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Greetings All!

Hope your plants are thriving! I've been working on mine almost every day. They keep me happy and continue to produce babies, grow, and bloom. Plants are not affected by the COVID pandemic but unfortunately, we have all been. I'm truly sorry . . . but as a recent special note informed our members - - *here we go again!* Thanks for your understanding and your help as we tackle our Second Virtual Convention Show.



Sue Hoffmann, MAAVS President

We were anticipating our 2021 Convention in Morgantown, Pennsylvania, and then the hotel contacted Sandy Pine with news that changed everything about dates due to their conflicting bookings. After considering the **impact of COVID's Delta Variant**, and talking with members of the Convention and Show committees, the MAAVS Executive Committee (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) decided to **postpone** MAAVS 30th Anniversary Celebration until November 2022. The proposed slate of officers for MAAVS has opted to wait for installation until the 2022 Convention. The current officers will continue until that time. This will prompt a change to the Bylaws and Standing Rules which appears in this MEMO. The change will be discussed and voted on during the November virtual Annual Membership ZOOM Meeting that will take place on **November 13th at 7 pm EST** which you will receive a separate E Mail about.

The MAAVS approved show schedule for 2021 can be found in the

June 2021 MAAVS MEMO on our website. The dates and locations will be updated, and the Design Section will be rewritten - - the classes and other information will remain the same. The MAAVS 2022 Convention will be held at the Delta Baltimore Marriott, Hunt Valley, Maryland, in November 2022

We thank those who have stepped in to help put together another Virtual Convention Show: Cindy Castaldi, Minh Bui, Jackie Leitzel, Linda Kilby and members of AV Society of Springfield. Start looking through your collection to see what may be a potential gorgeous exhibit. Last year there were some stunning photos. **Entries start NOW!**

Sincere thanks to our valuable members, Ken Barbi for his continued work and dedication. Ken produces each MAAVS MEMO and has recently become our new Webmaster for www.maavs.org And to Tom Glembocki who announced his retirement. He and Libbie now reside in Sarasota, Florida, and enjoy volunteering at the Selby Botanical Gardens. Best of luck to the Glembockis. In addition to our web site , you can rely on the MAAVS Facebook Page that Jackie Leitzel maintains for our group at www.facebook.com/groups/2646182925438855

Our days are getting shorter and hopefully we'll get some relief from the hot summer! This year I'm looking forward to fall. Here's to a happy, healthy rest of the year. Enjoy your plants and stay in touch with others who grow. We have amazing groups of friends in our clubs!

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Former MAAVS Presidents:

Diane Richardson	1991 - 1995
Sue Hoffmann	1995 - 1999
Linda Abplanalp	1999 - 2001
Ken Barbi	2001 - 2005
Rodney Barnett	2005 - 2007
Rich Follett	2007 - 2011
Joan Santino	2011 - 2015
Brenda Petry	2015 - 2017
Sue Hoffmann	2017 - Now

MAAVS Nominating Committee Report

Your MAAVS Nominating Committee members (Brenda Petry, Susan Barbi, and Sharon Long) submit the following MAAVS Members as our new officers. Because of the 2021 Convention postponement, they have agreed to wait until our 2022 Convention to stand for office.

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

Submitted by Brenda Petry,
Chairman

MAAVS ZOOM Annual Membership Meeting

Because we will not have an in person Convention and Show this year, our Annual Meeting will be conducted thru a ZOOM Conference. If you are not familiar with ZOOM Conferences, read ZOOM's web site at: www.zoom.us

The Annual ZOOM Membership Meeting will take place on **November 13th at 7 pm EST.** The week prior to the meeting, you will receive an E Mail providing information you will need to participate. It will be sent to your E Mail address our Membership Committee has on record for you. For those who

have not provided us an E Mail address, we request you do. If you have no E Mail or expect to have difficulty using ZOOM, please try to join another MAAVS Member who does.

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Virtual MAAVS 2021 On-Line Show

Moderated by Linda Kilby and Minh Bui

Since the Executive Committee voted to cancel all activities this year, the officers and committee chairs chose to offer us the ability to have another Virtual Show.

This year Linda Kilby and Minh Bui will again conduct the Virtual MAAVS Show On-Line. Entries start **NOW**, and will end on **November 12th**. Cindy Castaldi will prepare the show as she did last year. It will be on our MAAVS Web Site www.maavs.org by the end of December, and in our December MAAVS MEMO.

We are living through a time that none of us has ever experienced. Being aware of the need to wash our hands often, especially when we have been out of the house, sanitizing our personal space and now wearing a mask when we are outside of our homes is crucial to staying healthy! I would say it pays to stay home if you can! **But definitely get VACCINATED!**

WE HAVE NOT GIVEN UP ON OUR PLANTS!

Thanks to the officers of African Violet Society of Springfield led by their president Cindy Castaldi, we will have a virtual show this year!

Remember that you must be a MAAVS member to enter plants in this virtual show, and there is **no charge** to enter.



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



Cajun's Royal Knockout
Shown by Donna Biggs



Optimani Nois
Shown by Donna Biggs

Some of the 2020 Virtual Show Entries

If you would like to participate in our virtual show please follow these directions.

VIRTUAL SHOW DIRECTIONS:

- Unlike the multiple sections we have in a normal show, we have limited the sections to:

* Collections of 3 plants - AVSA, MAAVS or Russian

- * Standards - All Green and Variegated varieties
- * Semiminiature - All Green and Variegated varieties
- * Miniature - All Green and Variegated varieties
- * Species
- * Trailers - All sizes and variegations
- * All Other Gesnariads

- Each member may have **as many entries** as they wish.
- Decide which plants you would have taken to our show.
- Take a picture as you would want the plant to be seen with the plant placed on a dark background if possible.
- Don't forget to Include the name of the violet and **your contact information** should we need to get in touch with you.

- Email your entries to Cindy at cynthia.castaldi@sap.com or text them to her at 610.457.1047 by **November 12th**. You can also mail your pictures to Cindy at 800 Crestview Drive, Springfield, PA 19064, who will render them for inclusion.



Streptocarpella Blueberry Cream
Shown by Minh Bui

A 2020 Virtual Show Entry

Linda and Minh
On-Line Show Co-Chairs

Proposed MAAVS Bylaws and Standing Rules Changes

Because of events beyond MAAVS' control - - the COVID Pandemic, the Executive Committee (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) have decided *not to have our by-annual election of officers*, but rather to defer the election until November 2022. The proposed candidates have all agreed to wait until then to stand for office. To implement this decision, our Bylaws and Standing Rules must be amended during our upcoming 7:00 pm November 13th ZOOM Annual Membership Meeting as follows:

Change Bylaws Article VII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS SECTION 4. ELECTIONS to read (additions are shown in red):

Elections shall be held at the annual meeting. Voting shall be by ballot except where there is only one name in nomination, in which case it may be dispensed with in favor of a viva voice vote. In the event of a declared Medical Pandemic, such as COVID-19, the Executive Committee will decide whether or not to postpone the election to another year when it is safe to meet in person face-to-face as a group. The current officers at that time of the decision shall retain their positions until the new election

occurs.

A copy of our current Bylaws and Standing Rules can be found on our web site at:

www.maavs.org/Bylaws.pdf



Fay Wagman (1932 - 2021)

Fayanne Wagman, 89, passed away on June 28, 2021, after a strong and stoic battle with cancer. She is predeceased by husbands Philip M. Bernis in 1980 and **Irwin** Wagman in 2015; and son, David W. Bernis in 2017.

Fay was born in Buffalo, New York and graduated from Case Western University in 1953. She moved to Rochester after marrying Philip Bernis. Along with **Irwin**, and after a successful 23-year career at Xerox Corporation, she started her own business, **Violet Venture**, featuring African Violets and Other Gesneriads. She was honored with life member awards in horticultural societies both national and local. Fay was a Charter Member of MAAVS.

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MAAVS Collection Rosette

The MAAVS Collection Rosette for an exhibit consisting of three African violets of the same type (standard, miniature, semiminature, trailer [standard, miniature, or semiminature], or species) is available to affiliate clubs.

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



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Nominating	- Brenda Petry
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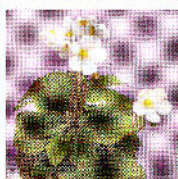
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