

“IT’S A GARDEN AFFAIR”

DIXIE AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY SHOW

OCTOBER 19 – 21, 2023

BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDEN

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35223

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Staging Chair – DAVS Members

DAVS 2023 SHOW AGENDA FOR MEMBERS

Thursday, October 19, 2023 08:00 a.m. – 04:00 p.m. – Entries/Classification Opens **(Note: Due to our time constraints registration will close promptly at 4:00 p.m. Anyone that has 10 or more plants to register needs to be in the registration area no later than 2 p.m.)**

08:00 a.m. – 04:00 p.m. Commercial Sales Set-Up

08:30 a.m. – 09:00 p.m. - Design Exhibitors-work on designs.

Time to be Determined - DAVS Board Meeting

Friday, October 20, 2023 07:00 a.m. – 08: a.m. Exhibitors complete designs
08:00 a.m. – 09:00 a.m. Instructions to Judges/Clerks
09:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Show Judging
01:00 p.m. - Show opens to members and public
09:00 a.m. – 12:00 - Noon Raffle Open (If applicable)
08:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m. - Plant Sales Open
01:00 p.m. – 3:00 pm – Hospitality Room Open

Saturday, October 21, 2023 08:00 a.m. – 03:00 p.m. Show opens to members and public
09:00 a.m. – 03:00 p.m. Raffle Open (If applicable)
09:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **DAVS ANNUAL MEETING**
08:00 a.m. – 03:00 p.m. Plant Sales Open
10:00 a.m. – 03:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open

CALL FOR AVSA JUDGES AND CLERKS

Anyone registered at the DAVS Show in Birmingham Botanical Garden in Birmingham, AL, who is interested in judging or clerking for the show, please complete this form, mail or email no later than October 5, 2023. You will receive an email confirmation prior to the show.

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 Phyllis Hinkle, or email pchinkle@bellsouth.net

COMMERCIAL SELLING AT DIXIE 2014 CONVENTION

MrsStrepStreps, Kathy Spissman, Tucker, GA

Available for purchase: Blooming African Violets, starter leaves, other Gesneriads (the Relative's) and Supplies

Some show plants will also be available for sale. They cannot be picked up until Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 2pm.

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SHOW SCHEDULE 2023

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 Miniature or Semiminiature Collection

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

SECTION II -- Standard Specimen Plants, Green Foliage,

Any Type Blossoms

Class 6 – Lavender, purple, blue, mauve and orchid, including two-tones of these colors

Class 7 – Pink, rose and coral, including two-tones of these colors

Class 8 – Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and burgundy, including two-tones of these colors

Class 9 – White, cream, blush, ivory, green and yellow, including two-tones of these colors

Class 10 – Multicolor

Class 11 – Fantasy

Class 12 – Edged

Class 13 – Chimera

SECTION III – Standard Plants, Variegated Foliage

Class 14- Lavender, purple, blue, mauve and orchid, including two-tones of these colors

Class 15 - Pink, rose and coral, including two-tones of these colors

Class 16 - Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and burgundy, including two-tones of these colors

Class 17 – White, cream, blush, ivory, green and yellow, including two-tones of these colors

Class 18 – Multicolor

Class 19 - Fantasy

Class 20 - Edged

Class 21 – Chimera

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

Class 22 – Lavender, purple, blue, mauve and orchid, including two-tones of these colors

Class 23 – Pink, rose and coral, including two-tones of these colors

Class 24 – Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and burgundy, including two-tones of these colors

Class 25 – White, cream, blush, ivory, green and yellow, including two-tones of these colors

Class 26 – Multicolor

Class 27 – Fantasy

Class 28 -- Edged

Class 29 – Chimera

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

Class 30 – Lavender, purple, blue, mauve and orchid, including two-tones of these colors

Class 31 – Pink, rose and coral, including two-tones of these colors

Class 32 – Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and burgundy, including two-tones of these colors

Class 33 – White, cream, blush, ivory, green and yellow, including two-tones of these colors

Class 34 – Multicolor

Class 35 – Fantasy

Class 36 --Edged

Class 37 – Chimera

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

Class 38 – Lavender, purple, blue, mauve and orchid, including two-tones of these colors

Class 39 – Pink, rose and coral, including two-tones of these colors

- Class 40** – Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and burgundy, including two-tones of these colors
- Class 41** – White, cream, blush, ivory, green and yellow, including two-tones of these colors
- Class 42** – Multicolor
- Class 43** – Fantasy
- Class 44** – Edged
- Class 45** – Chimera

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

- Class 46** – Lavender, purple, blue, mauve and orchid, including two-tones of these colors
- Class 47** – Pink, rose and coral, including two-tones of these colors
- Class 48** – Red, wine, fuchsia, plum and burgundy, including two-tones of these colors
- Class 49** – White, cream, blush, ivory, green and yellow, including two-tones of these colors
- Class 50** – Multicolor
- Class 51** – Fantasy
- Class 52** - Edged
- Class 53** – Chimera

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

- Class 54** – Standard Trailers
- Class 55** – Semiminiature Trailers
- Class 56** – Miniature Trailers

SECTION IX – Special Classes

- Class 57** - Vintage Variety (African violet variety 25 years or older)
- Class 58** – Classic Vintage Variety (African violet variety between 15 and 24 years of age)
- Class 59** – Saintpaulia species
- Class 60** – New introductions and sports (See Rule 16)
- Class 61** – African violet plant in unusual or decorative container (See Rule 18)
- Class 62** – Novice (See Rule 19)

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

- Class 63-** Gesneriad Collection (blooming)
Three of the same plant type (cannot mix) - Sinningias, Kohlerias, Petrocosmeas, Episcias, Primulinas, Streptocarpus.
- Class 64-** Gesneriad Collection (non-blooming)
Three of the same plant type (cannot mix) - Petrocosmeas, Episcias, Primulinas.
- Class 65** – Episcias, blooming
- Class 66** – Streptocarpus, blooming
- Class 67** – Primulinas, blooming

Class 68 – All other fibrous-rooted plants, blooming

Class 69 – Tuberos, blooming

Class 70 – Rhizomatous, blooming

Class 71 – Primulinas grown for ornamental qualities other than bloom, non-blooming

Class 72 – Gesneriads (except episcias) grown for ornamental qualities other than bloom, non- blooming

Class 73 – Episcias grown for ornamental qualities other than bloom, non- blooming

Division 2 – Design Division

Section XI – 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 material (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 74. “Pollinators” *Let your imagination run wild with this arrangement, which should charm pollinators – and judges. The design is to be displayed in a white niche 20” high x 16” wide x 16” deep. Backdrop required. Limit 5.*

Class 75. “A Garden Wedding” *Your suggestion of a garden wedding should be displayed in a white niche 14” high x 11” wide x 8” deep. Limit 5.*

Class 76. Underwater Flower Arrangement, “The Garden Lake”. *An underwater arrangement in a clear glass container, not to exceed 15” in any direction. Design must be completely submerged under water. Limit 5.*

Section XII – Interpretive Plant Arrangements

One or more African violet plants should be removed from the pot and used in a design with other fresh-cut, dried, painted, or colored plant material and/or man-made components. Draping, backgrounds and underlays are permitted unless restricted by class restrictions. Artificial plant materials, national flags and live creatures are not permitted. Your design should represent an event, mood, etc. of your choice related to the design theme. A card should accompany each design listing plant material used in your design. A story explaining your design may be used.

Class 77. “Native Plants” *Team up one or more blooming or non-blooming African violet with native plant material in this design to be displayed in a white niche 20” high x 16” wide x 16” deep. (An extra 8” may be used for the depth of the design). Limit 5.*

Class 78. “Spring’s Drama” *Mark Twain once said “In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.” Use a miniature or semi-miniature African violet in this flower design to be displayed in a white niche 14” high x 11” wide x 8” deep. (An extra 4” may be used for the depth of the design.) Limit 4.*

Section XIII – 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 20” in any direction. To be displayed flat (with no underlayment) on table surface, and will be viewed and judged from the front only. The classes are untitled, so as not to discourage the entry of established gardens; however, for those container gardeners who might need some inspiration, the following scenario is offered.

Class 79. Terrarium “The Conservatory” *Like the gardens’ conservatory your terrarium should be a glass walled treasure of tropical plants. (Terrarium top must be covered.)*

Class 80. Dish Garden.

Division 3 – SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Section XIV -- Education and AVSA Information

Class 81. – Education Exhibit

Class 82. – AVSA and 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 09:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Friday, October 20, 2023.
- 4) Horticulture and design entries must be made between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023. Designers may work until 09:00 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. 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 71, 72, and 73 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 60 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 classes 4 – 80. Best in class is not awarded for AVSA Collection classes. Only blue ribbon winners are eligible for special awards.
- 18) Entries in Class 61 **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 62 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, October 20, 2023, from 01:00 p.m.--05:00 p.m. The show will reopen at 08:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2023, and will remain open until 03:00 p.m. Exhibits may not be altered or removed from the show room before that time. Sold show plants only may be removed from 03:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2023. All other exhibits must be removed from the show room between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

22) DAVS will provide all reasonable protection to exhibits, but DAVS, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, 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 telephone, at any time before October 6, 2023. E-mail: beckymcmeel@gmail.com or telephone: 985-868-0439. Cancellations must be made by e-mail or telephone by October 13, 2023.
- 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) For design, African violet plants and other plant material used need not have been grown by the exhibitor.
- 6) Design exhibitors may work on their entries any time Entries is open, and they may continue working until 09:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2023. Finishing touches to design entries may be made on Friday, October 20, 2023, from 07:00 – 08:00 a.m. All design exhibitors and their materials must be out of the show room by 08:00 a.m.

RAFFLE TBD

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. Please let us know if you will have any raffle items to share. You can email me @rmcmeel@bellsouth.net Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Save your change between now and convention time and so you can buy lots of raffle tickets.

HOSPITALITY ROOM

We will have the Hospitality Room open at the show. 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please make all checks out to:

DAVS

2023 SHOW RESERVATION FORM

Dixie AVS members can register non-member guests for all show (except entering exhibits in the show) by paying the Show Registration fee.

PLEASE PRINT!!

Name: _____

Name of guest/spouse/other: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date Arriving and How _____

What Hotel will you be staying at, (if you know) _____

Dixie Member-

1. DIXIE AVS 2023 Show Registration \$15 _____

Guest/Spouse/Other – For Donation

1. DIXIE AVS 2013 Convention Registration \$15 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Show Registration Cancellation-must be received by October 6, 2023 to be entitled to a refund.

E-mail response will be sent upon receipt of this form.

Send this form and check made out to: DAVS

BECKY MCMEEL
201 GREENWOOD STREET
HOUMA, LA 70364
beckymcmeel@gmail.com

2023 DAVS Show Registration

Please Note: DAVS and Guest members can register at the show if need be.

Even though this is a show only, we are asking for a small registration fee to help defray the cost of the rental of the Birmingham Botanical Garden Auditorium.



2023 DESIGN DIVISION RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Interpretive Flower Arrangements

___ Class 74. "Pollinators"

___ Class 75. "A Garden Wedding"

___ Class 77. "The Garden Lake"

Interpretive Plant Arrangements

___ Class 77. "Native Plants"

___ Class 78. "Spring's Drama"

Container Gardens

___ Class 79. Terrarium

___ Class 80. Dish Garden

Reservations may be made by e-mail (preferred) or by telephone at any time before October 6, 2023, to:

Becky McMeel, DAVS Design Reservations Chair

E-mail: beckymcmeel@gmail.com; telephone: 985-868-0439. Cancellations must be made by e-mail or telephone by October 6, 2023.

2023 DAVS SHOW PLANT ENTRY SHEET

Please fill out this form and/or copies and bring to Entries, Thursday,
October 19, 2023 (09:00 a.m. - 04:00 p.m.)

Remember-you do not need to fill out entry cards
(Please put classes in numerical order)

EXHIBITOR'S NAME - _____

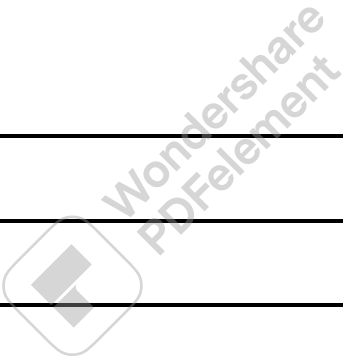
Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

CLASS

PLANT NAME

PLANT PRICE
(IF SELLING)



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ALL ABOUT THE CONVENTION
COME AND JOIN US!!!

October 19 – 21, 2023

Birmingham Botanical Garden

Birmingham, Alabama

Here is a list of local hotels with their addresses, distance from BBG and phone numbers:

Hampton Inn (1 mile to BBG)

2731 US Highway 280

Birmingham, AL 35223

1-800-HAMPTON

(Best value)

Embassy Suites (2 miles to BBG)

2300 Woodcrest Place

Birmingham, AL 35209

1-800-EMBASSY

Valley Hotel (Hilton)

(1.7 miles to BBG)

2727 18th Street South

Homewood, AL 35209

1-844-HI-CURIO

Grand Bohemian Hotel (PRICEY)

(Directly across the street from the BBG)

2655 Lane Park Road

Birmingham, AL 35223

205-414-0505