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NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 3

Saturdays program will loads of fun. We will be holding a mini-show! Horticulture entries are limited to 3 per exhibitor and *Barbara Stewart* will be accepting design reservations until 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. You may contact Barbara by email or phone. Entries will begin at 9:30 and judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. Rules and schedule are on page 2.

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

*November - Bill Schmidt
December –Annual Christmas Luncheon
January - Barbara Stewart
February-Vicki Carr
March - Debbie Woodruff
April - Kitty Hedgepeth
May - Josane Wagner
June – Annual Picnic - Location to be announced.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

22nd David Dick

RAVS NEWS

Get Well Wishes go to *Helen Pangola*. Helen recently fell in her yard and broke her wrist.
Please continue to pray for *Alice Grundy*.
Wayne Coley received good news from his doctor. His cancer is not growing or moving.

He asks for your continued prayers as they are working.

EXHIBITS

Exhibits for October were:

Wayne Coley - Irish Flirt - Blue;
Josane Wagner - Tiny Wood Trail - Blue;
Barbara Stewart – Design - Blue

HORTICULTURE TIP

The drought has reached a point where several counties have issued water restrictions. So how do water shortages affect our violets? As our water supplies shrink, suppliers are forced to obtain water from other sources and they may even add more chemicals to keep our drinking water safe. Be sure to test the pH levels of your water each time you water. Allowing water to stand overnight will allow free chlorine to evaporate but many water treatment plants add chloramines to the water as well. Chloramines will not evaporate. Symptoms of chloramine in violets are yellowing foliage, reduced blooming, burnt edges and plants eventually stop growing altogether. It is also a good idea to add a chlorine/chloramine remover, available at Wal-Mart or pet shops, to your water. Be sure to follow mixing directions.

Deadline for including articles for the December newsletter is November 21, 2007

Our Virginia Heritage

A Mini-show sponsored by the Richmond African Violet Society
Saturday, November 3, 2007,
Overbrook Presbyterian Church

RULES

1. Entries are open to all members of the Richmond African Violet Society
2. The show will be judged on a merit basis by qualified AVSA judges. AVSA scale of points will be used. The decision of the judges will be final.
3. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 8. All entries must be in place by that time.
4. Only blue ribbon exhibits will be eligible for special awards.
5. An exhibitor may enter only one plant of each variety.
6. All African violets must be in bloom. They must be single crown except trailers and some species which may be multiple crowns.
7. Only clean, healthy, well-groomed plants which have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least three months will be accepted.
8. No double potting, supports, flared tops or collars are permitted. White or green, non-decorative plastic pots or slip potting in the same is recommended for all single crown exhibits except for Section VI. Trailers and other gesneriads may be exhibited in the containers in which they are growing.

AWARDS

Best in Horticulture: gift award

Best in Design: gift award

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

Entries must be accompanied by a 3X5 card with the name of the plant on the front and the name of the exhibitor on the back.

Section I - Standard plants, All blossoms, All colors, Green foliage

Section II - Standard plants, All blossoms, All colors. Variegated foliage

Section III - Semi-miniature plants, All blossoms, All colors, All foliage

Section IV - Miniature plants, All blossoms, All colors, All foliage

Section V - Trailers and species, All blossoms, All colors, All foliage

Section VI - African violet plant in unusual, novel, or decorative container

Section VII - Gesneriads other than African violets

DESIGN DIVISION

A 3X5 card must accompany each entry, listing the Class title, the name of the African violet, and, if desired, other plant materials used. The name of the exhibitor must be on the back of the card. A member can have no more than one entry in each class. Exhibits should not exceed the dimensional limits of each class.

Section VIII - Container Gardens

Miniature gardens with one or more blooming African violets and other growing plants. All plants must be planted in the container; no cut or artificial plant material is permitted. A container garden may be a terrarium, a dish garden, or a natural garden.

Class - Virginia's Natural Wealth - Create a container garden that reflects one of Virginia's natural areas.

Section IX - Interpretive Plant Arrangements

All classes in this section must consist of one or more blooming African violets removed from the pot and used in the design. Fresh cut, dried, treated and/or colored plant material may be used; artificial materials are not permitted. Draping, bases, and accessories are optional.

Class - Jamestown - Create an arrangement that suggests the pioneer spirit of Virginia's first permanent English settlement. Staged in gray niches 22"H X 22" W X 15 Wings - maximum depth 20".

Section X - Interpretive Flower Arrangements

Fresh cut African violet blooms are to be featured. Treated, dried, painted, or other cut plant material is permitted; artificial materials are not permitted. Bases, accessories, and backgrounds are optional.

Class - Our Founding Fathers - Create an arrangement reflecting the influence of prominent Virginians who helped win freedom from England and establish a new country. Staged in gray niches 18"H X 15" W X 9" Wings - maximum depth 12".

Class - Virginia Natives and Wildlife - Create an arrangement that reflects the influence of the Native Americans who first lived in Virginia, or the importance of the abundant wildlife that inhabited the state. Staged in front of an 8" gray disc.