

The Gesneriad Society Convention Show Schedule

"GOLDEN REFLECTIONS"

July 7 and 8, 2006

Entries will be accepted on Thursday, July 6, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Late entries may be received on Friday morning, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:15 a.m. only by prior arrangement and with the written permission of the Flower Show Chairperson.

Division I — HORTICULTURE

Saintpaulia permitted only in Classes 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 40, 44, 46, and 47. Exhibitors of *Saintpaulia* hybrids are required to respect size limitations as defined by the hybridizer, which may be checked in the AVSA's Master Variety List.

SECTION A — New World Gesneriads in Flower – Tuberos

- Class 1 *Sinningia speciosa* species or hybrids (upright or pendent flowers)
- Class 2 Other *Sinningia* species with rosette growth pattern
- Class 3 Other *Sinningia* species with upright growth pattern
- Class 4 Other *Sinningia* hybrids with rosette growth pattern
- Class 5 Other *Sinningia* hybrids with upright growth pattern
- Class 6 Other *Sinningia* species or hybrids (largest leaf less than 1" long)
- Class 7 Other tuberos gesneriads

SECTION B — New World Gesneriads in Flower – Rhizomatous

- Class 8 *Achimenes*
- Class 9 *Gloxinia*
- Class 10 *Kohleria*
- Class 11 *Smithiantha*
- Class 12 Other rhizomatous gesneriads less than 5" in all dimensions
- Class 13 Other rhizomatous gesneriads

SECTION C — New World Gesneriads in Flower – Fibrous-Rooted

- Class 14 *Codonanthe*, ∞ *Codonanthus*
- Class 15 *Columnnea*, (*Dalbergaria*, *Pentadenia*, *Trichantha*) and their hybrids
- Class 16 *Episcia*, *Alsobia*
- Class 17 *Gesneria*
- Class 18 *Nematanthus*
- Class 19 Other fibrous-rooted gesneriads

SECTION D — Old World Gesneriads in Flower

- Class 20 *Aeschynanthus*
- Class 21 *Chirita* species
- Class 22 *Chirita* hybrids
- Class 23 *Petrocosmea*
- Class 24 *Saintpaulia* species
- Class 25 *Saintpaulia* hybrids or cultivars classified as miniatures (max of 6" diameter)
(limit 2 entries per exhibitor)
- Class 26 *Saintpaulia* hybrids or cultivars classified as semiminiatures (max of 8" diameter)
(limit 2 entries per exhibitor)
- Class 27 *Saintpaulia* hybrids or cultivars classified as standards (limit 2 entries per exhibitor)
- Class 28 *Saintpaulia* trailer (limit 2 entries per exhibitor)
- Class 29 *Streptocarpus*, subgenus *Streptocarpella*
- Class 30 *Streptocarpus*, subgenus *Streptocarpus*, species
- Class 31 *Streptocarpus*, subgenus *Streptocarpus*, hybrids
- Class 32 Other Old World gesneriads

SECTION E — Gesneriads Grown for Ornamental Qualities Other Than Flowers

Decorative fruit and calyces are permitted, but no flowers or buds showing color. A plant should have some special quality of color, texture or growth habit to be entered in this section.

- Class 33 *Chirita*
- Class 34 *Episcia*
- Class 35 *Episcia* with pink-and-white leaf variegation
- Class 36 *Petrocosmea*
- Class 37 Other gesneriads with green-and-white leaf variegation
- Class 38 Other gesneriad species
- Class 39 Other gesneriad hybrids

SECTION F — New Gesneriads

This section is for introductions made within the last two years, but not previously entered in a Gesneriad Society Convention show. Exhibitor must provide a white card, not to exceed 8-1/2" \times 11", giving educational information such as name of hybridizer, collector, place of origin, special cultural requirements.

- Class 40 Species in flower
- Class 41 Species not in flower
- Class 42 Hybrids or named cultivars in flower
- Class 43 Hybrids or named cultivars not in flower

SECTION G — Lesser-Known Gesneriads Seldom Grown or Seen in Shows

Exhibitor must provide a white card, not to exceed 8-1/2" × 11", giving educational information such as habitat, source, special cultural requirements.

- Class 44 In flower
- Class 45 Not in flower

SECTION H — Collections of Gesneriads

A grouping of 3 to 5 different plants in flower or grown for ornamental qualities, or in combination (*Saintpaulia* must be in flower). Exhibitor is encouraged to stage the plants as a unit in both classes and reflect variety in Class 46 since these are considerations in judging this section. Exhibitor must provide a card, not to exceed 8-1/2" × 11", with identification of plants. In Class 47, exhibitor must provide educational information on the card.

- Class 46 Plants of a single genus, either species, cultivars or hybrids
- Class 47 Kinship group – interspecific or intergeneric hybrid/hybrids with one or more parents

SECTION I — Trained or Sculptured Gesneriads

An educational 3" × 5" white card stating what training the exhibit received and how the exhibit is to be viewed (all sides or from the front) is suggested.

- Class 48 Bonsai, topiary, espaliered, or other style

SECTION J — Gesneriads Grown by a Novice

A Novice is anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in a gesneriad flower show. An exhibitor wishing Novice status may not enter other Horticulture classes with the exception of Classes 24 through 28.

- Class 49 Gesneriads in flower
- Class 50 Gesneriads grown for ornamental qualities other than flowers (no flowers or buds showing color allowed)

Division II — ARTISTIC

Gesneriads must predominate. No artificial plant material allowed. Other live and dried material permitted. Accessories are optional unless specifically required. Plant material used is to be identified and supplementary titles or descriptions listed on an accompanying 3" × 5" white card. *Saintpaulias* are permitted in all classes. Table coverings and niches will be neutral in color; exhibitors may provide additional background. Niche sides may only be half the depth size, but the design may use the full depth indicated. There is a limit of 4 entries in each class in Sections K, L and M, with the exception of Challenge Class 55, which has a limit of 6 entries. Reservation requests must be sent to Barbara Festenstein, 109 Winslow Ave., Rochester, NY 14620-3409, or BarbFestenstein@rochester.rr.com, or phone 585-461-1673. The deadline for making reservations is June 15, 2006. *Artistic arrangers must leave the showroom at the latest by 8:00 p.m.*

SECTION K – Arrangement of Fresh Cut and/or Growing Gesneriad Material

- Class 51 "Flying High" – Hot air ballooning, columbines, ranches, sky. Show us your Rocky Mountain Hi with a kinetic design. (1986, *Gesneriads a Mile Hi*, Denver, CO) Niche size: 23"H × 18"W × 15"D
- Class 52 "Allan Gardens" – downtown city of Toronto greenhouses sporting many gesneriads. (1994, *Ges' Between Friends*, Toronto, Ontario) Niche size: 20"H × 15"W × 15"D
- Class 53 "Walking After Midnight" (Patsy Cline 1961) – your interpretation of this soulful tune. (1999, *Topping the Charts*, Nashville, TN) Niche size: 12"H × 8"W × 8"D
- Class 54 "Boogie Woogie" – a predominately black & white arrangement reminiscent of the piano keyboard. (2001, *Celebrate AGGS Fabulous 50 in Kansas City*, Kansas, MO) Niche size: 7"H × 5"W × 5"D

SECTION L – Arrangement of Fresh Cut Gesneriad Material

- Class 55 CHALLENGE CLASS – the class title will be announced at entry time and all materials, except mechanics, will be provided. Niche size: 7"H × 5"W × 5"D
- Class 56 "Whaling Days" – Long Island was a hot spot for the Whaling trade. Your interpretation in an underwater arrangement, not to exceed 12" in any dimension. (1974, Hempstead, LI)
- Class 57 "Treasure Island" – is in the middle of San Francisco Bay – incorporate material that could be washed up on the shore. (1984, *Golden Gateway-Gesneriads West*, San Mateo, CA) Niche size: 12"H × 8"W × 8"D
- Class 58 "Tropical Island Beauty" – featuring water as part of your arrangement. (1982, *Tropical Treasures*, Sarasota, FL) Niche size: 15"H × 10"W × 10"D
- Class 59 "Pacific Fauna" – your interpretation for this **foliage only** arrangement (1980, *Pacific Overtures*, Seattle, WA) Niche size: 18"H × 15"W × 12"D

SECTION M – Arrangement of Growing Gesneriad Material

- Class 60 "Treasures from Trash" – an arrangement using discarded object(s) as an accessory(ies) or container(s). (1979, *Gesneriads are Treasures*, Danvers, MA) Niche size: 15"H × 10"W × 10"D
- Class 61 "Ghost Town" – dried plant material required! (1975, *Westward Ho*, Tucson, AZ) Niche size: 12"H × 8"W × 8"D
- Class 62 "Play Ball" – when it comes to outstanding ball clubs, Chicago can't be beat. The Bulls, Bears, Cubs and White Sox are just a few of their sport teams. Your interpretation of the excitement they bring when they play! (1998, *Chicago – Your Kind of Town*, Chicago, IL) Niche size: 10"H × 8"W × 8"D

SECTION N — Planting of Growing Material

- Class 63 Terrarium, straight-sided, not to exceed 30" in any direction
- Class 64 Terrarium, curved, not to exceed 24" in any direction
- Class 65 Tray landscape, not to exceed 30" in any direction
- Class 66 Natural Garden – planted on rock or wood, not to exceed 30" in any direction

SECTION O — Artistic Entry by a Novice

A Novice is anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in the artistic division of a gesneriad show. Exhibitors wishing Novice status for the Artistic Division may not enter other Division II classes.

- Class 67 Artistic entry suitable for any of the classes in Sections K, L, M, or N. Exhibitor must identify, on a 3" × 5" white card, the name of the class chosen and the plant material used.

Division III — THE ARTS

All entries must feature gesneriads in some form and have been made by the exhibitor. Limit, one entry per exhibitor per class, and not previously exhibited in any Gesneriad Society Convention Show.

SECTION P — Photography — The subject must be identified on the entry card. Prints should not exceed 8" × 10"; mats should not exceed 11" × 14". Exhibitors must provide an easel for prints 5" × 7" or over. Slides must be mounted for projection in a standard carousel projector.

- Class 68 Color transparency
- Class 69 Color print
- Class 70 Monochrome print

SECTION Q — Crafts Representing Gesneriads

- Class 71 Painting or drawing (easel must be provided by exhibitor)
- Class 72 Needlework or textile (exhibitor must provide a 3" × 5" white card giving the source of the design)
- Class 73 Other crafts

Division IV — COMMERCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL

Reservations for Sections R and S may be sent to Olive Ma Robinson, P.O. Box 9, Naples, NY 14512, Phone: 585-374-8592, Fax: 585-375-6947, Email: violetsfun@aol.com. Please reserve by June 15, 2006.

SECTION R — Commercial

- Class 74 Display table with a grouping of gesneriads (10 or more plants)
- Class 75 Display table with a grouping of gesneriads (fewer than 10 plants)

SECTION S — Educational

- Class 76 Exhibit illustrating phases of scientific or historical research or gesneriad promotion
- Class 77 Exhibit of plant material
- Class 78 Exhibit of plant material with seed pods – Exhibitor must provide a white card, not to exceed 8-1/2" × 11" including information such as equipment used to achieve pollination, record keeping, type of seed pod displayed, pollinator in natural habitat, estimated length of time to seed ripening, seed harvesting and storage methods.
- Class 79 Exhibit of photograph(s) – The purpose of this class is to showcase plant material which, because of its seasonal nature or rarity in cultivation, is not often exhibited live. The exhibitor must provide a white card, not to exceed 8-1/2" × 11", outlining source, natural habitat, cultural information, and reason for suitability in this class.

RULES

1. Entries shall be in accordance with the schedule.
2. Exhibitors need not be members of The Gesneriad Society.
3. Entries will be accepted only during hours specified. An exhibitor may request that the Classification Committee accept an entry for exhibit only. These entries, and all entries arriving after the close of entries, will be placed for exhibit only, will not be judged, and will be located in a separate area of the showroom. Where appropriate, educational information should be provided.
4. All entries for competition must be approved by the Classification Committee. Nonconformity to the schedule may bring disqualification.
5. An exhibitor is limited to one specimen of the same plant per class in the Horticulture Division. An exhibitor may submit more than one entry per class, provided each entry is a different species, cultivar or hybrid unless otherwise prohibited.
6. In fairness to amateur growers, institutions may not make more than two entries in the Horticulture, Artistic or Arts Divisions of the flower show. The same restriction applies to commercial growers who have employees who assist with the culture and grooming of potential entries.
7. Classes may be subdivided or consolidated by the Show Committee after entries close.
8. No entries may be removed from the showroom until the show closes. All entries must be checked out through the Show Committee.
9. All plants must be grown by the exhibitor and have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least three months prior to the show. This rule does not apply to plant material used in Division II.
10. All entries will be staged in the showroom by the Placement Committee. Artistic arrangements and collections can be executed in the showroom by the exhibitor in the space designated, and during the stated time for entries. Cut blossoms or plant material may be placed in artistic arrangements on Friday morning from 6:00 to 6:15 a.m. by previous written arrangement with the Flower Show Chairperson.
11. Exhibitors will be permitted to indicate the front of a horticultural entry.
12. All plants must be free of insects and disease. All will be inspected, including commercial and educational exhibits as well as entries for exhibit only.
13. The Gesneriad Society standard competitive judging will be used.
14. Awards will be made according to the following point scores: 1st, blue ribbon, 90-100; 2nd, red ribbon, at least 80; 3rd, yellow ribbon, at least 70. Honorable Mention may also be awarded.
15. Special Awards (more than a class ribbon) will be reserved for members of The Gesneriad Society only unless otherwise offered to non-members. An exhibit must score 90 or above to be considered.
16. There will be a Sweepstakes Award for the Horticulture Division and a Sweepstakes award for the Artistic Division. An exhibitor must win a minimum of 3 blue ribbons in that division to be eligible for the award. These awards are reserved for members of The Gesneriad Society only.
17. The award for Best Gesneriad in Show in the Horticulture Division (excluding *Saintpaulia*) is given for horticultural perfection. A plant must score 95 points or over to be considered for this award. Reserved for members of The Gesneriad Society only.
18. The Gesneriad Society will endeavor to protect all entries but assumes no responsibility for loss or damage.

EXHIBITOR'S INFORMATION

The exhibitor must prepare a list of plants and other exhibits with the appropriate Section and Class numbers to facilitate the work of the Entries Committee. The Flower Show Committee will assist in identifying material unknown to the exhibitor. An exhibitor may provide educational information on a white 3" × 5" card for any entry in the show for which a card is not a requirement.

A computerized entry system will be used, and a pre-entry form will be included in each registration packet. Exhibitors are required to submit their pre-entry forms (at the Registration table) on Wednesday or latest by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday. Your cooperation will help expedite the actual entries process for everyone.

No particular type of container is specified for the Horticulture Division. Whatever is used should be clean. Foil covering should be avoided. A protective container or cover made of transparent material to shield delicate plant material from dry air or cold drafts may be used for any exhibit requiring it. Such plants may be judged uncovered.

The class for a collection of gesneriads of one genus stresses horticulture primarily, but as this serves to focus attention on a special group, there should be some degree of presentation. Uniform type and color of container would be a first step toward unity. Some simple staging to provide different levels may be provided by the exhibitor. The plants might be grouped in a basket or a tray.

Straight-sided terraria are composed of flat pieces of glass or plastic; curved terraria are composed of rounded pieces.

Photography: The photographer is being judged on the skill, technique and composition displayed, not on the quality of the plant material chosen as a subject.

Educational exhibits may be entered by institutions, chapters, study groups, or individuals. Any project relating to gesneriads may be presented with illustrative material that may or may not include live plant material in Class 76.