

**Star Spangled Violets**  
**2004 MAAVS Show and Convention**  
**November 11 – November 13, 2004**  
**Radisson Hotel**  
**Annapolis, Maryland**

**Horticulture Division**

**Section I – Collections** (see Rule #7)

**Class 1.** AVSA Standard Collection – three different registered standard varieties all of the same type (three single crown or three trailers) or three different species, regardless of type.

**Class 2.** AVSA Miniature/Semiminiature Collection – three different registered miniature or semiminiature varieties of the same type – three single crown miniatures, three miniature trailers, three single crown semiminiatures, or three semiminiature trailers.

**Class 3.** MAAVS Collection – three different varieties all of the same type: standard, miniature, semiminiature, same type trailers, and species. These need not be registered.

**Section II – Standard Specimen Plants** (green foliage, all blossom types)

**Class 4.** Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones

**Class 5.** Coral and pink tones

**Class 6.** Fuchsia, red and wine tones

**Class 7.** Lavender, light blue and orchid tones

**Class 8.** Medium blue, dark blue and purple tones

**Class 9.** Multicolored

**Class 10.** White edged (Geneva)

**Class 11.** All other edged

**Class 12.** Fantasy (to include edged varieties)

**Class 13.** Chimera

**Section III – Standard Specimen Plants** (variegated foliage, all blossom types)

**Class 14.** Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones

**Class 15.** Pink and red tones

**Class 16.** Blue and purple tones

**Class 17.** Multicolored

**Class 18.** All edged blossoms

**Class 19.** Fantasy (to include edged varieties)

**Class 20.** Chimera (to include edged varieties)

**Section IV – Miniature Specimen Plants** (all foliage and blossom types)

**Class 21.** Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones

**Class 22.** Pink and red tones

**Class 23.** Blue and purple tones

**Class 24.** Multicolored and all edged blossoms

**Class 25.** Fantasy and chimera (to include edged varieties)

## **Section V – Semiminiature Specimen Plants (green foliage, all blossom types)**

- Class 26.** Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones
- Class 27.** Pink and red tones
- Class 28.** Blue and purple tones
- Class 29.** Multicolored and all edged blossoms
- Class 30.** Fantasy and chimera (to include edged varieties)

## **Section VI - Semiminiature Specimen Plants (variegated foliage, all blossom types)**

- Class 31.** Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones
- Class 32.** Pink and red tones
- Class 33.** Blue and purple tones
- Class 34.** Multicolored and all edged blossoms
- Class 35.** Fantasy and chimera (to include edged varieties)

## **Section VII – Trailing Specimen Plants**

- Class 36.** Standard trailers
- Class 37.** Miniatures and semiminiatures, pots 4” and under
- Class 38.** Miniatures and semiminiatures, pots over 4”

## **Section VIII – Special Classes**

- Class 39.** Saintpaulia species, natural hybrids and sports
- Class 40.** Nontrailing plants in unusual, novel or decorative containers (see Rule #6)
- Class 41.** Trailing plants in unusual, novel or decorative containers (see Rule #6)
- Class 42.** Vintage Violets (see Rule #8)

## **Section IX – New Introductions**

- Class 43.** Seedling origination (see Rule #11)
- Class 44.** Sport and mutant originations (see Rule #12)

## **Section X – Gesneriads Other Than African Violets (in bloom, except where noted) (See Rule #13)**

- Class 45.** Microminiature and miniature Sinningias
- Class 46.** Compact Sinningias, Sinningia speciosa and other tuberous Gesneriads
- Class 47.** Rhizomatous Gesneriads
- Class 48.** Columnea, Nematanthus and Aeschynanthus
- Class 49.** Streptocarpus
- Class 50.** Episcias
- Class 51.** Episcias grown for foliage – pink leaf
- Class 52.** Episcias grown for foliage – other leaf
- Class 53.** Chiritas
- Class 54.** Other fibrous rooted Gesneriads

**Class 55.** Other Gesneriads grown for foliage

## **Section XI – Commercial Displays** (See Rules 6 and 9)

**Class 57.** Commercial display tables consisting of fifteen (15) plants, predominantly (at least 75%) African violets. Other Gesneriads may be included as part of the display and, if included, shall be judged. Three (3) African violet miniatures or semiminiatures shall count and be judged as a single unit; all three plants shall be of the same type.

## **Special Exhibits Division**

### **Section XII – Education and AVSA Information**

**Class 58.** Educational display and AVSA promotional information (entry is by invitation only)

## **Design Division** (See Rules 13 to 19)

**Section XIII – Container Gardens:** Miniature gardens with one or more blooming African violets and other growing material. All material shall be planted in the container; no cut material is permitted. Exhibits will be viewed from the front only.

**Class 59.** Terrarium “Bay Country” A terrarium not to exceed 24" in any direction..

**Class 60.** "National Arboretum" A dish garden drawing from the gardens of the US National Arboretum in Washington, DC.

**Class 61.** "Tidal Garden" a natural garden emulating the tidal estuaries on the Chesapeake Bay.

**Class 62.** "Seascape" An underwater design showing the abundant beauty of the Chesapeake Bay. Viewed from the front only and not to exceed 12" in any direction.

**Section XIV Interpretive Plant Arrangements:** One or more blooming African violet plants, removed from the pot, used in a design with other fresh-cut and/or dried material. Niches are light gray. Backboards and draping may be attached to niches with pins only; no tape will be permitted..

**Class 63.** "Colonial Capitol" Designers' interpretation. (Niche dimensions: 18" high x 18" wide x 12" deep). Limit 3 entries.

**Class 64.** "Chesapeake Moonscape" A colorful plant arrangement reflecting the Fourth of July Fireworks. (Niche dimensions: 18" high x 18" wide x 12" deep). Limit 3 entries.

**Section XV – Interpretive Flower Arrangements:** Fresh-cut African violet blossoms used in a design with other cut material. Niches are light gray. Backboards and draping may be attached to niches with pins only; no tape will be permitted.

**Class 65.** "Stars Over the Chesapeake" Give us your reflections on a mirrored surface. (Niche dimensions: 8" high x 8" wide x 8" deep). Limit 5 entries.

**Class 66.** "Shooting Star" An arrangement using red and silver. (Niche dimensions: 8" high x 8" wide x 8" deep). Limit 5 entries.

**Class 67.** "Tall Ships" An asymmetrical arrangement using two containers. (Niche dimensions: 18"

high x 18" wide x 12" deep). Limit 4 entries.

## **Section XVI – First Time MAAVS Entrants from Design Workshop**

**Class 68.** "Design Workshop" staged on colorful mats without niches.

### **Show Rules**

1. Classes shall be open only to members of MAAVS who are also registered for the convention.
2. Precautions shall be taken to afford all possible protections, but all entries shall be made at the exhibitor's risk.
3. Judging shall begin promptly at 9:30 am on Friday, November 12th, 2004. During judging only judges, judges' clerks, Entries Chairman, Classification Chairman, Awards Chairman, Judges Chairman, and Show Chairman shall be allowed in the showroom.  
Exception may be made by the Show Chairman.
4. The authority for judging shall be the AVSA Handbook for African Violet Growers, Exhibitors and Judges, 1998 Edition, and subsequent changes printed in the African Violet Magazine. This show shall be judged on the merit system by AVSA judges. Only blue ribbon exhibits shall be eligible for any special awards. All decisions of the judges shall be final.
5. All horticulture entries shall be presented Thursday, November 11th, 2004, between 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Exhibitors entering more than 15 plants shall present their entries no later than 6:00 pm. All African violet exhibits must be in bloom, and with the exceptions of species and trailers, must be single-crown plants. Only clean, healthy plants shall be accepted. Classification Committee shall have final authority.  
Specimen plants shall have been in the exhibitor's possession for a minimum of 90 days..
6. An exhibitor shall make only one entry of a variety in any one class in the Horticulture Division, except Class 57. However, an exhibitor can enter plants of the same variety in several classes. Exhibits in Classes 40 and 41 shall reflect the theme of the show. Only one entry per exhibitor shall be allowed in each of Class 40 and Class 41.
7. Exhibitors shall submit a list of entries showing entries and class number to the Classification Committee at time of entry. The plant names shall be subject to correction. Plant registration numbers shall be included for entries in Classes 1 and 2. Only AVSA members are eligible to enter the AVSA Collection classes. Only one collection may be entered by an exhibitor in each collection class.
8. Vintage violets are defined as those plants hybridized and/or listed in the AVSA Master Variety List before November 11, 1979 - - OVER 25 YEARS OLD. Only plants in Class 42 will be judged for the Best Vintage Plant Award..
9. Commercial members may enter either the regular horticulture classes or the commercial display table class, but not both. Reservation for display tables shall be made with John Cook, 28 Minot St., Falmouth, MA 02540(508) 548-2798, no later than Friday, November 5, 2004.

10. All specimen plants shall be exhibited in clean, white or green plastic pots. Pots may, at the discretion of the exhibitor, be sleeved with an identical size pot of the same color - slip potting is NOT required. Aluminum foil wrapped pots are NOT permitted. If not concealed, all labels and wicks shall be removed. Miniature and semiminiature plants may be exhibited in clear lucite containers with wick intact, but the containers must be clean with clear water. Other gesneriads shall be exhibited in any containers in which they are grown. Leaf supports, flared-top pots, or exterior pots may not extend as a support for leaves. Moist-rite and Oyama pots are acceptable.
11. New introductions shall have been originated by the exhibitor or written release rights shall have been obtained from the originator. Plants shall not have been previously exhibited at a MAAVS convention show. The Best New Introduction Award shall be chosen from the exhibits in the new introduction classes and the commercial display table class.
12. Sports and mutant originations shown for the first time shall be included in class 44 and will be entered as follows: Sport of "Name of Original Plant" and should be improvements over the original Plant. Sports and mutant originations not shown for the first time or plants not true to their description, shall be uniquely named and list the original plant that sported. They shall be entered as follows: 'Sport of "Name of Original Plant" New Name', and entered in the appropriate color class.
13. Commercial members may enter all design classes.
14. An exhibitor shall be limited to one entry in each class in the Design Division. All entries must be the creations of the exhibitors and must be placed by the exhibitors.
15. No part of any design may touch or extend beyond the confines of the niche or space limitations.
16. African violets shall be emphasized in each design exhibit. One or more plants or cut flowers may be used. No artificial plant material, national flags, nor live animals shall be allowed. However, dried, treated, or painted plant material shall be allowed.
17. Accessories shall be permitted in all design classes. Backgrounds (i.e. drapes) are permitted in all classes. Tape shall not be used to secure backgrounds to the niches.
18. Plants may be purchased at any time for design exhibits, but all shall be disease and insect free. Exhibitors shall replace spent cut blossoms with fresh ones while the show is open.
19. Reservations for design entry space shall be made with Mr. Robert Loomis, 2925 Table Rock Road, Pickens, SC 29671-8046, (864) 878-6871, bomars@earthlink.net, no later than Friday, November 5th, 2004. Please state size of container gardens when making reservations. If unable to exhibit in your reserved space, please cancel before November 11th, 2004.
20. Any exhibit may be sold after judging is completed, but none shall be removed until 3:00 pm, Saturday November 13th, 2004. Exhibitors shall remove all exhibits from the showroom between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm on Saturday, November 13th, 2004.
21. The show will be open to the public on Friday, November 12th, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 and on Saturday, November 13th, 2004, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.