

***The Gesneriad Society***  
**2023 Annual Report to the Board**

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Position/committee: Seed Fund Co-chairs

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Back up person to Chair: We back up each other

Current properties: 2,000 glass shell vials of seed, 250 empty glass vials, 1,000 glassine envelopes, miscellaneous labels, tissue paper, stamps, thank you cards, and mailing envelopes, 4.9 cu. ft. refrigerator.

Replacement value for properties held: \$1,500

How our committee process works: Karyn Cichocki receives and cleans seed donations and distributes seed to appropriate committee chairs. Thank you notes are sent to donors and glassine envelopes and papers are sent to donors if appropriate. Karyn maintains an Excel spreadsheet of all donations including harvest date (if provided), date received, and date sent to the appropriate chairs. She determines number of different donations for each donor and prepares certificates and awards for Seed Fund Contest winner and runners up. Gussie Farrice receives and fills orders for hybrid seed. Carolyn Ripps receives and fills orders for species seed and prepares seed envelopes for new membership packets.

The job description/committee process is up to date: yes

If no, I plan to have an update completed by \_\_\_\_\_ and sent to Paul Susi.

Current Suppliers and Contact Information: 1) Glassine envelopes, 1 ¾ x 2 ¾ open end (5STK01), 1000/box (Harry Edelman, 111-37 Lefferts Blvd., P.O.Box 200140, S. Ozone Park, NY, 11420-0140, 718-641-2710.

2) Glass shell vials with plastic caps, 1 dram, cat # 03-339-26B, 114/bx (Fisher Scientific Co., 1-800-640-0640).

3) Inkjet name labels for envelopes and vials, ½ x 1 ¾ inches, Avery 8167, 2000/box (Staples). Multi-use labels for sealing seed envelopes, 5/16 x ½ inches, Avery 5412, 1100/box (Staples).

4) Round color coding labels, ½ inch diameter, maco.com or other web vendors.

5) Goody SO Protected end papers, 500/box.

Activities/accomplishments during past year (2022): Continued our conservation relationship with Selby Gardens by exchanging plant material. Provided gesneriad seed to the Botanical Garden of Gena in Germany. Added new species and hybrid seed to the Fund. Propagated rare and endangered plants from seed including Asian seed from the Conservation Committee, seed from Brazil Plants, seed from Cuba, and seed from our own collections.

Summary of recent seed sales:

2018	\$4,978
2019	\$5,336
2020	\$5,956
2021	\$5,839
2022	\$5,121

Green activities/possible actions: Expanded the use of email for communications. Encouraged the use of ordering by email and the processing of payments through PayPal. Cleaned and reused or recycled seed vials, pots, and labels.

Future plans/goals: Continue seed donation promotional contest in 2023 to increase seed donations. Establish seed exchange programs with additional botanic gardens and growers. Expand stock of fresh seed and continue viability testing of old seed on hand. Update seed listings to reflect current botanical nomenclature and relationships. Provide information to members regarding seed collection, storage, and culture.

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Last year's expenses (2022): \$ 671.82 Reimbursed: \$ 636.20 Donated: \$35.62

If donated, designate fund: EMREF  
(undesignated donations will be applied to EMREF)

Proposed budget for next year (2024): Expenses: \$ 1,500 Income: \$ 5,000

Expected convention arrival and departure dates: 7/2/22 – 7/9/22

I will not be attending Convention this year.