2026 Convention Packet

Dallas, Texas

May 24—May 31, 2026

Revised 3/11/26

Table of Contents

Hotel Information 3
Is Room Sharing for You? 4
Tour 1: Fort Worth Botanic Garden 5
Tour 2: Taco Bar Buffet & Entertainment - Guitar Player/Singer 6
Presentations 7
Don't Forget the Luncheon Auction! 9
2026 AVSA Dallas, TX Convention Schedule 10
Call For Meetings 12
Volunteers Needed 13
Attention Horticulture Exhibitors 14
2026 AVSA Convention Show Schedule – Dallas, Texas 15
AVSA Exhibit Entry Form 24
Attention Designers 25
Design Division Reservations 26
Judging School 27
Volunteer to Judge or Clerk 28
Convention Souvenir Book Ads 29
Registration 30

Icon Legend

Throughout this document, clicking this icon will open an online form to fill out and submit directly to AVSA

Helpful Deadline Planner

April 15, 2026	Convention Show Awards
April 22, 2026	Room Sharing Request
April 22, 2026	Judging School Registration
April 28, 2026	Souvenir Book Ads
April 28, 2026	Dallas AVSA T-shirts
May 4, 2026	AVSA Early Hotel Booking Discount
May 4, 2026	Volunteer to Judge or Clerk
May 4, 2026	Design Division Reservations
May 4, 2026	Refunds/Cancellations
May 20, 2026	Volunteer Sign-up
May 20, 2026	Pre-enter Horticulture Exhibits

Hotel Information
AVSA Dallas Convention and Show, May 25 – May 31, 2026

Renaissance Dallas North by Marriott is excited to host our event!
1590 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway
Dallas, Texas, 75234

- **Important deadline: May 4, 2026**
  - Last day to register to receive AVSA's early booking discount of $20.00*.
  - Last day to guarantee Renaissance Dallas North Hotel's discounted room group rate. After May 4th may still receive the rate pending availability.

- **Discounted Room Group Rate (1 King or 2 Queens)**
  $119 plus 13% local and state taxes.

- **Online Registration**
  To reserve a room online, click **Book your group rate for African Violet Society of America (AVSA) Annual Conference May 2026**.

- **Phone Reservations**
  To speak with onsite reservations, call 972-869-4300 direct (Central time). To receive the special group rate, provide the group name of African Violet Society of America (AVSA) Annual Conference 2026.

- **Transportation to/from Hotel**
  - There is no hotel shuttle service.
  - DFW Airport is 10 miles away and about 15-25 minutes from the property depending on traffic.
  - Depending on the time of day and how busy, Uber/taxi pricing can range from $25-$55.

- **Other Information**
  - Check-in time: 3:00 p.m. | Check-out time: Noon
  - The hotel offers complimentary wireless internet access in guest rooms.
  - Pets: Non-refundable fee of $50 per night, maximum weight per pet is 25 lbs. with a limit of two (2) pets per room.
  - Non-smoking rooms.
  - Free parking has been negotiated by AVSA. Let the front desk know our group name upon check in.

* Must stay at convention hotel and register by May 4th to receive the AVSA discount.

Is Room Sharing for You?

AVSA offers the free service of providing attendees the ability to reduce hotel expenses by sharing a room.

If interested, requests must be made by April 22nd, so all "violet friends" can be contacted in time to meet the Registration deadline of May 4, 2026, in order to get the AVSA Early Bird discount*.

Name _____Member # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date you will be arriving _____ Date you will be departing _____

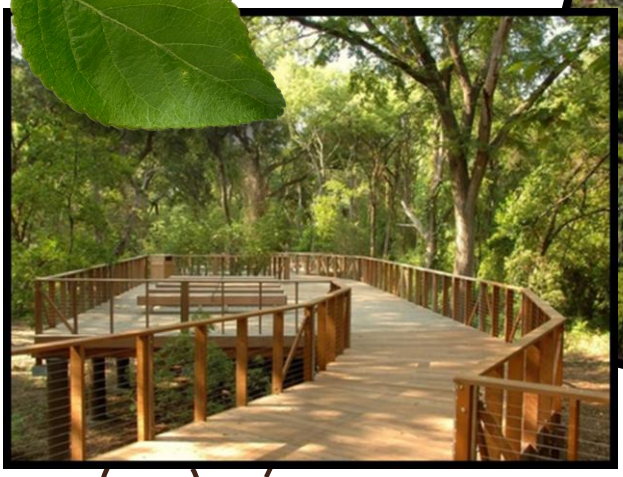
Any other considerations: _____

_____

Complete the online form or send requests to:
AVSA Office
P.O. Box 22417
Beaumont, TX 77720
(409) 839-4725
Email: avsa@earthlink.net

*Discount applies if registering by May 4th and staying at the convention hotel.

Tour 1: Fort Worth Botanic Garden
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Cost: $62.00



Oldest major botanic garden in Texas, established in 1934

Fort Worth Botanic Garden

The FWBG is 120 acres and includes 23 specialty gardens. Wander through a tropical conservatory, a forest boardwalk, a Japanese garden with koi-filled ponds, and a water conservation garden just to name few.

Thoughtfully designed with accessibility in mind. A main wheelchair-accessible path connects to major attractions. Manual wheelchairs are free, first come first serve and electric scooters are available for rent. A free shuttle runs every half hour and is wheelchair accessible. Relax and enjoy the scenery as you move between different attractions and gardens with ease.

Finish your visit at one of the multiple gift shops around the Garden or stop at the Rock Springs Café. The Café offers delicious bistro-style food and drinks. Whether you are looking for a latte, a glass of wine, or a garden-made lunch, the Café is the place to stop during your visit to the Garden.

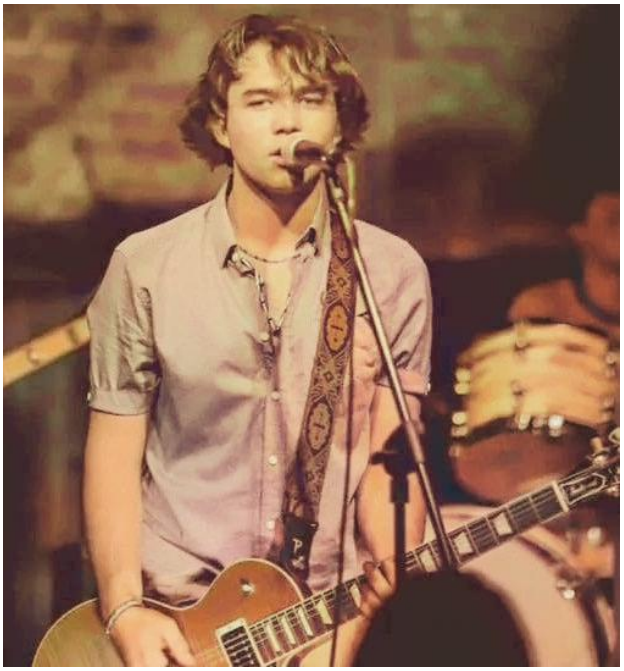
Visit the website for more information: Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Tour 2: Taco Bar Buffet & Entertainment - Guitar Player/Singer

Friday, May 29, 2026 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Cost: $85.00*

Enjoy an evening of good food and fun right in the comfort of our hotel. No bus rides or worrying about the weather. The evening begins with a Hospitality Hour and cash bar from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. that is open to all convention attendees to catch up on the day's activities.

Those on tour will then transition to dinner and an evening that is sure to delight. Dinner chatter may be about sales room treasures, beautiful show room plants or what was learned at the presentations.



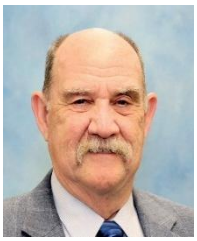
After dinner, enter Griffin Holtby. With his acoustic guitar and energetic performance, 25 year old Griffin brings heart and connection to every performance, touching on his own winding journey of love, rejection, abandonment and perseverance.

Adopted from Russia as an eight month old, Holtby grew up in Dallas and includes the resilient Texas spirit in all his music, proudly capturing the attention and hearts of his audience with vulnerability and honesty. Whether singing pop, rock, country, or blues, it is clear he was born to entertain.

You won't want to miss this evening of fun, food and music!

*** Entertainment is included with dinner. The doors will be closed to anyone without a dinner ticket.**

Presentations
2026 AVSA Dallas Convention



Session One
"Growing African Violet Trailers"
Thursday, May 28 10:30 a.m. to Noon
Dr. Elmer Godeny, Brenham, Texas

This workshop will cover Dr. Elmer Godney's method for growing and showing Trailing African violets. He will take you through choosing a good trailer, care of the plant and end with preparing and grooming the plant for the showroom. Special attention will be paid to grooming and special caring for trailers.

Dr. Godeny has been growing and showing African violets for over 30 years in many different states. He is an AVSA Master judge and a judge's Teacher.

Session Two
"A Hands-on Introduction to Dish Gardens"
Friday, May 29 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Linda Hall, Ravenwood, Missouri

Ever wanted to learn more about how to create a small dish garden? Here is your chance. AVSA past president and last year's winner of Best Design in the Show at the Kansas City convention, Linda Hall, will present a 'get your hands dirty' program. Linda has been a designer of local, regional, and national conventions for forty years. She has learned many tricks from other great designers and wants to pass them onto others. The dish and all of the materials needed will be supplied by AVSA for this program. The program will be limited to 20 registered participants with a cost $25. So, register early!!

Linda began designing in 1986 with an interpretive plant arrangement. As years went by, she developed a love for dish gardens and underwater arrangements. She is fortunate to live where beautiful green moss can be found on her property in the "strangest places".

Session Three
"Growing Micro and Miniature Sinningias"
Friday, May 29 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Dale Martens, Davenport, Iowa

What a joy it is to see a micro or miniature Sinningia in full bloom! During Dale Martens' presentation at the AVSA convention, she will show pictures and discuss soil, fertilizer, lights, and secrets to get maximum blooming. Dale's reputation for giving away plant material at her lectures is well known, and she's already planning on a free raffle after her talk. Come join the fun!

Dale Martens has attended AVSA conventions for over 30 years. She was the "Gesneri-Advice" columnist for the African Violet Magazine for five years. She is a Master gesneriad judge, taught gesneriad judging schools in the US and Canada and received AVSA's Bronze Medal in 2005. Dale won Runner-Up to Horticulture Sweepstakes at the 2025 AVSA convention with 17 blue ribbons that included several of her own miniature Sinningia hybrids.

Session Four
“How Did He Do That?!"
Saturday, May 30 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
B.J. Ohme, Arcadia, Nebraska

Please join B.J. Ohme as he shares his tips and techniques for creating one of a kind, award-winning designs. A multiple time Best in Design winner, B.J. strives to produce new, imaginative ways to use African violet plants and blossoms in his designs and will demonstrate his methods to help you along your design path. You don't want to miss it!

B.J. resides in a small village in the central region of Nebraska. During the school year, he works with special needs children at a nearby school. The summer months find him in his large garden growing hundreds of dahlias, vegetables and other flowers for cutting. The winter months are consumed with growing gesneriads for spring shows and sales. B.J. also enjoys baking, reading, and rare breed poultry, and he's currently learning how to play the guitar.

Session Five
“Top Winners Tell All”
Saturday, May 30 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Scott Ammann, Highland, Illinois

This open forum will be a panel of this year's top winners. How's this for something FUN. Scott Ammann from Illinois will moderate a presentation for our members to question the 'top winners' at this year's convention. Who are they you ask? Well, here is where the fun and mystery come in. The panel of three will be the exhibitors who win Best in Show, Horticulture Sweepstakes and Best Other Gesneriad. We do not know who will be on this panel, it might be YOU! With Scott being our moderator, this promises to be fun, fast, and informative. The mystery makes this a must see at convention!

Scott discovered African violets at a local show at the Missouri Botanical Garden and couldn't believe there was a true everblooming house plant-- that could also be variegated! He quickly joined the local gesneriad group as well for the streptocarpus and stayed for the awesome people.

Don't Forget the Luncheon Auction!

Come have fun and bid to win! If you've attended before, you know the excitement of winning that special item or rare plant material. If it's your first time, you'll enjoy the experience so much you'll come back year after year.

It all starts with donations from our individual members, commercial members and clubs alike. Donations can be a violet related item or anything rare, unique or unusual in nature. Better yet, bring a plant or a starter set of recent introductions or vintage plants. A listing of donations and contributors are acknowledged on all tables.

To donate, bring your item(s) to convention. When you know what you're bringing, it would be helpful to let me know by completing the **online donation form**.

For questions contact:
Candace Baldwin
auction@avsa.org
(480) 213-4247

Want an early peek at the stash? Volunteers are needed to help inventory and stage items. Or come that day and be part of the "heat of the bidding" by being a spotter and providing receipts to the winning bidders. To help, complete the online form at Convention Volunteer Opportunities.

It's great fun to bid and even more fun to win knowing with every contribution (either donating or bidding) you're supporting AVSA. All proceeds go to AVSA's general operating fund.

Be sure to sign up for the Luncheon Auction when you register for convention!

2026 AVSA Dallas, TX Convention Schedule
Monday, May 25, 2026 to Sunday, May 31, 2026
"Violets are Texas Stars"

MONDAY, May 25, 2026

8:30 a.m. to Completion	Executive Board Meeting
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Registration

TUESDAY, May 26, 2026

7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Tour 1: Forth Worth Botanic Garden
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Registration
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Shows and Judges Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, May 27, 2026

7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.	New AVSA Directors Orientation
8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Classification and Entries
8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Judging School
9:00 a.m. to Completion	AVSA Board of Directors Meeting
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Future Conventions' Funding & Support Table
Noon to 5:00 p.m.	Classification and Entries
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	"Meet the Board of Directors" Luncheon
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	AVSA Information and Sales
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Registration
3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.	First-time Convention Attendees Meeting
7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Convention Opening: Welcome by Glenda Williams, AVSA President Convention Highlights by Randy G. Deutsch, Convention Chair Introduction of First-time Convention Attendees by Candace Baldwin Hybridizers' New Introductions by Richard Craft and Stephen Covolo-Hudson Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar
9:00 p.m.	Design work and Commercial Display set-ups close for the night

THURSDAY, May 28, 2026

6:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.	Design Exhibitors permitted to "touch up" designs and replace blossoms *only*
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Judges' and Clerks' Instructions
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Commercial Members' Meeting in Salesroom
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. to Noon	AVSA Information and Sales
9:00 a.m. to Completion	Judging of Show
10:30 a.m. to Noon	Session One Presentation "Growing African Violet Trailers" by Dr. Elmer Godeny
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Future Conventions' Funding & Support Table
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Commercial Sales Open to Convention Registrants Only
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Registration
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	AVSA Information and Sales
3:00 p.m. to Completion	Photography – Library and *AVM*
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Future Conventions Meeting
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Hospitality Hour (cash bar)
7:00 p.m. to Completion	Awards Banquet – Show awards will be announced
9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.	Show opens to Convention Registrants Only

FRIDAY, May 29, 2026

6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Showroom open to photographers only
7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Teachers' Breakfast
7:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Affiliates' Breakfast (7:45 a.m.) & Meeting (8:30 a.m.)
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	AVSA Information & Sales
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Showroom Open
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Commercial Sales Open
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Session Two Presentation "A Hands-on Introduction to Dish Gardens" by Linda Hall
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Future Conventions' Funding and Support Table
Noon to 2:00 p.m.	Luncheon and Auction
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Registration
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	AVSA Information & Sales
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Future Conventions' Funding & Support Table
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Session Three Presentation "Growing Micro and Miniature Sinningias" by Dale Martens
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Hospitality Hour (cash bar)
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Tour 2: Taco Bar Buffet & Entertainment - Guitar Player/Singer

SATURDAY, May 30, 2026

7:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Judges' Breakfast and Workshop
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Growing Basics – Public Seminar
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Library Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m. to Noon	Registration
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	AVSA Information & Sales
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Commercial Sales Open
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Showroom Open
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Session Four Presentation "How Did He Do That?!" by B.J. Ohme
10:00 a.m. to Noon	Agriculture officials available to certify plant materials for transportation into controlled countries
10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Future Conventions' Funding & Support Table
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Session Five Presentation "Top Winners Tell All" by Scott Ammann
3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	AVSA Annual Membership Meeting and Open Forum
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Hospitality Hour (cash bar)
6:00 p.m. to Completion	Installation Banquet
8:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.	Commercial Display Tables Checkout
8:45 p.m. to Midnight	Commercial Sales Breakdown
9:15 p.m.	Showroom Checkout Begins
Midnight	Showroom Closes

SUNDAY, May 31, 2026

6:00 a.m. to Noon	Commercial Sales Breakdown and Storage Clean-up
6:00 a.m. to Noon	Local Storage Clean-up and Showroom Clean-up

Call For Meetings

See Convention Souvenir Booklet for Meeting Room Locations

Board of Directors Meeting

For the purpose of transacting business that may properly come before the Board of Directors.
Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to completion.

Annual Membership Meeting

For the purpose of electing Directors and transacting business that may properly come before the Membership.
Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 3:15 p.m.

Open Forum Meeting

The Board of Directors will welcome any and all AVSA member(s) to come and present any suggestions, ideas, questions, etc.
Immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting.

Volunteers Needed

It takes a lot of time, energy, and work to put on a convention and AVSA has only three employees. When you volunteer, even for a couple of hours, your contribution can make a real difference. To volunteer, complete the information and instructions below or complete the online form at: Convention Volunteer Opportunities

Name _____ AVSA Membership # _____
Email Address _____ Cell # _____

Convention Registration – Help check people in as they arrive at convention. *Circle availability.*

Wednesday morning	Thursday morning	Friday morning
Wednesday afternoon	Thursday afternoon	Friday afternoon

AVSA Sales Table – Provide coverage at the sales table of AVSA items. *Circle availability.*

Wednesday morning	Thursday morning	Friday morning
Wednesday afternoon	Thursday afternoon	Friday afternoon

Comments: _____

Send your contact information and availability to the AVSA Office at office@avsa.org

Pre-Luncheon Auction – Inventory, move and stage items prior to auction. *Circle availability.*

Tuesday afternoon	Wednesday afternoon	Thursday afternoon
Wednesday morning	Thursday morning	Friday morning

During Luncheon Auction – Spotter to help auctioneer see bidders, display items to audience during bidding, and write receipts to winning bidders. *Circle availability.*

Friday Noon-2:00 pm Comments: _____

Send your contact information and availability to auction@avsa.org

Presentations – Collect tickets at the door for entry. *Circle availability.*

Thursday morning	Friday morning	Saturday morning
	Friday afternoon	Saturday afternoon

Show Room – Two opportunities: 1) Entrance & Sell Tickets and 2) Inside the Show Room. *Circle availability.*

Show room is open Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Entrance & Sell Tickets – A sit-down job to sell tickets to the public to enter the show and sale. A good activity for companions while others attend a workshop, look at the show, or shop. The tasks include selling tickets to enter the show and sale, selling AVSA memberships, and collecting money.

Friday morning	Saturday morning
Friday afternoon	Saturday afternoon

Comments: _____

Inside the Show Room – Walk around showroom (may occasionally sit,) to monitor public's interaction with exhibits. Good job for a first timer who enjoys visiting with people and being in the showroom. A host should be friendly and welcoming, answering questions, and inviting our guests to join AVSA.

Friday morning	Saturday morning
Friday afternoon	Saturday afternoon

Comments: _____

Send your contact information and availability to Randy, Convention Chair at rcjsch@prodigy.net

Attention Horticulture Exhibitors

Exhibitors wishing to enter an exhibit in the show must submit a completed horticulture entry form. Entry forms are available using an online form or the First Class for All application. **Exhibitors with First Class for All are encouraged to use the program's entry form.** Hardcopy entry forms will also be available in the Registration area during convention week.

Exhibitors are highly encouraged to submit their completed horticulture entry form **by May 20, 2026.** Early submittals will be accepted via the Horticulture Online Entry Form or by using the Show Entry Form and emailing it to ConventionEntries@gmail.com. Please list all potential horticulture entries; it is easier to delete than to add into the program. Your cooperation and support of the early entries process is greatly appreciated. Exhibitors that cannot provide information in advance may bring a completed form to the Entries area on Wednesday, May 27th.

Exhibits will be accepted on Wednesday, May 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Exhibitors should bring a copy of their completed entry form and a printed description for each entry to expedite the classification process. Exhibitors must be available in person or by phone during the entry of their plants.

Exhibitors with more than 20 entries must begin entries by 3:00 p.m. No exceptions.

See the Show Schedule Rules and Regulations for full exhibitor information.

Thank you in advance for your help in making convention entries run smoothly and quickly.

Entries Committee
Classification Committee

2026 AVSA Convention Show Schedule – Dallas, Texas

"Violets are Texas Stars"

Revised January 28, 2026*

HORTICULTURE DIVISION – AMATEUR

SECTION I – COLLECTIONS

Class
1. AVSA Collection of three AVSA-registered standard cultivars of the same type (three single crown or three trailers).
2. AVSA Collection of three AVSA-registered cultivars of the same type (three single-crown semiminiatures, three semiminiature trailers, three single-crown miniatures, or three miniature trailers).
3. AVSA Collection of three different species of any type.
4. Holtkamp Memorial Collection of three AVSA-registered Optimara and/or Rhapsodie cultivars of the same type: standard, semiminiature, or miniature.
5. Robinson Collection of three AVSA-registered Rob's or Ma's cultivars of the same type: three single-crown standards, semiminiatures, or miniatures, or three semiminiature or miniature trailers.
6. Russian/Ukrainian Collection of three Russian/Ukrainian hybridized standard cultivars of the same type (three single-crown standards or three standard trailers). These plants do not need to be AVSA-registered.
7. Russian/Ukrainian Collection of three Russian/Ukrainian hybridized semiminiature or miniature cultivars of the same type (three single-crown semiminiatures, three semiminiature trailers, three single-crown miniatures, or three miniature trailers). These plants do not need to be AVSA-registered.
8. Lyndon Lyon Collection of three AVSA-registered Lyndon Lyon Greenhouses (including L. Lyon, P. Sorano and S. Sorano) cultivars of the same type: three single-crown standards, semiminiatures, or miniatures or three standard, semiminiature, or miniature trailers.
9. Cajun's Collection of three AVSA-registered Belinda Thibodeaux (Cajun's series) plants of the same type: three single-crown standards, semiminiatures, or miniatures.
10. Texas-hybridized Collection of three AVSA-registered standard cultivars of the same type (three single-crown standards or three standard trailers).
11. Texas-hybridized Collection of three AVSA-registered cultivars of the same type (three single-crown semiminiatures, three semiminiature trailers, three single-crown miniatures, or three miniature trailers).
12. Vintage Collection of three AVSA-registered Vintage Violets (must have been registered between the dates of 1/1/1960 and 1/1/1980) of the same *or any combination* of types either single-crown or trailer, standard, semiminiature, or miniature.

SECTION II – STANDARD PLANTS, GREEN FOLIAGE

Class
13. Blue, purple, orchid and lavender
14. Pink, rose, and coral
15. Red, wine, mauve, and fuchsia
16. White, cream, blush, yellow, and green
17. Multicolor
18. Fantasy and Chimera
19. All edged

*Class 6 revised.

SECTION III – STANDARD PLANTS, VARIEGATED FOLIAGE

Class 20. Blue, purple, orchid and lavender
21. Pink, rose, and coral
22. Red, wine, mauve, and fuchsia
23. White, cream, blush, yellow, and green
24. Multicolor
25. Fantasy and Chimera
26. All edged

SECTION IV – SEMIMINIATURE PLANTS, GREEN FOLIAGE

Class 27. Blue, purple, orchid and lavender
28. Pink, rose, and coral
29. Red, wine, mauve, and fuchsia
30. White, cream, blush, yellow, and green
31. Multicolor
32. Fantasy and Chimera
33. All edged

SECTION V – SEMIMINIATURE PLANTS, VARIEGATED FOLIAGE

Class 34. Blue, purple, orchid and lavender
35. Pink, rose, and coral
36. Red, wine, mauve, and fuchsia
37. White, cream, blush, yellow, and green
38. Multicolor
39. Fantasy and Chimera
40. All edged

SECTION VI – MINIATURE PLANTS, GREEN FOLIAGE

Class 41. Blue, purple, orchid and lavender
42. Pink, rose, and coral
43. Red, wine, mauve, and fuchsia
44. White, cream, blush, yellow, and green
45. Multicolor
46. Fantasy and Chimera
47. All edged

SECTION VII – MINIATURE PLANTS, VARIEGATED FOLIAGE

Class 48. Blue, purple, orchid and lavender
49. Pink, rose, and coral
50. Red, wine, mauve, and fuchsia
51. White, cream, blush, yellow, and green
52. Multicolor
53. Fantasy and Chimera
54. All edged

SECTION VIII – TRAILERS, SPECIES, VINTAGE VIOLETS, ANY TYPE BLOSSOM, ANY FOLIAGE

Class 55. Standard trailers
56. Semiminiature trailers
57. Miniature trailers
58. Saintpaulia species
59. Vintage violets (must be at least 25 years old)

SECTION IX – NEW CULTIVARS

Class 60. Seedlings
61. Sports or mutants

SECTION X – AFRICAN VIOLET IN AN UNUSUAL CONTAINER

Class 62. One African violet hybrid, single-crowned plant in a container
63. One African violet trailer in a container
64. One African violet species plant in a container

SECTION XI – GESNERIADS OTHER THAN AFRICAN VIOLETS

See Rule 11 in the HORTICULTURE DIVISION – AMATEUR Rules and Regulations regarding *Streptocarpus* blossom colors.

Class 65. Miniatures in bloom (may be displayed in regular pots or growing in a clear container, cover permitted, no single plant more than 5" in diameter with leaf size not to exceed 1-inch)
66. Tuberous in bloom (Sinningia, Nautilocalyx, Chrysothemis, etc.)
67. Rhizomatous in bloom
68. Fibrous-rooted in bloom (Streptocarpus/Streptocarpella) blue, purple, lavender, orchid, red, wine, fuchsia, plum
69. Fibrous-rooted in bloom (Streptocarpus/Streptocarpella) pink, rose, coral, white, cream, blush, yellow
70. Fibrous-rooted in bloom (Streptocarpus/Streptocarpella) variegated foliage, any color blossoms
71. Fibrous-rooted in bloom (Long-stemmed such as Aeschynanthus, Columnea, Nematanthus, etc.)
72. Fibrous-rooted in bloom (All other blooming fibrous-rooted such as Primulina, Episcia, Petrocosmea, Alsobia, etc.)
73. Gesneriads grown for ornamental qualities other than bloom (All Episcia)
74. Gesneriads grown for ornamental qualities other than bloom (Trailing or erect, other than Episcia)
75. Gesneriads grown for ornamental qualities other than bloom (Other forms, such as Primulina, other than Episcia)

DESIGN DIVISION

Section XII – Interpretive Plant Arrangements

Each exhibit in this section is a design using one or more blooming African violet plants removed from their pots, with their root balls encased in plastic or other material.

- Dried, treated, painted, colored and fresh-cut plant materials, as well as man-made materials, are permitted.
- Artificial plant material, live or dead creatures, and flags are not permitted.
- Accessories and backdrops are permitted unless restricted by class description.
- Only one exhibit per exhibitor per class.
- All niches will be white foam board. Exhibitors shall use niches provided by AVSA (not exhibitors' niches).
- Limit five (5) exhibits per class.

Class 76. **Dallas Cowboys** (professional football team) – To be staged in a niche **20" H x 16" W x 16" D.**

77. **Houston Astros** (professional baseball team) – To be staged in a niche **20" H x 16" W x 16" D.**

78. **Dallas Stars** (professional hockey team) – To be staged in a niche **18" H x 14" W x 7" D. May extend to 14" D.**

79. **San Antonio Spurs** (professional basketball team) – **Freestanding design** on a white 14" round. Not to extend beyond the 14" round. Height unrestricted. No backdrop permitted.

Section XIII – Interpretive Flower Arrangements
Each exhibit in this section is a design using fresh-cut African violet blossoms.

- Dried, treated, painted, colored, and fresh-cut plant materials, as well as man-made materials, are permitted.
- Artificial plant material, live or dead creatures, and flags are not permitted.
- Accessories, backdrops, and/or draping are permitted unless restricted by class description.
- Only one exhibit per exhibitor per class.
- All niches will be white foam board. Exhibitors shall use niches provided by AVSA (not exhibitors' niches).
- Limit five (5) exhibits per class.

Class 80. **Texas Rangers** (professional baseball team) – **18" H x 14" W x 7" D. May extend to 12" D.**

81. **Dallas Cowboys Art Collection** – Mirror Image arrangement. Design displayed not more than 5" in front of and 5" behind a 10" high x 8" wide black frame. Frame will be furnished. No backdrop permitted.

82. **FC Dallas** (professional soccer team) – To be staged in a niche **10" H x 8" W x 4" D. May extend to 8" D.**

83. **Dallas Mavericks** (professional basketball team) – To be staged in a niche **10" H x 8" W x 4" D. May extend to 8" D.**

84. **Sky Mirror Fountain** – Create an underwater arrangement reminiscent of the colors of the Texas sky. To be viewed from the front only, not to exceed **12" H x 12" W x 12" D.** No backdrop permitted.

85. **Houston Rockets** (professional basketball team) – Create a hanging design. Exhibitors must provide their own dowel. **18" H x 14" W x 7" D.**

Section XIV – Container Gardens
Each exhibit in this section is a miniature landscape with one or more blooming African violet plants and other growing material.

- All plants must be planted within the container.
- No cut plant material, artificial plant material, cacti, succulents, live or dead creatures, or flags are permitted.
- Accessories and landscaping elements are permitted.
- No decorative bases are allowed.
- Only one exhibit per class per exhibitor.
- Limit five (5) exhibits per class.

Class 86. **Dish Garden** – A landscape design in a shallow dish 12" or less in width and depth. Height unrestricted.

87. **Dish Garden** – A landscape design in a shallow dish greater than 12" and 18" or less in width and depth. Height unrestricted.

88. **Terrarium** – Landscape design in a covered terrarium not to exceed 24" in width, depth, or height.

89. **Natural Garden** – not to exceed 24" in width or depth. Height unrestricted. To be viewed from the front only.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS DIVISION

SECTION XV – EDUCATION EXHIBIT
Class 90. Education exhibit (by invitation only)

HORTICULTURE DIVISION – AMATEUR Rules and Regulations

1. Only amateur AVSA members in good standing who are registered at this convention and AVSA commercial members in good standing who are registered at this convention and ***do not*** offer plants or live plant material for sale as a part of a business are eligible to enter exhibits in this division.
2. Entries will be accepted on **Wednesday, May 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Noon to 5:00 p.m.**
   a. An online entry form is requested for all potential entries. Online forms will not be accepted after May 20, 2026. Early submittals will be accepted via the convention "Horticulture Online Entry Form" webpage or by completing a Show Entry Form and emailing it to ConventionEntries@gmail.com. Exhibitors that cannot provide information in advance may bring a completed form to the Entries area on Wednesday, May 27.
   b. Exhibitors must report to the Classification and Entries area with their entries and completed entry form(s) to begin the entry process. A printed description for each entry will expedite the classification process. Plants should be ready to begin the entry process before **4:00 p.m.** Exhibitors must be available in person or by phone during the entry of their plants.
   c. Exhibitors with 20 entries or more must begin the entry process by **3:00 p.m**. No exceptions.
   d. Entries must be physically in the Classifications and Entries area by closing at 5:00 p.m. Only Placement may touch the entry once the entry process has begun. After Classifications and Entries have completed, Placement will move the exhibit to the proper location in the show.
   e. If an entry is not entered by the owner, the name of the person making the entry must be on the back of the entry tag.
3. Only clean, healthy plants which have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least three months will be accepted.
4. Plants must be correctly named.
5. Double potting, flared-top pots, supports, and collars will not be accepted. All pots must be non-decorative. Self-watering pots, such as Moist-Rite, Hydro Pots, and Oyama, etc., may be entered in colors such as white, black, green, or any neutral tone. All other plants must be slip-potted into pots in colors such as white, green or any neutral tone. Slip-potting means dropping the pot containing the plant into a clean pot of the same or just a fraction larger-sized pot. The bottom of the pot containing the plant must be completely covered with plastic or aluminum foil. This must be worked out prior to entry. Exception: trailers, trailing species, trailing gesneriads, and gesneriads in protective containers may be exhibited in the containers in which they are growing.
6. Exhibitors may enter any number of plants in a class but may enter only one plant of a cultivar per class in Classes 13 through 75.
7. An exhibitor may enter plants of the same cultivar in Classes 1 through 12, as those in Classes 13 through 64, if all the requirements for each class are met.
8. An exhibitor may enter multiple Collection Classes but may enter only one collection in each class.
9. All plants in Classes 1 through 64 must be single-crown plants except trailers and species, which may be multiple-crown. All Saintpaulia species and variations, without exception, may be entered in Classes 3, 58 and 64.
10. Any number of new cultivars may be entered, provided they have been originated by the exhibitor from hybridization, from purchased seed, or from mutation, or the released rights in writing from the hybridizer have been given to the exhibitor for purchased seedlings. New cultivars may be entered by number or name, and the entry tag must indicate whether it is a new cultivar from seed or mutation. A sport (mutant) may be exhibited as a "Sport of_____." If a name has been given to the sport, the name in parenthesis may follow, such as "Sport of 'Valencia' ('Dale's Dream')." New cultivars must not have been previously shown in an AVSA Convention Show.
11. Gesneriads (other than African violets) may be exhibited in protective containers, and natural-colored mulch may be used on the soil surface.

12. Streptocarpus specimens will be entered in appropriate color classes according to hybridizer's description. If a written description is not available, the streptocarpus specimen will be entered in the appropriate color class by predominate color.
13. Exhibits will be judged by the merit method of judging, in accordance with the most current version of the AVSA Handbook for Growers, Exhibitors and Judges. The decision of the judges will be final unless in conflict with AVSA rules or rules of the schedule. Only qualified AVSA advanced, senior, and master judges will be permitted to serve as judges.
14. Only blue-ribbon winners will be eligible to receive special awards.
15. Any African violet entered in any of the collection classes, receiving a blue ribbon, will be eligible for other awards.
16. AVSA will afford all possible protection to exhibits but will not be responsible for any damage or loss.
17. Exhibits must be checked out on Saturday night, May 30, 2026. Instructions for checkout will be given at convention.
18. Live streaming and photography of the preparation of show entries in any location is not permitted and will be cause for disqualification from exhibiting in the show and/or removal from the entries area.
19. All types of photography, video recordings and social media posts are strictly prohibited during judging.
20. Convention show photos and videos may be posted to social media only after the show has been officially opened to the public. This includes photographs or videos that identify the subject as a show entry.

DESIGN DIVISION Rules and Regulations

1. Exhibitors – Both amateur and commercial AVSA members in good standing and registered at this convention are eligible to enter exhibits in this division.
2. Entries – Entries will be accepted Wednesday, May 27, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from Noon to 5:00 p.m.
3. Each exhibitor may have only one exhibit per class.
4. Design work – Exhibitors will be permitted to work on their designs until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2026. This time will be strictly enforced. Designers may replace blooms and touch up designs on Thursday, May 28, 2026, from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Exhibitors must be out of the showroom by 8:00 a.m.
5. Procedure for getting supplies from commercials at convention can be found online at Attention Designers.
6. Index card – All exhibits must have a 3" x 5" card listing the African violet cultivars and other plant materials (if known). A written subtitle may also be included on the card.
7. Advance written reservations are required for all design classes. Exhibitors desiring to enter designs must submit a completed reservation form available at Attention Designers. Reservations may be made as soon as the convention packet is available; the deadline for reservations will be May 4, 2026. Email or text message your reservations to Design Entry Reservations Chair, Annie Hibbs, annieslp@yahoo.com, (214) 417-1007. All requests for reservations will be confirmed either by email or phone call/text message. If you need to cancel your design reservation, please let Annie know as soon as possible so that space can be used by another entrant on the waiting list. To cancel confirmed reservations or ask questions, you may call or text message Annie at (214) 417-1007.
8. No part of any design may touch or extend beyond the confines of the niche or space limitations, unless otherwise noted.
9. AVSA will afford all possible protection to exhibits but will not be responsible for any damage or loss.

HORTICULTURE DIVISION – COMMERCIAL

SECTION XVI – SPECIMEN PLANTS

A. COLLECTIONS

Class 91. AVSA Collection of three AVSA-registered standard cultivars of the same type (three single-crown or three trailers).
92. AVSA Collection of three AVSA-registered cultivars of the same type (three single-crown semiminiatures, three semiminiature trailers, three single-crown miniatures, or three miniature trailers).
93. AVSA Collection of three different species of any type.
94. Holtkamp Memorial Collection of three AVSA-registered Optimara and/or Rhapsodie plants of the same type: standard, semiminiature, or miniature.

B. NEW CULTIVARS (from seed or mutation)

Class 95. Standard African violets
96. Semiminiature African violets
97. Miniature African violets
98. African violet trailers (standard, semiminiature, miniature)

C. SPECIMEN AFRICAN VIOLETS

Class 99. Standards, green foliage, solid color and two-tone blossoms
100. Standards, green foliage, all other blossoms
101. Standards, variegated foliage
102. Semiminiatures, green foliage, solid color and two-tone blossoms
103. Semiminiatures, green foliage, all other blossoms
104. Semiminiatures, variegated foliage
105. Miniatures, green foliage
106. Miniatures, variegated foliage
107. Trailers, standard, semiminiature, or miniature
108. Saintpaulia species

D. GESNERIADS OTHER THAN AFRICAN VIOLETS

See 11 in the HORTICULTURE DIVISION – AMATEUR Rules and Regulations regarding *Streptocarpus* blossom colors.

Class 109. Miniatures in bloom (may be displayed in regular pots or growing in a clear container, cover permitted, no single plant more than 5” in diameter with leaf size not to exceed 1 inch)
110. Tuberous in bloom (Sinningia, Nautilocalyx, Chrysothemis, etc.)
111. Rhizomatous in bloom
112. Fibrous-rooted in bloom (Streptocarpus/Streptocarpella) blue, purple, lavender, orchid, red, wine, fuchsia, plum
113. Fibrous-rooted in bloom (Streptocarpus/Streptocarpella) pink, rose, coral, white, cream, blush, yellow
114. Fibrous-rooted in bloom (Streptocarpus/Streptocarpella) variegated foliage, any color blossom
115. Fibrous-rooted in bloom (Long-stemmed such as Aeschynanthus, Columnea, Nematanthus, etc.)
116. Fibrous-rooted in bloom (All other blooming fibrous-rooted gesneriads, Primulina, Episcia, Alsobia, etc.)
117. Gesneriads grown for ornamental qualities other than bloom (All Episcia)
118. Gesneriads grown for ornamental qualities other than bloom (Trailing or erect, other than Episcia)
119. Gesneriads grown for ornamental qualities other than bloom (Other forms, such as Primulina, other than Episcia)

SECTION XVII – DISPLAY TABLES AND COMMERCIAL SHOWCASES

Class 120. Display Table
121. Commercial Showcase – Horticulture only
122. Commercial Showcase – Artistic. Include a creative aspect

HORTICULTURE DIVISION - COMMERCIAL Rules and Regulations

1. Only commercial AVSA members in good standing and registered at this convention who offer plants or live plant material for sale as a part of a business are eligible to enter this division. All commercial exhibitors are eligible to enter the Design Division.
2. For dates, times and entry process for entering exhibits, please refer to Rule 2 under HORTICULTURE DIVISION – AMATEUR.
3. All plants must be correctly named and must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least three months prior to convention. All African violets must be in bloom and must be single-crown plants, except trailers and species.
4. Streptocarpus specimens will be entered in appropriate color classes according to hybridizer's description. If a written description is not available, the streptocarpus specimen will be entered in the appropriate color class by predominate color.
5. In the Specimen Plant section, exhibitors may enter any number of plants in each class, but only one plant of a cultivar per class. Exhibitors may enter plants of the same cultivar in the AVSA Collection Classes 91 through 94 as are entered in the other classes.
6. Exhibitors may enter one collection in each collection class. AVSA collection rules are the same as they are for amateurs.
7. Any African violet plant in Classes 95 – 98 and 120 – 122 may be designated as competing for the AVSA Best New Cultivar Awards. Entries may be seedlings, sports, or mutants originated by the exhibitor, or rights and ownership to them released by the hybridizer and must not have been previously shown in an AVSA Convention show. Each entry must be labeled "New Cultivar."
8. An exhibitor entering the Display Table class may also enter other design and commercial classes. Each display table shall contain 15 plants (no merchandise). Three, all the same type, miniatures or semiminiatures, or miniature or semiminiature trailers, shall count as a specimen plant and shall be judged as one unit. The display must be predominantly (at least 75%) African violets. Other gesneriads may be included in the 15 plants and will be judged as one unit. AVSA will provide tables with black table covers for display tables; however, display tables may be covered with any color or pattern at the exhibitor's discretion. A 6-foot table with three tiers will be furnished for each exhibitor in the Display Table class. Colored lights which distort or enhance the color of the plants will not be permitted.
9. Exhibits in the Commercial Showcase classes will be allotted table space sufficient for their display. Table covers will be black. Exhibits in these classes shall contain 6-10 plants, either miniature, semiminiature, standard, or trailing African violets, or other gesneriads. Showcases must be predominantly (75%) African violets or designs using African violets. The Showcase-Horticulture only class, shall be a collection of 6-10 plants, (exhibitor may designate one plant as a unit or three plants as a unit) with NO embellishment. The Showcase-Artistic class must include a creative aspect and may include designs (flower or plant arrangements or container gardens) incorporating African violets. Showcases-Horticulture and Showcases-Artistic shall both be judged on horticultural perfection. Horticultural perfection shall be computed by finding the average points per plant in the Showcase. No merchandise will be allowed in these classes. Awards for the Showcase-Horticulture only class, shall be based 100% on horticultural perfection. Awards for the Showcase-Artistic class, shall be based on 80% horticultural perfection and 20% on distinction and originality. Awards will be given for best, second-best and third-best for the Display Table, Showcase-Horticulture only, and Showcase-Artistic classes.

10. In Commercial Showcases, each entry in the exhibit will be judged. Showcase-Horticulture only class shall use standard plant name and entry tags supplied by Entries. In the Showcase-Artistic class, the exhibitor has the option to use the standard plant name tag provided by Entries, or to provide his or her own tag or diagram. The entry book number of each plant or arrangement must appear on the tag or diagram. For the Showcase-Horticulture only class, no ribbon awards will be given. Instead, each showcase with all blue-ribbon exhibits will receive a rosette. A point score sheet shall be given to each exhibitor showing how awards were determined. (Please note: An exhibitor may choose to NOT have their Showcase judged).
11. Signs, cards, or codes identifying the exhibitor may not be displayed on the display tables or Commercial Showcases.
12. Any shape and type of pot for specimen plants will be permitted except flared top pots. Supports and collars will not be permitted. Pots in the specimen plant section must be slip-potted into clean, non-decorative pots
13. in colors such as white, green, or any neutral tone. The bottom of the pot containing the plant must be completely covered with plastic or aluminum foil. The pot is then inserted into a pot of the same size or shape. The inside pot may be of any color and may extend above the rim of the outside pot. Exceptions to slip-potting are self-contained reservoirs (i.e., Oyama, Moist-Rite, Hydro Pots, etc.) in colors such as white, green, black, or any neutral tone. Pots in the Display Table class do not have to be covered and may be elevated and tilted with individual potholders.
14. Exhibits will be judged by the merit method of judging, in accordance with the most current version of the AVSA Handbook for Growers, Exhibitors and Judges. The decision of the judges is final unless in conflict with AVSA rules or rules of the schedule. Only qualified AVSA advanced, senior, and master judges will be permitted to serve as judges.
15. Only blue-ribbon winners will be eligible to receive awards.
16. Exhibits in the Display Table class and the Commercial Showcase classes will not count toward Commercial Sweepstakes or Design Sweepstakes Awards.
17. Rosettes will be awarded as merited to the exhibitors receiving first, second, and third highest number of points in each Display Table and Commercial Showcase class. An Honorable Mention Rosette will be awarded to the exhibitor receiving the fourth highest number of points.
18. AVSA will afford all possible protection to exhibits but will not be responsible for any damage or loss.
19. To reserve a display table, space for a Commercial Showcase or for further information, contact Kathy Bell, 9611 E. Blanding Lane, Tucson, AZ 85747, email bellkk@peoplepc.com. Reservations must be made no later than **April 24, 2026.**

AVSA Exhibit Entry Form

EXHIBITORS: DO NOT WRITE IN GRAY AREAS - FOR CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE ONLY

EXHIBITOR'S NAME	MEMBERSHIP ID#	EXHIBITOR #	INITIALS

EXHIBITOR'S CITY AND STATE/PROVINCE	PHONE #

CLASS		NAME OF EXHIBIT	DON'T WATER	NOT IN AVML

EXHIBITOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

AVSA Convention entry forms can be emailed to "ConventionEntries@gmail.com"

Attention Designers

To accommodate design flower and plant needs, a plan was created with the commercials who sell at convention. It has been reviewed and approved by the AVSA Commercial members and the Dallas convention show committee. The plan provides:

- Designers with the materials needed to complete their entries, and
- Peace and quiet for the commercials while setting up on Wednesday.

Supplies for Designers

Each designer will be given a "pass" to purchase plant material in the sales room from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2026. Handicapped designers may be accompanied by one caregiver.

The pass lists the specific classes in which the designer is entered. No unnecessary/extra purchases are allowed.

There is a 15-minute time limit for the designer to be in the sales room. Designers who appear to be abusing the privilege will be escorted from the sales room and denied any further "design" purchases.

The Design Reservation Chair or helpers will control the distribution of the passes to the designers.

A list of participating commercials will be provided. Please do not disturb other commercials.

Commercials may choose to complete the financial transaction during this process or may allow the designer to run a tab for payment later.

Although participating commercials will make every attempt to have supplies available during this time, they may not have what you need. Please have your own Plan B ready.

Designers are welcome to pre-order supplies to be picked up at convention. This is highly encouraged.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Commercial Committee
Convention Show Committee

Design Division Reservations

Name _____ AVSA Membership # _____

City _____ State/Country _____

Email Address _____ Cell Number _____

I would like to enter the following Design Classes:

1._____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____

Alternate choices: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

I would like to enter the following Container Classes: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Reservations may be made as soon as the convention packet is available. The deadline for reservations is May 4, 2026. Online reservations are encouraged. Alternately, reservations can be made by email or text by downloading and sending the entry form to:

Annie Hibbs
Design Reservations Chair
annieslp@yahoo.com
(214) 417-1007

All requests will be confirmed either by email or phone call/text message.

If you need to cancel your design reservation, please let the Design Reservation Chair know as soon as possible so the space can be used by an entrant on the waiting list. To cancel confirmed reservations or ask questions, contact Design Reservation Chair directly.

Judging School

A judging school is offered for AVSA members during convention. The school will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, from 8:15 am until 3:30 pm and focuses on judging an AVSA show. It is appropriate for first-time students, certificate renewals, or established judges to keep up to date.

The examination consists of three parts and requires 75 points or higher to receive a new or renewal judge's card:

- 50 points - an open book test (emailed on May 4th, to be turned in at the beginning of school)
- 40 points - classroom written test
- 10 points - point scoring of two African violet plants

All students must bring a current copy of the ***AVSA Handbook for Growers, Exhibitors and Judges*** (14th Edition, revised May 2022) to the school.

You must present a current AVSA membership card and judge's card (if already a judge) at the door. If you have your proof of three blue ribbons, that documentation should be presented. If you do not currently have three blue ribbons, you may take the exam you may take the exam; however, a judge's card will not be issued until the Judging School Teacher is contacted and proof of three blue ribbons is presented. This must be done within one year of taking the exam. There are no requirements for those who wish to audit the school. Please read the AVSA Judges section in the *Handbook* for further information.

The cost is $20 and applies to all who attend the judging school, either to take the test or to audit the class.

Registration and payment for the Judging School occur within the online Convention Registration process.

Registration and payment are due by Wednesday, **April 22, 2026**.

You will be contacted by the Judging School Teacher with more details closer to convention.

Volunteer to Judge or Clerk

Judges

All Advanced, Senior, and Master Judges are eligible to judge the convention show. If you would like to judge, please complete the form below or the online form.

For questions or to email your application, contact Mary Corondan at: judges@avsa.org

Applications must be received no later than May 4, 2026. If you plan to exhibit in the show, please indicate which classes you plan to enter. **Do not serve** on entries, classification or placement if you apply to judge. If selected to judge, you will be notified of your assignment via email one week prior to convention. Applications received after May 4th will be placed on a waiting list.

Name _____ AVSA Membership # _____

Email Address _____Cell or mobile # _____

Classes entered _____

Type of Judge: ___Advanced ___Senior ___Master ___GS Senior Judge ___GS Master Judge

Experience: ___Standards ___Mini/Semis ___Trailers ___Species ___Design ___Commercial

Clerks

Judges and the general membership are invited to serve as clerks for the convention show. Judges will be given first preference with remaining positions filled by the general membership. Clerks will receive notification of their assignment via email one week prior to convention. If you would like to clerk, please complete the form below or the online form.

For questions or to email your application, contact Mary Corondan at: judges@avsa.org

Applications must be received no later than May 4, 2026.

Name _____ AVSA Membership # _____

Email Address _____Cell or mobile # _____

Type of Judge: ___Student ___Advanced ___Senior ___Master ___Not a Judge

Convention Souvenir Book Ads

This year's convention will be held in Dallas, TX with the theme *Violets Are Texas Stars.* We invite you to advertise in the Convention Souvenir Book. Ads can be well-wishes or advertising and help defray costs. Ads are an excellent way to promote your organization or business.

Inside ads

Ad Size	Dimensions (Height x Width)	Cost: Black & White Only
Full-page	8" x 5"	$110.00 USD
Half-page	4" x 5"	$70.00 USD
Quarter-page	2" x 5"	$40.00 USD

Full-page ads (cover locations)

Ad Location	Dimensions (Height x Width)	Cost: Black & White	Cost: Color
Inside Front Cover	8" x 5"	$145.00 USD	$175.00 USD
Inside Back Cover	8" x 5"	$145.00 USD	$175.00 USD
Outside Back Cover	8" x 5"	$145.00 USD	$175.00 USD

Camera-ready copy is preferred (PDF or Word doc or jpeg file).

To hold your ad space, please complete the online form Convention Souvenir Book Ads.

For general questions about ads, contact:
Janet Castiglione
Souvenir Book Chair
jmcvioletcas@gmail.com

Ads can be purchased by check or money order in USD. Make payable to AVSA and send to:

Terri Post
Dallas Convention Treasurer
29384 Diamante Drive
Sioux City, IA 51109

Ad deadline is Tuesday, **April 28, 2026.**

Thank you for your support!

Registration

To avoid missing deadlines of important registration discounts caused by mail delays, it is highly recommended that you register online here: Convention Registration Once your online registration is complete, many of the activities and events can be added or deleted right up until start of convention.

AVSA Convention Registration Form

Violets are Texas Stars

May 25 - May 31, 2026, Dallas, Texas

NOTE: Each person registering must use a separate form; photocopies may be used if more are needed.
Please send this completed registration form, with your check, money order or credit card number, made out in the appropriate amount to **AVSA**.
Mail to: AVSA - P.O. Box 22417, Beaumont, TX 77720. Refunds will be made upon written request only if received by May 4, 2026.
There will be a $10.00 paperwork fee charged for cancellations. Following receipt of your registration, you will receive confirmation from the AVSA Office which includes your convention registration, tours, presentations, meal information and any materials being mailed in advance of the convention.

AVSA Membership # Last Name First Initial Area Code/Phone#

Street or P.O. Box Apt. # City/State Zip

Email address (confirmations will be emailed if possible) _____

(Please remember to use a separate form for spouse, guest or child attending. Photocopies may be used.)

PLEASE CIRCLE APPROPRIATE STATUS:

(A) Individual Member	(E) Judge	(I) Judging School Teacher	(M) Non-Member (guest)
(B) Life Member	(F) Senior Judge	(J) Bronze Medal Winner	(N) 1st Convention
(C) Honorary Life Member	(G) Master Judge	(K) Board Member	(O) Columnist
(D) Associate Member	(H) Commercial Member	(L) Affiliate President	(P) Hybridizer
			(Q) Legacy

This is my (#) _____ convention. Name to go on badge _____

(Note: If you are a Commercial Member and want your business name to appear, please write it in also.)

Are you planning to exhibit? If yes, circle one or both. Hort and/or Design
(If Yes to Hort, entries information will be sent to you.)

In case of emergency, who should be notified? _____
Name

Relationship Address City/State Area Code/Phone #

REGISTRATION: **Package Deal (includes registration and meal functions 2, 5, and 7)** $303 _____
Package not available after May 4, 2026.

REGISTRATION:
AVSA or Associate Member $130 _____
Non-Member (Guest) $135 _____
One-day registration
Please indicate: Thur. _____ Fri._____ Sat._____ Total days marked _____ x $55 $ _____
AVSA's early booking discount for those who book hotel reservation at the Renaissance Dallas North by May 4, 2026
List hotel reservation number: _____ **Subtract** $20 $ -
TOTAL REGISTRATION $ _____

MEALS:

_____1. Wed.	Meet the Board of Directors Lunch (Open to all convention registrants) - Chicken Ceasar Salad, Bread & Butter, Tomato Basil Soup, Tiramisu	$38	$ _____
_____2. Thurs.	Awards Dinner-Buffet: Italian Sausage Marinara w/Spaghetti, Grilled Chicken Alfredo w/Penne Pasta, Assorted Salads, Tiramisu & Cheesecake	$65	$ _____
_____3. Fri.	Teachers' Breakfast - Scrambled Egg, Breakfast Potatoes, Bacon, Assorted Breads, Bagels, Assortment of Sliced Fruit	$38	$ _____
_____4. Fri.	Affiliates' Breakfast - Buffet: Scrambled Egg, Breakfast Potatoes, Bacon, Assorted Breads, Bagels, Assortment of Sliced Fruit	$38	$ _____
_____5. Fri.	Luncheon/Auction - Grilled Chicken, Fingerling Garlic Roasted Potatoes, Roasted Broccolini, House Salad, Chocolate Decadence Cake	$55	$ _____
_____6. Sat.	Judges' Breakfast - Buffet: Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Sausage, Assorted Breads, Bagels, Assortment of Cereals	$38	$ _____
_____7. Sat.	Installation Banquet - Ancho Crusted Chicken Breast, Garlic Mashed Potato, Broccoli Florets, House Salad, Texas Panna Cotta	$63	$ _____
	TOTAL MEALS		$ _____

OPEN SEATING AT ALL MEALS. SPECIAL MEAL REQUESTS MUST BE MADE TO THE AVSA OFFICE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.
REQUESTS MADE DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL WILL NOT BE HONORED.

JUDGING SCHOOL REGISTRATION

_____1.Wed. May 27, 2026 Class begins at 8:15 a.m. $20 $ _____

AVSA members who wish to audit the class or take the test will receive Part 1 of the test on May 4, 2026 via email.

Part 1 (50 points) must be completed at home as an open book test; you must turn it in at the beginning of class on May 27, 2026.

TOTAL JUDGING SCHOOL $ _____

TOURS:

_____1. Tues. May 26 Fort Worth Botanic Garden $62 $ _____

_____2. Fri. May 29 Taco Bar Buffet and Entertainment - Guitar Player/Singer $85 $ _____

TOTAL TOURS $ _____

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

_____ 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. First Time Convention Attendees Meeting - First convention? Don't miss this meeting to learn more and ask questions.

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

_____ 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. CONVENTION OPENING

Welcome and AVSA Updates by Glenda Williams, AVSA President

Convention highlights by Randy Deutsch, Convention Chair

Hybridizers' New Introductions by Richard Craft and Stephen Covolo-Hudson

Introduction of First Timers to Convention by Candace Baldwin

Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar

PRESENTATIONS: (Please check the presentations you wish to attend.)

Thursday, May 28, 2026

_____ 10:30 a.m — 12:00 Noon "Growing African Violet Trailers" by Dr. Elmer Godeny

Friday, May 29, 2026

_____ 10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. "A Hands-on-Introduction to Dish Gardens" by Linda Hall **Limit of 20 participants.** Materials Fee $25.00 $ _____

Friday, May 29, 2026

_____ 3:00 p.m .— 4:30 p.m. "Growing Micro and Miniature Sinningias" by Dale Martens

Saturday, May 30, 2026

_____ 10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. "How Did He Do That?!" by B.J. Ohme

Saturday, May 30, 2026

_____ 1:00 p.m. — 2:30 p.m. "Top Winners Tell All" by Scott Ammann

TOTAL PRESENTATIONS $ _____

MERCHANDISE:

_____ T-shirts - Convention Logo - **Size (please circle)** S M L XL XXL XXXL - All sizes same price. **Pre-order deadline, April 28, 2026.** $25 $ _____

_____ AVSA Neck Wallet $7 $ _____

TOTAL MERCHANDISE $ _____

NOTE: If you want a T-shirt, you will need to pre-order them. There will be very few extras, if any.

PAYMENT:

Total Package Deal $ _____

or

Total Registration $ _____

Total Meals $ _____

Total Judging School $ _____

Total Tours $ _____

Total Merchandise $ _____

Donation: Convention Show Awards $ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED $ _____

Please double check to ensure all numbers are listed correctly.

Check one:

___ Visa # _____

Expires _____

___ MasterCard # _____

Expires _____

___ Check or Money Order Enclosed

_____

Signature (if using card)

NOTE: Cancellations must be received by May 4, 2026 to be entitled to a refund.

There will be a $10.00 fee for all cancellations.

Online registration is preferred, however, if you don't have access to a computer, send payment and completed registration form to:

Convention Registration

AVSA, P.O. Box 22417, Beaumont, TX 77720

(409) 839-4725. Whenever possible, confirmations will be emailed.