

# 'Violets Along the Shenandoah'

*November 13-15, 2008*

## **Fredericksburg Hospitality House, Fredericksburg, Virginia**

The Shenandoah Valley lies between the Blue Ridge Mountains to the east and the Allegheny Mountains to the west. It stretches approximately 200 miles from Harpers Ferry, West Virginia to Roanoke, Virginia.

## **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.

Class 4. Russian Hybrid Collection - Collection of three different AVSA registered standard varieties hybridized in Russia..

### Section II - Standard Specimen Plants (green foliage, all blossom types)

Class 5. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones

Class 6. Coral and pink tones

Class 7. Fuchsia, red and wine tones

Class 8. Lavender, light blue and orchid tones

Class 9. Medium blue, dark blue and purple tones

Class 10. Multicolored

Class 11. White edged (Geneva)

Class 12. All other edged

Class 13. Fantasy (to include edged varieties)

Class 14. Chimera (to include edged varieties)

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

Class 15. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones

Class 16. Pink and red tones

Class 17. Blue and purple tones

Class 18. Multicolored

Class 19. All edged blossoms

Class 20. Fantasy (to include edged varieties)

Class 21. Chimera (to include edged varieties)

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

Class 22. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones

Class 23. Pink and red tones

Class 24. Blue and purple tones

Class 25. Multicolored and all edged blossoms

Class 26. Fantasy and chimera (to include edged varieties)

Section V - Semiminiature Specimen Plants (green foliage, all blossom types)

Class 27. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones

Class 28. Pink and red tones

Class 29. Blue and purple tones

Class 30. Multicolored and all edged blossoms

Class 31. Fantasy and chimera (to include edged varieties)

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

Class 32. Blush, cream, green, white and yellow tones

Class 33. Pink and red tones

Class 34. Blue and purple tones

Class 35. Multicolored and all edged blossoms

Class 36. Fantasy and chimera (to include edged varieties)

Section VII - Trailing Specimen Plants

Class 37. Standard trailers

Class 38. Miniatures and semiminiatures, pots 4" and under

Class 39. Miniatures and semiminiatures, pots over 4"

Section VIII - Special Classes

Class 40. Saintpaulia species, natural hybrids and sports

Class 41. Nontrailing plants in unusual, novel or decorative containers (see Rule 6)

Class 42. Trailing plants in unusual, novel or decorative containers (see Rule 6)

Class 43. Vintage Violets (see Rule 8)

Class 44. African violet with unusual foliage (bustle back, Clackamas, girl, etc.)

Class 45. African violet with unusual blossoms

Section IX - New Introductions

Class 46. Seedling origination (see Rule 11)

Class 47. Sport and mutant originations (see Rule 12)

Section X - Gesneriads Other Than African Violets (in bloom, except where noted)

(See Rule 13)

Class 48. Micro-miniature and miniature Sinningias

Class 49. Compact Sinningias, *Sinningia speciosa* and other tuberous gesneriads

Class 50. Rhizomatous gesneriads

Class 51. *Columnnea*, *Nematanthus* and *Aeschynanthus*

Class 52. *Streptocarpus*

Class 53. *Episcias*

Class 54. *Episcias* grown for foliage - pink leaf

Class 55. *Episcias* grown for foliage - other leaf

Class 56. *Chiritas*

Class 57. *Chiritas* grown for foliage

Class 58. Other fibrous rooted gesneriads

Class 59. Other gesneriads grown for foliage

Section XI - Commercial Displays (See Rules 6 and 9)

Class 60. 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 61. Educational display and AVSA promotional information (entry is by invitation only)

## DESIGN DIVISION

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 permitted. Containers shall not exceed 24" in any dimension. To be viewed from the front only.

Class 62. Terrariums - A glimpse into 'Shenandoah National Park' - cover required (mirrored backs are allowed.)

Class 63. Dish gardens - Off the beaten path along 'Skyline Drive'

Class 64. Natural gardens - The beautiful 'Blue Ridge Mountains' - planted on rock, wood or other natural material.

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.

Interesting Cities in the Shenandoah Valley

Class 65. 'New Market, Virginia - Civil War Battlefield State Park' - Although the blue and gray were opposites on the battlefield, they blend and complement each other in this plant arrangement.  
18" high, 15" wide, 9" wings - - 12" maximum depth. Limit of 4 entries

Class 66. 'Wintergreen, Virginia - Wintergreen Ski Resort' - Forest, pines, snow, skiing. Crisp and glistening. Interpret this well-known winter resort in your design. 22" high, 18" wide, 10" wings - 14" maximum depth. Limit of 4 entries

Class 67. 'Harrisonburg, Virginia - The Virginia Quilt Museum' - Color, pattern and history all come alive through quilts from yesteryear and today. Think of your design as an extension of the museum's collection. 22" high, 18" wide, 10" wings - 14" maximum depth. Limit of 4 entries

SECTION XV- INTERPRETIVE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS: Fresh-cut African violet blossoms used in a design with other fresh-cut material. Niches are

light gray. Backboards and draping may be attached to niches with pins only; no tape will be permitted.

Class 68. 'Winchester, Virginia - The Annual Apple Blossom Festival' - a design using pink blossoms, to be staged in front of an 8" round gray disc. Discs will be supplied. Underlay and background permitted. Limit 5

Class 69. 'Middletown, Virginia - Belle Grove Plantation' - This plantation once encompassed 7,500 acres. The home was completed in 1797 for Major Isaac Hite, whose wife was the sister of President James Madison. Civil war battles were actually fought on the property. Today, tours include the home, gardens, barns, a slave cemetery, a heritage apple orchard and expansive views of the mountains. What comes to mind when you think of this era from the past? Include some lace in your design. 12" high, 10" wide, 6" wings - 8" maximum depth. Limit of 4 entries

Class 70. 'Front Royal, Virginia - Middle of Main Antique Emporium' - the region is steeped in history. Antiques are a tangible bridge to the past. Let memories resound in your interpretive miniature design. 12" high, 10" wide, 6" wings - 8" maximum depth. Limit of 6 entries

Class 71. 'Strasburg, Virginia - The Museum of American Presidents ' - Four of the first five presidents, eight in all, were Virginians, born and reared to reflect the values of the Old Dominion. For these and several more presidents, the Shenandoah Valley provided respite, formative experiences and inspiration. Give us a patriotic slant, in a red, white and blue arrangement. 18" high, 15" wide, 9" wings - - 12" maximum depth. Limit of 4 entries

Class 72. 'Natural Bridge' - at 215 feet tall and 90 feet wide this is truly a natural wonder. The Natural Bridge was once owned by Thomas Jefferson. Create a natural arrangement incorporating some stone or rock. 22" high, 18" wide, 10" wings - 14" maximum depth. Limit of 4 entries

Class 73. 'Woodstock, Virginia - 7 Bends of the Shenandoah' - from the fire tower overlooking George Washington and Jefferson National Forests you can see the majestic 7 Bends of the Shenandoah River. Show the movement of this winding river in your kinetic design. 26" high, 22" wide, 15" wings. - 20" maximum depth. Limit of 4 entries

Class 74. 'Luray, Virginia - Luray Caverns' - stalactites, stalagmites and crystals of every color. Let your mind take over with this "subterranean" underwater design. No limit on entries

## **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 14, 2008. 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, 2007 Edition, and subsequent changes printed in the African Violet Magazine. This show shall be judged on the merit system by AVSA judges using the AVSA scales of points applicable to each class. 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 13, 2008, 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. Design entries are pre-entered after making reservations as stated in Rule 20. Design entrants may work on their designs (or bring their container gardens or underwater displays) at any time between 1:00 pm and 11:59 pm on Thursday, November 13, 2008, and are allowed to replace blossoms, touch up their designs, or add water to underwater displays on Friday morning, November 14, 2008, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. If a design entry is not filled by 11:59 pm, Thursday, November 13, 2008, it shall not be part of the show.
6. An exhibitor shall make only one entry of a variety in any one class in the Horticulture Division, except Class 59, the Commercial Display Table. However, an exhibitor can enter plants of the same variety in several classes. Exhibits in Classes 41 and 42 shall be African violets and reflect the theme of the show. Only one entry per exhibitor shall be allowed in each of Class 41 and Class 42. Any class may be divided after entries are complete, with consent from the Show Chairmen.
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 13, 1983 - - OVER 25 YEARS OLD.

Only plants in Class 43 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, 487 Shawmut Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02740 (508) 993-2386, no later than Friday, November 7, 2008.

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 NOT be exhibited in clear Lucite containers with wick intact. 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 47 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. Protective covers, mulches, and unobtrusive stakes are permitted for gesneriad other than African violets. Any non-blooming gesneriad other than African violets must have special quality of foliage, coloring, texture, or growth habit and must not be just a gesneriad out of bloom.

14. Commercial members may enter all design classes.

15. An exhibitor shall be limited to one entry in each class in the Design Division. All entries must be the sole creation of the exhibitors and must be placed by the exhibitors.

16. No part of any design may touch or extend beyond the confines of the niche or stated space limitation.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. Reservations for design entry space shall be made with Mr. Bob Loomis, 2925 Table Rock Road, Pickens, SC 29671-8046, (864) 878-6871, marbob76@earthlink.net in October 2008. No reservations will be accepted prior to October 1, 2008 or after October 31, 2008. Please state size of container gardens when making reservations. If unable to exhibit in your reserved space, please cancel before November 13, 2008.

21. Any exhibit may be sold after judging is completed, but none shall be removed until 3:00 pm, Saturday, November 15, 2008. Exhibitors shall remove all exhibits from the showroom between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm on Saturday, November 15, 2008.

22. The show will be open to the public on Friday, November 14, 2008 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 and on Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.