

# MAAVS

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**Hello, everyone!**

First things first - - would you all join me in saying “goodbye, Snowmageddon; hello, spring” - - (please knock on wood as you say this)? Without a doubt, the winter of 2009- 2010 has been the snowiest and orneriest in memory. Thank goodness our African violets don't know! Mine have been blooming blithely on the windowsills all through winter even with almost three feet of freshly fallen snow in the back yard, they have been carrying the hope of spring forward. Let' s face it: African violets are more than good houseplants; they are good friends. So, too, are the people who grow them. Through all of the ups and downs of life, my ‘violet friends’ (both plant and human) have been there to share the joys and divide the sorrows. We are truly fortunate!



MAAVS President Rich Follett

Another wonderful benefit of being an African violet enthusiast is always having something to look forward to - - be it the blooms on our plants or the chance to get together with others at club meetings and conventions, our growing experience is always full and rewarding. At the moment, my sights are set on making plans to attend “The Once and Future Violet” - - AVSA's 2010 Convention - - in Raleigh, NC from April 11 - - 18th. I am hoping to see many of you there! Plans are also well underway for the MAAVS 2010 Convention “Violets Go Native” to be held October 21<sup>st</sup> - - 23<sup>rd</sup> in Owego, New York. This year' s convention (our 20th!) will once again be a joint convention with the New York State AVS. Any of you who attended our last joint convention in 2006 will likely remember that everything is a little bit better for the sharing: more displays, designs and entries, more award dollars and special awards categories,

more enthusiasm, more camaraderie and even more fun than usual (if that is possible to believe). This year will surely mark new levels of achievement for everyone!

That being said, this is the perfect time to share once again my list of Ten Simple Things You Can Do to Help Our Convention:

1. Enter plants and/or designs
2. Come to the convention yourself, even if just for a day
3. Bring one or more friends
4. Sponsor an award
5. Encourage a friend or fellow club member to sponsor an award
6. TALK ABOUT the convention - help build excitement!
7. Think positively
8. Find a way to share the convention with one or more children
9. Contribute something collectible, unique or handmade to Ways and Means
10. Volunteer to cover an on-site convention duty, even if only for an hour

A full list of 2010 Convention chairs will be published in the next MAAVS newsletter. For now just start thinking about where you can fit in and help us keep a good thing growing! In a time when many social organizations of all kinds are suffering membership declines and flagging spirits, MAAVS continues to be a growing, vital and dynamic group. Part of the credit goes to the plants we love; the remainder to the wonderful, warm-hearted and generous people who grow them alongside us. There isn't a one among us who does not bring something unique and valuable to the mix.

On a personal note, my own 'violet adventure' is continuing to bloom and grow. In addition to serving for a second term as your MAAVS President and continuing to serve in the capacity of MAAVS Awards Chairman, I have been elected to the AVSA Board of Directors and also to serve as Convention Chair for the 2011 AVSA Convention "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Violets" in Philadelphia, sponsored by the Springfield AVS (for which I will continue to serve as Program Coordinator, assisted this year by Al Cenci). Who could have imagined that growing a few African violets on my windowsill could lead to so much excitement? Be sure to check out the info on the 2011 AVSA Convention benefit Cookbook "Thyme With Violets" in this memo - - the recipes are amazing! I plan to order several for holiday and birthday gifts.

In addition, the dream of celebrating my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with a trip to Tanzania to see the species violets in their native habitat is one big step closer to reality - - Kerry Scott of Narrow Gate Trekking, an African Tour Guide of many years' experience, has put together a trip designed

especially for African Violet lovers. It is truly the opportunity of a lifetime! A total of eight (and only eight - - no room for more!) participants is needed for the trip to take place. If you would like to safari with us, please contact me for more information (details appear in this memo). The amenities are top drawer and the price is a great deal less than you might imagine.

I have learned that we members of MAAVS are a lot like the African violets we love - - colorful, eager to please, hoping to overcome gaps in culture (I couldn't resist that one!), fascinating to look at, full of surprises, only marginally needy and grateful for any attention we receive. I am sure there are other comparisons to be made, but by now you certainly get the picture . . . You folks are wonderful! I can't imagine how much less interesting or rewarding my life would be without you. I am delighted to be returning as your MAAVS President; I think I am even finally beginning to get the job figured out a little. Please, let me hear from you all through our seasons of growing together. I may not have answers or solutions right away, but I will always keep looking until I find them. The more I hear from our members, the more I learn about what makes this amazing organization work in the first place and what might make it work even better for the future. I welcome praise, criticism, and suggestions equally. MAAVS belongs to us all. I am proud of the beautiful plants we grow, the designs we make, the friendship we share and the way we have dedicated ourselves to growing this organization. Thank you for your dedication and for the inspiration you provide. See you in Raleigh!

# Rich

## Membership Address Changes

Laurene Jones has a new email address: [nccsoprano@gmail.com](mailto:nccsoprano@gmail.com)

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September 10<sup>th</sup> for the Third Quarterly Issue  
November 25<sup>th</sup> for the Fourth Quarterly Issue

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### Former MAAVS Presidents:

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

## Affiliate Events

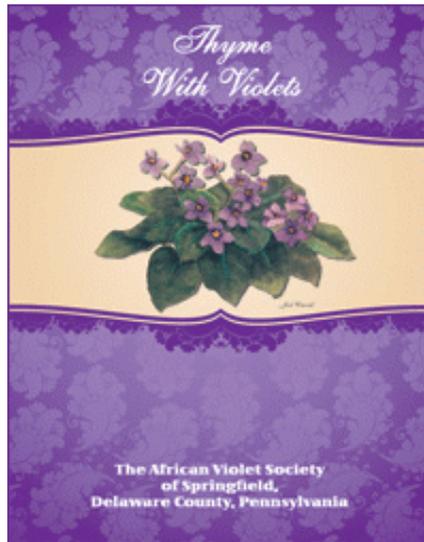
**The Long Island African Violet Society** presents its 55<sup>th</sup> AVSA Judged Show - "Violets Across The USA". It will be held on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5 pm and on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 4 pm at the John A. Anderson Recreation Center, 111 North Oceanside Road, Rockville Centre, New York. Please contact Carol Stumpf at 516.868.2049 or Juanita Dash at 516.867.7918 for more information.

**The African Violet Society of Syracuse** presents their 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Sale at the Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 East Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville, New York on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Show Hours: Saturday - 1 pm to 6:00 pm, and Sunday - 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. The theme of the show is "Violets Visit Beaver Lake". Come see the beautiful array of violets on display in the showroom. There will be plant sales both days. There is much to do at Beaver Lake, so bring your picnic lunch and spend the day. Contact person: Kathy Garbarino, President of AVSS e-mail: [kgarg@twcny.rr.com](mailto:kgarg@twcny.rr.com) Phone 315.829.3679. Admission is free, but there is a small fee for parking.

**African Violet Society of Springfield, Delaware County, Pennsylvania** will hold its Annual Judged Show and Plant Sale on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, at the Springfield Mall. Contact Joan Santino at 610.485.0211 for details.

**The Richmond African Violet Society** will have their Show & Sale on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, 1800 Lakeside Avenue, Richmond, VA. Time: 9 am - 5 pm each day. More Information: Rich Follett 540.465.2976 [richfoll@yahoo.com](mailto:richfoll@yahoo.com)

# "Thyme With Violets"



Our cookbook, with 650 recipes, is ready for sale!

The cost of this beautiful cookbook is \$15.00 plus shipping, as follows:  
\$5.00 flat fee ships 1 book; \$10.00 ships 2 books; and \$12.00 ships 3 books to any domestic location. For orders of more than 3 books, please call for shipping quote: 610-622-1805.

There is no discount for multiple orders but shipping will be calculated per order.

Make check payable to AVS Springfield and send to:  
Peggy Mooney, 1016 Broadway Avenue, Secane , PA 19018

The African Violet Society of Springfield, Pa is looking forward to hosting the Philadelphia 2011 Convention. This fund raiser will help us make it a memorable event. Thanks for your support in this effort.

## **Announcing the Trip of a Lifetime for African Violet Enthusiasts - Travel to Tanzania to see the ‘wild’ African Violet!**

Eight travelers will have the opportunity to travel with professional tour guide Kerry Scott of Narrow Gate Trekking to see the African violet in its native home. This ten-day tour will depart on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (+/- 1 day).

Net price per person in double room: US \$4,725.00. Price includes: Safari vehicle 4wd with driver/guide. Full board accommodation from dinner on day 1 to lunch on day 10. All park fees. Price does NOT include: Visa entry to Tanzania (US\$100 for US citizens) which we will obtain before we leave. Personal travel insurance Drinks, tips and expenses of a personal nature.

Add four days and three nights in Cape Town and the Western Cape Province of South Africa, seeing all the botanical (and other) treasures which make the Cape Floral Kingdom one of the most beautiful and interesting places on Earth. Optional add-on: US \$1,787.50

For further information, contact Rich Follett at (540) 465 — 2976 or by e-mail at [richfoll@yahoo.com](mailto:richfoll@yahoo.com)

# Minutes of the Board General Meeting Friday, November 13, 2009

Present were Rich Follett, Kitty Hedgepeth, Ken Barbi, Tom and Lim Glembocki, Mary Boland, George Mac Donald, Laurene Jones, Michelle Lewis, Fay Wagman, and Dennis Hale.

In the absence of the secretary, Rich Follett read the minutes from the November 14, 2008 MAAVS Board Meeting.

Minutes were corrected and Kitty Hedgepeth made a motion to accept. Motion was seconded by Laurene Jones and the Motion passed.

Concerning the AVSA convention in 2010 Tom Glembocki provided the estimated cost for Meals, Hotel, and Miscellaneous items.

Meals and Hotel \$3,877.75

Miscellaneous \$2,048.20 \$5,920.95

George Mac Donald presented the Treasures report. Treasures' report was approved and is on file.

Ken Barbi presented MAAVS membership information. MAAVS has a total of 142 members.

Affiliate members 14

Commercial members 11

Individual/Joint members 117

Ken reported that the current mailing list has been updated. There is an issue with email addresses that do not have an identified person associated with them.

There are 77 members and guest registered for this convention.

The following individuals has been Nominated for the 2010-2012 MAAVS Board of Directors:

Rich Follett - President

Adrian Topping - Secretary

Michelle Lewis - Vice President

Kitty Hedgepeth - Treasure

MAAVS received an excellent response to the request for Awards.

## New Business

George Mac Donald made a motion to stop across the board awards for all categories. The motion was seconded by Ken Barbi. Kitty Hedgepeth brought up the idea that maybe New York would like to match BIC awards. A call for a vote was made and the motion was passed.

Laurene Jones will be in charge of registration for the 2010 MAAVS convention to be held in Owego, New York.

Rich Follett will be ordering the ribbons for the Owego show.

New ribbons were approved and sent to Tidewater and Syracuse.

Ken Barbi sent letters to members who had not renewed in July.

George Mac Donald made a motion to continue offering free advertising for the commercial members in the MAAVS memo. Laurene Jones stated that this should be a constant. Motion was made to add to the standing rules that the privilege of commercial membership will include free advertising in the MAAVS memo based on space available with the maximum size of a full page per issue. Commercials who are not members of MAAVS will pay the standard rate of \$35.00 for a full page ad; \$20.00 for a half page and \$10.00 for a quarter page. Motion was seconded by Kitty Hedgepeth and the voted motion was passed.

Nonprofit status has been resolved.

MAAVS history is in Shirley Huffman's procession. The question was raised of do we want to keep the history going in hard copy of electronic format only. Ken Barbi read the bylaws concerning the historian. Rich Follett appointed Tom Glembocki as the Historian.

New York wants to procure a lapel pin for the Joint Convention for MAAVS and Owego. The question was raised of whether or not to do shirts.

Awards received after the deadline will not make it into the convention memo. Awards received with registration will be undesignated. Designated awards should go directly to the Award's chairman.

MAAVS is currently in need of Ways and Means volunteers in Owego.

A suggestion to donate \$500.00 from MAAVS to the AVSA computer fund was voted on and

passed.

Ken Barbi made a motion to adjourn, Kitty Hedgepeth seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Lewis, Recorder.

## Minutes of the General Meeting Saturday, November 14, 2009

Minutes of the General Meeting of MAAVS 2008 were read by Adrienne Topping. Motion was made to approve minutes as read, seconded, voted on and passed.

Communication/Correspondence read by Rich Follett. Stanley Ko, member @ large donated \$200.00 to MAAVS.

Treasurer report was read by George Mac Donald

Beginning balance	\$11,051.01
Income was about	\$10,000.00
Expenses were about	\$ 9,000.00
Ending balance is	\$11,000.00

Motion to approve the treasurer report was seconded and accepted as read.

Membership report: **142 members** 14 affiliates 21 commercial 117 individual

Ken reported that he worked on identifying e-mail address during the past year and found that there are still about 30 unknown. There are about 90 MAAVS MEMOS mailed each quarter.

Nominating committee Report:

Rodney Barnette thanked Marie Burns for coming up with a slate of officers.

Richard Follett - President  
Michelle Lewis - Vice President  
Kitty Hedgepeth - Treasurer

Adrienne Topping - Secretary

George Mac Donald made a motion to close the nominations, the motion was seconded, the slate was voted on and passed.

Convention registration - 77 members registered and 3 guests registered . Rich Follett thanked Laurene Jones for registrations.

Old business

ARC - George Mac Donald brought up that he has three DVDs that can be used for club programs. There are 2 segments on the ARC that talks about their projects and a third with a speech and about twenty minutes with pictures and sounds of the African rainforest. Kitty Hedgepeth requested information about the DVDs be published in the MAAVS MEMO. There is a trip for twelve people to Tanzania - information will be at AVSA. George Mac Donald requested a donation from MAAVS for ARC for \$200.00. It was announced that a Thank You was never received for last year donation. Tom Glembocki- suggested that the ARC be checked out through the charity navigator on the internet. The request was tabled until the 2010 MAAVS convention.

Room sharing at the MAAVS convention was asked about, Laurene Jones said that there was only one request for room sharing and there was no success.

George Mac Donald reported on the status of the IRS filing. The status of the non-profit is based on the amount of money that MAAVS handles. Horticultural organizations can only handle up to \$5,000.00, Social organizations can handle up to \$25,000. MAAVS is a social organization.

New Business

The Standing Rules were changed to continue free advertising in the MAAVS Memo for commercial members.

Rich Follett - awards chairman reported that was the greatest response for awards, \$1,500.00.

The 2011 MAAVS convention needs a host. A location has not been found.

Laurene Jones made a motion to donate \$500.00 to AVSA for the computers and web site.

Donations would be to the AVSA booster fund, Shirley Berger handles the donations. When a donation is sent, computer upgrade needs to be specified. Bob Loomis made a motion to amend the motion and increase the amount to \$1,000.00. Kitty Hedgepeth suggested that we wait until next year after the AVSA Convention to revisit the motion. Kitty also suggested that a budget for donations be put into place.

This year food and beverage expense has been \$3,878.00 this year.

An inquiry of what our expenses will be at the national convention in 2010.

There was a vote to amend the motion to increase donation from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 was passed. The motion was restated to a motion to donate \$1,000.00 for the computer upgrade was seconded, voted on and motion was carried.

Discussion on shirts for AVSA was held.

New York will handle the center pieces

A question of who would supply the table favors was asked.

The 2010 MAAVS Convention will be held October 21 - 23, 2009, the Convention Chairman is Fay Wagman and the Show Chairman is Sue Hoffmann.

Rich - AVSA Convention Chairman 2011 in Philadelphia.

Who will be Ways and Means in Owego. A coordinator for getting donations and contacting affiliates is needed.

Fay Wagman suggested that baskets for raffle be made up by the affiliates and an award to the affiliate with the most raffle ticket be made.

Motion was made to Adjourn, seconded and voted in favor.

# MAAVS Yearly Financial Report

## January 1, 2009 Through December 31, 2009

### *INCOME*

Dues Income 2,177.00  
Interest 2.57  
General Convention Income 7,143.00  
Awards Income 1,645.00  
Commercials (tables) 432.00  
Income From Plant Sales 183.00  
Judges' School 60.00  
Ways and Means Income 620.50  
*TOTAL INCOME \$12,263.07*

### *EXPENSES*

Administration 51.85  
Website 59.40  
AVSA dues 35.00  
MAAVS MEMO 618.11  
Purchase MAAVS Rosettes 76.60  
African Rainforest Conservancy 200.00  
2008 convention expense 20.00  
General Convention expense 8,438.97  
Awards 1,625.00  
Hospitality 105.69  
Printing show booklet 322.17  
Show Setup 11.83  
2010 AVSA Convention entertainment 400.00  
*TOTAL EXPENSES \$11,964.62*

# MAAVS 2010 Budget

## Kitty Hedgepeth, Treasurer

### Expense

AVSA Dues .....	\$ 35.00
AVSA Insurance .....	\$250.00
AVSA Donation .....	\$1,000.00
AVSA Convention .....	\$500.00 (estimate-we have spent \$350.00 & should recoup \$\$)
Miscellaneous .....	\$465.00
MAAVS Memo .....	\$300.00
MAAVS Website .....	\$60.00
MAAVS Convention .....	\$8,000.00
Total: \$10,610.00	

### Income

MAAVS Dues .....	\$2,100.00 (140 X \$15.00)
MAAVS Convention .....	\$8,000.00
Judge's School .....	\$60.00
Convention Awards .....	\$450.00
Total: \$10,610.00	

## AVSA Response to MAAVS Booster Fund Donation

I want to thank the members of the Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society for their most generous contribution of \$1000.00 to the Booster Fund of the African Violet Society of America. As you have designated, this donation will be applied to the computer upgrade project. AVSA member funds have been ample enough to purchase a computer for our editor, Ruth Rumsey, and arriving funds are to be applied to a new computer for the office manager, Jenny Daugereau. It is wonderful to have such support from our members, as we surely do want to keep our office staff well equipped and happy.

I trust many of your group will be attending the upcoming convention in Raleigh. Perhaps I will meet some of you there.

Thanks again,

Shirley Berger, Chair  
AVSA Booster Fund Committee

# The Once and Future Violet Convention - The AVSA Annual Convention and Show

We hope you're planning your trip to the Once and Future Violet in Raleigh, NC from April 11-18, 2010. We promise this MAAVS hosted AVSA International Convention will be something different. It will be different in a good kind of way! How will Raleigh be different? Starting with the showroom, one of MAAVS' best designers, Olive Ma Robinson, has created a look that is sure to wow. Olive has specified totally black table coverings for all the show tables. As you may know, African Violets look best against a black background. The colors seem to "pop" this way since black is the absence of all color. The Honors Table isn't a table at all. In keeping with the theme of The Once and Future Violet, our logo is a genealogy tree of the evolution of the African Violet from the earliest species to the Space Age Violets and beyond. This "Tree of Life" will be the honors platform. Tree branches will be exhibiting the Best in Show and Best in Class from all the usual schedule categories.

Many MAAVS affiliates are working to make this convention a huge success. It has been almost a decade since MAAVS hosted AVSA in Washington DC. If you remember, we had the outstanding honors table featuring the US Capitol. We think we're going to wow the AVSA membership again with our "Honors Tree".

In keeping with our theme and as a throwback to the past, this year we have revived the AVSA embroidered logo patch. Ways and Means used to sell convention patches in the past but this venture became unprofitable for them. The MAAVS Convention team has revived the convention logo patch and in a salute to modern times, they are available today on eBay. Search for "AVSA 2010" on eBay and order a patch for yourself. This will be the only way to get one of these with all proceeds going to the AVSA 2010 Convention fund.

Some of the trips we have planned will be very unique. We have arranged a tour of the mail order nursery, Plant Delights Nursery. This nursery is not open to the public and has many unique perennials including frost hardy gesneriads! Unfortunately they won't allow plant sales to our group since they're not equipped for retail so you will have to order online but the tour will be well worth the effort. What's an African Violet convention without African Violet tours? Bluebird Greenhouse is on one of the AVSA tours! The town of Seagrove, NC has been making pottery since the 1700's. Over 200 potteries line this town - an AVSA bus tour will visit Seagrove as well as the Richard Petty NASCAR museum. We hope you can come early in the week to participate in some of the exciting tours.

We will have all our normal MAAVS commercial vendors but in addition all the AVSA

commercials are planning to be there. We will have Dave of Daves' Violets who does the Sinningias, Diane of Dandy Pot International and many, many more commercial vendors to keep your credit card busy!!!!

We all know that MAAVS knows how to put on a great convention. Let's all roll out the red carpet for the rest of AVSA to see how it's done!!!!

### AVSA Convention GOODY Bags

As you know, the AVSA convention Goody Bag affiliate has changed more than once. The new home is now the Triangle AVS and is being chaired by Libbie Glembocki.

We would love to include a token gift from each MAAVS affiliate in the Convention goody bags. We anticipate filling 500 bags but certainly do not expect our MAAVS affiliates to each supply 500 items! We would like to collect whatever quantity you feel would be appropriate for your club and combine it with donations from other clubs to fill the bags, i.e. if two affiliates each gave 250 items we would have enough for one item in each bag and so on.

Individual contributions are also appreciated. If you have a business or work for a business that supplies promotional items we would love to hear from you! MAAVS vendors as well. Here's a great opportunity for some free advertising to all of AVSA.

Please send donated items to:

Libbie Glembocki  
103 Downing Pl  
Apex NC 27502  
Please Help! Thank you.

**Application for Membership  
Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00

Joint (2 members, same address) \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00

Affiliate/Commercial \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00

MAAVS Pin \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 5.00

(If new member dues are paid between June 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>, your membership will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Member of AVSA \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make checks payable to MAAVS)

**Send membership application to:**

**Ken Barbi 1809 View Top Court, Annapolis, MD 21409-5973**

## 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](http://www.maavs.org). For additional information, or to check on a request, call 410.757.5044, or E Mail [susanbarbi@verizon.net](mailto:susanbarbi@verizon.net)

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Vice President	- Michelle Lewis
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Treasurer	- Kitty Hedgepeth

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Future Conventions	- Vacant
Membership & Promotions	- Ken Barbi
Newsletter & Documentation	- Ken Barbi
Ways & Means	- Barbara Stewart
Immediate Past President	- Rodney Barnett

**CHAIRMEN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Nominating	- Rodney Barnett
2010 Convention in Owego, NY	- Fay Wagman
2011 Convention in Baltimore, MD	- Ken Barbi

**APPOINTED Non-Board POSITIONS**

Parliamentarian	- Mary Boland
Editor of The MAAVS MEMO	- Ken Barbi
MAAVS Collection Rosette	- Susan Barbi
Historian	- Shirley Huffman
Properties	- Ken Barbi
Convention Registrar	- Laurene Jones
Webmaster	- Tom Glembocki

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 two National Conventions held back to back in MAAVS territory.

As a fund raiser, we are printing a cookbook.. The cookbook will contain tried-and-true recipes from AVSA members, and will be for sale at the 2010 AVSA Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina.

**The African Violet Society of Philadelphia**

*Species Rosette for Best Saintpaulia species or natural hybrid* is available for any MAAVS - AVSA affiliate show.

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