



2008 VAVGS SHOW REPORT

The Vancouver African Violet & Gesneriad Society held its show on Saturday, May 3, 2008 in the Floral Hall of VanDusen Botanical Garden. The Society opened its first show to the public in 1960 and this year's event marks our 48th show and sale since that time.

The Show was comprised of 114 exhibits entered by 10 exhibitors. Approximately one out of three Society members entered exhibits for competition.

Competition included the following entries: 95 horticultural exhibits, 13 artistic designs, 4 hobby/handicrafts, and 2 project plant entries.

In addition to the Society's annual awards, five of the PNJC Awards were won at this year's show. Chris Estridge won the coveted Award of Merit (Gold Rosette) for Horticultural and Botanical Excellence with *Streptocarpus* 'Seren' while Bill Price won the collection awards for three *saintpaulia* (Pink Rosette), three exhibits of one gesneriad genus (Blue Rosette), and three exhibits representing three gesneriad genera (Green Rosette).

The horticultural divisions of the Show included 62 Old World gesneriad exhibits (including 27 *saintpaulia* entries), and 33 New World gesneriad exhibits. Entries for the PNJC collection rosettes included 3 entries for the Blue Rosette (One Genus), 1 entry for the Green Rosette (Three Genera), and 1 entry for the Pink Rosette (*Saintpaulia*).

The artistic and handicraft divisions of the Show included 17 entries: 10 cut material designs and artistic plantings, 1 terrarium, 2 dish gardens, and 4 colour photos. In the artistic division, Arleen Dewell was awarded the PNJC Lavender Rosette for Artistic Excellence for her dish garden and arrangement called "Looking Back".

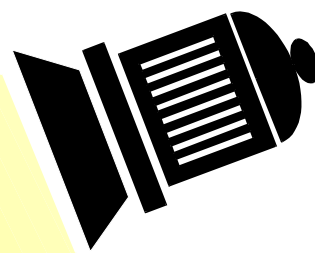
There were 2 exhibits entered in the Project Plant Sections of the show. Tanya Shevtsova and Joyce Carter respectively won the Best and 2nd Best Project Plant awards.

Of the Show's 114 exhibits, 110 received blue ribbons (scoring 90 – 100 points) with the remainder being awarded red ribbons (scoring 80 – 89 points).

Four exhibitors won 10 or more blue ribbons within the show's horticultural and design divisions. These included Bill Price (25), Joyce Carter (14), Arleen Dewell (11) and Tanya Shevtsova (10). In addition, 7 blue ribbons were each awarded to exhibits tabled by first-time exhibitor Jim Turner and out-of-town members Chris and Kathy Estridge.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS EVENT SUCH A SUCCESS!

Vancouver African Violet & Gesneriad Society
Annual Show, May 3, 2008



AND THE WINNERS ARE!

Award of Merit (PNJC Gold Rosette)	Streptocarpus 'Seren'	Chris Estridge
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Best Saintpaulia In Show	Spunky Trail	Bill Price
2 nd Best Saintpaulia In Show	Rob's Vanilla Trail	Bill Price
Best Saintpaulia Collection In Show (PNJC Pink Rosette)	Minstrel's Mary Rutii Dresden Doll Yesterday's Child	Bill Price
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Best Old World Gesneriad In Show	Streptocarpus 'Dale's Scarlet Macaw'	Bill Price
2 nd Best Old World Gesneriad In Show	Streptocarpus 'Leyla'	Chris Estridge
Best New World Gesneriad In Show	Sinningia Seedling 'GEX'	Iain James
2 nd Best New World Gesneriad In Show	Kohleria 'Peridots Mango Martini'	Bill Price
Best Gesneriad Collection In Show (PNJC Blue Rosette)	Streptocarpus 'Dale's Scarlet Macaw' Streptocarpus 'Somerset Candy' Streptocarpus 'Fleischle's Roulette Cherry'	Bill Price
Best Gesneriad Collection In Show (PNJC Green Rosette)	Kohleria 'Peridots Mango Martini' Chirita linearifolia 'Variegated' Nautilocalyx forgetii	Bill Price
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Best Artistic Design In Show	Arrangement - 'Looking Back'	Arleen Dewell
2 nd Best Artistic Design In Show	Arrangement - 'Fleeting Glance'	Donna Jamieson
Award for Artistic Excellence (PNJC Lavender Rosette)	Arrangement & Dish Garden	Arleen Dewell
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Best Handicraft/Hobby In Show	Colour Photo Collection	John Wrightson
2 nd Best Handicraft/Hobby In Show	Single Colour Photo	John Wrightson
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Best Project Plant In Show	Petrocosmea flaccida	Tanya Shevtsova
2 nd Best Project Plant In Show	Saintpaulia Trailer 'Rob's Gundaroo'	Joyce Carter