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Hello, friends!

Autumn is just around the corner and it is time once again for our marvelous MAAVS convention. This year's offering "Violets Go Native" is jointly hosted by the Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society and the New York State African Violet Society; and will be held at the Owego Treadway Inn in Owego, New



Fall in Owego, New York

York from October 21st to 23rd. I am sure that many of you will remember the fun and excitement of the last joint MAAVS/NYSAVS convention "Violets Around the World" in 2006 - - it was one of the most successful in our 20-year history. This year's convention promises to be equally memorable. Convention Chair Fay Wagman and Show Chair Sue Hoffmann and their hardworking crews have planned a stellar weekend full of fun, education, fellowship, and the plants and designs we all love. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Karen Chichocki will regale us with pictures and commentary about her recent Gesneriad hunting expedition in Ecuador
- Judith Smith will share her extensive knowledge of the Species Violets, along with valuable tips for their specialized care and culture
- Laurene Jones will conduct a Judges School for initial certification and recertification

- Vladimir Kalgin from Russia has agreed once again to sponsor substantial cash awards for the 1st (\$150.00), 2nd (\$100.00) and 3rd Best (\$50.00) Russian/Ukrainian Collections

- A panel discussion - - "Your African Violet Questions Answered: Tips and Testimonials from Veteran Growers" chaired by Rich Rollett



MAAVS President Rich Follett

With the show and presentation opportunities, the spectacular colors of fall all around us and the chance to spend an entire weekend with the people, plants and designs we love, I am certain there will be no shortage of happy memories and smiling faces. In an effort to make your convention experience all fun and no work, I am offering below a few helpful tidbits that I have gleaned from reading though various relevant websites, e-mails, etc.:

- When sending in your Convention Registration to Irwin Wagman, please mail the hotel room reservation form along with prepayment for your room. Booking your hotel room through Irwin will guarantee the special convention rate of \$95.00 per night and save you the tax on the bill, as the room will be reserved through NYSAVS' non-profit status.

- There is a registration deadline of **October 15th** this year - - registrations received after the deadline will require a \$10.00 additional fee. Get your registration in early, folks!

- The registration deadline for Judges School is earlier - - **October 7th**. Be aware that you'll need to send in your form a week earlier if you want to take the Judges School. In addition, there is an 'audit' option this year; please remember to indicate whether you will be attending as a full participant (taking the exam) or auditing and pay the correct fee for your particular choice.

- Design Registrations must be made through Sue Hoffmann prior to **October 16th**. The show entries, convention registration and hotel registration forms (along with the Show schedule are on the MAAVS website at www.maavs.org The schedule of convention events and presentations is available on the NYSAVS website at www.nysavs.org

- Checks are to be made payable to NYSAVS rather than to MAAVS - - the wrong name on the 'to' line will complicate record keeping and greatly reduce the speed and efficiency with which your registration can be processed.

- Badges will be required for entry to both the Hospitality Room and the Showroom. Make sure

you receive your badge when you check in and keep it with you!

- If you would like to be a judge or clerk for the show, please contact Judging Chair Doug Burdick at dburdick@msn.com

- There is still time to sponsor one or more Show Awards! Just check the appropriate box on your Convention Registration form and enclose payment - - Irwin Wagman will pass the good news on to me (*your 2010 MAAVS Awards Chair*).

- Please consider volunteering at the Ways and Means table, Check-in Desk, Hospitality Room, etc - - there will be a need throughout the convention. Also, please bring one or more items to contribute to Ways and Means - - every bit helps! If you are not sure of what you want to do or whom you should contact, send me an e-mail at richfoll@yahoo.com and I will direct you to the right person.

Even if you do not plan to enter a design in the show, I recommend taking a few minutes to read the Design portion of the Show Schedule closely. It's both fascinating and highly educational! I learned more about Native Americans in the Northeast from one reading of Sue Hoffmann's marvelously detailed Show Schedule than I had known in my whole lifetime beforehand! It's just another one of the many reasons I love 'African Violet People' - - intelligent; inquisitive; passionate; imaginative; creative; accomplished; innovative; aesthetically aware; dedicated to excellence; the list goes on and on. All I can say is this - - prepare to be amazed. I don't know about all of you, folks, but after the year we've had, between the lackluster economy and the ever-increasing demands of daily life, I am READY FOR A PARTY! Who knows? A Mohawk hairdo in honor of the occasion might not be completely out of the question (I double-dog dare 'ya) . . .

Rich

Just a quick note from Sue Hoffmann regarding the omission of the AVSA Collection Species Class from the published Show Schedule - - entries for that class will be accepted at the Show.

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February 25th for the First Quarterly Issue
May 25th for the Second Quarterly Issue
September 10th for the Third Quarterly Issue
November 25th for the Fourth Quarterly Issue

Advertising Rates are \$35 per edition for full page ads, \$20 per edition for half page ads, and \$10 per edition for quarter page ads. A 10% discount is given for annual advertising. Commercial MAAVS Members receive free advertising. Please contact Ken Barbi.

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 Awards

The African Violet Society of Syracuse May show awarded the MAAVS Collection Rosette to **Mary Ryan** for her *Tomboy Blue*, *Bob's Calypso Beat*, and *Rob's Hand Puppet*.

New Members

Welcome new member Patricia Stevens from Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Directions to Treadway Inn

From the south (Binghamton):

Take Route 17 west to exit 65. Turn right at stop sign. Bear left at fork in the road, towards Route 17C west. At traffic light, Holiday Inn Express - Owego is straight ahead or turn right onto Route 17C west and the Owego Treadway Inn and Suites is on the left.

From the northeast (Syracuse):

Take Route 81 south to Route 17 west. Then follow above directions.

From the North (Ithaca):

Take Route 96 south to Owego, New York. Take Route 17C east for approximately 2 miles. Owego Treadway Inn and Suites and Holiday Inn Express - Owego are on the right

From the northwest (Buffalo / Rochester):

Take Route 390 east to Route 17 east to exit 65. Make a right hand turn at the end of the ramp. Make a right hand turn at the traffic light. You will

cross over the river. Bear left at the fork in the road toward Route 17C west. At the traffic light, Holiday Inn Express - Owego is straight ahead or turn right onto Route 17C and the Owego Treadway Inn and Suites is on the left.

From the east (Albany):

Take Route 88 west to Binghamton to Route 17 west and then follow the directions from Binghamton (above).



Judges and Clerks

Potential Judges and Clerks contact Doug Burdick by email or regular mail if you are interested in judging or clerking the Owego Show. Please including your judging level and whether you would be interested in clerking if we receive more request for judging than needed.

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The shirts come in any color, with any combination of colors for the printing. The T-shirts are \$15, sweat shirts and golf shirts are \$25. Tote bags can also be ordered in black, white or red for \$15. Pictured below are our models wearing the 2006 shirts - - this year's will be marked 2010!

Please note size and color, and either enclose payment with your registration (checks payable to MAAVS), or mail to Fay Wagman, 52 Harper Drive, Pittsford NY 14534, **before October 12th**. You can also order by e-mail to FayW@aol.com, but you must order **BEFORE the Convention!** There will be none available at the time of the Convention, however, you can pay for orders made by October 12th at the Convention.



Golf Shirt Modeled by Fay Wagman



T-Shirt Modeled by Laura Buckner

Ways and Means Needs Your Help

Again this year, Ways & Means is reaching out to all MAAVS/NYSAVS members, individual and commercial, to help with making this years convention in Owego a very successful one.

We will be having the basket contest and prizes will be awarded, so each affiliate club is being asked to donate a theme basket. There will be a silent auction and a Saturday night raffle. For these we are asking for donations of any kind; plant cuttings, rhizomes, rooted leaves, hand crafted items, money envelopes, gift certificates, plant supplies, or whatever you have that others might want. On Saturday evening at the Banquet, there will also be a plant auction, so if you wish to donate your prize-winning violet or gesneriad, we will be happy to have it for this sale. If you prefer, you may send cash and we will purchase something for your club's donation or your personal donation. If your donation is received by October 1st, we will list it in the donations program. If your donation is something you will be bringing to the Convention, just let us know ahead of time, so you will be included.

Hope to see you all at our fall Convention in Owego.

I'm sure it will be a Convention you will not want to miss.

Thank you for helping us make this a very successful year.

Laura Buckner, Ways & Means Chairman

**Joint Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society
and New York State African Violet Society
October 21 - 23, 2010 Convention and Show
Registration Form**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip _____

Please check all that apply (one form per person): Exhibitor ____ Individual Member ____ Life Member ____
Board Member ____ Commercial Member ____ Honorary Life Member ____ Judge ____

E-mail address _____ Name to go on Badge _____

In case of emergency, who should be notified:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Registration Fees:

MAAVS/NYSAVS Members (by deadline)	\$25 _____
Non members (by deadline)	\$20 _____
After October 15 th deadline, please add	\$10 _____

Judging School taught by Lauren Jones (Please register by October 7th)

Full attendance	\$15 _____
Audit	\$10 _____

Meals:

Friday dinner (circle one)	\$24 _____
Broiled Pork Chops Salmon with Horseradish Crust Vegetarian Entree	
Commercial Breakfast (Commercial members only)	\$10 _____
Saturday Luncheon (circle one)	\$14 _____
Grilled Chicken Sandwich Garden Salad	
Saturday Banquet	\$26 _____
Prime Rib	\$26 _____
Champagne Chicken	\$26 _____
Vegetarian Entree	\$26 _____

MAAVS Membership renewal

Individual	\$15 _____
Joint (2 members, same address)	\$20 _____
Affiliate/Commercial	\$20 _____

Awards Donation \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Following receipt, you will receive confirmation. Make checks payable to NYSAVS in US funds. Please send your payment to: Irrwin Wagman, 52 Harper Drive, Pittsford, NY 14534-3104 by **October 15th**.

**The Treadway Inn and Convention Center
110 State Route 17C
Owego, New York 13827
607.687.4500**

Because of the NYSAVS tax exempt status, we are able to offer a prepaid total room rate for the Convention of \$95.00, single or double occupancy. There is no risk involved. Regular hotel cancellation policy is in effect, the same as a regular guaranteed reservation. DO NOT send payment to hotel. Make sure to mail this form to Irwin:

*Irwin Wagman (585-381-6384)
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Reservations must be RECEIVED by October 1, 2010 get this convention rate

Please reserve (check one) :

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Date of Departure: _____ Time: _____

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**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 30th and December 31st, your membership will expire on December 31st of the following year)

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MAAVS Collection Rosette



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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

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