

Combined 2019 ADS National Show and 2019 Midwest Dahlia Conference Show

The combined 2019 ADS National Show and the 2019 Midwest Dahlia Conference Show was held on August 29-Sept 1. Friday's tour registrants enjoyed Huff Park and a cruise on the Grand Lady Ferry along the Grand River. The show, held in the Grand Ballroom at the Frederik Meijer Gardens, hosted over 1,750 blooms!

Exhibitors managed to bring blooms from the east and west coasts of the US, and registered guests came from as far as Australia and Canada. There were speakers for the registrants about the dahlia virus and the dahlia genome project, and how to judge color. There was also a 101 on how to grow dahlias for the public to attend.

Free Meijer Garden passes and tram tickets were enjoyed by the registrants. A cocktail hour at 6pm on Saturday preceded an excellent banquet at 7pm, which included an impromptu skit. Jerry Landerholm handed out several medals and honored awards from the ADS. It was a wonderful show.

We enjoyed seeing all of you who traveled and brought blooms to make it a successful show.

Thank you so much!

Joanne Jepsen/Rick Peters

Co-chairs, WMDS 2019 show