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 12th - 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.

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

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:

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

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 23rd 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 Ahrens, Libby Behnke and Delia Schwartz
Entries – Barb Bolleske, Kathie 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 Bolleske

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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
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-Class 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.

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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 Walueff, 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!