Their Show and Sales Rooms were combined similar to what we did in Gettysburg. Hotels were expensive, but next year they are planning on scouting the area for less expensive hotels which might also offer no-cost small meeting rooms for their use This year, they used a no-cost business room of one of the hotels for their Board of Directors' meeting. Next year, they are also planning to reserve a room at a local restaurant for a pay-for-your-own meal awards dinner, and are planning to return to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Alabama .)





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Richmond African Violet Society

April 5, 2024 @ 1:00 pm - April 7, 2024 @ 4:00 pm Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden 1800 Lakeside Avenue, Henrico, VA.

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April 27, 2024 @ 9:00 am - April 28, 2024 @ 4:00 pm Norfolk Botanical Gardens 6700 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, VA. African Violet Show & Plant Sale "Violets Under the Stars" Event Dates and Hours: Saturday, April 27, & Sunday, 28, 2024 Saturday: Sale: 9 am to 5 pm Show: 1 pm to 5 pm Sunday: Sale & Show: 9 am to 4 pm Location: Norfolk Botanical Gardens 6700 Azalea Garden Rd. Norfolk, VA 23518.

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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 2022 Edition, and awarded a ribbon as merited. To exhibit, you must be a MAAVS member.

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Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society November 2 - 4, 2023 Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Show Results "Violets in the Animal Kingdom"

Best in Show Carolina Elegant Affair

Won by: Linda Abplanalp from

Burlington, NC

Best AVSA Standard Collection

Buckeye Nostalgia Harbor Blue

Carolina Elegant Affair

Won by: Linda Abplanalp from

Burlington, NC

2nd Best AVSA Standard Collection

Buckeye Cranberry Sparkler Buckeye Cherry Topping

Hunter's Kashmir

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern,

PΑ

Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection Hunter's Chipmunk Cheeks Orchard's Bumble Magnet

N-Avrora

Won by: Linda Abplanalp from

Burlington, NC

2nd Best AVSA Mini/Semi Collection

Queen Sabrina Hunter's Pink Camo

Jolly Eyes

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Best Trailer

РΑ

Best AVSA Species Collection

Not Awarded

2nd Best AVSA Species Collection

Not Awarded

Best MAAVS Collection Hunter's Taste of Her Kiss

Hunter's Andromeda Hunter's Lil Pissah

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion,

PΑ

Best Russian/Ukrainian Collection

EK-Goluboglazaia Rossiia

RS-Bomond PT-Luiza

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion,

PΑ

2nd Best Russian/Ukrainian Collection

Not Awarded

Best Standard

Carolina Elegant Affair

Won by: Linda Abplanalp from Burlington,

NC

Best Semiminiature Wesley's Fairy Lights

Won by: Marie Glass from Paradise, PA

Best Miniature Lavender Fairy

Won by: Marie Glass from Paradise, PA

Best Trailer Rob's Gundaroo

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, PA

Best Species

S. 5b clone grotei Silvert

Won by: Linda Abplanalp from Burlington,

NC

Best Russian/Ukrainian Plant in Show 3rd Best Design **RS-Zimniy Tsvetok** "Terrarium" Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, PA PΑ Best Lyons/Sorano Plant Best Interpretive Plant Arrangement Boo Man "Beavers" Won by: Linda Abplanalp from Won by: Bill Schmidt from Richmond, VA Burlington, NC Best Interpretive Flower Arangement Best Harbor Blue "Butterflies" Won by: Karyn Cichocki from Lafayette, Harbor Blue Won by: Linda Abplanalp from N.I Burlington, NC Horticulture Sweepstakes **Best Optimara** 29 blue ribbons Rhapsodie Ingrid Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Won by: Cindy Casteldi from Springfield, PA PΑ Design Sweepstakes 12 blue ribbons Best Carolina Plant Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Carolina Ariosa Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Beach, VA PΑ Best in Class 6 Optimara Ontario **Best Variegate** Won by: Alice Dulaney from Broomall, PA Carolina Elegant Affair Won by: Linda Abplanalp from Burlington, NC Best in Class 7 Rhapsodie Ingrid Won by: Cindy Casteldi from Springfield, Best Vintage Violet Irish Angel PΑ Won by: Lisa Bradley from Broomal, PA Best in Class 10 Optimara Manitoba **Best Gesneriad** Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, VA Aeschynanthus humilis Won by: Paul Sorano from Dolgeville, NY Best in Class 11 8E Phnom Penh Won by: Sharon Long from Henrico, VA Best Design "Beavers"

Won by: Karyn Cichocki from Lafayette, NJ

Best in Class 12 Carolina Ariosa

PΑ

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion,

Won by: Bill Schmidt from Richmond,

VA

2nd Best Design

"Butterflies"

Best in Class 13 Best in Class 25 Sweet Affair Lvon's Little Sweetheart Won by: Linda Abplanalp from Won by: Marie Glass from Paradise, PA Burlington, NC Best in Class 28 Best in Class 14 Jersev Little Devil **DN-Broadway Lights** Won by: Janet Sierzega from Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Bridgewater.NJ PΑ Best in Class 29 Best in Class 15 Shv Blue Jersey Snow Flakes Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, VA Won by: Lisa Bradley from Broomal, PA Best in Class 32 Best in Class 16 Ness' Cranberry Swirl **Hunter's Hot Expectations** Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, VA Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, PΑ Best in Class 33 N-Kapel'ka Won by: Marie Glass from Paradise, PA Best in Class 19 Frozen in Time Won by: Linda Abplanalp from Best in Class 34 Burlington, NC Orchard's Bumble Magnet Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Best in Class 20 PΑ K's Belladonna Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Best in Class 35 PΑ Lavender Fairy Won by: Marie Glass from Paradise, PA Best in Class 21 Wesley's Fairy Lights Best in Class 36 Won by: Marie Glass from Paradise, PA Hunter's Touch of Class Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, Best in Class 22 PA Jolly Fireball Won by: Karyn Cichocki from Lafayette, Best in Class 37 NJ Hunter's Chickadee Chirps Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, VA

Best in Class 23

Boo Man

Won by: Linda Abplanalp from

Burlington, NC

Best in Class 24

Hunter's Storm Clouds Won by: Linda Abplanalp from

Burlington, NC

Best in Class 40

Skart Litet Moln

Won by: Rodney Barnett from Red Lion, PA

РА

Best in Class 41 Rob's Gundaroo

Won by: Kurt Jablonski from Malvern, PA

Best in Class 42 S. 5b clone grotei Silvert Won by: Linda Abplanalp from

Burlington, NC

Best in Class 43 Mac's Coral Carillon

Won by: Sharon Long from Henrico, VA

Best in Class 44 Brazos Belle

Won by: Pat Knight from Gloucester, VA Won by: Paul Sorano from Dolgeville, NY

Best in Class 45 Chanticleer

Won by: Kathryn Hedgepeth from

Richmond, VA

Best in Class 46 Irish Angel

Won by: Lisa Bradley from Broomal, PA

Best in Class 47
Blizzard's Little Girl

Won by: Marie Glass from Paradise, PA

Best in Class 48 Carolina Party Pants

Won by: Linda Abplanalp from

Burlington, NC

Best in Class 49 Sport of LE-Karusel

Won by: Lisa Bradley from Broomal, PA

Best in Class 50

Sinningia 'Mary Jane's Pixie' Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New

Columbia, PA

Best in Class 54 Gloxinia 'Dragonsong'

Won by: Barbara Borleske from

Wilmington, DE

Best in Class 55
Aeschynanthus humilis

Won by: Paul Sorano from Dolgeville, NY

Best in Class 56

Streptocarpus 'Blueberry Butterfly' Won by: Linda Corcoran from Upper

Chichester, PA

Best in Class 57

Streptocarpus 'Bristol's Chicken Little'

Best in Class 59 Primulina bipinnatifida

Won by: Dreama Bigio from Norfolk, VA

Best in Class 60

Petrocosmea 'Mama Mia'

Won by: Karyn Cichocki from Lafayette,

Best in Class 61

Michaelmoelleria vietnamensis Won by: Barbara Borleske from

Wilmington, DE

Best in Class 63 Episcia 'Karlin'

Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia

Beach, VA

Best in Class 64 Primulina 'Minnie Pearl'

Won by: Barbara Borleske from

Wilmington, DE

Best in Class 65 Primulina yungfuensis

Won by: LaDonna Hopson from

Yorktown, VA

Best in Class 66

Petrocosmea chrysotricha Won by: Barbara Borleske from

Wilmington, DE

Best in Class 68 African Violet Educational display Won by: Donna Biggs from Northampton, PA

Best in Class 69 **AVSA Promotional Information** Won by: Donna Biggs from Northampton, PA

Best in Class 70 "Polar Bears" Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia

Beach, VA Best in Class 71

"Elephants" Won by: Dreama Bigio from Norfolk, VA Square, NJ

Best in Class 72 "Zebras" Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, VA

Best in Class 73 "Beavers" Won by: Bill Schmidt from Richmond, VA

Best in Class 74 "Pandas" Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, VA

Best in Class 75 "Leopards" Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, VA

Best in Class 76 "Butterflies" Won by: Karyn Cichocki from Lafayette, N.I

Best in Class 77 "Lemurs"

Won by: Bill Schmidt from Richmond, VA

Best in Class 78 "Starfish" Won by: April Van Ness from Hamilton

Best in Class 79 "Terrarium" Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, PA

Best in Class 80 "Dish garden" Won by: Jackie Leitzel from New Columbia, PA

Best in Class 81 "Natural garden" Won by: Tammy Dubois from Virginia Beach, VA



Best Gesneriad Aeschynanthus humilis shown by Paul Sorano



Best Species **S. 5b clone grotei Silvert** shown by Linda Abplanalp



Best Russian/Ukrainian Plant in Show **RS-Zimniy Tsvetok** shown by Rodney Barnett



Best in Show Design *Beavers* shown by Bill Schmidt



MAAVS 2023 Show Room



Rich Follett, Jill Fischer, and Karyn Cichocki Judging



Susan Barbi and Linda Kilby at the Entries
Desk



Best in Show Horticulture *Carolina Elegant Affair* shown and hybridized
by Linda Abplanalp



Best Semiminiature *Wesley's Fairy Lights* shown by Marie Glass





2nd Best in Show Design **Butterflies** in a kinetic arrangement Shown by Karyn Cichocki



3rd Best in Show Design *Terrarium* shown by Jackie Leitzel



Best Trailer Rob's Gundaroo shown by Kurt Jablonski



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ALERT TO SHOW ENTRIES CHAIRMEN Concerning AVSA's Entries Program Entry Cards





At our recent MAAVS Annual Show in Gettysburg, we had a problem using the AVSA Entries Program's Entry Card printing of the new AVSA Entry Cards.

These new cards being sold by AVSA no longer have perforations allowing the separation of the exhibit name from the main card. You will need a pair of scissors or a paper cutter on hand to do that. Don't cut this piece off before you print the cards because your printer will print the name inside the printer which will eventually foul your printer.

Additionally, the new cards have a pre-punch hole on the top left of the card where one might want to tie a ribbon. The problem we encountered was 15 % of these **holes fall out** in the printer when the cards get printed. The older cards come with the hole completely punched out. Our experience was after printing about 200 cards, the **punch outs fouled our printer damaging the laser toner cartridge and the drum assembly.** We didn't realize this until the end of the show which was too late. As it turned out, we had to replace the printer as the most cost effective option.





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