

Convention Program

“Virginia is for Gesneriad Lovers”

Sunday, July 2

7:30 am - 8:15 am	Convention Registration / Information
8:30 am - 8:40 am	Board Bus for Pre-Convention Trip
8:40 am - 4:30 pm	Trip: Monticello (Thomas Jefferson’s home and gardens)
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Convention Registration/Information

Monday, July 3

7:45 am - 8:15 am	Convention Registration/Information (entry forms accepted)
8:30 am - 8:40 am	Board Bus for Pre-Convention Trip
8:40 am - 3:30 pm	Trip: Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden & VA Museum of Fine Arts
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting (Part I)
5:30 pm - 6:15 pm	Convention Registration/Information (entry forms accepted)
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Dinner and Socializing

Tuesday, July 4

7:30 am - 8:15 am	Convention Registration/Information (entry forms accepted)
8:30 am - 8:35 am	Board Bus for Historic Tour of Richmond
8:35 am - 11:30 am	Tour of Capitol Square and Around Richmond (On-Board Guide)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch and Socializing
1:30 pm	Deadline for Submitting Flower Show Entry Forms
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Judges Training (separate sessions: novice/advanced + workshop)
3:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Judges Training and Practice Judging (combined group)
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Informal Discussion
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm	Convention Registration
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Opening Dinner and Welcome
7:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Mini-Program: “Virus – INSV” (Dale Martens)
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Conservation Meeting and Program

Wednesday, July 5

7:45 am - 8:15 am	Convention Registration / Information
8:30 am - 8:35 am	Board Trolley for Local Area Trip
8:35 am - 11:30 pm	Narrated tour of Hollywood Cemetery/Arboretum and visit to Maymont Park Gardens
9:30 am - 11:15 am	Judges Test
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch and Socializing
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Flower Show Entries
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Informal Discussion
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Auction Donations Accepted
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Designers Additional Entry Time in Showroom
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Lecture #1 “Smithiantha: The Queen of the Rhizomatous Gesneriads” (Terri Vicenzi, Bloomington, Indiana)
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Convention Registration / Information
6:45 pm - 8:15 pm	Dinner and Annual Membership Meeting
8:30 pm - 9:15 pm	Sale of Publications
9:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Early Plant Sales (entry by registration number)
9:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Plant Sales for Registrants only

Thursday, July 6

6:30 am - 7:00 am	Flower Show Late Entries (with permission)
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast followed by Judging Instructions

8:00 am - 11:30 am	Flower Show Judging
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Convention Registration / Information
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Sales Open/Silent Auction Bidding for Registrants
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Informal Discussion
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch with Panel Discussion “Adventures Exploring for Plants”
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Sales Open/Silent Auction Bidding for Registrants
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Flower Show Open for Registrants
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Convention Registration / Information
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Social Hour with Cash Bar
6:30 pm - 8:15 pm	Flower Show Awards Banquet
8:15 pm - 10:00 pm	Flower Show Open for Registrants

Friday, July 7

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Photographers Only in Flower Show Room
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Flower Show Judges Critique (only for this year’s flower show judges and clerks)
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Convention Registration / Information
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Flower Show and Plant Sales Open to the Public
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Lecture #2 “Gesneriad Explorations and Evolutionary Insights from the Indian Subcontinent” (Prasanna NS, India)
11:45 pm - 12:45 pm	Luncheon Honoring Chapters/Affiliates/Members
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting (Part II)
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Mini-Presentations by Student Grant Recipients
4:00 pm	Silent Auction Closes
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm	Lecture #3 “Not Just Houseplants” (Tim Alderton, JC Raulston Arboretum, Raleigh, NC)
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Convention Registration/Final Sign-ups for Phyto Appointments
6:00 pm	Deadline to Submit Plant Lists for Phytosanitary Inspections
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Dinner with Panel Discussion “Award-Winning Show Plants”
8:00 pm - 9:15 pm	GHA Meeting and Program (open to all)

Saturday, July 8

8:30 am - 9:00 am	Convention Registration / Information
8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Flower Show and Plant Sales Open to the Public
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Mini-Program “Controlling Thrips” (Terri Vicenzi)
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Lecture #4 “Updates on the Classification of Neotropical Gesneriaceae” (John L. Clark, Selby Gardens, Sarasota, FL)
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Intro Program for Newbies
11:45 pm - 1:30 pm	Luncheon and Live Auction
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Auction Settlement (live and silent)
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	Phyto Inspections (by appointment)
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Flower Show and Plant Sales Breakdown
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Closing Social with Pizza and light fare (cash bar)
6:00 pm - 6:10 pm	Load Bus for Trip to James River Canal Area
6:10 pm - 9:00 pm	Canal Cruise, Murals and River Viewing

Additional Convention Information

Some changes have been made on this year’s convention program: Starting on Sunday, there are several trips planned as well as a one-day earlier start for flower show entries, show judging, and plant sales... leaving more free time later in the week for registrants to better enjoy the flower show and sale, relax, and socialize.

We suggest you register early, especially for the trips, as each bus or trolley or boat has limited capacity and reservations will be accepted in registration order.