



The Newsletter of the Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society

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Our March 8th Meeting is in Springfield...

Springfield AVS Features Violet Barn in March

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We are organizing carpools so if you would like to attend this special meeting please contact Quentin Schlieder at (302) 653-6449 or qcsjr@comcast.net no later than Monday, March 7th at noon. This is a tremendous opportunity to share an extraordinary program so we hope you will plan to attend.

An abbreviated version of our scheduled March 8th program and workshop on mini and micromini violets will be conducted at our April meeting.

Slate of 2011-12 Officers Proposed

The following Slate of Officers for 2008-9 will be proposed by the Nominating Committee at the March meeting:

- President Gary Hunter
- Vice President Mary Schaefer
- Secretary Terry Celano
- Treasurer Carol Callaghan

Elections will be held at the April meeting and nominations also can be offered from the floor. The installation of officers will be held at the June meeting.

Countdown to Showtime!

The Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society's Annual Show and Sale are about seven weeks away! The theme of this year's show is "***African Violets Salute the Oscars***" and will be held in the second floor Auditorium at the Christiana Town Center Boscov's conveniently located off Interstate 95 and Delaware Route 1 in Christiana, Delaware. The Sale and Show will officially be open to the public on Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **This year the show and sale close at 4 p.m. on Saturday and there are NO Sunday hours.**

The rules and schedule for the show are included on pages 2 and 3 of this issue of the newsletter. The schedule was submitted to Meredith Hall, the AVSA Schedule approver, and has been approved

Please note that this year Horticulture entries will be accepted on Friday, April 15th from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. **Design and late horticulture entries will be accepted on Saturday, April 16th between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. only by prior reservation and with the approval of the Entries Chairman.**

Enclosed is an entry sheet for your use. When you know which plants you will be entering, please fill out the form and give it to Carol Callaghan so that she can enter them into the computer. She emphasizes that even if there will be additions deletions or changes; it helps to have as many entries as possible entered early.

Hopefully members have been propagating plants for the sale. There will be a discussion on the commission paid to members who provide plants for the sale. Finally, Anne Petrucci is collecting money for show awards at the April meeting. She will accept cash, but if you would like to pay by check, please make it payable to Anne. If you can't make the meeting, you can contact Anne at (302) 652-8839.

February Plant Sale and Raffle

Last month we raised \$14 from raffle, \$10 dues from Stephanie Czetli, and \$67.40 from plant sales Thanks to Pam Orris and Quentin Schlieder for contributing cuttings and plants for the sale!



African Violets Salute the Oscars

Presented by
**THE DELAWARE AFRICAN
VIOLET AND GESNERIAD
SOCIETY**

and
**BOSCOV'S DEPARTMENT
STORE AT CHRISTIANA
TOWN CENTER**

Saturday, April 16, 2011 10a.m. to 4 p.m.



Welcome to our 2011 show celebrating "African Violets Salute the Oscars." We hope you enjoy our show!

The society gratefully acknowledges the use of the Boscov's Department Store for our show and appreciates the valuable assistance of the Boscov's staff. Our society meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month from September through June. For more information, contact Quentin Schlieder by phone at (302) 653-6449 or check the Society's website at <http://gesneriadsociety.org/chapters/DAVS/>.

SPECIAL AWARDS 2011

Delaware Council of African Violet Judges
Award
Springfield Judges Award
President's Award Vice President's
Award
A.D.K. Eta Chapter Sorority Award

RICHARDSON PARK LEARNING CENTER AWARDS

Madeline Becker Memorial Award
Geno Iubatti Award Angie Celano Annual Award
Anne Petrucci Award Emma Mazzetta Award
Flower Show Chairperson Award

MEMORIALS

Ada J. Shelton – 33rd Annual
Wallace K. Behnke – 26th Annual
Gertrud Grabosky – 23rd Annual
Ruth Ann Morse – 23rd Annual
Gladys Callaghan - 11th Annual

Lillian Crewe Charlotte Maltman
Sally Crossan Susan Schlieder
Gen Scholl Marion Mossberg
Bessie Pyle Betty Gregg

SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Chairman	Barbara Borleske
Co-Chairman	Nancy Murray
Schedule	Quentin Schlieder
Plant Placement	Diane Abramson and Nancy Murray
Entries	Carol Callaghan and Mary Schaeffer
Design	Bobbie LaFashia
Classification and Passing	Carol Moody, Angie Celano and Diane Abramson
Publicity	Geno Iubatti
Judges	Libby Behnke and Terry Celano
Clerks	Diane Abramson
Ribbons	Diane Abramson and Maria Walueff
Theme	Quentin Schlieder and Elizabeth Varley
Awards	Anne Petrucci and Carol Moody
Plant Sales	Gary Hunter and Mary Schaeffer
AVSA & Education Exhibit	Pat Barbarita and Pam Orris
Clean up	All Members

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SHOW RULES

1. Exhibitors: The show may be entered by amateur growers only. Exhibitors must be members of the Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society.

2. Entries: Horticulture entries will be accepted on Friday, April 15, 2011 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. **Design and late horticulture entries will be accepted on Saturday, April 16, 2011 between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. only by prior reservation and with the approval of the Entries Chairman**

Entries may be removed after closing of the show on Saturday, April 16th after 4 p.m. Plants must be clean, healthy, and well-groomed and grown by the exhibitor for at least three months. All African violet species, cultivars, and other gesneriads shall be correctly named. Any number of plants may be entered in each class by an exhibitor but only one plant of a variety may be entered in the same class.

3. Horticulture: All specimen plants must be in clean plastic pots, with the exhibitor's name on the bottom of the pot. Pots may be set within clean plastic pots of the same size. Removable, flair, or separate collars are not allowed. Micro-mini violets may be shown with plastic wells and gesneriads may be shown as they are grown. All African violets, except for trailers and some species plants, must be single crowned. All African violets must be in bloom. The gesneriads grown for foliage class is limited to plants with distinctive and ornamental foliage.

4. Design: Notify the design chairperson of your design division entry at the meeting prior to the show. Exhibitors are limited to one design entry per class. Mats, bases, backgrounds, and accessories are permitted. Terrariums must be covered. Chairs will be provided for judges to judge at eye-level. 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 division exhibit. African violet plants and other plant material used need not be grown by the exhibitor.

5. Judging: The show will be merit judged by AVSA judges, using AVSA scale of points applicable to each class. The authority for judging shall be *The AVSA Handbook for African Violet Growers, Exhibitors, and Judges*, 1998 Edition, supplemental pages, and subsequent changes printed in *The African Violet Magazine*. Only blue ribbon exhibits shall be eligible for any special awards. The decision of the judges shall be final. The Richardson Park Learning Center plants will be judged by DAVS judges, and those entries will not be part of the ribbon count for the standard show award.

6. Eligibility: Only AVSA members are eligible to enter the AVSA collection classes. Only one collection may be entered by an exhibitor in each collection class.

7. Disclaimer: The society will provide protection for all exhibits, but will not be responsible for any losses. The committee reserves the right to subdivide the classes.

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

SECTION I. Standard Specimen, Green Foliage Any Type Blossoms - Classes 1-5

1. Solid
2. Two-tone
3. White edged
4. Multicolor or other edged
5. Fantasy, chimera or pinwheel

SECTION II. Standard Specimen, Variegated Foliage, Any Type Blossoms - Class 6

6. Any blossom color or type

SECTION III. Collections - Classes 7-8

7. **AVSA Collection** of three different registered standard varieties of the same type (three single-crown or three trailers) or three different species, regardless of type.
8. **AVSA Collection** of three different registered varieties of the same type (three single crown miniatures, three miniature trailers, three single-crown semi-miniatures or three semi-miniature trailers).

SECTION IV. Species and Trailers, Any Foliage, Any Type Blossoms - Classes 9-10

9. Saintpaulia species and natural hybrids
10. Trailers (standard, mini or semi-miniature)

SECTION V. Semi-miniature Specimen, Any Foliage, Any Type Blossoms - Classes 11-13

11. Solid
12. Two-tone
13. Multicolor, edged, fantasy or chimera

SECTION VI. Miniature Specimen, Any Foliage, Any Type Blossoms-Class 14

14. Any blossom color or type

SECTION VII. Vintage Violets-Class 15

15. African violets available to growers before 1984

SECTION VIII. Gesneriads Other than African Violets-Classes 16-24

16. *Sinningia* grown for bloom
17. *Streptocarpus* grown for bloom
18. *Kohleria* grown for bloom
19. *Chirita* grown for bloom
20. Any other gesneriad grown for bloom
21. *Chirita* grown for ornamental foliage (no blooms permitted)
22. *Episcia* grown for ornamental foliage (no blooms permitted)
23. Any other gesneriad grown for ornamental foliage (no blooms permitted)
24. Collection of three gesneriads of the same genus

DESIGN DIVISION

SECTION IX. Interpretive Flower Arrangements: A design using cut African violet blossoms, foliage, and other cut plant material - fresh, dried or treated. No artificial plant material is permitted, but a small amount of other material may be used as part of the design.

Classes 25-27

Class 25. "The Sound of Music" - Governess Maria brings new zest to the Von Trapp family, inspiring them to sing and find joy in the smallest things. Do a rhythmic design to be staged in a lighted niche 6" high, 5" wide, and 4" deep. Background is the designer's choice.

Class 26. "Gone with the Wind" - Scarlet O'Hara's life of luxury on a southern plantation changes dramatically when the Civil War ravages the South. Do a design stressing motion to be staged in a yellow niche 10" high, 8" wide, and 6" deep. Background is the designer's choice.

Class 27. "My Fair Lady" - Design a basket with violets for cockney flower girl Eliza Doolittle to sell. Basket is designer's choice. To be staged on a pedestal draped in lavender fabric with a diameter of 6".

SECTION X. Interpretive Plant Arrangements

All entries in this section must include one or more blooming African violet plants. Other plant material - fresh, dried, treated, may be used. No artificial plant material is permitted, but a small amount of other material may be used as part of the design. Background is the designer's choice.

Class 28. "On the Waterfront" - Terry Malloy dreams about being a prize fighter; while tending his pigeons and running errands at the docks for the corrupt boss of the dock workers union. Design an arrangement using a mini or semi miniature African Violet plant to be staged in a niche 16" high, 12" wide, and 10" deep. Design must include driftwood.

SECTION XI. Container Gardens-Class 29

Miniature garden or terrarium with one or more blooming African violets and other growing plants. All plants should be planted in the container, and no cut material is permitted.

30. Dish Garden and Terrariums (cover required)

SPECIAL EXHIBITS DIVISION

SECTION XII. Education & AVSA Information Exhibits-Classes 31- 32 (Staffed by a Society member during show)

31. Educational Exhibit

32. AVSA Information Exhibit

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<http://gesneriadsociety.org/chapters/DAVS/>

Upcoming DAVS Meetings...

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

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Program: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.
Rockland Place, 1519 Rockland Rd,
Wilmington, DE 19803

Hostesses: Beverages – Nancy Murray
Snacks – Grace Prophet

Program: “Getting Ready for Show” - This will be the last meeting prior to the Society's Annual Show and Sale at Boscov's on April 15-16, 2011. . Committee Chairmen will be asked to report the status of their Committee. A plant sale will conclude the evening. If you have surplus plants which can be used for designs, please bring them.

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Upcoming Shows and Sales...

Saturday, April 2 and Sunday April 3, 2011

The African Violet Club of Morris County will present “Violets Do Crafts” in the Haggerty Education Center at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 53 East Hanover Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960 on Saturday 1:30-4:30 and Sunday 11- 3:00. Plant Sale. Free parking and admission. Information: Jill Fischer at HF.JG.Fischer@comcast.net.

Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10, 2011

The Long Island Gesneriad Society judged show and plant sale, “Flowers and Sweets – Such Perfect Treats”, will be presented in conjunction with the Saintpaulia Society of Long Island at Planting Fields Arboretum, Conference Center, Oyster Bay on Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Information: Ben Paternoster at ben9@optonline.net. .

Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16, 2011

The Delaware African Violet Society and Gesneriad Society will present “**African Violets Celebrate the Oscars**”, “the Society's Annual judged Show and Sale. *It is time to begin propagating plants for the sale and selecting the plants you plan to grow on for entries in the show!*” Member grown plants are usually more profitable than plants purchased for resale, however, the Society also is looking for other sources for sales plants which can be purchased at or below wholesale cost. If you have any suggestions, please talk to Gary Hunter or Mary Schaeffer, Plant Sales Co-Chairmen. Please reserve the dates now and plan to participate!

First Class Mail
Time Value/ Please Expedite!

Entry Sheet - Delaware African Violet Society

Exhibitor's Number_____

Name_____ Date_____

Address_____ Phone_____

DAVS Member Yes_____ No _____ AVSA Member Yes_____ No _____

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