

PRESENTATIONS
2018 AVSA/AVSC BUFFALO CONVENTION

Session 1

“Fresh Perspectives on Design”

Thursday, May 24 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Judy Zinni, Canada

The world of floral design is exploding with new styles, products, and techniques. Judy has studied with instructors from Canada, USA and Europe and will share some of these innovations with you as it pertains to designing with African violets, both for show and for the home. Don't miss this demonstration. Here is an opportunity to see some beautiful and avant-garde designs.

Session 2

“Fun with *Streptocarpus* and *Sinningias*”

Friday, May 25 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Dale Martens, Davenport, Iowa

Growing *Streptocarpus* and *Sinningias* can be rewarding if you follow Dale Martens' insights, strategies, and tips. She will discuss propagation and cultural requirements that will result in happy plants. Dale has experimented with LED strip lights and tubes and will share those results with you, too. I'm sure she will show you her latest hybrids.

Session 3

“The Little Ones”

Friday, May 25 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Brett Flewelling, Canada

This presentation on growing mini and semimini African violets will include a PowerPoint presentation that will cover the basics of light, water, soil mixes and fertilizer, as well as tips on growing for show. There will be a demonstration on how to start a leaf and repot a plant to prepare it for the show season.

Session 4

“The Growing Popularity of Russian Hybrids”

Saturday, May 26 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Steve and Donna Turner, North Myrtle Beach, SC

Russian hybrids have seen a tremendous growth of popularity in recent years. To what do we owe this sudden surge? Are they new, different, bigger, or better? Why are there so few Russian hybrids in our shows? Help us find the answers. How popular is the hobby in Russia? Are there more growers and hybridizers, and who are they? What are the most appealing qualities of Russian hybrids? Transliterate versus translation, what is the difference and learn how to do it. We'll give you our secrets to building an exclusively Russian collection and how we grow at Starz n Streps. Presented by Steve and Donna Turner, the Russian hybrids' biggest fans. Opinions from the crowd will be gratefully accepted!

Session 5

“What Is Wrong with My Plants?”

Saturday, May 26 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Barb Werness, Blaine, MN and Vicki Ferguson, Centerville, OH

Barb – “OMG! My plants keep dying. Tell me what’s wrong”. I hope to share with you my experiences with an unforgiving and deadly root fungus problem. Who, when and what are three very important questions. I waited almost too long to get answers. Don’t expect a class in chemistry or plant science, just my options for what you could do when this disaster strikes. Forewarned is forearmed. (BTW, my story does have a happy ending!)

Vicki – For many years, thrips were thought to be an inconvenience or at most something to keep you from entering a show. Not true anymore! The Western Flower Thrips is the one and only vector for a disease that could wipe out your collection. It is called INSV.