



# *The Newsletter of the Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society*

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## ***Final Days to Show and Sale***

The Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society's Annual Show and Sale, "*Golden Jubilee – The Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society Celebrates 50 Years*" 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. Here are some important dates and times to remember:

**Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** - submit pre-entry forms to Barb Borleske if you can. List all potential entries on the sheets which are enclosed with the March newsletter. Barb points out that it is easier to modify or delete items than it is to enter new ones. If you are entering designs, please let Bobbie LaFashia know at the meeting.

## ***Important Dates & Times to Remember***

### **Friday, March 22nd – Set Up**

**10:00 a.m.** - Arrive for set up of show and plant sale. Plants may be purchased only after pricing has been completed!

**10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** – Entries -Please have your plants groomed and named before you get to Boscov's

### **Saturday, March 23rd – Arrangements, Late Entries, Show is Judged and Opens to Public**

**7:00 a.m.** – Members can enter Boscov's - you must enter through the back loading entrance and sign in. Old timers know this drill pretty well!

**7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** – Late Entries only *by prior arrangement and approval by Barb Borleske*

**9:30 a.m.** – Judges arrive, get instructions and enjoy refreshments

**10:00 a.m. to Noon** – Judging commences

**Noon** – Lunch for judges at Bertucci's

**1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** – Judging (continues if necessary/special awards)

**10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** – Show & Plant Sale open to public. The Show and Sale close at 4:00 p.m. and there are NO Sunday hours!

**5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** - Cleanup.

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. Remember to package cuttings, tubers and rhizomes too! It is particularly desirable to have plants featured in the show also in 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.

## ***Discover The Gesneriad Society***

If you aren't a member of The Gesneriad Society, you should consider joining. The Society publishes a quarterly journal called *Gesneriads*, which features articles on gesneriad growing and research, highlights from chapter and convention shows, plus the adventures of gesneriad hunters in the wild. The Society also has a great seed fund, from which you can buy species and hybrid seeds to try your hand at. You can check out free excerpts from recent issues of *Gesneriads* at:

<http://www.gesneriadsociety.org/Membership/excerpts.htm>

Membership is only \$25 a year, or \$20 to receive the journal as a PDF via email. You can join at

<http://www.gesneriadsociety.org/Membership/benefits.htm>

Not sure if you want to join at this time? Then why not get a free subscription to *Gleanings*, the monthly newsletter that brings you highlights of gesneriad happenings from around the world. You will find the January issue and a place to subscribe for the monthly notification email at

<http://www.gesneriadsociety.org/gleanings/index.htm>

You can also have some fun with gesneriads on the Society's Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/gesneriads>.

I hope you join us as a member and are able take advantage of all that The Gesneriad Society has to offer.

Paul Susi, President

The Gesneriad Society

## ***Election of 2012-13 Officers***

The following Slate of Officers for 2012-13 is proposed by the Nominating Committee for election at the April meeting:

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| ▪ President      | Mary Schaeffer  |
| ▪ Vice President | Julia Lynch     |
| ▪ Secretary      | Terry Celano    |
| ▪ Treasurer      | Bobbie LaFashia |

Nominations also can be offered from the floor. The installation of officers will be held at the June meeting. The nominating Committee was chaired by Quentin Schlieder and included Angie Celano and Maria Walueff.

**THE DELAWARE  
AFRICAN VIOLET & GESNERIAD  
SOCIETY**  
*presents*



**Golden Jubilee –  
The Delaware African Violet  
and Gesneriad Society  
Celebrates 50 Years**

at

**BOSCOV'S DEPARTMENT STORE AT  
CHRISTIANA TOWN CENTER**  
*Christiana, Delaware*

**Saturday, March 23, 2013, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Welcome to our 2013 show celebrating “Golden  
Jubilee – The Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad  
Society Celebrates 50 Years.”**

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 2013**

Delaware Council of African Violet Judges Award  
Springfield Judges Award  
President's Award      Vice President's Award  
Flower Show Chairperson Award  
A.D.K. Eta Chapter Sorority Award  
Peoples' Choice Award

**RICHARDSON PARK LEARNING CENTER AWARDS**

Madeline Becker Memorial Award  
Geno Iubatti Award ~ Angie Celano Annual Award ~  
Anne Petrucci Award ~ Emma Mazzetta Award ~  
Fiore M. Celano, Sr. Award

**MEMORIALS**

Ada J. Shelton – 35th Annual  
Wallace K. Behnke – 28th Annual  
Gertrud Grabosky – 25th Annual  
Ruth Ann Morse – 25th Annual  
Gladys Callaghan - 13th Annual

Lillian Crewe	Charlotte Maltman	Sally Crossan
Susan Schlieder	Gen Scholl	Marion Mossberg
Bessie Pyle	Betty Gregg	June McMurry Lesh
Helen Spisak		Carol Catlett

**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, March 22, 2013 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. **Design and late horticulture entries will be accepted on Saturday, March 23, 2013 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, March 23<sup>rd</sup> after 5 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 or terracotta pots, with the exhibitor's name on the bottom of the pot. Pots may be set within clean pots of the same size and type. 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.

**SHOW COMMITTEE**

Chairman	- Nancy Murray
Co-Chairman	- Julia Lynch
Schedule	- Quentin Schlieder
Plant Placement	- Diane Abramson, Libby Behnke and Delia Schwartz
Entries	- Barb Borleske, Kathe Worrell and Stacey Tomaszewski
Awards	- Anne Petrucci and Carol Moody
Judges	- Terry Celano
Clerks	- Libby Behnke
Publicity	- Quentin Schlieder and Geno Iubatti
Theme	- Linda McGregor
Ribbons	- Maria Walueff
AVSA/ Educational Exhibit	- Linda McGregor and Barb Borleske
Gesneriad Exhibit	- Elizabeth Varley
Sales plants/supplies	- Gary Hunter, Mary Schaeffer, Maria Walueff and Pat Barbarita
Passing/Classification	- Pam Orris, Angie Celano, Carol Moody and Mary Schaeffer
Design	- Bobbie LaFashia

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## ***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**

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 1988

### **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. *Primulinas* and *Henckelias* grown for bloom
20. Any other gesneriad grown for bloom
21. *Primulinas* and *Henckelias* 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 - ANNIVERSARY WALTZ**

Create 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 - A TOUCH OF GOLD**

Fiftieth anniversaries are called golden. Include a touch of gold in your design to be staged in a yellow niche 10" high, 8" Wide, and 6" deep. Background is the designer's choice.

#### **CLASS 27 – CELEBRATE!**

An anniversary party needs an anniversary cake. Decorate a cupcake to be staged on a 6 inch pedestal. Cupcake and pedestal will be provided by the Society. Design may extend beyond the pedestal.

### **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. CLASS 28 - 1963**

Choose a memorable event that happened 50 years ago for this design using a mini or semi miniature African violet plant to be staged in a niche 16" high, 12" wide. and 10" deep. Indicate the event as a subtitle on your card.

### **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. Terrariums must be covered. Exhibitor must provide a list of plant names

## ***SPECIAL EXHIBITS DIVISION***

### **SECTION XII. Education & AVSA Information Exhibits-Classes 30- 31 (Staffed by a Society member during show)**

30. Educational Exhibit
31. AVSA Information Exhibit
32. Gesneriad Exhibit

***Check out our Website at***  
<http://gesneriadsociety.org/chapters/DAVS/>



## ***Upcoming DAVS Meetings...***

**Tuesday, March 12, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Rockland Place, 1519 Rockland Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803**

**Hosts:** Snacks - Geno Iubatti

Beverages – Carol Callaghan

**Program:** “Design Tips from One of Our Winning Members”. Our own Terry Celano and Carol Callaghan will review of the basics of design and offer suggestions for current year’s show. Each member is encouraged to bring one plant for a plant exchange. We’ll draw names to see who selects first.

**Tuesday, April 9, 2013 7:30 p.m.**

**Rockland Place, 1519 Rockland Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803**

**Hosts:** Snacks - Stacey Tomaszewski

Beverages – Dilly Schwartz

**Program:** “Container Gardening Insights” - Two award winning designers, Jill Fisher and Karyn Cichocki, will share their considerable expertise on putting together both gardens in natural containers and in trays. Bring cuttings of some of their favorite gesneriads for a cutting exchange.

**Tuesday, May 14, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Rockland Place, 1519 Rockland Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803**

**Hosts:** Snacks - Anne Petrucci

Beverages – Julia Lynch

**Program:** “Collecting Gesneriads in Ecuador” - Our own Elizabeth Varley will present a beautifully illustrated program her trip to Ecuador in April 1988. Varley formerly was the curator of the Gesneriads at Longwood Gardens. Cuttings of some of the plants Elizabeth discusses will be available.

## ***The Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society Newsletter***

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## ***Delaware Home Show Exhibit***



*Vice President Mary Schaeffer puts finishing touches on the Society's exhibit at the Delaware Home and Garden Show in the Chase Center at the Wilmington Riverfront.*

By any measure, the Society's exhibit at the Delaware Home and Garden Show in the Chase Center at the Wilmington Riverfront was a great success. Scott Bradley, member Claudia's husband, invited us to participate without charge and even to sell plants purchased from Gary Hunter with the Chapter retaining the proceeds. We netted a little over \$50.00.

Thank you to Mary Schaeffer, Libby Behnke, Claudia Bradley, Elizabeth Varley, Stephanie and Mark Griffith, Mari Waluff, Barb Borleske, Linda McGregor and Quentin Schlieder who staffed the table and greeted the public last Saturday and Sunday. We distributed almost 1,000 invitations to our show and even convinced radio garden personality Mike McGrath who was speaking at the Center to promote our Show on March 23rd!