



# LONE STAR AFRICAN VIOLET COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## *Violets Visit Southfork*

The Dallas Metro African Violet Societies (Alpha AVS, First AVS of Dallas and First Nighter AVS) are thrilled to host the 2014 LSAVC convention and show on October 30 through November 1 at the Southfork Hotel in Plano. The hotel is a sister property to Southfork Ranch and is conveniently located off Central Expressway just north of President George Bush Tollway and five minutes from downtown Plano. An abundance of local restaurants are in downtown Plano for your dining pleasure. Shopping is easily accessible at Collin Creek Mall, Watters Creek, Allen Outlet Mall, the Village at Allen and the Village at Fairview. If antiques are your pleasure, there are many antique shops in downtown Plano as well as an Antique Mall off Central Expressway. Based upon availability, hotel registrants have a complimentary shuttle to take them anywhere within a five mile radius of the hotel. The hotel rates are only \$79 per night and include two tickets per room for a complimentary full breakfast in the hotel restaurant as well as a two for the price of one coupon to tour Southfork Ranch. The showroom and sales room are very spacious. The workshops, showroom, sales room and banquet room will be located in the same hallway. Our vendors will have lots of gorgeous plants to purchase in the Commercial Sales Room. When you arrive at the hotel, your show plants can be conveniently unloaded under the portico on the north side of the building. Entries and Classification will be right across the hall from the portico.

A distinguished group of speakers will be presenting workshops. Dr. Bill Price will do an "other Gesneriad" walk through the showroom immediately following the judging of the show on Friday. Bill is an internationally known Gesneriad show winner and judge. He will talk about the show exhibits, what was grown well and why, and what growers could do to improve their exhibits. Following the Saturday business meeting, a workshop will be presented by Ben Haning which will feature growing Texas size African violet trailers and general violet culture. Ben was awarded the Best Trailer and Horticulture Sweepstakes at both the 2013 and 2014 AVSA Convention Shows as well as the Best in Show in Austin with his trailer, Rob's Galiwinku. Patty Daniel will present a workshop about how she grows streptocarpus immediately following Ben's presentation. Patty owns Patty's Plants & Antiques in Winfield, Kansas where she grows streptocarpus, African violets and begonias.

All of our presenters will have cuttings to share with those who attend their presentations. Be sure to register at the Convention so you may attend these informative workshops. What a bargain!

Polish up those plants for the horticulture division of the show. Check out the design classes in the show schedule which feature themes from the television series, *Dallas*. The fantastic exhibits found at Lone Star are part of the reason people attend the show and convention from all over the great state of Texas and beyond. We have a large showroom to fill with gorgeous show plants and creative designs. Look over your plant stands so you can take optimum care of potential show plants, and get your reservations in early for the design division.

There are many ways you can help out at the convention and show. The specific information is found throughout this newsletter. The best way to feel a part of this Texas violet family is to make a valuable contribution and you will have a great time doing it! The forms are in this issue to help out in placement, as a showroom host(ess), make raffle and awards donations, and put an ad in the souvenir book. There are many ways to volunteer and do your part to make the convention a success. We appreciate you!

The "Kickin' Up Your Heels" party and dinner on Friday night will be so much FUN! Every Texan has some kind of western attire they can wear and, of course, the cuisine will be barbecue. We are privileged to have Soaring Heart Tunes and Karaoke with us. Sylvia and Chuck Hastedt have been adding great times and lively entertainment to parties, reunions and charity events for the last 10 years. They have both shown their love for music since school days of saxophone, piano and choirs. Chuck owned and operated LA Tunes Karaoke in the nineties. So polish up those boots because they will have us singing and dancing the night away. (They have all the old, familiar music we know and love.) Remember to make those Halloween costumes western because there will be prizes for the Best Homemade Costume, Funniest Costume and the Most Original Costume.

Take advantage of the two for the price of one tickets for each room reserved at the hotel and visit *Southfork Ranch*. This is a popular attraction and is open daily, year round, for guided tours of the ranch made famous by *Dallas*. Tour the famed Ewing Mansion and re-live exciting moments from the series in the "Dallas Legends" exhibit, featuring an

exciting array of memorabilia. See the gun that shot J.R., Lucy's Wedding Dress, the *Dallas* Family Tree and Jock's Lincoln Continental. Based upon availability, the complimentary hotel shuttle will take you to Southfork Ranch if you are registered at the hotel.

The Saturday night Awards Banquet will feature an elegant meal. In addition to honoring the top winners in horticulture and design, the recipient of the "Wind Beneath Our Wings" award will be revealed. The winning raffle tickets will be announced as well as the highest bidders in the silent auction and their prizes will be awarded. This will be the culmination of several days of activities, but if you still have some energy to spare, be sure to attend the President's Reception for a casual "mix and mingle" gathering with violet friends.

The Dallas Metro African Violet Societies are very appreciative to all of you who are helping out in various ways towards this convention. We look forward to seeing you at "Violets Visit Southfork" for friends, fun and violets. Get your hotel reservation made, register for the convention, sign up to volunteer, make a donation, groom those plants and sign up for a design!

We look forward to seeing you soon for a boot stompin' good time, Southfork style!

*Mary Corondan*, Chair

*Beverly Powers*, Co-Chair

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## Workshop Information

### Other Gesneriad Showroom Walk Through by Bill Price

Bill's interest in African violets began when he was about 12 years old and took over the care of his family's house plants. He hails from Vancouver, Canada and has exhibited violets and other Gesneriads in both Canadian and American National Shows. He has won top honors at both shows repeatedly and is highly sought after as a speaker and a judge. Bill won Best in Show at the 2009 AVSA Convention with one of his many spectacular trailers. The highlight of the 2010 Gesneriad Society Show in Vancouver was a trip to Bill Price's home overlooking the shores of the Pacific. His three story home was filled with incredible horticultural specimens and exotic plants. He has earned degrees as both a Medical Doctor and a Psychiatrist. Bill will share his expertise in a walk through of the "other Gesneriad" classes in the showroom. Afterwards, he will have cuttings to share with those in attendance.

### Growing Texas Size Trailers and Violet Culture by Ben Haning

Ben received his first violet from his wife, Nancy, on their one month anniversary in March of 1987. He built a homemade stand and grew violets for a few years. Then after taking a reprieve from growing violets, he joined the First Nighter AVS of Dallas and started showing his African violets. Ben was awarded the Best in Show and Best Trailer at the AVSA Convention in 2013 in Austin with his trailer, Rob's Galiwinku. This year at the Nashville AVSA Convention, he won the award for the Best AVSA Mini/Semimini Collection with Rob's Boolaroo, Rob's Vanilla Trail, and Milky Way Trail. In addition, Rob's Boolaroo was awarded the 3<sup>rd</sup> Best African Violet in the Show and Best Trailer. In both 2013 and 2014, Ben won the Horticulture Sweepstakes award at the AVSA Convention. Ben is a veterinarian and enjoys nurturing animals as well as plants. Violets are grown in his home as well as in his veterinary clinic office. He will discuss growing trailers and some of his ideas about violet culture in general. Cuttings and leaves will be given to those who attend the workshop.

### Streptocarpus by Patty Daniel

Patty owned and operated Patty's Plant Place outside Cheney, Kansas from about 1976 to 1989. When she first started with African violets and their relatives, she ordered seed from Park's catalog and grew some Weisman hybrid streptocarpus. There were a number of colors of lobes and throats, and she loved them all. At that time, she was unable to sell a streptocarpus, so she stuck to African violets until she decided to go back to college in 1989. After obtaining a BS and an MS in geology and teaching a few years, she decided to start growing plants again. Imagine her delight when she discovered the number of people who were growing and/or hybridizing streps. Patty now owns Patty's Plants & Antiques in Winfield, Kansas and her plant sales room is filled with blooming streptocarpus. In her basement, she grows streps, violets, and begonias. Now she sells as many streptocarpus as African violets. Patty will have cuttings to share with those who attend her workshop to learn her method of growing breath taking streptocarpus.

**LSAVC 2014 CONVENTION CHAIRS**

- Convention Chair..... Mary Corondan
- Convention Co-Chair..... Beverly Powers
- Convention Publicity..... Mary Corondan
- Convention Registration..... Meredith Hall
- Convention Sales Room..... Steven Spacheck
- Convention Souvenir Book... Glenda Williams
- Convention Treasurer..... Meredith Hall
- Raffle Table..... Jan Davidson  
Nadine Tichy
- Registration Bags..... Kim Barr
- Show Chair..... Meredith Hall
- Show Co-Chair..... Suzanne Roberts
- Show Awards..... Janet Castiglione
- Show Entries-Horticulture.... Ron Davidson  
Janet Castiglione
- Show Entries – Design..... Meredith Hall
- Show Classification..... Richard Nicholas  
Anne Nicholas
- Design Reservations..... Bill Foster
- Showroom Hostesses..... Barbara Kelly
- Show Judges/Clerks..... Bill Foster
- Show Placement..... Annie Hibbs
- Show Properties..... Ron Davidson  
Bill Foster
- Show Schedule..... Meredith Hall
- Show Staging..... Beverly Powers  
Suzanne Roberts
- Show Room Layout..... Ron Davidson
- AVSA/Educational Exhibit... Barbara Kelly

**LSAVC AGENDA – 2014 Convention Agenda**

**Thursday, October 30, 2014**

- 9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. Commercial Sales Room Set Up
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Workers Classification/Entries
- 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Commercial Sales Room Open
- 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Raffle Table Open
- 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Classification/Entries
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. LSAVC Executive Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Classification/Entries

**Friday, October 31, 2014**

- 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Exhibitors Complete Designs
- 8:00 a.m. - 1: 00 p.m. Registration Open
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Judges/Clerks Instruction
- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Judging of the Show
- 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Raffle Table Open
- 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sales Room Open
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Gesneriad Walk Through the  
Show Room, Dr. Bill Price
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Show Room Open to the Public
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Social Hour
- 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Kickin' Up Your Heels Party/Dinner

**Saturday, November 1, 2014**

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Showroom Photography
- 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Showroom Open to Public
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Annual Business Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Raffle Table Open
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sales Room Open
- 10:15 a.m. -11:15 a.m. Workshop by Ben Haning
- 11:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Workshop by Patty Daniel
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Social Hour
- 6:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. Awards Banquet
- 10:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. Exhibits Removed from the  
Showroom

**You are invited to attend the President's Reception following the Awards Banquet.**

**LSAVC 2014 CONVENTION AWARDS**

Everything is on track for us to make our appearance at Southfork and to have a good time. Awards are needed: if you would like to have your name in the Souvenir Book, please have you awards sent in no later than **October 15, 2014.**

Please help make this happen by sending your donation by check made payable to **First AVS of Denton** and mail to:

Janet M. Castiglione      Tel: 940-321-5638  
313 Plantation Oak Ave    [jcastiglione@centurytel.net](mailto:jcastiglione@centurytel.net)  
Lake Dallas, TX 75065

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated: \_\_\_\_\_ Undesignated: \_\_\_\_\_

**2014 Convention Registration**

Register for the 2014 LSAVC Convention by completing this form. Make checks payable to: First Nighter AVS and mail to:

Meredith Hall Tel: 254-896-2397  
P.O. Box 370 . [m.hall@reagan.com](mailto:m.hall@reagan.com)  
Marlin, TX 76661

**Please indicate LSAVC on the subject line if sending an email**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00 LSAVC Registration Fee (Those guests who only attend the Banquet(s), and do not attend any other Convention functions, do not pay a registration fee.)

**Friday Party/Dinner**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 (each) Barbecue Chicken  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$39.00 (each) Barbeque Brisket  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$33.00 (each) Stuffed Ravioli (Vegetarian)

**Saturday Awards Banquet**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$39.00 (each) Italian Chicken  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$39.00 (each) Beef Pot Roast  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$34.00 (each) Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial Sales Tables - \$50.00 for first table, \$30.00 for second table and \$20.00 for each additional table  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 10.00 Late Fee after October 11<sup>th</sup>  
\_\_\_\_\_ = Total Amount Enclosed

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Convention registration confirmation and entry forms will be emailed to you.

**Showroom Host(ess) Needed**

If you wish to volunteer to be in the showroom and greet guests as they come to enjoy the show, please contact Barbara Kelly at 817-656-4613 or [violetgirl6771@sbcglobal.net](mailto:violetgirl6771@sbcglobal.net) .

These volunteers meet and greet guests and encourage new membership.

**Design Reservations**

Design entries are subject to limitations of space, niches, and participation. See Show Schedule for details. Design Reservations will be accepted starting September 15, 2014 by email or by US mail, and must be postmarked no later than October 20, 2014.

Mail to: Bill Foster  
3610 Gray Drive  
Mesquite, TX 75150  
Email: [1bpfoster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:1bpfoster@sbcglobal.net)  
Tel: (972) 279-5993

Verification sent upon receipt of request.

**Interpretive Plant Arrangements**

\_\_\_\_\_ Class 74. "Who Shot J.R.?"  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class 75. "Rodeo Time at Southfork"  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class 76. "Chuck Wagon Dinner"

**Interpretive Flower Arrangements**

\_\_\_\_\_ Class 77. "The Cattlemen's Gala"  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class 78. "All Those Lies"  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class 79. "Two-Timing"  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class 80. "Lucy's Wedding"  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class 81. "J.R.'s Hat"  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class 82. "Fill It Up Again"  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class 83. "Pool Party"

**Container Gardens**

\_\_\_\_\_ Class 84. Terrarium  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class 85. Large Dish Garden  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class 86. Small Dish Garden  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class 87. Natural Garden

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AVSA # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Calling for Raffle Items!!!**

Each year we have a fantastic raffle to support the cost of the show. As you work with your plants, garden, shop at specialty boutiques, or create a craft item, be on the lookout for that something special for the raffle table or silent auction.

Jan Davidson and Nadine Tichy will be our Raffle Chairs this year. So please contact Jan or Nadine with your raffle/silent auction items.

Nadine: Tel: 972-650-8007;  
Email: [nadinetichy75062@yahoo.com](mailto:nadinetichy75062@yahoo.com)

Jan: Tel: 972-617-1186; email: [chiefroind@aol.com](mailto:chiefroind@aol.com)

**Volunteers are needed to help work at the table. Please let Nadine and/ or Jan know what day and time would work for you:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day/Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you so much!!

**Attention Judges/Clerks**

If you would like to judge or clerk, please complete this form and return by October 16, 2014 to:

Mail to: Bill Foster  
3610 Gray Drive  
Mesquite, TX 75150  
Email: [1bpfoster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:1bpfoster@sbcglobal.net)  
Tel: (972) 279-5993

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Judges Status**

Master \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_ Student \_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_

**Judging Preference**

Collections \_\_\_ Standards \_\_\_ Minis \_\_\_ Semiminis \_\_\_  
Trailers \_\_\_ Gesneriads \_\_\_ Design \_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_

If you are exhibiting please list classes.

Horticulture \_\_\_\_\_  
Design \_\_\_\_\_

Every effort will be made to honor your requested judging preference.

**Kickin' Up Your Heels Party/Dinner**

**Barbecue Chicken Breast** - creamy cole slaw, potato salad, ranch style beans, jalapeno cornbread muffins, fruit cobbler with ice cream, coffee, tea, water - \$35

**Barbecue Beef Brisket** – creamy cole slaw, potato salad, ranch style beans, jalapeno cornbread muffins, fruit cobbler with ice cream, coffee, tea, water - \$39

**Stuffed Ravioli (Vegetarian)** – Saffron pasta with wild mushroom and spinach pasta with herb cheese topped with marinara, steamed vegetables, field green salad, rolls, fruit cobbler with ice cream, coffee, tea, water - \$33

**Saturday Awards Dinner**

**Italian Chicken** – Grilled chicken breast served in a light white wine sauce, garnished with artichokes, tomatoes and mushrooms, atop a bed of bow tie pasta with seasonal vegetables, field green salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, water - \$39

**Beef Pot Roast** – Seasoned and slow cooked served with roasted potatoes and carrots, field green salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, water -\$39

**Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian)** – Penne pasta topped with crisp vegetables and parmesan cheese, steamed broccoli/cauliflower/carrot/squash medley, field green salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, water - \$34

**LSAVC Sales Room Reservations**

LSAVC Commercial Affiliates and individuals are urged to bring items for sale. Tables are available for a fee of \$50 for one table, \$30.00 for second table and \$20.00 for third and fourth table. Anyone selling plants or other items must use one of these tables in salesrooms. You will need to bring your own electrical cords.

**Send in this form with the proper payment amount along with your convention registration form to Meredith Hall.** You will be contacted by the commercial sales representative upon receipt of your reservation. Make Checks payable to First Nighters AVS.

For more information contact:

Steven Spachek Tel: (210) 922-0208  
234 W. Mally Blvd.  
San Antonio TX 78221

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Affiliate / commercial / individual)  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of tables needed: 1 2 3 More \_\_\_\_\_

**ADS FOR SOUVENIR BOOK**

To place an ad in the 2014 LSAVC Convention Souvenir Book, please send camera-ready copy.

Checks payable to First Nighters AVS and must be received by October 15, 2014, to:

Glenda Williams Tel. 512-988-1918  
829 Old Highway 20, Unit A  
McDade TX 78650

E-Mail ad copy to: [ambrosiaviolets@yahoo.com](mailto:ambrosiaviolets@yahoo.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ Half page 4 ½ x 3 ½ - \$25.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Full page 4 ½ x 7 ½ - \$50.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2014 LSAVC Show Schedule  
“VIOLETS VISIT SOUTHFORK”  
October 30 - November 1, 2014**

**DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE**

**SECTION I COLLECTIONS (See Rules 28 through 33)**

- Class 1. AVSA Collection - Standards (Amateur only)
- Class 2. AVSA Collection - Semiminiatures or Miniatures (Amateur only)
- Class 3. AVSA Collection-Three Different Species of Any Type (Amateur only)
- Class 4. LSAVC Collection-Standards (Amateur only)
- Class 5. LSAVC Collection-Semiminiatures or Miniatures (Amateur only)
- Class 6. AVSA Collection-Standards (Commercial only)
- Class 7. AVSA Collection-Semiminiatures or Miniatures (Commercial only)
- Class 8. AVSA Collection-Three Different Species of Any Type (Commercial only)
- Class 9. LSAVC Collection-Standards (Commercial only)
- Class 10. LSAVC Collection-Semiminiatures or Miniatures (Commercial only)
- Class 11. Pittman Collection-Semiminiatures or Miniatures or Trailers (Amateur or Commercial)

**SECTION II STANDARD SPECIMEN PLANTS, ANY TYPE BLOSSOM, GREEN FOLIAGE**

- Class 12. Blue, Purple, Lavender and Orchid
- Class 13. Pink, Rose, Red, Wine, Coral and Fuchsia
- Class 14. White, Off White, Yellow Blend and Green
- Class 15. Multicolor and Fantasy
- Class 16. Edged and Chimera

**SECTION III STANDARD SPECIMEN PLANTS, ANY TYPE BLOSSOM, VARIEGATED FOLIAGE**

- Class 17. Blue, Purple, Lavender and Orchid
- Class 18. Pink, Rose, Red, Wine, Coral and Fuchsia
- Class 19. White, Off White, Yellow Blend and Green
- Class 20. Multicolor and Fantasy
- Class 21. Edged and Chimera

**SECTION IV SEMIMINIATURE SPECIMEN PLANTS, ANY TYPE BLOSSOM, GREEN FOLIAGE**

- Class 22. Blue, Purple, Lavender and Orchid
- Class 23. Pink, Rose, Red, Wine, Coral and Fuchsia
- Class 24. White, Off White, Yellow Blend and Green
- Class 25. Multicolor and Fantasy
- Class 26. Edged and Chimera

**SECTION V SEMIMINIATURE SPECIMEN PLANTS, ANY TYPE BLOSSOM, VARIEGATED FOLIAGE**

- Class 27. Blue, Purple, Lavender and Orchid
- Class 28. Pink, Rose, Red, Wine, Coral and Fuchsia
- Class 29. White, Off White, Yellow Blend and Green
- Class 30. Multicolor and Fantasy
- Class 31. Edged and Chimera

**SECTION VI MINIATURE SPECIMEN PLANTS, ANY TYPE BLOSSOM, GREEN FOLIAGE**

- Class 32. Blue, Purple, Lavender and Orchid
- Class 33. Pink, Rose, Red, Wine, Coral and Fuchsia
- Class 34. White, Off White, Yellow Blend and Green
- Class 35. Multicolor and Fantasy
- Class 36. Edged and Chimera

**SECTION VII MINIATURE SPECIMEN PLANTS, ANY TYPE BLOSSOM, VARIEGATED FOLIAGE**

- Class 37. Blue, Purple, Lavender and Orchid
- Class 38. Pink, Rose, Red, Wine, Coral and Fuchsia
- Class 39. White, Off White, Yellow Blend and Green
- Class 40. Multicolor and Fantasy
- Class 41. Edged and Chimera

**SECTION VIII TRAILERS, ANY TYPE BLOSSOM, ANY TYPE FOLIAGE**

- Class 42. Standard Trailers
- Class 43. Semiminiature Trailers
- Class 44. Miniature Trailers

**SECTION IX NEW CULTIVARS (See Rule 22)**

- Class 45. Standard Seedlings
- Class 46. Semiminiature/Miniature Seedlings
- Class 47. Sports and Mutants

**SECTION X NOVICE AFRICAN VIOLETS (See Rule 23)**

- Class 48. Any Foliage, Any Type or Color of Blossom, Standard, Semiminiature, Miniature, Trailer or Species

**SECTION XI TEXAS HYBRIDIZED SPECIMENS (See Rule 30)**

- Class 49. Standards
- Class 50. Semiminiatures
- Class 51. Miniatures
- Class 52. Trailers

**SECTION XII VINTAGE VIOLETS AND SPECIES**

- Class 53. Vintage African Violets (See rule 26)
- Class 54. Saintpaulia Species

**SECTION XIII AFRICAN VIOLETS IN UNUSUAL CONTAINERS (Container must reflect theme of the show, See Rule 24)**

- Class 55. One African Violet Plant, either Standard, Semiminiature or Miniature planted in container
- Class 56. One African Violet Trailer, either Standard, Semiminiature or Miniature planted in container

**SECTION XIV GESNERIADS OTHER THAN AFRICAN VIOLETS (May be in open or closed environment, and will be table displayed. See Rules 25 & 30)**

- Class 57. Miniature Gesneriads, in bloom (5" or less in any direction)
- Class 58. Tuberous-rooted, in bloom
- Class 59. Scaly-Rhizome, in bloom
- Class 60. Fibrous-rooted, in bloom, other than Streptocarpus
- Class 61. Streptocarpus (in bloom.) Blue, purple, lavender, orchid
- Class 62. Streptocarpus (in bloom) Red, fuchsia, wine
- Class 63. Streptocarpus (in bloom) Plum, pink, rose, coral
- Class 64. Streptocarpus (in bloom) White, cream, blush, yellow
- Class 65. Episcias grown for ornamental foliage
- Class 66. Primulinas (Chiritas) grown for ornamental foliage
- Class 67. Petrosmeas grown for ornamental foliage
- Class 68. Gesneriads, other than Episcias, Primulinas or Petrosmeas grown for ornamental foliage
- Class 69. Gesneriads in bloom (Texas Hybridized)
- Class 70. Gesneriads-Ornamental Foliage only (Texas Hybridized)
- Class 71. Gesneriads-New Cultivar (TX hybridized), in bloom or grown for ornamental foliage
- Class 72. Hanging Baskets-In bloom (to be table displayed)( See Rule 25.)
- Class 73. Hanging Baskets- Grown for ornamental foliage (to be table displayed)( See Rule 25.)

**DIVISION II - DESIGN**

No visit to Dallas is complete without a visit to the the legendary Southfork Ranch. For thirteen years, television sets were tuned to 356 episodes of "Dallas". Today Southfork continues to welcome visitors from around the world with guided tours. There is now a 63,000 square foot Conference and Event center that is used for all types of special events.

**SECTION XV INTERPRETIVE PLANT ARRANGEMENTS:** Designs using one or more blooming African violet plants. Fresh-cut, dried, treated or colored plant material plus man-made material (other than artificial plant material) may be used. Accessories, backdrops and draping are optional. Exception Class 75 is to feature a non-blooming African Violet.

- Class 74. **“WHO SHOT J. R.?”** Your interpretation of this mystery. To be staged in a white niche 18” high, 14” wide and 7” deep (depth can extend to 10”) Limit 5
- Class 75. **“RODEO TIME AT SOUTHFORK”** Regular rodeos were always presented as entertainment for visitors and guests. A plant arrangement using a non-blooming African violet. To be staged in a white niche 20” high, 16” wide and 8” deep (depth can extend to 12”) Limit 5
- Class 76. **“CHUCK WAGON DINNER”** This is one of the most requested tours offered at Southfork. Arrangement to be staged in a white niche 10” high, 10” wide and 5” deep (depth can extend to 8”) Limit 5

**SECTION XVI INTERPRETIVE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS:** Designs using fresh-cut African violet blossoms, foliage and other plant material. Dried, treated or colored plant material plus man-made material (other than artificial plant material) may be used. Accessories, backdrops and draping are optional.

- Class 77. **“THE CATTLEMEN’S GALA”** Everyone wanted to be on the guest list for this event. A flower arrangement to be staged in a white niche 18” high, 14” wide and 7” deep (depth can extend to 10”) Limit 5
- Class 78. **“ALL THOSE LIES”** Create your design in black and/or white, with a touch of color using any color blossom. Backdrop or drapery, if used should also be black or white. To be staged in a white niche 10” tall, 8” wide and 4” deep (depth can extend to 8”). Limit 5
- Class 79. **“TWO-TIMING”** That scoundrel J. R. is off in his famous Lincoln again tonight. An open table arrangement to be staged on a 12” black foam board square. Height not to exceed 18” and to be viewed from the front only. Limit 5
- Class 80. **“LUCY’S WEDDING”** An arrangement depicting the “rich and famous” at an event of this scope. To be staged on an open table on black pedestals 5” high with an 8” square top. No backdrops permitted and to be viewed from the front only. Design to be no more than 9” high. Limit 5
- Class 81. **“J. R.’s HAT”** You never saw J. R. without his hat. A hanging flower arrangement to be staged in a 10” high X 8” wide black frame which will be furnished. Design is to hang from an eye screw from center of frame. To be viewed from the front only. Limit 5
- Class 82. **“FILL IT UP AGAIN”** Drinks flowed like water on all occasions. A mirror image arrangement. Displayed 5” in front and 5” behind a 10” high X 8” wide black picture frame which will be furnished. Limit 5
- Class 83. **“POOL PARTY”** Imagine what can be found at the bottom of the pool after a wild pool party. Create your design in a clear glass container with design completely covered with water. Container not to exceed 12” in any direction. To be staged at eye level. See Rule 41. Limit 6

#### **SECTION XVII. CONTAINER GARDENS:**

The classes for the container gardens are untitled so as not to discourage the entering of established gardens. Use your imagination as to what can be seen or done on many of the current outdoor tours or the events of the “Old Working Ranch” while working the cattle or having fun at the rodeos.

- Class 84. **TERRARIUM** - A miniature garden in a covered transparent container. No mirrored terrariums are permitted. To be viewed from the front only. Container not to exceed 24”. Limit 5  
**DISH GARDEN** - Planted in a shallow container. To be viewed from the front only.
- Class 85. **LARGE DISH GARDEN**– Container not to exceed 24”. Limit 5
- Class 86. **SMALL DISH GARDEN**– Container not to exceed 12”. Limit 5  
**NATURAL GARDEN** –To be viewed from the front only
- Class 87. **A miniature garden in natural materials** such as driftwood or rock. Container not to exceed 24”. Limit 5

#### **DIVISION III - SPECIAL EXHIBITS**

##### **SECTION XVIII EDUCATION AND AVSA INFORMATION EXHIBITS**

- Class 88. Education (by invitation)
- Class 89. AVSA Information (by invitation)

#### **GENERAL RULES OF THE SHOW**

##### **ENTRIES**

1. All horticulture and design entries must be received between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2014. Workers’ plants should be entered between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 30. Any entry arriving late will be marked “For Exhibition Only” and will not be judged.



2. Design entries may be completed between 7:00 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. on Friday, October 31. Design entries must be approved by the Design Classification Chairman no later than 8:00 a.m. October 31, 2014.
3. Entries will be accepted only from members of LSAVC who are registered with this convention.
4. An entry form will be provided to each exhibitor on which to list their entries for horticulture. This form will be sent to the exhibitor upon receipt of registration for the LSAVC Convention. Bring this completed form to Entries and Classification when entering your plants. Your entry cards will be printed using the First Class Entries program.
5. An exhibit may not be altered or removed (except to replace blooms in a design) until the show is closed. Design blossoms may be replaced between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Saturday November 1, 2014.
6. Only clean, healthy plants will be accepted and all horticulture entries must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 90 days prior to the show.
7. All African Violet exhibits must be in bloom. Gesneriads, other than African Violets, may be entered for Ornamental Foliage only in classes 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, and 73.
8. No double potting, flared-top pots, supports or collars under foliage will be permitted. All pots must be slip potted into clean neutral colored pots of the same size. The inner pot must be covered with plastic or foil to prevent leaks onto the table. Inner pots may be of any color and may extend above the rim of the outside pot. Exceptions to slip potting are white self-contained reservoirs, such as Oyama or Moist-Rite, unusual containers, hanging baskets and other Gesneriads.
9. Exhibits may be sold after the show opens, but may not be removed until Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. LSAVC members may start removing their exhibits at 4:00 p.m.
10. All exhibits must be removed from the show room within two hours of the end of the awards banquet on Saturday, November 1, 2014.

#### **CLASSIFICATION**

11. Each variety must be correctly named or be subject to correction by the Classification Committee.
12. All entries will be classified according to the latest First Class, AVSA Master Variety List, Supplements or Hybridizer's lists. A cultivar does not have to be listed to be entered in the show.
13. Violets with two-tone blossoms are to be entered in the regular color classes of that color (example: two-tone pink goes in the pink class).
14. Streptocarpus specimens will be entered in appropriate color classes (61, 62, 63, and 64) by predominate color.

#### **JUDGING**

15. The show will be judged by the merit system. Only qualified AVSA Judges will be permitted to judge, using the AVSA scale of points applicable to each class. Decisions of judges are final, unless in conflict with the show schedule or AVSA rules. Judges and clerks will assemble at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 31, 2014 for instructions. The judging will follow immediately and will continue until finished.
16. The only persons allowed in the show area during judging will be the Judges, Show Chairman, Judges Chairman, Clerks, Awards Chairman and Classification Chairman or their representatives.
17. Ribbons and special awards will be given according to the scale of points in the latest AVSA Judges Handbook.
18. Only blue ribbon exhibits will be eligible to receive AVSA or other special awards.
19. Awards of merit may be given by the judges upon request.

#### **HORTICULTURE DIVISION**

20. An exhibitor may enter only one plant of a variety in any one class.
21. All African Violets must be single crown varieties with the exception of trailers, or species.
22. Any number of seedlings may be entered, provided they have been originated by the exhibitor, or the exhibitor must have permission or release of rights in writing from the hybridizer. Entries must not have been previously shown in an LSAVC show.
23. Only persons who have not previously received a blue ribbon in horticulture in an AVSA judged show may enter Class 48, Novice.
24. Exhibits or entries in the African Violet in Unusual Container Section (Classes 55 and 56) must be of show quality. The container is to reflect the theme of the show; only one (1) entry per class for each exhibitor.
25. Gesneriads other than African Violets (Section XIV) may be exhibited in an open or closed environment and will be table displayed. If riser is needed in any exhibit, it must be furnished by the exhibitor.

26. Vintage specimens (Class 53) can be any African Violet that has been hybridized over 25 years ago. MVL or dated hybridizers list must be furnished by the exhibitor to verify the variety's age.
27. LSAVC will afford all possible protection to exhibits, but will not be responsible for any damages or losses.

### **COLLECTIONS**

28. AVSA Collections – Class 1 and 6 must be a collection of three (3) different AVSA registered standard varieties of the same type, three (3) single crown or three (3) trailers of the same type. Classes 2 and 7 must be a collection of three (3) different AVSA registered, semiminiatures or miniatures of the same type, three (3) single crown or three (3) trailers of the same type. Classes 3 and 8 must be a collection of three (3) different species of any type.  
Only AVSA amateur members in good standing are eligible to enter Classes 1, 2 and 3 and only AVSA commercial members in good standing are eligible to enter Classes 6, 7 and 8. Be prepared to present a current AVSA membership card. Registration number or ID for species of each specimen must appear beside the name of the cultivar on the entry form.
29. LSAVC Collections – Class 4 and 9 must be a collection of three (3) different Texas hybridized standard varieties of the same type, three (3) single crown or three (3) trailers. Classes 5 and 10 must be a collection of three (3) different Texas hybridized semiminiatures or miniatures of the same type, three (3) single crown or three (3) trailers of the same type.  
Only LSAVC amateur members in good standing may enter Classes 4 and 5 and only LSAVC exhibitors who are AVSA commercial members in good standing may enter Classes 9 and 10. Name of the Texas hybridizer must appear beside the name of the cultivar on the entry form.
30. All specimens in Classes, 4, 5, 9 and 10 (LSAVC Collections) and Classes 49, 50, 51, 52, 69, 70, and 71 (Texas hybridized) must be Texas hybridized plants appearing in a published list or hybridizer's list. Write the name of the hybridizer beside the name of the cultivar on entry form.
31. Any entry in a collection class, receiving a blue ribbon, is eligible for other special awards.
32. Only one (1) collection may be entered by an exhibitor in each collection class. Commercial members may exhibit in all classes except the Amateur Collection Classes (Class 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5). Amateur members may exhibit in all classes except Commercial Collection Classes (Class 6, 7, 8 9 and 10).
33. The Pittman Collection (Class 11) is a collection of three (3) different semiminiatures, any three (3) different miniatures or any three ( 3) different trailers, that were hybridized by Hortense Pittman and may be exhibited by either an amateur or commercial member in good standing of LSAVC, to be eligible for the Pittman Collection award.

### **DESIGN DIVISION**

34. Members wishing to enter designs must make their reservations with the Design Chairman, Bill Foster. No telephone requests will be accepted. All reservations will be accepted by US mail or email (preferred) to [1bpfooster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:1bpfooster@sbcglobal.net) beginning September 15, 2014. All reservations must be postmarked no later than October 20, 2014. Reservations are accepted on a first received basis. Please include your name, and both the title of the design and the class number. You will be notified which design classes you are entered in.
35. An Exhibitor may enter as many classes as desired but will be limited to one entry per class.
36. A 3" x 5" card must accompany each design entry, containing the name of the African Violet varieties and names of the other material used, if known. A second 3" x 5" card, used for the interpretation of the design by the exhibitor, is optional.
37. Materials, plants and blossoms need not have been grown by the exhibitor, but the entry must be the work of the exhibitor.
38. Use of the American Flag, state flags, flags from other nations, plants on the endangered list from any state or nation, artificial plant material, or live creatures shall not be used in any design division exhibit.
39. Exhibitors must construct designs before coming to the show area.
40. Accessories, backdrops and draping are optional except as noted.
41. The Underwater Flower arrangement will be staged at eye level on a raised shelf with light blue background. Container limited to 12" in any direction.
42. No part of any design may touch or extend beyond the confines of the niche or space.
43. Design exhibits will have a limited number of entries in each class.
44. Care should be taken in attaching background to niche. All attachments should be removable so as not to damage the niche.

**Hotel Reservation**

Reservations at the "Southfork Hotel" may be made by contacting the Hotel reservations department at 972-578-8555 or by calling the toll-free number, 866-665-2680. When calling, tell them you are with the Lone Star African Violet Council to receive the convention rate and be included in the convention block.

Reservations may be made online at [www.southforkhotel.com](http://www.southforkhotel.com) using the booking code LONESTARVG to receive the group rate.

All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card to be confirmed.

To receive the group rate and to be counted in the convention block, reservations should be made by **Monday, October 13, 2014**. Check in time is 3:00 p.m. and checkout time is 12:00 p.m. All rooms are non-smoking.

**Hotel Information:**

Southfork Hotel  
1600 N. Central Expressway  
Plano, TX 75074  
Tel: 972-578-8555

Room rate (Based on Availability.):

Single or double occupancy (1 King Bed or 2 Double Beds): \$79 + tax  
Suite (Executive King): \$99 + tax

This rate includes full breakfasts for up to two guests per room and discount Southfork Ranch tour tickets (2 tickets for the price of 1). Complimentary transportation within a 5-mile radius is provided for hotel guests from 7 am – 10 pm. All transportation requests are based on availability.



**Coming Events: Texas Fall Club Sales:**

**Spring Branch African Violet Club**

Annual Fall Sale

**October 4-October 5, 2014 - TX**

Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center  
2020 Hermann Drive  
Houston, TX 77004

Oct. 4 – 10am – 4pm

Oct. 5 – 10am – 3pm

Info: Karla Ross, 281-748-8417

Email: [kjwross@yahoo.com](mailto:kjwross@yahoo.com)

**Dallas Metro AV Clubs Fall Sale**

**September 19-20**

**10 am - 4 pm**

North Haven Garden  
7700 Northaven Road  
Dallas, TX

For more information:

Mary Corondan, 972-398-3478

Bill Foster, [1bpfooster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:1bpfooster@sbcglobal.net)

**Austin Area Garden Center's**

**50 Anniversary Celebration**

**First Austin African Violet Society Fall Sale**

**Zilker Park Botanical Garden**

Austin Area Garden Center  
2220 Barton Springs Rd  
Austin, TX 78746

October 18-19, 2014

10:00 am-5:00 pm both days

African violet and other gesneriad plants and supplies will be for sale inside **in the Greene Room**.

The Texas Bamboo Society, Travis County Master Gardeners, Austin Herb Society, Austin Organic Gardeners and Austin Daylily Society will also be selling plants and supplies in the Oak Grove.

The Violet Crown Society will have a judged show in the Main Room starting at 1:00 pm on Saturday.

There will be overflow parking on Stratford and golf cart rides will be available on Saturday for those who need them. Entry fee to garden is \$1-children 3-12/seniors 62+, \$2-adults 13-61 and \$3-nonresidents

Info: Susan Kautz at [gizzmo@austin.rr.com](mailto:gizzmo@austin.rr.com) or [512/365-1818](tel:5123651818); Website: [www.faavs.org](http://www.faavs.org)

**Hotel Information:**

**Southfork Hotel**  
1600 N. Central Expressway  
Plano, TX 75074  
Tel: 972-578-8555

**Southfork Hotel Directions**

**From Dallas:** Take US Hwy 75 North.  
Exit #29 toward 15<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Merge onto N. Central Expressway service road.  
Follow for approximately 0.5 miles to 1600 N.  
Central Expressway.

**From McKinney:** Take US Hwy 75 South.  
Exit #29 toward 15<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Make a U-turn lane at 15<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Merge onto N. Central Expressway service road.  
Follow for approximately 0.5 miles to 1600 N.  
Central Expressway.

**LOCAL AREA MAP**

**AIRPORT TO HOTEL MAP**

**SOUTHFORK HOTEL**

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From Dallas: Take US Hwy-75 North. Exit #29 toward 15th Street. Merge onto N. Central Expy. Follow for approximately 0.5 miles to 1600 N. Central Expressway.

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→ Dallas/Ft Worth International Airport: 35 miles  
→ Dallas Love Field Airport: 22 miles

**LSAVC Convention**  
**Oct 30- Nov 1, 2014**  
**Plano, Texas**



**AVSA Convention**  
**May 24 – May 31, 2015**  
**Kansas City MO**

**LSAVC Editors**  
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