



**Your Invitation to Attend**

**“Canadian Gold”**

**the 41st Annual Convention & Show of the African Violet  
Society of Canada**

**April 29 – May 2, 2010**

**Sherway Gardens and The Old Mill Inn  
Toronto, Ontario**

Dear Violet Friends,

The members of Lakeshore African Violet Society of Toronto look forward to hosting a very special convention of AVSC, April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup> in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AVSC. The flower show of “Canadian Gold” will be staged in the Centre Square of Sherway Gardens, an upscale shopping mall, and it is here that Canada Post will present Canada’s new African violet stamp to us. The meal functions, meetings, workshop and guest accommodations will be at the Old Mill Inn which is just 15 minutes drive away. We are hoping you will join us at one of the most unique conventions in recent years.

When I issued the invitation at the 2009 Convention in Calgary we were making our plans with the Valhalla Inn. I returned home to find the message on our answering machine that the Valhalla Inn was closing in August so Jim Toms and I looked for alternative hotels knowing it would be a nearly impossible task. The Old Mill Inn, operated by the same company as the Valhalla Inn, requested our presence and offered to match the Valhalla Inn rates. Well, we were so surprised and delighted that they were willing to match those rates and to accommodate us in this beautiful, historic area of Toronto beside the Humber River. There you will find walking and cycling paths up and down the river and yet be steps away from the subway line which can take you to any place in Toronto you wish to discover. Since the last convention in our area the new wing of the Royal Ontario Museum and the expansion and renewal of the Art Gallery of Ontario have been completed. Both are well worth seeing. All the live theatre shows have changed and, for the non-violet spouses, the Blue Jays are in town that weekend. There are always tickets available for the game. *Mamma Mia*, the hit musical that had its North American premiere in Toronto in 2000 and played for four years will be back for an encore visit.

The Old Mill Inn is an event place with live music in the dining room every night and a separate pub, but all activities must cease at 1 a.m. because of the surrounding homes. There is also a full spa where you can make reservations to be pampered. Looking at their website is worthwhile ([www.oldmilltoronto.com](http://www.oldmilltoronto.com)).

We have all the bedrooms reserved, but our AVSC guests must make their reservations NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28 when rooms not reserved by one of you will be released to out-of-town guests attending a wedding reception to be held at the Inn on May 1st.

Please accept our warmest invitation to join us in the celebration of "Canadian Gold".

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doris".

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