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Please complete form **IN PENCIL** and bring to Classifications on Thursday, Oct 30, 2025 (2:00 pm - 7:30 pm). If you have a time constraint, please contact Sandi Soto.

MAIL to Sandi Soto, 5602 N Church Ave, Tampa FL 33614
or EMAIL to sandisavs@gmail.com or TEXT to 813-760-5190
PRE-ENTRIES MUST BE **RECEIVED** BY Oct 25, 2025

Exhibitor name: _____ *Exh. # _____

Mobile phone #: _____ AVSA # _____

☐ **Novice Design** (Check this box if you have NEVER won a blue ribbon in Design at an AVSA judged show)

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African Violet Council of Florida

Preparing Plants for Show and Sale

SALE PLANTS

PLANTS

- When preparing your sale plants to bring to our event, FIRST make sure they are clean and free from bugs and diseases.
- Please make sure the bottom of the pots is clean, covered and dry. A piece of Glad *Press and Seal* wrap works great for this!
- The plants do not have to be named or even blooming. IF they are not blooming, they sell best with a description or picture on the tag.
- When the plants are sold, tags could get misplaced, so **make sure your pot has the plant's name on it**. There is nothing worse than coming home with your proud purchase, only to find no name on the pot!

TAGS

- You can cut up card stock or index cards for the tags, business card size works well. Please make sure they are easy to read and write LARGE prices.
- Start with the plant name. If the name is unknown, write NO NAME, and if it is not in bloom, a description or picture is needed, wherever there is room.
- In the upper right-hand corner, put the sale price with the \$ symbol.
- In the lower left-hand corner write your **initials and sales number** (preceded by '#' to prevent confusion with the price). Get your sales number from the Sales plant chair before the show.
- You can handwrite these (legibly, please) or print on your computer. The African Violet Society of America offers a good computer program (*First Class for All*) that you can buy to supply info about the violet, but it is not necessary. You can use labels created by this program as tags, just add your initials, sales # and price. <https://africanvioletsocietyofamerica.org/shop/avsa-storefront/software/>
- To attach the tag to the pot, tape coffee stirrers, straws, chop sticks, etc. to the back.

EXAMPLE:



LEAVES

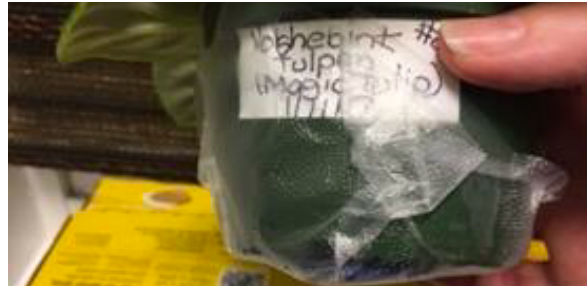
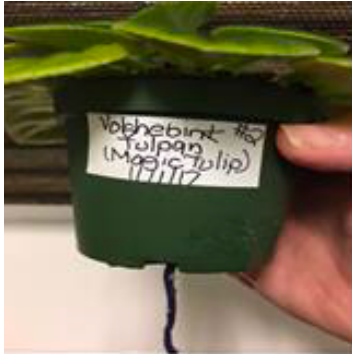
- Please put in waterproof Ziploc baggy and prepare labels for them as described above.
- AVCF would be grateful for your labeled leaf donations (AVCF Club plants are sales #1).

SHOW PLANTS

PLANT PREP

It is best to water plants well at home a day or two before packing (a shot of Super thrive in the water may help plants through stress). All African violets in Horticulture (except Oyama pots and decorative containers) should be slip potted. The procedure for slip potting is to cover the bottom of the pot with waterproof wrap (Glad Press and Seal is very good), then "slip" into another pot of the same size and color. Put the name of the plant on the inner pot. Make sure the label is not visible to the judges. Except for the decorative container class, all violet pots must be neutral in color. Remove all rings before they are placed on the show table. All **pots on all show plants must be clean and dry on the bottom!**

The other Gesneriads are allowed supports, but they must be unobtrusive. Other Gesneriads and trailers do not need to be slip potted. However, the pots they are displayed in must be clean and dry on the bottom.



PAPER WORK

Fill out the AVCF Show Entry Form (Exhibit E) according to the instructions.

IF you are going to present the form at Classifications, please fill it out in pencil.

IF you are going to Pre-Enter, please send the filled-out form using the instructions on the form and then bring in your entries between 2:00pm and 7:30pm on set up day. (Contact us for any time exceptions)

IF you want to sell your show plant, be sure to put a price in the "price if selling" column. If you are NOT selling it, put NFS (not for sale) in this column

SELLING SHOW PLANTS

When your show plant has passed Classification and Entries, it is now an exhibit. Congratulations!

If you have a price listed for this exhibit, placement will put a tag on the inside of the entry card (so it will not be seen until the card is opened up).

After judging, the cards will be opened and the price exposed.

Show plant sales chair will manage the selling and recording of all show plant sales.

Receipts will be given to the buyer (stamped SOLD) to bring back on the next day after 2pm to retrieve this plant.

Show plant sales chair will retain the other receipt copy.

We will put a red 'sold' dot on front of the plant so other prospective buyers know it is sold. (This is important!!!! It will keep us from selling a plant twice!)

We will need a lot of help in the showroom at pick-up time on Saturday. Please volunteer to help box up plants.



African Violet Council of Florida

2025 Show – October 30 – Nov 1, 2025

Christ Lutheran Church, Lakeland, FL 33805

Proposed Menu



THURSDAY

Snack (4pm – 7pm)

Meat tray
Veggie tray
Fruit tray
Pasta salad
Rolls



FRIDAY

Breakfast (7:30am -8:30am)

Danish
Yogurt
Fruit



Lunch (Noon – 4pm)

Lentil Soup
Stew beef - gravy w/Rice
Lettuce Salad
Cookies



Dinner (6pm – 9pm)

Ham
Chicken
Green Beans w/ Potatoes
Lettuce Salad
Rolls
Dessert



SATURDAY

Brunch (7:30am -2:00pm)

See items above

Coffee and tea available at all meals
Your food donations are welcome

Restaurants Near the Church

Miller's Ale House (North)
901 Lakeland Park Center Dr
Lakeland FL 33803
Sun – Sat 11 am to midnight

Charlie's Family Restaurant
2614 Lakeland Hills Blvd
Lakeland FL 33805
863-683-2999
Sun – Sat 7am - 2pm

Sonny's BBQ
3611 U S Hwy 98 N
Lakeland, FL 33809
863-853-8283
Sun – Sat 11am – 9pm

Ciao Bella Pizza and Pasta
5369 Socrum Loop Rd
Lakeland FL 33809
863-859-3075
Tues – Sun 11am-9pm

Ford's Garage
8789 Lakeland Park Center Dr
Lakeland FL 33809
863-337-3673
Sun – Sat 11 am – 10 pm

Applebee's
230 Arteva Dr
Lakeland FL 33809
863-853-8400
Sun – Sat 11am- midnight

Tapitio's Resturant
734 E Memorial Blvd
Lakeland, FL 33803
863-686-6958
Tues – Sun 11am – 8pm

Fancy Q Sushi
4306 U S Hwy N
Lakeland, FL 33809
Sun -12pm – 10pm
Mon – Sat 11 am to 10 pm

Outback Steakhouse North
4208 U S 98 North
Lakeland FL 33809
863-858-9468



Lakewood Hotels and Motels

From Travigo website – 2 guests, 9/26 and 9/27 2 queen size beds

Holiday Inn Express
5.2 miles from Christ Lutheran Church
\$128.00
3405 South FL Ave
Lakeland, FL 33803

Hyatt Place Center
2.5 miles from Christ Lutheran Church
\$137.00
525 W Orange St
Lakeland FL

Holiday Inn Express
1.6 miles from Christ Lutheran Church
\$104.00
4500 Lakeland Park Dr
Lakeland FL 33809

La Quinta by Wyndham
1.6 miles from Christ Lutheran Church
\$89.00
4315 Lakeland Park Dr
Lakeland FL 33809

Quality Inn Lakeland
.1 mile from Christ Lutheran Church
\$72.00
3260 US Highway 98 N
Lakeland FL

Extended Stay American Premier
1.4 miles from Christ Lutheran Church
\$83.00
4360 Lakeland Park Dr
Lakeland FL 33809

Days Inn Suites by Wyndham
1.6 miles from Christ Lutheran Church
\$77.00
4502 Socrum Loop Rd
Lakeland FL 33809

Howard Johnson by Wyndham
1.1 miles from Christ Lutheran Church
\$68.00



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HYATT PLACE CENTER



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