



Shows and Judges

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The fall shows have now concluded, and it is time to prepare for spring shows. Be sure to keep affiliate memberships as well as affiliate insurance up to date. A renewal notice is sent to affiliates in the month of November, so look forward to it arriving soon. If other affiliates are participating in a combined show or sale, they should all have a current AVSA affiliate membership as well as their own affiliate insurance. All clubs participating should be mentioned in the show schedule unless it is a council show. In that case, the council would have an affiliate membership and insurance. This ensures there is no question of liability if an unfortunate event should occur at a show or sale.

Encourage those in your club to attend the AVSA convention in Phoenix in 2024. Convention information and registration will be at www.africanvioletsocietyofamerica.org soon. In addition, a Virtual Circle Zoom program will be presented on January 12 as a sneak preview of the exciting upcoming convention highlights. This will feature our convention leaders: Candace Baldwin, Joyce Stork, Susan Anderson and Bill Patterson. Information about this Virtual Circle meeting is posted on

the website and will also be found in an email coming soon to your inbox. Get the inside scoop!

The Shows and Judges Committee and Executive Committee have approved the following updates to the 2022 *AVSA Handbook for Growers, Exhibitors, and Judges*.

[Handbook change \(2022 edition\) p.11 \(foot-note\)](#)

Commercial growers are individuals or firms that advertise and sell African violet plants and/or other materials; pay commercial AVSA Membership dues.

[Handbook change, page 74. 1.](#)

~~1. All AVSA commercial members may enter all commercial classes.~~

1. AVSA Commercial members who offer plants or live plant material for sale as a part of a business shall exhibit in the commercial horticulture division of an AVSA Show. AVSA Commercial members who do not offer plants or live plant material for sale as a part of a business shall exhibit in the amateur horticulture division of an AVSA Show.

Happy holidays to you all!