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

President's Message

As summer comes to a close, a new reason to be excited heads our way. The 31st Annual MAAVS Convention during the first week of November will be here before you know it. Below and throughout this edition of the MEMO, you'll find vital details including deadlines and requirements. Please take advantage of the early bird convention registration (by September 1st) as we've seen rising costs across

the board. If you're mailing in your registration forms and check, please make sure it is post-marked by the deadline.

We are excited to welcome the AVSA executive committee, including past and current Presidents, Sue Ramser and Mary Corondan, respectively. Three of the executive board members will present informative talks at our convention, so please stay tuned.

At this year's membership meeting, please bring your suggestions and concerns. With rising costs, it's become apparent that changes may need to take place. If you've got ideas, I want to hear them. One suggestion I'd like to bring to the discussion is the (un)official re-naming of our organization to 'Mid-Atlantic African Violet and Gesneriad Society'. After seeing how successful our members were at both the AVSA and Gesneriad Societies' conventions, there is no doubt our organization houses some of the best growers and designers of African Violets and Other Gesneriads in the country. It is only fitting that we establish our organization as an expert in all things gesneriads.

The theme of our Friday night Costume Competition is **"Fantasy/Reality"**

Animal Kingdom". The Best and Second Best costume will receive a \$15 and \$10 gift certificate towards showroom sales.

I hope you're all as excited as I am about the upcoming convention and that your plants have been growing under the best care. It's going to be a spectacular convention with some jaw-dropping gorgeous plants expected on the tables. Looking forward to seeing you all in two months!

Upcoming Deadlines

Deadlines for the Convention

Early Bird Convention Registration	By Sep 1 st
Convention Registration Form to Jackie Leitzel	By Sep 30 th
Hotel Reservations	By Sep 30 th
Meal Selections on Registration Form	By Sep 30 th
Judges and Clerks Volunteering to Rodney Barnett	By Oct 20 th
Regular Convention Registration	By Oct 25 th
Design Registrations to Pat Knight	Oct 1 st to Oct 25 th
Awards Donations to Minh Bui	By Oct 25 th

For Awards Donations to appear in the Convention Souvenir Booklet, we must have them by October 25th

Judging School Those of you attending judging school, your teacher, Joyce Stork, has a few reminders. Make sure you register with the judging school fee (\$20) added by September 30th. Students MUST 1) Use the latest 2022 *AVSA Handbook for Growers, Exhibitors, and Judges* (available from AVSA's website); 2) Make sure their AVSA membership is current and up-to-date; and 3) Provide proof of 3 blue ribbons (two for horticulture). You will get e-mail notifications with judging school updates, so make sure you register with the correct E Mail address (and check your spam folder). If you are a Master Judge auditing the class, you must also pay the \$ 20 fee.

Cheers, Minh Bui, MAAVS President
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usual. See page 14 to Register early by September 1st
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A New Paradigm in African Violet Society Convention/Shows

This year the *Dixie African Violet Society* www.davs.org is holding their first convention/show in a non-hotel venue - - the Birmingham, Alabama, Botanical Gardens. It's going to happen - - October 19 - 21, 2023. Hotel accommodations and meals will not be provided. The show, meetings, and presentation rooms will be located at the Botanical Garden. It is expected the overall cost of such an approach will be more affordable than past Convention/Shows.

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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.



For an Affiliate to order a rosette, please contact **Minh Bui** at 13111 Ardennes Avenue, Rockville, MD 20851, and remit \$5.00 with each request. If you have unused rosettes from previous years, you may request new score sheets at no cost, use the score sheets from the AVSA Entries Program, or download score sheets from www.midatlanticafricanvioletsofamerica.org For additional information, or to check on a request, call me at 301.442.2679, or E Mail me at minhbui82@hotmail.com

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Barbara R. Cook 1941 - 2023



Barbara Cook, 82, of New Bedford passed away Tuesday July 11, 2023, at home after a battle with brain cancer. She was the wife of John M. Cook for 58 years before he passed in 2018.

So many of us have fond memories of this couple. They shared our love of African violets and provided lots of merchandise, pots and soil at every MAAVS Convention. They owned and operated Cape Cod Violetry, and are finally together again. I hope they realize how much they gave us. John and Barbara will be fondly remembered. Barbara was an avid African Violet grower - she liked growing species which many of us still grow and show! John and Barbara were both Honorary Life Members of MAAVS

because of their contributions to our society since its beginning in 1991.

Barbara is survived by her children, Debbie Watts and her husband Brian, of Wisconsin; Donna Lange and her husband Steven, of Georgia; Peter Cook and his partner Jodi Edwards, of East Falmouth; and her brother, Thomas Jones and his wife Annette. She had 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

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Awards Time



Greetings all! I hope to find you well and planning to attend the **31st Annual Convention and Show** in Baltimore, Maryland, November 2nd through the 4th this year, and that you have already set aside the plants you plan to enter and that you are also thinking of the clever and innovative designs you will create using America's favorite house plant as your touchstone. And as you may already know, MAAVS presents cash awards to the winners in the major categories and also those plants and designs judged to be the best-in-their classes.

MAAVS depends on generous donations from the membership to be able to offer these cash awards to the individuals who's hard work on their plants and designs is recognized by the judges. Your donation will appear in the Convention Souvenir Booklet if you submit it **before October 25th**.

Please **donate an award on your registration form** or send your check (made out to MAAVS) to: MAAVS Awards, c/o Linda Stinnette, 4209 Thistle Drive,

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Thanks, Minh, Awards Chairman.

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We look forward to you joining our Society. Existing members, can use this form to renew their membership.

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PROPOSED Better Point Scoring Guidance Needed in AVSA Sanctioned Show Design Classes Presentation

to the AVSA Board of Directors Meeting at MAAVS by a MAAVS Member who is an AVSA Board Member

After MAAVS published *Common Sense African Violet Judging Guide for Point Scoring*, in the June 2023 MAAVS MEMO and the June 2023 Dixie African Violet Society (DAVS) Dixie News; and on their web sites, MAAVS received many positive comments about the summary explaining how AVSA judges point score horticulture. However, MAAVS and DAVS received requests from African violet enthusiasts for a similar explanation of how AVSA judges point score the Design Classes.

The *2022 AVSA Handbook for Growers, Exhibitors, and Judges* identifies Design Class Point Scoring as follows:

<i>Interpretive Plant or Flower Arrangement (which include Underwater and Kinetic Arrangements)</i>		<i>Container Gardens (which include Terrariums, Bottle Gardens, Dish Gardens, and Natural Gardens)</i>	
Design	40	Landscape plan	40
Interpretation of schedule	15	Suitability of materials	20
Distinction/originality	15	Condition of materials	20
Suitability of materials	10	Cultural perfection	10
Relationship of materials	10	Relationship to container	10
Condition of materials	10		

Within each category, the *2022 AVSA Handbook for Growers, Exhibitors, and Judges* suggests point losses for various problems by saying “Deduct Points for . . .”, but does not detail suggested point losses. This is too broad to give designers an idea of how their design could be judged as a 90 point or higher 1st Blue ribbon, 80 to 89 point 2nd Red ribbon or less than 79 point 3rd White ribbon exhibit. Most designers understand and get full point scores in the smaller point categories. But how to divide the 40 points in “Design” and “Landscape Plan” are not clear, and are at issue. The only clear rule that exists is “to eliminate from consideration” any exhibit where materials extend beyond the dimensions of the design class niche.

MAAVS requests the AVSA Board of Directors initiate an action to better define Design Point Scoring in the Design Classes of AVSA sanctioned Shows.

Design Reservations



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 **Sunday, October 1st**, and no later than **COB Wednesday, October 25th**. Questions can be answered by calling

Pat at 757.681.0279.

MAAVS 2023 31st Annual Show Schedule

"Violets in the Animal Kingdom"

November 1 - 3, 2023 Hunt Valley, Maryland

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 semi-miniature 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, semi-miniature, same type trailers and species. They need not be registered.
5. **Russian/Ukrainian 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 - Semi-miniature 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 - Semi-miniature 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

43. Plants in unusual or novel containers that are single crowned standard, miniature, or semi-miniature (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 1998 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. Semi-miniature and miniature Vintage Violets Registered over 25 years ago (registered or recorded prior to October 1998 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 Qualities other than Bloom (See Hort. Note 8 for all classes regarding containers)

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

Special Exhibit Division

Section XII - Special Exhibit Division

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

Design Division

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. **“Polar Bears”** – These beautiful animals are the largest and most powerful carnivores on land. In this design, feature mainly white flowers.

Limit 4 entries. (22”H X 18”W X 10” wings - maximum depth 14”)

71. **“Elephants”** - These beautiful, family oriented beasts are the world’s largest land animals, and they are herbivores. Their tusks can weigh up to 200 pounds and can grow to 10 feet in length. Show your interpretation in this design. **Limit 4 entries.** (22”H X 18”W X 10” wings - maximum depth 14”)

72. **“Zebras”** – These unique African equines are recognized by their distinctive black-and-white striped coats. Your arrangement should come alive with stripes. **Limit 4 entries** (22”H X 18”W X 10” wings - maximum depth 14”)

73. **“Beavers”** - These are the largest rodents in North America. They have stocky bodies with a yellow-brown almost black coat and a broad, flat, scaly tail. They are known for their use of wood. Incorporate some wood in your design. **Limit 4 entries.** 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. **“Pandas”** - Round, black ears and black eye patches stand out against white face and neck; this captivating appearance has endeared Pandas to people worldwide. Show us your interpretation of the Panda.

Limit 4 entries. (12”H x 10”W x 6” wings- maximum depth 8”)

75. **“Leopards”** – This large carnivore is powerfully built with a long, slender, muscular body, relatively short legs and a broad head. The coat of this graceful cat is pale yellowish to dark golden in color with dark spots grouped in rosettes. Show your interpretation in the use of blossoms in this design.

Limit 4 entries. (18”H X 15”W X 9” wings - maximum depth 12”)

76. **“Butterflies”** – There are about 17,500 different species of butterflies which come in a array of colors and sizes. The smallest butterfly is only about 1.8 of an inch whereas the largest butterfly is nearly 12 inches. Show us your Butterfly vision in this kinetic arrangement. May have implied movement or be a mobile. **Limit 4 entries.** (22”H x 18”W x 10” wings- maximum depth 8”)

77. **“Lemurs”** - Lemurs are indigenous to Madagascar and range in size from 2.5 inches to 2.5 feet tall. They are the only non-human primate with blue eyes, and the attractive ring tail is a feature in several varieties. Lemurs became popular after appearing in several Disney movies. Your miniature arrangement will be staged in front of an 8” disc (to be supplied). **Limit of 10 entries.**

78. **“Starfish”** - These beautiful creatures are commonly call Sea Stars because they are not fish. There are over 2,000 species living in the world’s oceans. They have the ability to display striking colors that camouflage them amongst plants and coral. Create your underwater arrangement in a clear, transparent container completely submerged in water. **Limit of 6 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. No base is permitted. Must be no larger 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. No base is 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 2, 2023 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 Qualities Other than Bloom." 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/Ukrainian 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 1998) 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 3, 2023. 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 4, 2023 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 (2022 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. All design exhibits shall be the exclusive work of the exhibitor.

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.

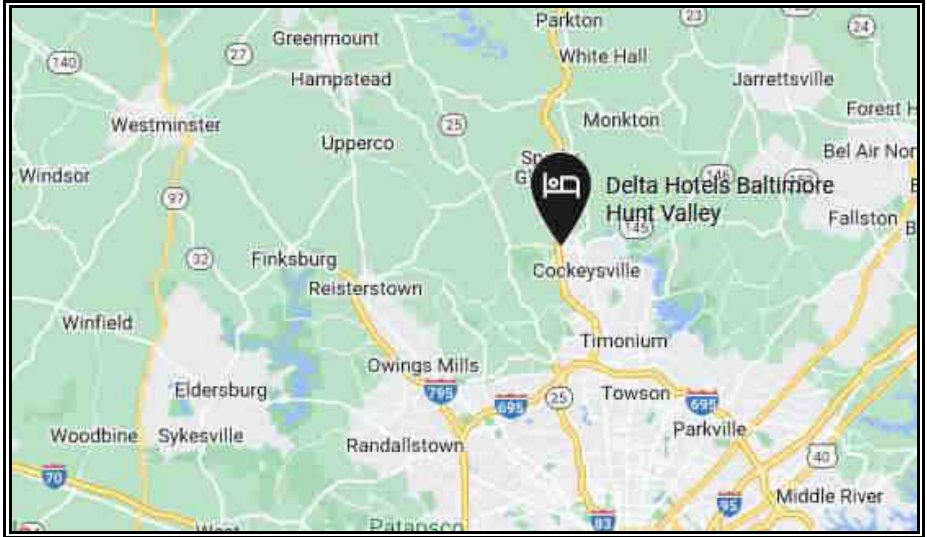
5. All niches are white in color. Accessories are permitted in all classes. Backboards or draping may be used if attached with pins, but tape is not permitted on the niches.

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 Saturday, October 1, 2022, and no later than Friday, November 4, 2022. Questions can be answered by calling Pat at 757-681-0279.

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Friday Night Costume Party 7 - 9 pm

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Sides: Smashed Yukon gold potatoes and vegetable medley

1. Chicken Piccata with lemon butter & capers **\$54**
2. Flat iron steak with shallots and demi glaze **\$63**
3. Vegetarian lasagna **\$52**

Desert with either menu include either Florentine cup
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I'm looking for volunteers to Judge and Clerk the November MAAVS Show. We **need you** to make this show a big success. Please volunteer before October 20th. I'm planning on having three panels of judges.



Please call me at 717.885.3396 or contact me by e mail at: rbmscmn@comcast.net Please let me know what AVSA and/or Gesneriad Society judging status you have.

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_____ Friday, November 3rd, 2023: *Costume Party*
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_____ Saturday, November 4th, 2023: *Awards Banquet*
Salad: Iceberg lettuce wedge with diced tomatoes, bacon, bleu cheese and ranch dressing Sides:
Smashed Yukon gold potatoes and vegetable medley
Check ONE below Check ONE below for any meal
_____ Chicken Piccata with lemon butter & capers **\$54** _____ Florentine cup
_____ Flat iron steak with shallots and demi glaze **\$63** _____ Berries with Creme Fraiche
_____ Vegetarian lasagna **\$52** Sub total for meals _____

Judging School

Wednesday, November 1st, 2023 at 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM **\$20** (to test or audit)
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