

2009 Convention Program

Tuesday, June 30

- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 noon - 2:45 p.m. Lunch and Committee Meetings
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Convention Registration and Information
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Convention Registration and Information
(Flower Show entry forms accepted)
8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Board of Directors or Committee Meetings (if required)

Wednesday, July 1

- 7:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Convention Registration and Information
(Flower Show entry forms accepted)
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Convention Opening Breakfast and Welcome by
Convention Committee and Gesneriad Society President
8:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Judges Training, Session 1: Novice / Intermediate and
Advanced / Workshop (pre-registration and Gesneriad
Society membership required)
12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Judges Training, Session 2, All Levels
2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Judges Interest Group Meeting
3:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Selby Project Update / Conservation Program
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Convention Registration and Information
(Flower Show entry forms accepted)
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Judges Test
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Future Conventions Meeting
4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Newsletter Editors Meeting
5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Host Chapter Social
6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Buffet Dinner Honoring Chapters and Members-at-large
8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Gesneriad Hybridizers Association Meeting (open to all)
Program: "Creating Smaller Steps"

Thursday, July 2

- 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Convention Registration and Information
(final submission of entry forms)
8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Board Buses for Tours (depart at 9:00 a.m. promptly)
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Visit to US Botanic Garden; DC highlights bus tour
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Visit to US Botanic Garden, box lunch, and tour of the
National Arboretum
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Convention Registration and Information
3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Flower Show Entries
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Auction Donations Accepted
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Convention Registration and Information
7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Chapter Presidents Meeting with Society President and
C&A Chair (open to chapter/affiliate presidents or delegates)
8:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Sale of Publications and Promotional Items
9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Early Entry Plant Sales (entry by registration number)
9:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Plant Sales

Friday, July 3

- 6:00 a.m. - 6:45 a.m. Flower Show Late Entries (with permission of Show Chair)
7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Breakfast for 2009 Judges, Clerks and Show Personnel only
7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Flower Show Judging
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Convention Registration and Information
9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Plant, Seed, Promo and Publications sales; Auction viewing
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and Annual Membership Meeting:
President Peter Shalit presiding; Awards of Appreciation;
Election of Directors
1:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Flower Show and Plant Sales open; Auction viewing
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Lecture #1: "Knowing and Growing the Genus *Chirita*"
by Peter Shalit (Seattle, WA)
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Lecture #2: "Pollinators and Floral Evolution in Caribbean
Gesneriads" by Silvana Martén-Rodríguez (Washington, DC)
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour
7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Flower Show Awards Banquet (MC: Ben Paternoster;
Awards Chair: Jo Anne Martinez)
9:15 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Flower Show open

Saturday, July 4

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Photographers only in Show Room
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Board of Directors Breakfast Meeting
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Flower Show Judges Critique (for judges and clerks who
participated in the 2009 Flower Show)
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Convention Registration and Information
9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Auction Viewing
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Flower Show and Plant Sales open;
Seed, Promo and Publications Sales open
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Lecture #3: "Knowing and Growing the Genus *Petrocosmea*"
by Tim Tuttle (Pittsburgh, PA)
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Lecture #4: "*Sinningia*: Genus Overview and Recent
Collections" by Mauro Peixoto (São Paulo, Brazil)
11:45 a.m. Silent Auction Closes
12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Luncheon Honoring Commercial Growers;
Live Auction (Chair: Suzie Larouche)
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Flower Show open and final Plant Sales
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Phytosanitary Inspector available
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Auction Settlement (live and silent)
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pick up auction plants from Flower Show
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Flower Show and Plant Sales breakdown
5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Board Buses for Dinner
(depart promptly at 6:00 p.m.)
6:00 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. Bus to dinner buffet at Phillips Flagship Restaurant
on the DC waterfront