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‘VIOLETS BY THE SEA’
DIXIE AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY
CONVENTION
APRIL 18-21, 2012



CALL TO CONVENTION

TO: Officers, Directors, All Standing Committee Chairmen
FROM: Bob Green, President DAVS
DATE: April 18-21, 2012
SUBJECT: ANNUAL BOARD MEETINGS

In April 2012, we will assemble in Myrtle Beach, SC for the Annual Convention of the Dixie African Violet Society. This opportunity allows us to participate in the various activities associated with our convention.

Our annual Board Meetings are scheduled on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 8:00 pm and April 21, 2012 at 9:00 pm at the Beach Cove Resort. In accordance with Article IV, Section 8 of the DAVS Bylaws, you are required to attend and provide an annual report, in writing, at the first Board Meeting. If you are unable to attend the meetings, please send (email or USPS) your report to me in advance, so it can be read at the convention.

If you have any items to be placed on the Agenda for the Board Meetings or the Annual Meeting, please send them to me as soon as possible (either email or USPS), so I can make sure that they are put on the agenda.

Thank you.

DIXIE AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY
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DAVS 2012 CONVENTION AGENDA

- Wednesday, April 18, 2012** Anytime-Tour of Brookgreen Gardens-more to come
12:00 noon – 04:00 p.m. Convention Registration Open
12:00 noon – 08:00 p.m. Commercial Sales Set-Up
08:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. DAVS Board Meeting
- Thursday, April 19, 2012** 08:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Convention Registration Open
09:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Entries/Classification Open
09:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Raffle Open
09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m. Plant Sales Open
01:00 p.m. - 03:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open
01:00 p.m. – 05:00 p.m. Entries/Classification Open
02:00 p.m. – 04:00 p.m. Raffle Open
02:00 p.m. – 04:00 p.m. Convention Registration Open
06:00 p.m. – 07:30 p.m. Thursday Welcome Dinner
07:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Design Exhibitors-work on designs till 10 pm
- Friday, April 20, 2012** 07:00 a.m. – 08:30 a.m. Exhibitors complete designs
08:30 a.m. – 09:00 a.m. Instructions to Judges/Clerks
09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Convention Registration Open
09:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Judging of Show
09:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Raffle Open
09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m. Plant Sales Open
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Hospitality Room Open
01:00 p.m. – 05:30 p.m. Show Room Open to public
02:00 p.m. – 03:30 p.m. Presentation #1
03:00 p.m. - 04:30 p.m. Hospitality Room Open
02:00 p.m. – 05:00 p.m. Raffle Open
03:30 p.m. – 05:00 p.m. Presentation #2
06:30 p.m. – 08:30 p.m. Friday Awards Dinner
08:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Show Room Open
- Saturday, April 21, 2012** 07:30 a.m. – 08:30 a.m. Show Room Open for Photography
08:30 a.m. – 09:30 a.m. Convention Registration Opens
09:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **DAVS ANNUAL MEETING**
10:30 a.m. – 04:00 p.m. Raffle Open
10:30 a.m. – 04:00 p.m. Show Room Open to public
10:30 a.m. – 05:00 p.m. Plant Sales Open
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Presentation #3
01:30 p.m. – 03:00 p.m. Presentation #4
02:30 p.m. – 04:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open
04:00 p.m. – 04:30 p.m. Release of Sold Show Plants
04:30 p.m. – 05:00 p.m. Remove all Exhibits from Showroom
06:30 p.m. – 08:00 p.m. Saturday Dinner- Raffle Drawing
09:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. DAVS Board Meeting



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Beach Cove Resort address:

4800 South Ocean Boulevard
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582
www.BeachCove.com

Please use Mapquest and your GPS systems.

If you need further assistance, please call the hotel at
1-800-331-6533.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please make all checks out to:
PALMETTO AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

We are using the Palmetto African Violet Society's checking account for the convention because it is not cost effective to open a separate account. Their treasurer will keep a detailed account and give a report after the convention.

DIXIE PRESENTATIONS 2012

All 4 presentations are FREE to all Registered Members at the convention. No tickets will be given.

The Presentations will be:

April 20, Friday 2-3:30 pm and 3:30-5pm

April 21, Saturday 11-12:30 pm and 1:30-3pm

Trailers: Martha Dyson

Growing African Violets, My Way: Linda Abplanalp

My Favorite Gesneriads: Mel Grice

3 Master Gardeners from the Myrtle Beach area:

How to Use Compost, Intensified Gardening and TBD

See Lynne Wilson's interviews with all our presenters in the regular part of the Dixie News.

COMMERCIALS SELLING AT DIXIE 2012 CONVENTION

Lyndon Lyon Greenhouses, Inc., Paul Sorano

MrsStrepStreps, Kathy Spissman

Pat's Patch/Buckeye Violets, Pat Hancock

Travis' Violets, Travis Davis

Violet Gallery, Brenda Petry

CONVENTION RESERVATION FORM

Dixie AVS members can register non-member guests for all convention events (except entering exhibits in the show) by paying the Convention Registration fee. If a guest/spouse/other wants to attend only a single dinner function, no Convention Registration fee is required.

WE ARE OFFERING A 10% DISCOUNT ON EARLY REGISTRATION FOR ALL 4 ITEMS. YOUR REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2012 TO QUALIFY.

Name: _____

Name of guest/spouse/other: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Dixie Member-

1. DIXIE AVS 2012 Convention Registration \$45 _____
2. Thursday Evening Welcome Dinner \$31 _____
3. Friday Luau Buffet Dinner \$37 _____
4. Saturday Dinner- Raffle \$37 _____
5. **10% DISCOUNT** for 4 above items-
postmarked **BY 2/15/12** \$ _____
6. **\$15 LATE FEE**-postmarked **AFTER 03/31/12** \$ _____

Guest/Spouse/Other-

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6. **\$15 LATE FEE**-postmarked **AFTER 03/31/12** \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Convention registration cancellation must be received by **March 18, 2012** to be entitled to a refund. E-mail response or post card will be sent upon receipt of this form. Tickets are required for all dinners and will be in individual registration packets upon arrival. Send this form and check made out to: **PALMETTO AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY.**

Laura Walker, 2010 DAVS Convention Registration,
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MENUS FOR MEALS*

Thursday Night Welcome Dinner

April 19 – 6:00 pm

\$31.00

Apple Pecan Stuffed Chicken Breast with Fresh Rosemary Sauce
Tossed Green Salad
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Medley of Vegetables
Warm Rolls and Butter
Carrot Cake
Iced Tea
100% Columbian Coffee, Decaf or Orange Peko Tea

Friday Luau Buffet Dinner

April 20 – 6:30 PM

\$37.00

Fresh Garden Salad, Assorted Regular & Fat-Free Dressings
Home-style Potato Salad, Dixie Style Coleslaw
Chilled Assorted Melon Wedges
Southern Fried Chicken
Barbecued Baby Back Ribs
Cajun Catfish Fillets
Molasses Baked Beans, Fresh Corn on the Cob
Green Beans, Home Fried Potatoes with Onions
Buttermilk Biscuits & Corn Muffins
Assorted Fruit Pies, Cobbler, Shortcakes & Puddings
Iced Tea
100% Colombian Coffee, Decaf or Orange Pekoe Tea

Saturday Dinner

April 21- 6:30 PM

\$37.00

Grilled New York Strip Steak, Caramelized Vidalia Onions and Wild Mushrooms
Greek Salad, Baked Stuffed Potato
Summer Squash/Sugar Snap Peas
Warm Rolls & Butter
New York Cheesecake
Iced Tea
100% Columbian Coffee, Decaf or Orange Peko Tea

***All prices include tax and Service Charge**



RAFFLE

Everyone loves to win a Raffle item, so please donate an item. It does not have to be violet related. The more items we have, the more fun it is. You can bring it to the convention or send it to: Marvin Christensen, Chairman

(Mhc3052@yahoo.com)

200 Lands End Blvd #1015

Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

843-497-0338

If you are bringing an item, please let him know.

Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Save your change between now and convention time so you can buy lots of raffle tickets.



HOSPITALITY ROOM

We will have the Hospitality Room open at different times during the convention. Please bring a goodie to share. The local club will appreciate it. The Hospitality Room is a place you can visit with prior violet friends, make some new ones and have a snack.



HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Beach Cove Resort

4800 South Ocean Boulevard, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

Reservations: 1(800)369-7043 or Hotel Direct 1(800)331-6533

Please tell them the name of our group when making your reservation (Read below about steps)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Check In Time is 3:00 PM – Check Out Time is 11:00 AM

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

All reservations must be received by **February 29, 2012** and be accompanied by one-night room deposit or credit card information as listed below. Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to arrival in order to avoid charges. **All rooms face the ocean and are mini suites or condo's as they call them. All One bedroom have about 3 steps but request 3rd floor if you do not want steps. All Two bedrooms do not have steps.**

Room rates:

One Bedroom Suite - \$99 + resort fee + tax

Features Two Queen Beds, Sleeper Sofa, Private Balcony, Electronic Safe, Iron and Board, Hairdryer, VCR/DVD Combo Unit, Two TV's, Efficiency Kitchen, Microwave Oven, Coffee Maker, and Wireless Internet Access.

Two Bedroom Condo - \$167 + resort fee + tax

Features One King Bed, Two Queen Beds, Sleeper Sofa, Private Balcony, Electronic Safe, Iron and Board, Hairdryer, VCR/DVD Combo Unit, Two TV's, Full Kitchen, Microwave Oven, Coffee Maker, Washer & Dryer, and Wireless Internet Access.

Fill out only one form per room and list all roommates. _____

VISA: _____ Master Card: _____

Other: _____ Exp. date: _____

Signature: _____

2012 DIXIE AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

SHOW SCHEDULE

“Violets by the Sea”

Horticulture Division

SECTION I - Collections

Class 1 - AVSA Collection of three different registered standard varieties of the same type (three single-crown or three trailers).

Class 2 - AVSA Collection of three different registered varieties of the same type (three single crown miniatures, three miniature trailers, three single crown semiminiatures or three semiminiature trailers).

Class 3 - AVSA Collection of three different species of any type.

Class 4 - DAVS Collection of three different Dixie registered standard varieties of the same type (single crown or three trailers).

Class 5 - DAVS Collection of three different Dixie registered varieties of the same type (three single crown miniatures, three miniature trailers, three single crown semiminiatures or three semiminiature trailers).

Class 6 – Buckeye Collection of three different standard Hancock (“Buckeye” series) plants, registered or non-registered.

SECTION II - Standard Specimen Plants, Green Foliage, Any Type Blossoms

Class 7 - White, cream, blush, green, yellow and two-tones of these colors

Class 8 - Pink, coral, rose and two-tones of these colors

Class 9 - Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and two-tones of these colors

Class 10 - Blue, purple, lavender, mauve, orchid and two-tones of these colors

Class 11 - Fantasy

Class 12 - Chimera

Class 13 - Edged (white edged)

Class 14 - Edged (other than white edged)

Class 15 - Multicolored

SECTION III – Standard Specimen Plants, Variegated Foliage, Any Type Blossoms

Class 16 - White, cream, blush, green, yellow and two-tones of these colors

Class 17 - Pink, coral, rose and two-tones of these colors

Class 18 - Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and two-tones of these colors

Class 19 - Blue, purple, lavender, mauve, orchid and two-tones of these colors

Class 20 - Fantasy

Class 21 - Chimera

Class 22 - Edged (white edged)

Class 23 - Edged (other than white edged)
Class 24 - Multicolored

**SECTION IV – Miniature Specimen Plants, Green Foliage,
Any Type Blossoms**

Class 25 - White, cream, blush, green, yellow and two-tones of these colors
Class 26 - Pink, coral, rose and two-tones of these colors
Class 27 - Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and two-tones of these colors
Class 28 - Blue, purple, lavender, mauve, orchid and two-tones of these colors
Class 29 - Fantasy
Class 30 - Chimera
Class 31 - Edged (white edged)
Class 32 - Edged (other than white edged)
Class 33 – Multicolored

**SECTION V – Miniature Specimen Plants, Variegated Foliage,
Any Type Blossoms**

Class 34 - White, cream, blush, green, yellow and two-tones of these colors
Class 35 - Pink, coral, rose and two-tones of these colors
Class 36 - Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and two-tones of these colors
Class 37 - Blue, purple, lavender, mauve, orchid and two-tones of these colors
Class 38 - Fantasy
Class 39 - Chimera
Class 40 - Edged (white edged)
Class 41 - Edged (other than white edged)
Class 42 – Multicolored

**SECTION VI – Semiminiature Specimen Plants, Green Foliage,
Any Type Blossoms**

Class 43 - White, cream, blush, green, yellow and two-tones of these colors
Class 44 - Pink, coral, rose and two-tones of these colors
Class 45 - Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and two-tones of these colors
Class 46 - Blue, purple, lavender, mauve, orchid and two-tones of these colors
Class 47 - Fantasy
Class 48 - Chimera
Class 49 - Edged (white edged)
Class 50 - Edged (other than white edged)
Class 51 - Multicolored

**SECTION VII – Semiminiature Specimen Plants, Variegated Foliage,
Any Type Blossoms**

Class 52 - White, cream, blush, green, yellow and two-tones of these colors
Class 53 - Pink, coral, rose and two-tones of these colors
Class 54 - Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and two-tones of these colors
Class 55 - Blue, purple, lavender, mauve, orchid and two-tones of these colors
Class 56 - Fantasy

- Class 57 - Chimera
- Class 58 - Edged (white edged)
- Class 59 - Edged (other than white edged)
- Class 60 - Multicolored

SECTION VIII – Trailers, Any Type Blossoms and Foliage

- Class 61 - Standard Trailers
- Class 62 - Semiminiature Trailers
- Class 63 - Miniature Trailers

SECTION IX – Special Classes

- Class 64 - Saintpaulia species and natural hybrids
- Class 65 - New Introductions (See Rule # 16)
- Class 66 - African violet plant in unusual container (See Rule # 18)
- Class 67 - Novice Class (See Rule # 19)

SECTION X – Gesneriads Other than African Violets

- Class 68 - Episcias, blooming
- Class 69 - Streptocarpus, blooming
- Class 70 - Chiritas, blooming
- Class 71 - All other fibrous-rooted plants, blooming
- Class 72 - Tuberous, blooming
- Class 73 - Rhizomatous, blooming
- Class 74 - Episcias grown for ornamental foliage only, non-blooming
- Class 75 - Chiritas grown for ornamental foliage only, non-blooming
- Class 76 - All other Gesneriads grown for ornamental foliage only, non-blooming

Design Division

“Violets by the Sea”

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was home to both the Waccamaw and Winyah Indian tribes in the 1500s. The Spaniards, in their journey to discover the “New World,” passed through North Myrtle Beach. During the Revolutionary War, a North Carolina Regiment march through the area on their way to protect Georgia from the British Redcoats. George Washington slept somewhere in North Myrtle Beach. According to legend, the dreaded pirate Blackbeard operated in the waters just off the coast of North Myrtle Beach. Myrtle Beach is the primary city of The Grand Strand, a world famous tourist mecca, consisting of 60+ miles of beaches, extending from Little River, South Carolina to Georgetown, South Carolina.

SECTION XI – Interpretive Plant Arrangements

Designs using one or more blooming African violet plants, removed from their pots, with the root ball encased in plastic or some other material. Fresh cut, dried, treated, painted, colored plant materials, and man-made materials are permitted. National flags (or facsimiles), artificial plant material (including fruits and vegetables), and live creatures are not permitted. Accessories, bases, draping, and backdrops are optional, unless restricted by a specific class. Sides of niches may not be used by exhibitors.

Class 77. **“The Grand Strand”** A 60+ mile span of white sand beaches, with Myrtle Beach as its hub, the Grand Strand has over 100 championship golf courses, tennis courts, outlet malls, specialty shops, live musical theatre, restaurants, and amusement parks. It is also a paradise for swimming, sunning, boating, and shelling. A plant arrangement in a white cardboard niche 28” high by 23” wide by 11 ½” deep (15” may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

Class 78. **“The Gray Man”** The story of the Gray Man involves a tragic love story. A soldier, riding on horseback, returning home to marry his sweetheart, has a fatal accident. His spirit, however, lives on, and he is able to warn his lover of an approaching hurricane and save her life. Since that time, many people have reported seeing the Gray Man before a hurricane, and heeded his warning to seek safety. A plant arrangement with a non-blooming African violet(s). Refer to AVSA Handbook, page 68, **Exception:** Interpretive plant arrangements using non-blooming African violet plants may be included in the schedule. Black foam board niche 30” high by 20” wide with 10” sides (18” may be used for depth of niche). Niche may not be draped, or have a backdrop. Limit 4.

Class 79. **“Under the Board Walk”** Oh, when the sun beats down and burns the tar up on the roof And your shoes get so hot you wish your tired feet were fire-proof Under the board walk down by the sea, yeah On a blanket with my baby is where I’ll be. Under the board walk out of the sun Under the board walk we’ll be havin’ some fun Under the board walk people walking above Under the board walk we’ll be falling in love Under the board walk. From the park you hear the happy sound of a carousel Mm-mm you can almost taste the hot dogs and French fries they sell Under the board walk down by the sea On a blanket is where I’ll be. A plant arrangement in a white cardboard niche 28” high by 23” wide by 11 ½” deep (15” may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

Class 80. **“Hands across the Sea”** And there’ll be hands, hands across the sea Touching everybody, joining you and me If we could build a new horizon I’d like to see some changes made When nations hear the voice of reason And all the world live unafraid And there’ll be hands, hands across the sea People joined as one, innocent and free And we’ll have love, love and sympathy Touching everybody, joining you and me. A plant arrangement in a white foam board niche 20” high by 15” wide by 7 ½” deep (12” may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

SECTION XII – Interpretive Flower Arrangements

Designs using cut African violet blossoms. Fresh cut, dried, treated, painted, colored plant material, and man-made materials are permitted. National flags (or facsimiles), artificial plant materials (including fruits and vegetables) and live creatures are not permitted. Draping and backdrops are permitted in niches, unless restricted by the class. Accessories and bases are optional. Sides of niches may not be used by exhibitors.

Class 81. **“She sells sea shells, down by the sea shore”** Make this childhood tongue twister come to life in an underwater flower arrangement in a clear glass container, not exceeding 15” in any direction. To be viewed from the front at eye level. Limit 6.

Class 82. **“Native Americans”** South Carolina has a population of over 103,000 Native Americans. This gives the state the largest Native American population east of the Mississippi, and the eighth largest population in the country. Native American culture has contributed greatly to the area with agricultural development, medicinal discoveries, and environmental preservation. The South Carolina Native Americans continue to celebrate their culture through song, dance, arts and craft, and traditional spirituality. A free-standing flower arrangement, not over 12” in any direction, staged on risers, draped with white cloth; and judged from the front only. Limit 6. .

Class 83. **“Red Sails in the Sunset”** Red sails in the sunset, way out on the sea Oh carry my loved one home safely to me She sailed at the dawning, all day I’ve been blue Red sails in the sunset, I’m trusting in you Swift wings you must borrow Make straight for the shore We marry tomorrow And she goes sailing no more. A flower arrangement in a white foam board niche 20” high by 15” wide by 7 ½” deep (12” may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

Class 84. **“Sittin’ on the Dock of the Bay”** Sittin’ in the mornin’ sun I’ll be sittin’ when the evenin’ come Watching the ships roll in And then I watch ‘em roll away again Yeah I’m just sittin’ on the dock of the bay A suspended flower arrangement, to be hung from an eye hook in a black frame 24” high by 16” wide. Backboards, underlayments, and draping are not permitted. Limit 4.

Class 85. **“Love Letters in the Sand”** On a day like today We passed the time away Writing love letters in the sand How you laughed when I cried Each time I saw the tide Take our love letters from the sand. A free-standing flower arrangement, not exceeding 28” in any direction. To be staged on a 15” black foam board square, and to be viewed from the front only. Limit 4.

Class 86. **“Yo Ho, Yo Ho, a Pirate’s Life for Me”** Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate’s life for me. We extort and pilfer, we filch and sack. Drink up me ‘earties, yo ho. Maraud and embezzle and even highjack. Drink up me ‘earties, yo ho. Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate’s life for me. We kindle and char and inflame and ignite. Drink up me ‘earties, yo ho. We burn up the city, we’re really a fright. Drink up me ‘earties, yo ho. We’re rascals and scoundrels, we’re villains and knaves. Drink up me ‘earties, yo ho. We’re devils and black sheep, we’re really bad eggs. Drink up me ‘earties, yo ho. We’re beggars and blighters and ne’er do-well cads. Drink up me ‘earties, yo ho. Aye, but we’re loved by our mommies and dads. Drink up me ‘earties, yo ho. Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate’s life for me. A flower arrangement in a white cardboard niche 28” high by 23” wide by 11 ½’ deep (15” may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

SECTION XIII – Container Gardens

Miniature scenes with one or more blooming African violet plants and other growing materials. Accessories are permitted. Cut plant materials, national flags (or facsimiles), and live creatures are not permitted. Gardens may not exceed 30” in any direction. To be flat (with no underlayment) on table surface, and will be judged from the front only. The classes are untitled, so as not to discourage the entry of established container gardens. Unlimited entries, but design reservations must be made.

Class 87. Natural Garden.

Class 88. Dish Garden.

Class 89. Terrarium (mirrored sides permitted; must be covered).

Class 90. Bottle Garden (opening too small for a hand to enter).

SECTION XIV – Affiliate Publication (for exhibit only; not to be judged)

Class 91. Yearbooks, Newsletters and Magazines.

SECTION XV – Education and AVSA/DAVS Information Exhibits

Class 92. Education Exhibit

Class 93. AVSA/DAVS Information

RULES FOR HORTICULTURE DIVISION

- 1) Exhibitors must be individual or commercial Dixie African Violet Society (DAVS) members in good standing registered at this convention; or non-members of DAVS who are individual members in good standing of DAVS affiliates, and need not be registered at this convention.
- 2) *The AVSA Handbook for African Violet Growers, Exhibitors, and Judges* will be the authority for any cases not covered by specific rules in the schedule. Exhibits will be merit judged by qualified AVSA judges who are members in good standing of DAVS and are registered at this convention.
- 3) The show will be judged from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 20, 2012.
- 4) Horticulture and designs entries must be made between 9:00-12:00 a.m. and 1:00-6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2012. Designers may work until 10 p.m.
- 5) All exhibitors must report to the Entries Committee during the designated hours to be assigned exhibitor numbers. Bring completed Entry Form with your entries to Classification. Entry Cards and plant nametags will be printed by computer.
- 6) If exhibits are entered by someone other than the owner, the name of such person must be listed on the back of the entry card.
- 7) Entries must be correctly named or they will be subject to correction by the Classification committee.
- 8) Only clean, healthy plants will be accepted and must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least three months, except those used in designs.
- 9) All African violet plants entered must be single-crown except trailers and species. All African violet plants must be in bloom.
- 10) All specimen African violet plants must be exhibited as follows: All pots must be sleeved with an identical size neutral colored (white, green, black, etc.) pot. Self-watering pots such as *Moist-Rite* and *Oyama* are permitted, but must be neutral colored. Miniature and semiminiature plants may be exhibited in clear Lucite containers with wick intact, but the

containers must be clean and contain clear water. Gesneriads other than African violets may be shown in any type and color container in which grown, but container must be clean. No leaf supports or flared-top pots are permitted.

- 11) Protective covers, mulches and unobtrusive stakes are permitted for Gesneriads other than African violets. Gesneriads entered in Classes 74, 75, and 76 must have some special quality of foliage, coloring, texture, growth habit, etc., and not be just a Gesneriad out of bloom.
- 12) Exhibitors may enter only one plant of a variety in each class, but may enter more than one variety in a class.
- 13) Only AVSA members may enter Classes 1, 2, and 3 and must present current AVSA membership cards. Registration numbers must accompany the entries. Only one collection per exhibitor may be entered in each class.
- 14) Only DAVS members may enter Classes 4 and 5 and must present current DAVS membership cards. Registration numbers must accompany the entries. Only one collection per exhibitor may be entered in each class.
- 15) Any African violet entered in a collection class is eligible for all special awards.
- 16) Exhibits in class 65 must not have been shown at a prior DAVS Convention show. Seedlings must have been originated by the exhibitors, or the rights to them must have been released in writing by the originator to the exhibitor. Plants grown from purchased seed are the property of the grower, and it is not necessary to obtain permission from the seed's producer. To determine the worthiness of a sport or mutant, it is suggested that it be propagated through three generations to assure that the sport or mutant has a good degree of stability. Sports and mutants will be exhibited as "Sport of _____." If it has been named, the name will follow in parentheses.
- 17) A Best in Class shall be chosen from the blue ribbon winners in each class. Only blue ribbon winners are eligible for special awards.
- 18) Entries in Class 66 must be planted in an unusual, novel or decorative container. The plant must have been in the exhibitor's possession for three (3) months.
- 19) Exhibitors in Class 67 must not have won a blue ribbon in a DAVS or AVSA convention show previously.
- 20) The names of exhibitors will remain covered until all special awards have been chosen.
- 21) The show will be open on Friday, April 20, 2012, from 1:00 p.m.--5:30 p.m. The show will reopen at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2012, and will remain open until 4:00 p.m. Exhibits may not be altered or removed from the show room before that time. Sold show plants only may be removed from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2012. All other exhibits must be removed from the show room between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday April 21, 2012.
- 22) DAVS will provide all reasonable protection to exhibits, but DAVS, Beach Cove Resort, and local sponsoring members will not be responsible for any damage or loss.

Rules for Design Division

- 1) An exhibitor may have only one entry in each class. Entries must be checked with the Classification Committee and included on the list provided by the Entries Committee.

2) Reservations may be made by e-mail (preferred), by telephone, or by USPS (least preferred), at any time before April 14, 2012. E-mail: GJaBob@aol.com; telephone: 321-631-1106; or USPS: Bob Green, 997 Botany Lane, Rockledge, FL 32955-3913. Cancellations must be made by e-mail or telephone by April 14, 2012.

3) All entries in the Design Division must have a 3"x5" card listing the African violet varieties and other plant materials used (if known). A written interpretation of the design may be included on the 3"x5" card, also, but is not required.

4) All designs must be the creation of the exhibitor and must be entered and placed by the exhibitor.

5) Design exhibitors may work on their design entries any time Entries is open and they may continue working until 10 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2012. Finishing touches to design entries may be made on Friday, April 20, 2012, from 7:00-8:30 am. All design exhibitors and their materials must be out of the show room by 8:30 a.m.

CALL FOR AVSA JUDGES AND CLERKS

Anyone registered at the DAVS Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC who is interested in judging or clerking for the show, please complete this form, mail or email no later than February 28, 2012. You will receive a postcard confirmation prior to the convention.

Name _____ AVSA# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like to Clerk _____ Judge _____

If judging, are you a _____ Student _____ Advanced _____ Senior _____ Master
_____ AGGS Judge

Please send to Lynne Wilson, 645 Hudson Avenue, Tampa, Fla. 33606 or email
tpalynne@tampabay.rr.com.

Awards for the DAVS 2012 Convention

AVSA collection awards including species collections, best and 2nd best

DAVS collection awards standard/semi/mini, best \$50 and 2nd best \$25

Best in Show Horticulture \$50

Best in Show Design \$50

2nd Best in Show Horticulture

2nd Best in Show Design

Sweepstakes Horticulture \$25

Sweepstakes Design \$25

Runner-up Sweepstakes Horticulture

Runner-up Sweepstakes Design

Total Sweepstakes Horticulture & Design

Runner-up Sweepstakes Horticulture & Design

Best Standard

Best Variegated

Best Trailer \$15

Best Species

Best Gesneriad

Best Semiminiature

Best Miniature

Best Novice

Best Kentucky Standard \$25

Best Dixie Registered \$25

Best Buckeye Collection 3 plants- they don't have to be registered \$200

Best Sisk Hybrid \$25

Best Interpretive plant arrangement

Best Interpretive flower arrangement

Best container garden

Best New Introduction

Best in Class Awards

2012 DESIGN DIVISION RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Interpretive Plant Arrangements

- Class 77. "The Grand Strand"
- Class 78. "The Gray Man"
- Class 79. "Under the Board Walk"
- Class 80. "Hands across the Sea"

Interpretive Flower Arrangements

- Class 81. "She sells sea shells, down by the sea shore"
- Class 82. "Native Americans"
- Class 83. "Red Sails in the Sunset"
- Class 84. "Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay"
- Class 85. "Love Letters in the Sand"
- Class 86. "Yo Ho, Yo Ho, a Pirate's Life for Me"

Container Gardens

- Class 87. Natural Garden
- Class 88. Dish Garden
- Class 89. Terrarium
- Class 90. Bottle Garden

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<p style="text-align: center;">Bob Green, DAVS Design Reservations Chair E-mail: GJaBob@aol.com; telephone: 321-631-1106; USPS: 997 Botany Lane, Rockledge, FL 32955-3913. Cancellations must be made by e-mail or telephone by April 14, 2012.</p>
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