

CALL TO CONVENTION

TO: Officers, Directors, All Standing Committee Chairs
FROM: Lynne Wilson, President DAVS
DATE: March 16-19, 2016
SUBJECT: ANNUAL BOARD MEETINGS

In March 2016, we will assemble in Atlanta, Georgia, 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, March 16, 2016, at 8:00 pm and Saturday, March 19, 2016, at 10:00 pm at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Atlanta Airport North. 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.

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 agendas.

Thank you.

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DAVS 2016 CONVENTION AGENDA FOR MEMBERS

- Wed., March 16, 2016**
- 10:00 a.m.-11:00-Convention Registration Open
 - 12:00 noon-05:00 p.m. Convention Registration Open
 - 03:00 p.m.-08:00 p.m. Commercial Sales Set-Up
 - 04:00 p.m.-06:00 p.m. Show Room Set-Up
 - 08:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. DAVS Board Meeting
- Thurs, March 17, 2016**
- 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
- Fri, March 18, 2016**
- 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., March 19, 2016**
- 07:30 a.m. – 08:30 a.m. Show Room Open for Photography
 - 09:00 a.m. – 09:30 a.m. Convention Registration Open (if needed)
 - 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
 - 02:00 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)

2016 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 3 ITEMS. YOUR REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 15, 2016 TO QUALIFY.

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 _____

Discount of 10% for Registration and 2 Dinners is \$-12.20,
if postmarked by 1/15/16.

Dixie Member-

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|---|------------------|
| 1. DIXIE AVS 2016 Convention Registration Fee | \$45 _____ |
| 2. Thursday Evening Welcome Reception | FREE |
| 3. Friday Awards Buffet Dinner | \$39 _____ |
| 4. Saturday Dinner- Raffle Items | \$38 _____ |
| 5. 10% DISCOUNT for 3 above items-
Postmarked BY 1/15/16 | \$ <u>-12.20</u> |
| 6. \$15 LATE FEE -postmarked AFTER 2/15/16 | \$ _____ |

Guest/Spouse/Other-

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| TOTAL ENCLOSED: | \$ _____ |

Convention Registration Cancellation -- must be received by February 29, 2016, 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:

AFRICAN VIOLET CLUB OF GREATER ATLANTA

**LAURA WALKER
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11048 Big Canoe

Big Canoe, GA 30143

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2016 DAVS Convention Registration Chair

IMPORTANT NOTICE 2016

Please make all checks payable to:

AFRICAN VIOLET CLUB OF GREATER ATLANTA

We are using the club's checking account for the convention. It is not cost effective to open a separate account. Their treasurer will keep a detailed account and give a report after the convention.

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, please let **Charlean Weinfurter** know, or send it to:

1716 Greystone Trace, Conyers, GA 30013

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

**Holiday Inn & Suites Atlanta Airport North
1380 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30344**

Please use MapQuest and your GPS systems.

If you need further assistance, please call the hotel at
1-404-669-1208.

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 2016 CONVENTION

Pat's Patch/Buckeye Violets, Pat Hancock, Middleton, OH

MrsStrepStreps, Kathy Spissman, Tucker, GA

Starz N Streps, Steve & Donna Turner, Southgate, MI

Travis Violets, Travis Davis, Ochlocknee, GA

The African Violet Club of Greater Atlanta members, Atlanta, GA

(Check February newsletter for more sellers)

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 & reservoirs.

Some show plants will also be available for sale. They cannot be picked up until Saturday March 19 at 4pm.

SPECIFIC AWARDS

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

Best Mini--\$15

Best Semi-mini--\$15

Best White--\$15

Best Design--\$30

Best Breezy Brea--\$20

Best Species--\$20

Again, it is not too late to send a money award. Send money awards payable to DAVS to Marian & Greg Zoller, Society Awards Chairs, 4815 Oak Lane Cove N., Arlington, TN 38002

DIXIE PRESENTATIONS 2016

All 4 presentations are Open to the Public and FREE

- **Friday, March 18 - 2-3:30 pm**

Michael Wenzel: "Gesneriads of the Atlanta Botanical Garden and Their Horticulture" - The official Plant Recorder for the Atlanta Botanical Garden, Michael also works in the behind-the-scenes greenhouses which house the other Gesneriads.

- **Friday, March 18 - 3:30 – 5pm**

Kurt Jablonski: "Growing and Grooming Standard African Violets for Show." Last year's Best in Show winner at Dixie plus many more, he'll do a slide show with question and answer time at the end.

- **Saturday, March 19 - 11-12:30 pm**

Mary Lou Harden: "Design Tips, Tricks, and Mechanics" One of the best designers in Dixie, she will have you wanting to design with all the knowledge you will receive.

- **Saturday, March 19, 1:30-3 pm**

Pat Hancock and Mel Grice: "Judging African Violets and Design". The best duo in violets presents an informative talk on Judging.

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

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES ATLANTA AIRPORT NORTH

1380 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30344

Reservations: 855-862-4908

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 7, 2016** 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 rates:

SINGLE OR DOUBLE \$105.00 PLUS TAXES

Includes Free Buffet Breakfast for 2 each day

- ✓ Free Internet
- ✓ Pet Friendly
- ✓ Parking-Complimentary
- ✓ Full Service Restaurant

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

VISA: _____ Master Card: _____

Other: _____ Exp. date: _____

Signature: _____

MENUS FOR 3 MEALS*

THURSDAY'S WELCOME RECEPTION

March 17 – 6:00-7:30 pm

FREE TO ALL REGISTERED GUESTS

FRIDAY'S HOLIDAY INN AND SUITES BUFFET DINNER

PLUS SHOW AWARDS

March 18 – 6:30 pm

\$39.00

Mixed Greens Salad with Ranch & Balsamic Dressing
Pasta Salad Primavera
Marinated Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Asian Chicken Salad
Pan Seared Tilapia
Herb Roasted Chicken with Sun-dried Tomato Sauce
Sliced Beef Tenderloin in a Wild Mushroom Sauce
Garlic Roasted Red Potatoes
Fresh Vegetable Sauté
Warm Roll and Butter
Chef's Sweet Table Desserts
Freshly Brewed Sweet Tea and Unsweetened Tea
Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Assorted Teas

SATURDAY'S SOUTHERN BUFFET DINNER

AND RAFFLE GIVEAWAYS

March 19- 6:30 pm

\$38.00

Baby Mixed Greens Salad with Ranch & Balsamic Dressing
Sweet Southern Slaw
Southern Buttermilk Fried Chicken
Roasted Garlic and Parmesan Crusted Tilapia
Baked Macaroni and Cheese
Fresh Medley of Grilled Squash and Zucchini
Green Beans Almondine
Garlic and Rosemary Roasted Potatoes
Southern Bread Pudding with a Bourbon Caramel Sauce
Southern Pecan Pie
Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Ice Tea

*All prices include 22% Service Charge and 7% Tax

CALL FOR AVSA JUDGES AND CLERKS 2016

Putting out my call for judges for the Dixie Atlanta 2016 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 February 8, 2016. 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 sue.hoffmann@cox.net.

“POSTCARDS FROM GEORGIA”

SHOW SCHEDULE 2016

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) - Sinningia, 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 – Tuberous, blooming

Class 71 – Rhizomatous, blooming

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

Class 73 – Gesneriads (except Episcias) grown for ornamental foliage, non- blooming

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

Division 2 – Design Division

“Postcards from Georgia”

We rarely send postcards today, but if we did, these are a few places and events in Georgia we might visit, and send picture postcards to friends and family back home.

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. “International Cherry Blossom Festival” - Each March, Macon becomes a pink paradise of delight as over 300,000 Yoshino cherry trees bloom in all their splendor; and, for 10 days, residents and tourists are treated to one of the most extravagant displays of springtime color in the nation as they visit the city referred to by Congressional records as the Cherry Blossom Capital of the World. A flower arrangement in multiple shades of pink and white and minimal other colors. Will be staged in white foam board niche 20” high by 15” wide by 7 ½” deep (12” may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

Class 76. “Atlanta’s TCM Headquarters” - TCM’s library of films spans several decades of cinema, and includes thousands upon thousands of film titles from the 1930s through the 1960s. Most of the movies are black and white classics that cover the genres of horror, western, and film noir. A flower arrangement of black and white, shades of grey, and just a touch of red, “blood red,” recalling the master of horror, Count Dracula. To be staged 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 77. “Balloons Over Georgia” - See the North Georgia scenery like never before in a colorful hot air balloon. From your lofty perch, you will see Lake Lanier, Stone Mountain, and the Atlanta skyline. You might also get to watch deer on the ground and soar with a hawk. A colorful suspended flower arrangement in a white cardboard niche 28” high by 23” wide by 11 ½” deep (15” may be used for the depth of the niche). Limit 4.

Class 78. “Booth Western Art Museum” - The American West stands frozen in time at this Cartersville, Georgia, museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institute. The bronze forms of cowboys and Native Americans populate the museum, along with paintings and posters of the old West. A flower arrangement with a Western motif, 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 79. “Callaway Gardens’ Fantasy in Lights” - With 8 million lights, 15 dazzling scenes, and only 1 magical night, this is the South’s most spectacular holiday light show; it is one of the world’s “Top 10 Places to See Holiday lights,” as named by *National Geographic Traveler*. An abstract flower arrangement using some type of reflective material, 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. “Atlanta Jazz Festival” - This annual jazz festival lasts a whole month, usually May, and is one of the country’s largest free jazz venues. More than 100 of the best jazz performers showcase their talents in locations throughout the metro area of Atlanta. Show your jazzy side with this flower arrangement with a musical motif in a white cardboard niche 14” high by 11” wide by 5 ½” deep (10” may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

Class 81. “The Big Chicken” - A Marietta, Georgia landmark, located at the corner of Roswell Road and U.S. 41. It was originally a locally-owned chicken restaurant, but is now a KFC restaurant. This 56-foot-tall mechanical chicken sign has survived since 1956. The sign has a beak which opens and closes, and eyes that roll. Because of the chicken’s prominent location, it is regularly used as a landmark for directions, and some pilots say they look for it when landing at Atlanta International Airport. Don’t be “chicken,” and try your hand at this whimsical flower arrangement, with a feather or two. To be staged in a

white cardboard niche 14" high by 11" wide by 5 ½" deep (10" may be used for depth of niche). Limit 4.

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 82. "The Three Ps" - Georgia is the number one producer of peanuts, the number one producer of pecans, and the number one producer of peaches. A plant arrangement featuring one of the Ps, two of the Ps, or all of the Ps, 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 83. "The Carnegie Dungeness" - The opulent Dungeness was built by Thomas Carnegie and his wife Lucy in 1884, on Cumberland Island, Georgia. It burned in the 1950s. Today wild horses and other island wildlife roam freely throughout the ruins and along the beach. Glimpses of the Carnegie lifestyle can be easily imagined throughout the ruins of Dungeness, and through the abandoned luxury vehicles. An opulent plant arrangement, with a somewhat charred ambience, 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 84. "Wild Adventures Theme Park" - This 166 acres park in Valdosta features 59 rides and attractions, including 8 roller coasters, exotic animals, shows, Splash Island water park, and concerts from country, pop, rock, Christian, and Golden Oldies superstars. A plant arrangement with non-blooming African violet(s), 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 85. "Laura S. Walker State Park" - Located near the northern edge of the Okefenokee Swamp, this park is home to many fascinating plants and creatures, including carnivorous pitcher plants and alligators. Walking along the lake's edge, you may spot the shy gopher tortoise, yellow shafted flickers, warblers, owls, and great blue herons; you will also see numerous oak tree varieties and saw palmetto. The park's namesake was a Georgia writer, teacher, civic leader, and naturalist who loved trees and worked for their preservation. A plant arrangement with water or simulated water in a white cardboard 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 86. Natural Garden.

Class 87. Dish Garden.

Class 88. Terrarium (mirrored sides permitted; must be covered).

Class 89. Bottle Garden (opening too small to allow hand).

Division 3 – Special Exhibits

Section XIV – Education and AVSA Information

Class 90. Education Exhibit

Class 91. AVSA, DAVS, and AVCGA 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, March 18, 2016
- 4) Horticulture and design entries must be made between 9:00-12:00 a.m. and 1:00-6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2016. 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, except those in design division, class 84.
- 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.
- 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, March 18, 2016, from 1:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. The show will reopen at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2016, 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, March 19, 2016. All other exhibits must be removed from the show room between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday March 19, 2016.

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 must be made by e-mail (preferred), by telephone, or by USPS (least preferred), before February 29, 2016, to: Kathy Spissman, 4086 Brownlee Dr., Tucker, GA 30084, 770-939-5289, mrsstrepstrels@comcast.net. Cancellations must be made by e-mail or telephone by March 10, 2016.
- 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, March 17, 2016. Finishing touches to design entries may be made on Friday, March 18, 2016, 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.

2016 DESIGN DIVISION RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Interpretive Flower Arrangements

___ Class 75. "International Cherry Blossom Festival"

___ Class 76. "Atlanta's TCM Headquarters"

- ___ Class 77. “Balloons Over Georgia”
- ___ Class 78. “Booth Western Art Museum”
- ___ Class 79. “Callaway Garden’s Fantasy in Lights”
- ___ Class 80. “Atlanta Jazz Festival”
- ___ Class 81. “The Big Chicken”

Interpretive Plant Arrangements

- ___ Class 82. “The Three Ps”
- ___ Class 83. “The Carnegie Dungeness”
- ___ Class 84. “Wild Adventures Theme Park”
- ___ Class 85. “Laura S. Walker State Park”

Container Gardens

- ___ Class 86. Natural Garden. No Limit.
- ___ Class 87. Dish Garden. No limit.
- ___ Class 88. Terrarium (mirrored sides permitted: must be covered). No Limit.
- ___ Class 89. Bottle Garden (opening too small for hand to enter). No limit.

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DAVS Design Reservations Chair - Kathy Spissman

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