

54th Annual Illinois A.V.S. Show and Convention
Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL 60022
Friday September 18th through Sunday September 20th

Show Information Updates

Friday September 18th

Entries will be accepted from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the show site located in the Greenhouse Galleries.

For directions to and a map of the Chicago Botanic Gardens, please visit the website: www.chicagobotanic.org

When you arrive at the entry gatehouse on Friday with your plants tell the person there that you are entering plants in the African Violet Show and you will need directions to the back entrance to the greenhouse galleries and the entry code for the gate. You will not be charged for parking. The road you will be using is not for normal public use. Please drive carefully as this road is used for pedestrian traffic and tram tours. When you arrive at the back entrance portico leave your car parked temporarily along the driveway with the emergency flashers on. Come to the greenhouse galleries and find a hand truck to use to unload and move your plant entries to the registration table.

Registration Information is Needed to Anticipate Attendance and Prepare Show Materials for Participating Members

Registration Fee for attending the Show Programs and/or Showing Plants is \$5.00. Send your registrations (checks payable to I.A.V.S.) to Tom Moore, 1919 Highland Ave., Wilmette IL 60091-2359. Registrations must be received by September 10, 2009.

Saturday September 19th

Admission is free but the garden charges a \$20.00 parking fee per car. Car pool with your friends and split the cost.

Parking is free under a Reciprocal Membership Program if you are a member of: Garfield Park Conservatory, George L. Luthy Memorial Botanical Garden, Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden, Morton Arboretum, Quad City Botanical Garden, or Washington Park Botanical Garden. Please have your membership card to show at the gatehouse.

9:00 am until 10:00 am—I.A.V.S. Executive Board Meeting

9:00 am until noon--Judging of Show

Noon until 4:30 pm--Show open to Public, Potting of leaves by attending children

1:00 pm until 2:15 pm--Designer of the Decade, Designer's Challenge

2:30 pm until 3:30 pm—I.A.V.S. General Membership Meeting

4:30 pm--Show closes to public

6:00 pm until 9:00 pm--Awards and Dinner Banquet, location TBA, John Regan has planned to find a nearby restaurant that will allow us to order from the menu and pay for our own meals

Sunday September 20th

If you have plants entered in the show tell the gatehouse attendant that you are coming in to retrieve your plants and show materials. You should not be charged for admission. As on Friday you should get the code for the entry gate that will allow you access to the back entrance to the greenhouse galleries. Parking in this area is extremely limited so if you come before the show closes park in the main parking areas until you are ready to pick up your plants.

10:30 am until 4:30 pm—Show open to public, Potting of leaves by attending children

1:00 pm until 2:00 pm Shane Fletcher of Windsong Orchids: Eco-friendly methods of pest management

4:30 pm—Show closes, Breakdown of Show

We need Awards for our show:

Send them (checks payable to I.A.V.S.) to Tom Moore, 1919 Highland Ave., Wilmette IL 60091-2359.

We plan to have an area for children to pot up and take home a leaf or two so they can grow plants at home. We will need leaves to use and people to help with the potting up. If you can help, please contact Tom Moore at tom@tnm3.org or by calling me at (847)251-3857.

President's Message

The primary reason for having a show at the Chicago Botanic Garden is to give maximum public exposure to I.A.V.S. and the seven member clubs that make up the state organization. With this in mind I would like to have people available from the member clubs at the show site to answer questions about your club and distribute information on how to attend a meeting. The information will be available at the show but we need *African Violet People* to convince the public of the value of membership and club attendance for greater enjoyment of the hobby. Only by increasing membership can we survive. In these tough economic times, raising plants can be an inexpensive hobby that rewards people with living, growing, beautiful flora in their homes. Hope to see you and talk violets at the show.

Good Health and Good Growing,
Tom Moore

Check www.iavs-online.org Coming Events Page for further information