

Missouri Valley African Violet Council

Fall Show and Sale

“Violets: Art in Bloom”

Omaha, NE, October 4 and 5, 2019



Fall Show Information --- The Fall Show and Sale will be held this year in **Omaha, Nebraska**. We will be holding the event at the **Ramada Inn and Convention Center** located on Interstate 80 and 72nd Street and it is very easy to find. The hotel was recently renovated and offers a very nice setting for our show. The hotel has a convention center that is attached and they added a tower of new rooms to the convention part; all of our rooms will be in that new tower! So the rooms are very close to the show and sale part of the convention. The meeting rooms and hospitality room are also located in the same area. I know you will find the layout of the event very convenient. **Free breakfast** will also be available each morning and will be served in the restaurant part of the hotel. I have a final meeting with the hotel on August 2nd to finalize the layout of the show. As soon as that meeting takes place I will be ready to send out the registration part of the convention in the newsletter planned for later in August. The Show and Sale will begin on Friday, October 4th and will end after the banquet on Saturday night, October 5th. Part of our contract specifies we need to fill 32 room nights for the event or we will be charged the difference, so it will be very important to have as many members as possible use the proper procedure to reserve your rooms. We'll have more on that in the August newsletter. Mark your calendars!

Schedule of Events --- Here are a few highlights for you. The show, sales, and entries set up begins on Friday at 9 AM. All tables in the show room will be provided and set up with table cloths and skirting by the hotel. All tables in the sales room will be provided without table cloths and will be set up by the hotel. Show entries will begin at 12 noon. Sales will begin at 12 noon. Show entries and the sales room close at 5PM. Judges instructions and judging of the show is scheduled to begin at 6PM. The board meeting will take place at 10AM on Saturday. The show room and sales room will open at 9AM on Saturday. There will be two programs on Saturday afternoon. The show as well as sales will close at 4PM on Saturday. That will be followed with the banquet and announcement of awards beginning at 6PM.

Fall Judging School

There will be a Judging School held at this year's show and sale. The school will be taught by Barbara Werness from Minneapolis. We need to have at least 3 people taking the test to qualify as a certified AVSA class. The school will start at 8 AM on Friday. There will be a break for lunch from 12 to 1 PM. The school should be over by 3 PM at the latest. Please share this information with your affiliate members so that they have time to see if they can attend.

