

67th Annual Convention of The Gesneriad Society

Monday, July 1, to Saturday, July 6, 2024

Convention Registration Information

Register online on The Gesneriad Society Website: www.gesneriadsociety.org and select “Convention” and “Register Now.”

For inquiries or assistance, email gesneriadregistrar@gmail.com or call the Convention Registrar at 727-796-5615.

The information below will help you plan your activities for convention before you actually register online during the registration process. Only online registrations will be accepted this year.

Individual Information to be Entered

- Member or Guest Name, Address, Phone Number, Email Address, and Membership Number (if available). *Registrations for Guest(s) can be entered after the Primary Registrant information is completed.*

Other Information Related to your Registration

- Life Member
- Attending your first Gesneriad Society Convention
- Commercial name (if applicable)
- Dates arriving and leaving the hotel (if applicable)
- Parking needed for those driving to the convention or using a car there
- Phyto requested for those who will transport plants out of the United States
- Special diet needs (if applicable)
- Volunteer opportunities
- Judging or clerking opportunities

Admission to early plant sales will be in registration number order. Registration numbers will be based on the date and time each completed registration is entered into the online system. For assistance with online registration, please contact the Convention Registrar gesneriadregistrar@gmail.com

The discounted Registration “Plus” fees apply only if each registrant orders a minimum of six hotel meals **and** registrations are made online by midnight on March 15, 2024. The discounted amounts will be computed online automatically. Registrations made after March 15, 2024, will be at the full rate with no discount. Registration fees include all lectures and programs except Judging School (for which there is an additional fee). Note that June 27th is the last day to order hotel meals.

Convention cancellation and refund policy: A 5% processing fee will be deducted from all refunds. Full or partial cancellations of convention registrations made on or before June 16 will be honored with full refunds (except for the trips if the minimum number of attendees is affected). Full or partial cancellations made between June 16 and June 24 will be honored with refunds based on previous commitments made to the hotel, bus/tour operators. Refunds for full or partial cancellations cannot be guaranteed if requested after June 23. **Registration fees are not refundable for full cancellations made after June 16.**

Additional Convention Information

Informal convention meals as well as informal discussions have been added into the convention schedule. These have been very popular providing even more time for attendees to casually converse and get to know one another better, so they are being continued. Pricing has been set up to provide a registration discount to those who register early and who attend more of the meals at convention, as those meals help pay for all the hotel space we use for lectures, plant sales, and the show.

For additional information, visit The Gesneriad Society website: www.gesneriadsociety.org

Events and Activities

Sunday, June 30:

- Afternoon bus tour of St. Louis downtown and nearby sights with time to visit the Gateway Arch and other stops (\$40). Optional tram tour to top of the Arch (\$20)

Monday, July 1:

- Bus trip (\$40) to Missouri Botanical Garden (garden admission, tram, and lunch on your own) with afternoon trip options: more time at the garden (free); tour of MOBOT herbarium/library (\$12); or visit to the Blues Museum (\$12)
- ** Hotel Dinner: Chicken Florentine or Tilapia (\$49)

Tuesday, July 2:

- Bus trip (\$35) to Grant's Farm with options: close-up visit with the Clydesdale horses (\$26) or History or Art Museums at Forest Park (free)
- ** Lunch: (\$31) Chicken salad sandwich or turkey cheddar sandwich
- Judging School: (\$20) Novice, Intermediate or Workshop
- ** Dinner: (\$49) BBQ Buffet with beef brisket, pulled chicken, salads and sides

Wednesday, July 3:

- ** Lunch: (\$31) Tossed salad with chicken or salad trio (chicken/tuna/egg salad plate)
- ** Dinner and Annual Meeting: (\$49) Pork tenderloin or chicken piccata

Thursday, July 4:

- ** Plated Hot Breakfast: (\$30) Scrambled eggs & sides, juice, fruit cup)
- ** Lunch: (\$31) Turkey club wrap or Greek wrap
- ** Awards Banquet: (\$68) Prime cut sirloin or grilled salmon; (\$49) Vegetable Wellington

Friday, July 5:

- ** Lunch: (\$31) Caesar salad with chicken or chef salad
- ** Dinner: (\$49) Boneless pork loin chops or Romano-encrusted chicken

Saturday, July 6:

- ** Lunch: (\$39) Deli plate, sides, dessert
- Bus trip, dinner and attractions: (\$88) trip to Union Station downtown for light show, water show and dinner at Lombardo's Trattoria: choice of beef tenderloin tips Marsala or Sicilian style baked cod, salad, bread, starch, vegetable, dessert, coffee/tea (+cash bar)
- ** **Hotel Meals: (order 6 or more by March 15 to save on your registration fee)**
Lunches (light) sandwiches with side dish or salad with rolls, coffee/tea
Dinners with salad, rolls, starch, vegetable, dessert, coffee/tea

Convention Registration Fees:

The discounted Registration "Plus" fees apply only if at least 6 hotel meals are selected and registration is submitted online by midnight on March 15, 2024.

- Primary Registrant "Plus" \$40 (order at least 6 hotel meals and register by March 15)
- Guest or Family "Plus" \$20 (order at least 6 hotel meals and register by March 15)
- Primary Registrant \$70 (order fewer than 6 hotel meals or register after March 15)
- Guest or Family \$35 (order fewer than 6 hotel meals or register after March 15)

Covid Safety Precautions

- Covid is still with us so please be sure that your vaccines are up to date. Mask during travel when distancing is not possible.
- If you are feeling sick, please stay home.
- Attendees are encouraged to wear masks in the sales room, when judging, and other occasions when in close proximity to others.