The African Violet Society of America and the African Violet Society of Canada Invite you to Our Joint 2012 National Convention

"VIOLETS BRIDGE BORDERS"

The Michigan State AVS and the AVS of Canada invite you to attend the 66th AVSA and the 50th AVSC joint convention in Detroit, Michigan, June 3rd - 10th, 2012. Detroit is a fitting location for this joint event. Detroit and Windsor, Canada, share the Detroit River and have the Windsor Tunnel and Ambassador Bridge connecting the two cities. The last AVSA convention in Detroit was in 1959. A lot of water has flowed down the river and under the bridge since then! Detroit now boasts everything from distinctive cultural institutions, casino hotels, and a transformed riverfront, championship sports, exciting night-life, and delectable dining options. "The D" is a lively area with much to see and do.

The Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, our convention hotel, is ideally located in the downtown business district on the RiverWalk, next door to Hart Plaza, and directly across the Detroit River from Windsor. It is within the General Motors Renaissance Center. The complex is so large that you never have to leave the "Ren Cen" to have convenient access to shopping, restaurants, and entertainment. The hotel occupies the tallest tower of the complex, and soars seventy-three floors above the Detroit River. Floor-to-ceiling windows and dramatic views highlight the hotel rooms. The Coach Insignia, one of the nicest steak and seafood restaurants in the city, occupies the 71st and 72nd floors, offering both incredible food and a breathtaking 360-degree panoramic view of Detroit, Windsor, and the Detroit River. If you can find a minute away from the show and sale to venture outside, the Detroit "People Mover," an elevated tram system with a station in the Ren Cen, enables guests to easily board the tram and visit other downtown attractions near the hotel.

Downtown is alive with renowned museums and theaters, casino hotels, and an active river-front. We've heard concerns about security…and there are areas of Detroit that would not be safe places to wander. However, the convention hotel is located in the heart of the business district and is surrounded by popular venues (the Tiger's Comerica Park, Greektown, and Hart Plaza to name a few) that bring many folks downtown. It is a safe and exciting location to hold our convention! So, please plan to join us to help rival the 1959 Detroit convention, which the AVM magazine described as "one of the largest attended in all time." 'Cavalier,' (hybridized by Eyerdom, and registered in 1953) won the Silver Cup award that year. Perhaps that plant on your shelf will be the Best in Show winner at our joint AVSA and AVSC convention in 2012!