

Nashville “Music City,” Tennessee

**You are invited to the 2014 AVSA 68th Convention and Show in
‘Music City USA,’ Nashville, TN.
Ron Davidson, 2014 Convention Chairman**

Mark your calendars - Sunday, 25 May, 2014 to Saturday, 1 June, 2014.

There is so much to see and do in Nashville. When planning your trip to the AVSA convention and show, be sure to consider staying over, or coming a few days early to see some of the attractions and live entertainment.

Nashville is strategically located, with over fifty percent of the U.S. population living within 650 miles of Nashville. That is as far east as Washington D. C. and Baltimore, west to Oklahoma City and Dallas, north to St Paul, MN, and Buffalo, NY, and south to Tampa, FL. If you are driving to Nashville, this is a one-day trip for a lot of our members. For those of you flying in, the airport is on one side of I-40 and the hotel is on the other. There is also a free shuttle to the airport.

The Sheraton *‘Music City’* Hotel is our convention location. It is a beautiful hotel located on the top of a hill, with the Show, Commercial Sales, and AVSA Presentations all located on the main floor. There is lots of free parking around the hotel, and it is very easy accessible off I-40 for our members who are driving.

Some of the possible tour sites are: The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, The Hermitage (Home of President Andrew Jackson), the Historic Studio Tour (RCA Studio ‘B’), Civil War Battle of Franklin (Historic city and home of a number of country singers); Belle Meade Plantation (roots of the premier thoroughbred horse farm), and The Grand Ole Opry. There is always the nightly club and live music hopping at the ‘Honky Tonk Row’ in downtown Nashville.

To top off your fantastic time at the AVSA 2014 Convention, there will be free tours of the Holtkamp Greenhouses, sponsored by Holtkamp. Thanks to their commitment to support the convention and show, the tours will be early in the week. Visiting the Holtkamp Greenhouses will be a highlight of the convention, and an once-in-a-lifetime experience for our members!

AVSA is very pleased to be hosting the 2014 AVSA Convention with the support of Holtkamp Greenhouses, the Lone Star African Violet Council, and the Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society. We hope you will attend the Nashville convention, eat some great food, and tour the sites in Nashville. But most importantly, bring lots of exhibits for the show room!

Please join us when we go *‘Violet Pickin’ in Tennessee,’* at the Sheraton Music City Hotel the last week in May, 2014. “Y’all come pickin’ them violets!”