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Dear African Violet, Gesneriad and Design Friends,

Our proudest moment is nearly at hand! In just a few weeks, we will gather at the Woodlands in Williamsburg, Virginia, to celebrate another year of friendship and the joys of growing and showing. The 2009 convention promises to be one of the most spectacular in MAAVS' history! We have a trio of stellar presenters - - AVSA President Ron Davidson, legendary hybridizer Dale Martens and master grower Leonard Re will be on hand for top-notch presentations. In addition, we are once again privileged to offer a Judges' School taught by AVSA Master Teacher and Master Judge Laurene Jones. On Saturday, evening, we will have the pleasure of sweet guitar and vocal music from Kim Person and Lana Puckett - - two of the Williamsburg area's most beloved artists, acclaimed worldwide. Add all of this to the beautiful surroundings and rich history of Colonial Williamsburg and I think we can count on the experience of a lifetime!



MAAVS President Rich Follett

I hope you will plan to stay an extra day and enjoy all that Williamsburg has to offer. Williamsburg is one of the country's primary tourist destinations! I lived in Williamsburg for nine years and never managed to get to the bottom of the list of all that I wanted to see and do. There is just that much. Whether your passion is beautiful gardens, living history, glorious architecture, outlet malls or roller coasters. Williamsburg has it all in one amazing location.

Convention Chair Tom Glembocki, and Co-Chair Ken Barbi; and Show Chair Judi Du Pont have been hard at work for many months putting together a sterling experience for

convention-goers. Their wonderful efforts will be evident in every moment of what I know will be an unforgettable convention.

Last year, I had many people tell me they appreciated the list of pre-convention 'to-do's' in my message, so I will re-post them here, with the appropriate modifications for our new venue:

There is always a great deal to think about as we get closer to show time, so I have made a short to do list for convention goers:

1. Print or copy the registration form and mail with payment to registrar Laurene Jones.
2. Contact the Williamsburg Woodlands to make your room reservations
3. Make Design reservations with Pat Knight.
4. Consider sponsoring a show award - contact Rich Follett, Awards Chairman
5. If you have an African violet-related business or hobby pursuit or just want to extend good wishes from yourself or your club, contact Souvenir Booklet coordinator Tom Glembocki
6. Plan your costume for the party on Friday night - - dress as your ***favorite TV commercial or product advertisement*** and wear it proudly to show the world you want to have FUN!
7. If you would like to be a judge or a clerk for the show, please contact Judge and Clerks Chairman, Carol Van at 757.851.2543
8. Volunteers will be needed for the Ways and Means table. Please contact Peggy Mooney at 610.622.1805 or by e-mail at pm1016@rcn.com
9. Scour your closets for African violet - related or household decor items to be donated for Ways and Means and call or e-mail Peggy Mooney (above) with descriptions(s) of item(s).
10. If you have not already done so, set aside your most promising plants to cultivate for the show and get your designs ready!

After that, all that remains is to show up and be ready for a good time! Some important reminders:

- * Judging School taught by Laurene Jones is timed so as not to interfere with convention events and presentations. Fee is \$15.00 to be paid at time of registration.
- * There will be a \$1.00 entry fee for non-registered guests to see the show.
- * The Williamsburg Woodlands is holding a block of rooms for us at the convention rate of \$99.00 but once they are gone, they are gone and so is the great rate - - they will NOT last long at this rate in Williamsburg!
- * Please complete and mail registration forms by Friday, November 2nd, the registration deadline..
- * Since we are already going to be in a place where Colonial costumes are the norm - - dress as your favorite TV commercial or product ad to show the world that "Things Go Better With

African Violets!" (***Don't dress in Colonial garb***) I have been planning my costume for months - - let's just say my wife Mary Ruth will probably trade me in after she sees me in my regalia.. Of course, I would never divulge my costume choice ahead of time - - you'll just have to come to Williamsburg and see for yourself. Whether or not my favorite product is befitting the decorum of my office as your MAAVS President, I do not know - - it's going to be a party, folks, and all I can say is . . . WHOOPEEEEE! See you in Williamsburg.

Rich

Convention and Show Committee Chairs

Convention

Ways and Means - Peggy Mooney
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 Master of Ceremonies Saturday - Tom Glembocki

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 Entries - Irwin Wagman
 Placement - . Adrienne Topping and La Donna Hopson
 Publicity - Adrienne Topping and Carol Van

American Idol Comes to MAAVS

Host, Leonard Re from Southern California, will be facilitating a fun presentation regarding how our violets are point scored during judging. Who will be the judges for this presentation? Not Randy, Not Simon, Not Paula, but YOU! Yes, you! Bring your Judges" Handbook, a Master Variety List (or laptop for First Class), a pencil and some good questions. Each person will be able to point score several plants (in the privacy of their own seat) and then Leonard will discuss how he thinks a panel of judges would have awarded points. In the end, you will see why it is very important that we have three judges on each panel so that a fair and balanced award is given to each exhibit. Your active participation will make this a fun learning experience.

2. Dale Martens will present a PowerPoint program entitled "Let's Grow Happy Gesneriads". She will discuss growing and showing gesneriads. You'll also get a little sneak preview of her 2010 AVSA convention talk on hybridizing streptocarpus for smaller size.
3. AVSA President Ron Davidson will present his oft-acclaimed chirita program featuring tips on basic

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Diane Richardson	1991 - 1995
Sue Hoffmann	1995 - 1999
Linda A bplanalp	1999 - 2001
Ken Barbi	2001 - 2005
Rodney Barnett	2005 - 2007
Rich Follett	2007 - Present

cultural requirements, growth patterns, propagation and growing to show for chiritas. This is a chance to see one of the most celebrated programs in AVSA history right here in our own backyard!

Welcome New Members

Welcome to Pamela Orris of Boothwyn, Pennsylvania; Dale Martens of Sherrard, Illinois; Wallace Wells of New York (returning member); and Mary Schaeffer of Newark, Delaware.

MAAVS Rosette Winners

The Richmond African Violet Society MAAVS Collection Class was won by **Josane Wagner** with *Irish Sprite, Rob's Copper Cat, and Little Shamus*.

The Long Island African Violet Society MAAVS Collection Class was won by **Rosemary Macaluso** with *Cool Blue, Spring Promise, and Emerald Pink*.

Membership Address Changes

Bob and Maridell Loomis have a new e mail address.

It is bobmar76@att.net

Tom and Mary Ryan have a new e mail address. It is tommaryryan1@gmail.com

MAAVS Pins Will Be Available at the Convention

If you didn't get one yet, MAAVS pins will be available at the Ways and Means Table for \$5 each.



Attention Judges and Clerks

We're looking for volunteers to judge and clerk the show at the upcoming MAAVS convention in Williamsburg, Virginia, November 12 - 14, 2009. We are expecting a large show. Student judges are encouraged to participate. Also, you do not have to be a judge to serve as a clerk. If you plan to attend the convention and wish to learn, clerking provides a great opportunity to get your feet wet!

If you would like to volunteer to serve as either judge or clerk, please contact Carol Van, Judges Chairman at 300 Britain Lane, Hampton, Virginia, 23669-1052 or call 757.851.2543

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee proposes the following individuals for office:

President	Rich Follett
Vice President	Michelle Lewis
Secretary	Adrienne Topping
Treasurer	Kitty Hedgepeth

Submitted by: Marie Burns, Chairman; Rodney Barnett, Ken Barbi, Sue Hoffmann, and Diane Richardson.



MAAVS Loses a Friend - Kermit Melvin Bunn

Kermit Melvin Bunn, died suddenly on Saturday, September 5, 2009. Kermit was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He will be remembered as a fun loving and giving person. Kermit had a great love for his family, church and garden. Kermit was a master gardener and an avid African violet commercial grower - - a member of AVSA, MAAVS and Dixie African Violet Society. His hobbies were baseball, blue grass music, camping and fishing. Kermit retired from the United States Air Force and from the City of Goldsboro. Kermit is survived by his wife of 54 years, Lorena Bunn of Snow Hill; his daughter, Melvin Cecelia McMillan and husband Roy, of Anchorage, Alaska; his sons, Ronnie Dean Bunn and wife Linda, and Herbert Elias Bunn and wife Alice, all of Goldsboro.

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Commercial Sales Tables
with Dave Rollins by November
13th at 606.282.3432, or at
drollins@adelphia.net
Cost is \$4 per foot in 6 foot
lengths.

Convention Design Reservations

It's time to **reserve your design space**. Classes are limited - - see the schedule. Reserve your space with Pat Knight, 1796 Stonehaven Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23464-7031 757.479.2115 or
kemts@cox.net
between October 1st and 31st.
Reservations cannot be taken outside this window.



Saturday Convention Entertainment

The stars will shine on Saturday, November 14 at our convention! Internationally acclaimed singer/songwriters Kim Person and Lana Puckett will entertain us during the early part of our evening banquet. Critics have long praised Kim and Lana for their sweet harmonies and touching original songs. From their website: Kim Person & Lana Puckett write music in the key of life. Their songs speak of ordinary things: relationships, family, love-- and yet it's the way that Lana and Kim put words together that is earning them recognition. Based out of Yorktown, Virginia, four time Kerrville New Folk Finalists Kim Person & Lana Puckett have won many prestigious awards for their vocals, song writing and musicianship during their fourteen years of performing together.

In 1982 they won the First Place Country Vocalist Award in the American Song Festival/Columbia Recording Artist Search and in 1984 they were presented with yet another vocal award for the Best Traditional Female Country Vocalist in the state of Virginia. They have also been selected to perform at the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival Singer/Songwriter Showcase and The Bluebird Café in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1993 Kim and Lana produced their CD *Windows of Life*. Since its release, songs from "Windows Of Life" have won First Place honors for song writing from The Austin Songwriters' Group, The Fort Bend Songwriters' Network, The Virginia Organization Of Composers and Lyricists and the West Texas Songwriters' Group, as well as awards from The Louisiana Songwriters' Guild and the Songwriter's Association of Washington.

". . . the anticipation of waiting for Lana and Kim to perform their songs is like the anticipation of waiting for a good Thanksgiving dinner. . ." says Allen Damron. George Grove, of the Kingston Trio says "Kim & Lana are a must see act... with precision vocals and harmonies accompanied by tasteful musicianship. Their songs are sure to touch your heart."



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MAAVS Collection Rosette



The MAAVS Collection Rosette for an exhibit consisting of three African violets of the same type (standard, miniature, semiminature, trailer [standard, miniature, or semiminature], or species) is available to affiliate clubs. This rosette is smaller than before, and has a more intricate design on the button.

These plants must be entered by a MAAVS member and need not be AVSA-registered varieties. Each plant will be point scored in accordance with The African Violet Society of America Handbook For Growers, Exhibitors, and Judges and awarded a ribbon as merited. Exhibitor **must** be a MAAVS member.

To order a rosette, please contact Susan Barbi at 1809 View Top Court, Annapolis, MD 21409-5873, and remit \$5.00 with each request. If you have unused rosettes from previous years, you may request new score sheets at no cost, use the score sheets from the AVSA Entries Program, or download score sheets from www.maavs.org. For additional information, or to check on a request, call 410.757.5044, or E Mail susanbarbi@verizon.net

MAAVS 2009 Convention Awards

Rich Follett, Awards Chairman

It's time to think about putting a smile on someone's face by sponsoring a show award for the 2009 MAAVS convention. Last year, thanks to our generous members and friends, we exceeded all previous records for awards sponsorship. Let's keep growing! It doesn't take a whole lot of money to make someone's day. Winning a sponsored award is like having your own personal cheering section - it makes growing our beloved African violets all the more fun.

You can make a donation by designating the award and the amount and enclosing it with your convention registration. If you are donating a rosette, medallion, or item other than a monetary gift, please let me know and bring the item(s) with you to Williamsburg.

Rich Follett, MAAVS 2009 Awards Chairman, P.O. Box 583, Strasburg, VA 22657-0583, richfoll@yahoo.co

**Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society
November 12 - 14, 2009 Convention and Show
Registration Form**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____ Name to go on Badge _____

Are you a MAAVS Member _____ Yes _____ No

Is your companion a MAAVS Member _____ Yes _____ No

In case of emergency, who should be notified:
Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Registration Fees:

(Companions just attending dinner events do not have to pay registration fees, however cannot show plants or attend presentations)

MAAVS Member showing and/or attending presentations/dinners \$35 _____

Meals:

Friday dinner out at *The Shields* is only Chicken on a Spit \$35 _____

Saturday Banquet (*circle one*) Flat Iron Steak Salmon \$40 _____

MAAVS Membership renewal

Individual \$15 _____

Joint (2 members, same address) \$20 _____

Affiliate/Commercial \$20 _____

Awards Donation \$ _____

Judging School Registration \$15 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Following receipt, you will receive confirmation. Make checks payable to MAAVS in U.S. Funds. Please send your payment to: Laurene Jones, 3430 Luttrell Road, Annandale, VA 22003, by **November 2nd**. A \$5 service fee will be imposed on refunds made after this date unless you have extenuating circumstances. Refunds after **November 2nd** will depend upon our ability to reallocate purchased dinners. Persons with **special dietary requirements** should make them known when submitting reservations:

Things Go Better with African Violets

The MAAVS convention team has been busy putting the finishing touches on our annual convention, "Things Go Better with African Violets" in Williamsburg, VA from November 12-14, 2009. Convention Chairs Tom Glembocki and Ken Barbi, and Show Chairs Judi Du Pont along with members of the host club, the Tidewater AVS, Adrienne Topping President invite you to a Fall weekend in Williamsburg for fun, comradeship and African Violets.

Our hotel is the Williamsburg Woodland Hotel and Suites which is part of the Williamsburg Educational foundation complex. Once at the hotel you can park your car and leave it. Hotel guests have free use of the Williamsburg transportation shuttles. The shuttles take visitors to the Williamsburg Historic District where several dining choices are available as well as a commercial downtown district for shopping opportunities. MAAVS attendees have a special rate of \$99 per night which includes a continental breakfast buffet. Call the Williamsburg Woodland Hotel and Suites at 800.261.9530 and use **Key Pass 5660** to request your room at the special MAAVS \$99 rate. This rate **includes** a complementary breakfast.

Our Friday night dinner will be a special treat as we will be dining in the Colonial Williamsburg Historic District at Shields Tavern for a Colonial Spit Chicken dinner. To add to our ambiance the wait staff will be garbed in traditional Colonial Period costumes. MAAVS traditionally has a costume party on the Friday night dinner. The obvious choice would be Colonial dress but since all of the Williamsburg Historic District is costumed in Colonial costumes we wouldn't be adding much to the mix. In order to reflect the theme of the MAAVS convention, Things Go Better with African Violets, pick your favorite commercial and wear it! Of course Prizes will be awarded for most outrageous costume and most identifiable.

You may want to add an extra day or two to your convention stay and take advantage of the Historic District sights. There are numerous Colonial gardens to be seen behind traditional picket fences. Tours and demonstrations take places in many of the buildings. Admission to the Williamsburg Historic District



is half price for Woodlands Hotel Guests. We will be dining at Shields Tavern but you also might want to try the Kings Arm or Christiana Campbells on some of the other nights of your Williamsburg stay.

The Woodlands Convention Center is a separate building directly behind our hotel. The Showroom, Commercial Sales and meeting rooms will be in this building. In the lobby area we will have Registration and Ways and Means. A banquet room in the Convention Center will accommodate our Saturday night awards banquet. Make your plans now to join us in Williamsburg. More details including registration form, show and event schedules, and other information are available on the web at www.maavs.org/maavs2009

AVSA Convention 2011 in Philadelphia/Cherry Hill

AVSA has chosen the Crowne Plaza Philadelphia/Cherry Hill for the site of its 2011 National Convention, May 15th to 22nd, 2011. The AVS of Springfield is the convention host and this is the first announcement of the event by Springfield's President Joan Santino. It certainly is great news to have 2 National Conventions held back to back in MAAVS territory.

As a fundraiser, we plan to print a cookbook as a fundraiser. The cookbook will contain tried-and-true recipes from AVSA members, and be for sale at the 2010 AVSA Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina. Do you have a very special recipe that you would like to share? We would love to use it in our cookbook.

We know that e-mail is a very impersonal way of communication, but it is quick, easy, and the way of the times. To meet our printing deadline, please have the recipes to me by November 15, 2009. Your recipe can be sent to me by e-mail or USPS as soon as possible and the committee will incorporate them into the cookbook. Please put "Violet Cookbook" in the subject line of your e-mail. See the sample recipe format listed below.

Peggy Mooney, Cookbook Chairman
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Sample Recipe Format

Category _____ (Appetizers & Beverages Bread & Rolls Cookies & Candy Desserts Mail Dishes Soups & Salads Vegetables & Side Dishes This & That)

Recipe Title _____

Submitted By _____ Your Name, City and State

Ingredients

Directions _____

Notes _____

Instructions

List all ingredients in the order of use. Include container size, e.g., 16oz pkg., 24oz can. Keep direction in paragraph form not in steps. Use name of ingredients in the directions, e.g. "Combine flour and sugar." DO NOT use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients." Include temperature and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times. You may add a personal note with your recipe. (Recipe from my grandmother or this is my husbands favorite cake, etc.)

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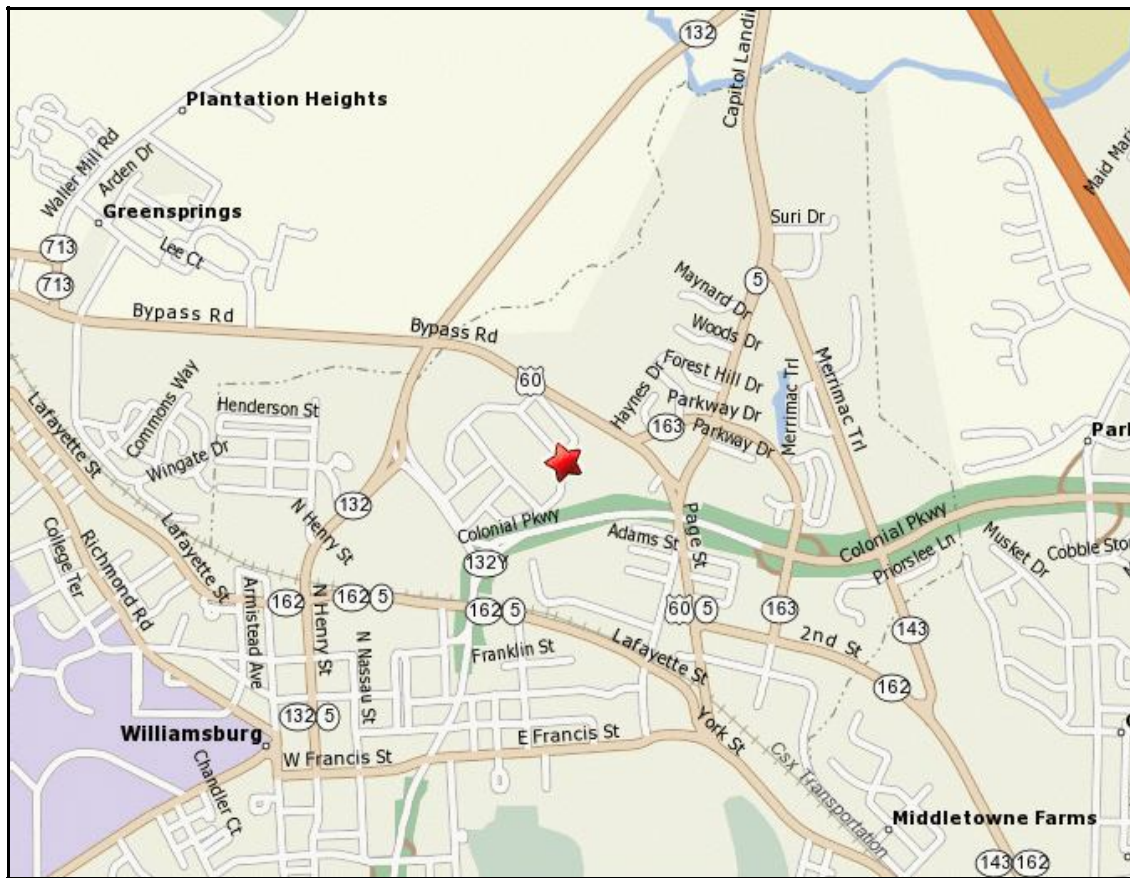
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Street Address: Woodlands Hotel and Suites 105 Visitor Center Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185



AVSA Judging School at 2009 MAAVS Convention

Become an African violet judge or just learn how judges THINK! - Taught by AVSA Master Judge Laurene Jones.

Cost is \$15.00, payable at time of registration for the MAAVS convention.

Questions to: MAAVS president Rich Follett, richfollet@yahoo.com

The Tidewater African Violet Society will host this year's Convention and Show in Williamsburg, Virginia. The dates will be November 12 - 14, 2009, at the Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel and Suites.

Call 800.261.9530 and use Registration Key 5660 to request your MAAVS \$99 room rate, or go to <http://resweb.passkey.com/go/maavs5660> to register on-line.

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