

Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society Ugly Duckling Show

This program was started in 2002 by Robert Hall, and is continuing this year, under the jurisdiction of Beverly Williams. It is like a "dawg show" or "dog show" that other societies hold where everyone has fun with plants that have not performed as well as the growers would have liked. At the same time we realize that, like an ugly duckling, even a poorly grown specimen has the potential of turning into a swan.

Bring your worst plant, most misshapen plant, the plant that you despair over and vie for the coveted award of "Best Ugly Duckling in Show". We will mock critique your plant and give advice on how to change your ugly duckling into a swan.

Bring as many sorrowful-looking plants as you can find. Don't be afraid to bring those dreadful looking plants, you may win an award for them! You may even find out how to make your plant perform the way you want it to perform.

Please, NO insect infested plants.



The Coveted Ugly Duck Award

Schedule

Classes:

Class 1. Duck Weed.

A gesneriad that has grown in a spindly, asymmetrical or off centred fashion.

Class 2. Duck Pond.

A gesneriad most in need of grooming.

Class 3. Duck Feather.

A gesneriad with yellowed, chlorotic, leaves.

Class 4. Just Ducky.

A gesneriad in the most inappropriate pot: under potted, over potted or in a tacky pot.

Class 5. Cooked Duck.

An almost dead gesneriad.

Class 6. Duck Fantasy.

For the adventurous and the artistic. A design of predominantly gesneriad material, which interprets the ugly duckling theme. Tongue in cheek is good.

Rules:

1. The judges will be appointed by the person who runs the club's monthly mini show.
2. The judges' decisions are final.
3. The exhibitor must have personally grown the plants for at least three months.
4. The exhibitor must be a member of the Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society.
5. All plants must be disease and insect free.
6. The judges will choose the Best Ugly Duckling in each class (here-by called BUDIC) by using whatever system of judging that they wish to use.
7. The members present at the meeting will vote for the Best Ugly Duckling in Show (here-by called BUDIS) from all the BUDIC's that were chosen by the judges by a show of hands. Both artistic and horticultural classes are eligible to win the BUDIS trophy.
8. An African Violet is a gesneriad and can be entered in any of the classes.

The idea is above all to have fun and to perhaps learn from others how to better grow plants.