

VIOLETS DANCE ACROSS DIXIE



2018 Annual DAVS Convention & Show
April 4 - 7, 2018
Birmingham Marriott
3590 Grandview Parkway
Birmingham, Alabama 35243

CALL TO CONVENTION

TO: Officers, Directors, All Standing Committee Chairman

FROM: Lynne Wilson, President DAVS

DATE: April 4 – 7, 2018

SUBJECT: ANNUAL BOARD MEETINGS

In April 2018, we will assemble in Birmingham, Alabama, 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 4, 2018, at 8:00 pm and Saturday, April 7, 2018, at 10:00 pm at the Birmingham Marriott, 3590 Grandview Parkway. In accordance with Article IV, Section 8 of the DAVS By-laws, 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.

The Annual Meeting of the Dixie African Violet Society will be Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 9:30 am. If you have any items to be placed on the Agenda for the Board Meetings or 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,

Lynne Wilson

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CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Local Convention Chair-Michael Jackson & Brenda Posey

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Judges/Clerks Chair – Sue Hoffmann

Placement Chair-Gwen Johnson, Sandra Campbell

Show Plant Sales Chair-Phillis Hinkle

DAVS 2018 CONVENTION AGENDA FOR MEMBERS

- Wednesday, April 4, 2018** 7:30 a.m.-08:00a.m.-Conevention Registration Open for Judging School Attendees
08:00 a.m.-04:00 p.m.-Judging School
10:00 a.m.-11:00-Convention Registration Open
03:00 noon-05:00 p.m. - Convention Registration Open
06:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. –Commercial Sales Set-Up
06:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.-Show Room Set-Up
08:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. DAVS Board Meeting
- Thursday, April 5, 2018** 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 Reception
07:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Design Exhibitors-work on designs till 10
- Friday, April 6, 2018** 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 p.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
- Sat., April 7, 2018** 07:30 a.m. – 08:30 a.m. Show Room Open for Photography
09:00 a.m. – 09:30 a.m. Convention Registration Opens (if need
09:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. DAVS ANNUAL MEETING-Election
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
02:00 p.m. – 03:30 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 (if needed)

IMPORTANT NOTICE - 2018

Please make all checks payable to: **THE DIXIE AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY** - We are using the Dixie checking account for the convention as Johnnie Berry, Dixie Treasurer is the Convention Registration Chair and the Convention Treasurer. The treasurer will keep a detailed account and give a report after the convention.

RAFFLE

Everyone loves to win a Raffle item, so please donate at item. It does not have to be violet related. The more items we have, the more fun it is. 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.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

**Birmingham Marriott, 3590 Grandview Parkway,
Birmingham, AL 35243.**

Please use MapQuest and your GPS systems.

If you need further assistance, please call the hotel at
1-205-968-3742

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.

COMMERCIALS SELLING AT DIXIE CONVENTION 2018

The Violet Gallery, Brenda Petry, York Springs, PA
Jo's Violets, Joanne Schrimsher, Victoria, TX
MrsStrepStreps, Kathy Spissman, Tucker, GA
Travis Violets, Travis Davis, Ochlocknee, GA
The Early Bird African Violet Club, Birmingham, AL

Available for purchase: Blooming African violets, starter plants & leaves, other Gesneriads (the Relatives) and many violet-related supplies: pots, bulb pans, trays, domes, water bottles, name tags, soil, reservoirs, etc.

Some show plants will also be available for sale. They cannot be picked up until Saturday April 7th at 4pm.

SPECIFIC AWARDS

Most award monies were given to be used as needed by the awards chairman, but the following are specific money awards so far, so check out your plants and try for these.

Best Semi-mini--\$25

Best Travis Hybrid--\$25

Best Russian Hybrid--\$25

Best Strep--\$25

Best Wrangler--\$25

Best Dixie Standard Collection--\$25

Best Gesneriad--\$25

Again, it is not too late to send a money award from your club or an individual. Make payable to DAVS to Marian and Greg Zoller, Society Awards Chairs, 4815 Oak Lane Cove N., Arlington, TN 38002

AFFILATE LETTER

TO: Club Presidents or Representatives

FR: Early Bird African Violet Club

RE: Dixie African Violet Society's Convention – Birmingham, AL - 2018

We are proud to announce that the Early Bird African Violet Club will be hosting the DAVS Convention, April 4-7, 2018 at the Birmingham Marriott.

Join us for a terrific time!

We are asking if your club would like to donate to the following:

Courtesy Bag items for approx. 70 people

Table Favors for one dinner—Friday evening— approx. 60, Saturday evening – approx. 50.

Raffle items – anything violet related or not. Basically, anything you know someone else would like. It could be your award winning show plant, supplies, basket of new hybrid plants, china, glassware, etc. The list is endless.

Hospitality Room - any goodies would be greatly appreciated or cash for paper products, drinks, etc.

Award Donations- it isn't too late to make a donation for Show Awards. Please send to: Marion Zoller, 4815 Oak Lane Cove N., Arlington, TN 38002

Thanks in advance for your generosity and I look forward to seeing ever Dixie member in Birmingham.

Michael Jackson & Brenda Posey, Local Convention Co-Chairs

2018 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.

PLEASE PRINT!!

Name: _____
Name of guest/spouse/other: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____
Date Arriving and How _____
How many nights booked at Hotel? _____
Would you like a Vegetarian Meal?
How Many _____
What Night: Friday _____ Saturday _____

Dixie Member-

1. DIXIE AVS 2018 Convention Registration Fee \$45 _____
2. Thursday Evening Welcome Reception **FREE**
3. Friday Awards Buffet Dinner \$38.00 _____
4. Saturday Dinner- Raffle Items \$36.00 _____
5. **\$15 LATE FEE**-postmarked **AFTER 3/10/18** \$ _____

Guest/Spouse/Other-

1. DIXIE AVS 2018 Convention Registration Fee \$45 _____
2. Thursday Evening Welcome Reception **FREE**
3. Friday Awards Buffet Dinner \$38.00 _____
4. Saturday Dinner- Raffle Items \$36.00 _____
5. **\$15 LATE FEE**-postmarked **AFTER 3/10/18** \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Convention Registration Cancellation -- must be received by March 10, 2018, to be entitled to a refund of FOOD PRICE ONLY.

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 payable to: DAVS
JOHNNIE BERRY, DAVS TREASURE
287 Fennel Way SW
Atlanta, GA 30331
johnniepearl@comcast.net
404-691-8902
2018 DAVS Convention Registration Chair**

MENUS FOR 3 MEALS*

THURSDAY'S WELCOME RECEPTION

April 5 – 6:00-7:30 pm

FREE TO ALL REGISTERED GUESTS

FRIDAY'S AMERICAN BUFFET DINNER PLUS SHOW AWARDS

April 6 – 6:30 pm

\$38.00

Garden Salad

Fried Chicken

Pork Loin

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Fresh Baked Rolls

Cheesecake

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Iced Tea

SATURDAY'S PLATED DINNER AND RAFFLE GIVEAWAYS

APRIL 7- 6:30 pm

\$36.00

Chicken w/Lemon Parmesan Sauce

Rice Pilaf

Vegetable Medley

Fresh Baked Rolls

Chocolate Decadence Cake

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Iced Tea

*All prices include 22% Service Charge and 10% Tax

DIXIE PRESENTATIONS

Speaker Topics and Times 2018

All 4 presentations are Open to the Public and FREE

Friday, 2:00-3:30 pm. Mahlen and Brenda Petry. "Species: The Wild Children of the Family."

The Petry's own and operate the Violet Gallery in Pennsylvania. They grow all sorts of African violets for sale at shows, but they are the best place around to obtain species. They'll be selling again at the Dixie Convention this year.

Friday 3:30-5:00 pm. Robby McMeel. "Packing for Travel: The Plants Not the Clothes."

Robbie manages to get huge, gorgeous Gesneriads to shows with all their stems and leaves intact. He'll be demonstrating how he does it.

Saturday 11:00-12:30 pm. Mary Jo Modica. "My Brief but Spectacular Encounter with Chinese Gesneriads."

Since retiring, Mary Jo's horticultural experience has allowed her to work at botanical gardens in Ecuador and China, teaching about growing and propagating Gesneriads. Her power point presentation will the focus on Gesneriads native to China.

Saturday 1:30- 3:00 pm. Betty Ferguson. "Dish Gardens Are Easier Than You Might Think."

Long, long ago in the days of childhood and science fairs, Betty became enchanted with miniature gardens. She'll be constructing a dish garden and sharing ideas to enhance your own mini gardens.

Betty Ferguson is presenting the most wonderful line up of speakers. I know you will want to attend all of the presentations.

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
BIRMINGHAM MARRIOTT
3590 Grandview Parkway
Birmingham, Alabama 35243
APRIL 4-7, 2018

Reservations: 1-888-426-5171 or www.marriott.com/bhmmc

Please tell them our group name is the Dixie African Violet Society
when making your reservation

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 **MARCH 16, 2018** and be accompanied by one-night room deposit or credit card information as listed below. **Cancellations must be received 24 hours prior to arrival or one night room and tax will be assessed.**

Room rate:
GENERAL ROOM- \$109.00 PLUS TAXES

Includes:

- Free Internet**
- Pet Friendly (\$150 fee)**
- Parking-Complimentary**
- Full Service Restaurant**

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

VISA: _____ Master Card: _____

Other: _____ Exp. date: _____

Signature: _____

CALL FOR AVSA JUDGES AND CLERKS 2018

Putting out my call for judges for the Dixie Atlanta 2018 show. If you are a judge and will be attending, please sign up. We have a lot of fun, get to see the show when it's in the freshest state ever and don't have to fight the crowds. Give me a holler!! I'm waiting to hear from you. Form can be sent by mail or email no later than March 10, 2018. You will receive an email or postcard confirmation prior to convention.

Name _____

AVSA# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like to Clerk _____ Judge _____

If judging, are you a _____ Student _____ Advanced _____ Senior

_____ Master _____ Gesneriad Judge

Please send to Sue Hoffmann, Judges Chairman,
2809 Forrest Hill Ct., Virginia Beach, VA 23454
or email violetsue123@outlook.com

“Violets Dance Across Dixie”

SHOW SCHEDULE 2018

Division 1 – Horticulture

SECTION I -- Collections

Class 1 - AVSA Standard Collection

Three different registered varieties of the same type (three single crown, three trailers, regardless of type)

Class 2 – AVSA Miniature or Semiminiature Collection

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 Species Collection

Three different species of any type.

Class 4 – DAVS Standard Collection

Three different standard Dixie AVS registered varieties of the same type (three single crown or three trailers)

Class 5 – DAVS Semiminiature or Miniature Collection

Three different Dixie AVS registered semiminiatures or miniatures of the same type (three single crown semiminiatures, three single crown miniatures, three semiminiature trailers or three miniature trailers)

Class 6 – Buckeye Collection

Three different standard Hancock (“Buckeye” series) plants, registered or nonregistered.

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

Class 7 – Lavender, purple, blue, mauve and orchid, including two-tones of these colors

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

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

Class 10 – White, cream, blush, ivory, green and yellow, including two-tones of these colors

Class 11 – Multicolor

Class 12 – Fantasy

Class 13 – Edged

Class 14 – Chimera

SECTION III – Standard Plants, Variegated Foliage

Class 15 - Lavender, purple, blue, mauve and orchid, including two-tones of these colors

Class 16 - Pink, rose and coral, including two-tones of these colors

Class 17 - Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and burgundy, including two-tones of these colors

Class 18 – White, cream, blush, ivory, green and yellow, including two-tones of these colors

Class 19 – Multicolor

Class 20 - Fantasy

Class 21 - Edged

Class 22 – Chimera

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

Class 23 – Lavender, purple, blue, mauve and orchid, including two-tones of these colors

Class 24 – Pink, rose and coral, including two-tones of these colors

Class 25 – Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and burgundy, including two-tones of these colors

Class 26 – White, cream, blush, ivory, green and yellow, including two-tones of these colors

Class 27 – Multicolor

Class 28 – Fantasy

Class 29 -- Edged

Class 30 – Chimera

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

Class 31 – Lavender, purple, blue, mauve and orchid, including two-tones of these colors

Class 32 – Pink, rose and coral, including two-tones of these colors

Class 33 – Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and burgundy, including two-tones of these colors

Class 34 – White, cream, blush, ivory, green and yellow, including two-tones of these colors

Class 35 – Multicolor

Class 36 – Fantasy

Class 37 --Edged

Class 38 – Chimera

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

Class 39 – Lavender, purple, blue, mauve and orchid, including two-tones of these colors

Class 40 – Pink, rose and coral, including two-tones of these colors

Class 41 – Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and burgundy, including two-tones of these colors

Class 42 – White, cream, blush, ivory, green and yellow, including two-tones of these colors

Class 43 – Multicolor

Class 44 – Fantasy

Class 45 – Edged

Class 46 – Chimera

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

Class 47 – Lavender, purple, blue, mauve and orchid, including two-tones of these colors

Class 48 – Pink, rose and coral, including two-tones of these colors

Class 49 – Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and burgundy, including two-tones of these colors

Class 50 – White, cream, blush, ivory, green and yellow, including two-tones of these colors

Class 51 – Multicolor

Class 52 – Fantasy

Class 53 - Edged

Class 54 – Chimera

SECTION VIII – Trailers, Any Type Foliage, Any Type Blossoms

Class 55 – Standard Trailers

Class 56 – Semiminiature Trailers

Class 57 – Miniature Trailers

SECTION IX – Special Classes

Class 58 - Vintage Variety (African violet variety 25 years or older)

Class 59 – Classic Vintage Variety (African violet variety between 15 and 24 years of age)

Class 60 – Saintpaulia species and natural hybrids

Class 61 – New introductions and sports (See Rule 16)

Class 62 – African violet plant in unusual or decorative container (See Rule 18)

Class 63 – Novice (See Rule 19)

SECTION X – Gesneriads Other Than African Violets (See Rules 10 and 11)

Class 64- Gesneriad Collection (blooming)

Three of the same plant type (cannot mix) - Sinningias, Kohlerias, Petrocosmeas, Episcias, Primulinas, Streptocarpus

Class 65- Gesneriad Collection (non-blooming)

Three of the same plant type (cannot mix) - Petrocosmeas, Episcias, Primulinas

Class 66 – Episcias, blooming

Class 67 – Streptocarpus, blooming

Class 68 – Primulinas, blooming

Class 69 – All other fibrous-rooted plants, blooming

Class 70 – Tuberos, blooming

Class 71 – Rhizomatous, blooming

Class 72 – Primulinas grown for ornamental value, non-blooming

Class 73 – Gesneriads (except episcias) grown for ornamental value, non-blooming

Class 74 – Episcias grown for ornamental value, non-blooming

Division 2 – Design Division

“Violets Dance Across Dixie”

Whether do-si-doing in a barnyard hoedown or performing en pointe, dancers across the South are every bit as exuberant and beautiful as the violets that dance across Dixie.

Section X – Interpretive Flower Arrangements

Designs using cut African violet blossoms. Fresh cut, dried, treated, painted, colored plant materials, 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 75. “Do-si-do” - A figure in square dancing where two dancers approach each other and circle back to back, then return to their original positions. Swing your partner with a flower arrangement emphasizing the spiral twist of the do-si-do. Staged in white niche 20” high by 15” wide by 7 ½” deep (12” may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

Class 76. “Waltzing Along” – A refined, classical ballroom dance with partners moving in flowing series of three steps. A flower arrangement incorporating a triple element. To be staged in a white niche 20” high by 15” wide by 7 ½” deep (12” may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

Class 77. “Cirque du Soleil” – Brightly costumed dancers seem to defy gravity in this traveling extravaganza. An exotic, suspended flower arrangement that will be

staged in a white niche 28" high by 23" wide by 11 ½" deep (15" may be used for the depth of the niche). Limit 4.

Class 78. "The Robot" – Dancers create the illusion of being controlled by motors that work in abrupt stops and starts. A flower arrangement incorporating decorative technological parts ala steampunk. Staged in a white niche 28" high by 23" wide by 11 ½" deep (15" may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

Class 79. "Slow Dancing" - The tender, first dance we learn. A small flower arrangement suggesting the corsage given by a high school sweetheart at the prom. Staged in a white niche 8" X 8" X 8". Limit 8

Class 80. "Weeki Wachee" – Graceful mermaids dance and twirl in the clear water of Florida's Weeki Wachee Springs. An underwater arrangement in a clear glass container must be completely submerged in water, not to exceed 15" in any dimension. Limit 8.

Section XI -- Interpretive Plant Arrangements

Designs using one or more blooming African violet plants, removed from their pots, with the root balls 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 81. "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" - Each December, ballet companies throughout the South perform "The Nutcracker" as an annual Christmas tradition. The Sugar Plum Fairy rules over the Land of Sweets, a magical kingdom of sugar and spice and everything nice. Create your own magic with a plant arrangement incorporating pink or white tulle to suggest a ballerina's costume. Staged in a white niche 20" high by 15" wide by 7 ½" deep (12" may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

Class 82. Quick-quick, Slow, Slow – Put on your dancing boots and give the Texas Two Step a try. A plant arrangement with a country-western theme. Staged in a white niche 20” high by 15” wide by 7 ½” deep (12” may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

Class 83. “Charleston Dance-off” - An exuberant dance named for the harbor city of Charleston, South Carolina, the Charleston celebrated a new era of extravagance and freedom. Show your Roaring Twenties enthusiasm in a plant arrangement staged in a white niche 28” high by 23” wide by 11 ½” deep (15” may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

Class 84. “Salsa” – Fast moving, and always a bit spicy, salsa dancers spin and shimmy with great abandon. Turn up the heat with a plant arrangement incorporating the color red. Staged in a white niche 28” high by 23” wide by 11 1/2” deep (15” may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

Section XII – Container Gardens

Miniature scenes with one or more blooming African violet plants and other growing materials. Accessories permitted. Cut material, National flags (or facsimiles), and live creatures are not permitted. Gardens may not exceed 30” in any direction. To be displayed flat (with no underlayment) on table surface, and will be viewed and judged from the front only. Unlimited entries in each class, but design reservation must be made.

Class 85. Natural Garden.

Class 86. Dish Garden.

Class 87. Terrarium (mirrored sides permitted; must be covered).

Class 88. Bottle Garden (opening too small to allow hand).

Division 3 – Special Exhibits
Section XIV – Education and AVSA Information

Class 89. Education Exhibit

Class 90. AVSA, DAVS, and EBAVC 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 6, 2018
- 4) Horticulture and design entries must be made between 9:00-12:00 a.m. and 1:00-6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2018. 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 72, 73, and 74 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 individual DAVS members may enter Classes 4 and 5. 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 61 must not have been shown at a prior DAVS Convention show. Seedlings must have been originated by the exhibitor, 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 62 must be planted in an unusual, novel or decorative container. The plant must have been in the exhibitor's possession for three (3) months. Only one entry per exhibitor.
- 19) Exhibitors in Class 63 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 6, 2018, from 1:00 p.m.--5:30 p.m. The show will reopen at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2018, 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 7, 2018. All other exhibits must be removed from the show room between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday April 7, 2018.
- 22) DAVS will provide all reasonable protection to exhibits, but DAVS, Holiday Inn, 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) or by USPS at any time before March 31, 2018. Michael Jackson, 574 Overlook Road, Fultondale, Alabama 35068. 1.205.283.4022, SuperiorPrintAL@aol.com Cancellations must be made by e-mail or telephone by March 31, 2018.
- 3) All entries in the Design Division must have a 3"x5" card (white and unlined) 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 entries any time Entries is open, and they may continue working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2018. Finishing touches to design entries may be made on Friday, April 6, 2018, from 7:00-8:45 a.m. All design exhibitors and their materials must be out of the show room by 9:00 a.m.

2018 DESIGN DIVISION RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Interpretive Flower Arrangements

- ___ Class 75. 'DO-SI-DO'
- ___ Class 76. 'WALTZING ALONG'
- ___ Class 77. 'CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'
- ___ Class 78. 'THE ROBOT'
- ___ Class 79. 'SLOW DANCING'
- ___ Class 80. 'WEEKI WACHEE'

Interpretive Plant Arrangements

- ___ Class 81. 'DANCE OF THE SUGAR PLUM FAIRY'
- ___ Class 82. 'QUICK-QUICK, SLOW, SLOW'
- ___ Class 83. 'CHARLESTON DANCE-OFF'
- ___ Class 84. 'SALSA'

Container Gardens

- ___ Class 85. Natural Garden. No Limit.
- ___ Class 86. Dish Garden. No limit.
- ___ Class 87. Terrarium (mirrored sides permitted: must be covered). No Limit.
- ___ Class 88. Bottle Garden (opening too small for hand to enter). No limit.

Reservations must be made by e-mail (preferred), by telephone, or by USPS (least preferred), before March 17, 2018, to:

DAVS Design Reservations Chair – Michael Jackson

E-mail: superiorprintal@aol.com; Telephone: 205-283-4022;

USPS: 574 Overlook Road, Fultondale, AL 35068.

Cancellations must be made by e-mail or telephone by March 31, 2018.

