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First-Time Convention Attendee



Life Member of The Gesneriad Society



Recipient of Award of Appreciation



Green Option Member

Names of local/chapter members are printed in light blue on the badges

The Gesneriad Society presents the 67th Annual Convention July 1 – 6, 2024



GESNERIADS ❖ Meet in St. Louis ❖ 2024

The Hilton St. Louis Frontenac
1335 South Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, MO, USA, 63131

Welcome to Saint Louis

On behalf of everyone who has helped us put this convention together, we would like to take a moment to welcome you to Saint Louis! Our local chapter is the Gateway West Gesneriad Society. We have relied on several Society members as well as local members for all of the committee assignments, and they have all done a wonderful job!

We extend a special welcome to the many first-time convention registrants. Feel free to ask questions of anyone on the local committee – those whose names are in light blue on their name badges. We look forward to meeting you! Once you get a taste of what our conventions have to offer, we know that you will be encouraged to attend future conventions.

Our convention hotel, the Frontenac Hilton, is located across from Plaza Frontenac in the heart of Saint Louis County. Several restaurants are located in the plaza and nearby. The hotel décor features many of the wonderful places to explore in Saint Louis. Our tours include the Gateway Arch along with stops at Ted Drewes for frozen custard (my favorite is the Cardinal Sin), the mosaics at the new Cathedral, and Forest Park with its many museums and zoo. Monday includes a tour of the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Herbarium. Tuesday's tour is of the Clydesdales at Grant's Farm and the History or Art Museums. By the way, the History Museum has a special exhibit on the 1904 World's Fair held here in Saint Louis. The Art Museum special exhibit is Art and Imagination in Spanish America, 1500–1800. Your packet contains lots of additional information to help you explore Saint Louis.

We have wonderful speakers coming to talk about Brazilian gesneriads, Sinningias and Kohlerias and more. We promise a show room packed with spectacular entries and a plant sales room to tempt your wallet. If that's not enough, the silent and live auctions will help relieve you of that extra cash! We promise a relaxing end to your convention experience with the banquet at Lombardo's and a visit to Union Station.

Thank you for coming and enjoy your stay!

*Ralph Olliges
Local Convention Chair*

SECTION M – Container Plantings of Growing Gesneriad Material

- Class 65 Terrarium – Straight-sided
- Class 66 Terrarium – Curved
- Class 67 Tray Landscape
- Class 68 Natural Garden – planted on any naturally occurring material, (e.g., rock, wood, shell)

SECTION N – Artistic Entries by Novices – Novice: anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in the Artistic Division of a gesneriad (including AV) flower show.

- Class 69 Artistic entries suitable for any class in Sections K, L, or M, except for the Challenge Classes.

Division III — THE ARTS

SECTION O – Photography

- Class 70 Color print of parts of a gesneriad (flowers, fruit, foliage, etc.).
- Class 71 Color print of a whole gesneriad plant.
- Class 72 Color print of gesneriad(s) growing in a natural habitat. The subject must be portrayed growing wild in an area of the world considered by botanists to be its natural range, not cultivated in pots, gardens, or greenhouses.
- Class 73 Monochrome print

SECTION P – Arts and Crafts Representing Gesneriads

- Class 74 Painting or drawing
- Class 75 Needlework or textile
- Class 76 Other arts and crafts

Division IV — EDUCATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL

SECTION Q – Educational Exhibits

- Class 77 Exhibit illustrating information of scientific or historical importance, or gesneriad promotion
- Class 78 Exhibit of plant material with educational information
- Class 79 Exhibit of photograph(s) of gesneriads that because of their seasonal nature and/or rarity are not often exhibited
- Class 80 Exhibit of photograph(s) of gesneriads growing outdoors as bedding, accent, or container plants

SECTION R – Commercial Displays

- Class 81 Display table with a grouping of gesneriads (10 or more different plants)
- Class 82 Display table with a grouping of gesneriads (fewer than 10 different plants)

(Refer to the full show schedule for all rules and exhibitors information)

- Class 37 *Primulina*
 Class 38 Other gesneriads with variegated foliage
 Class 39 Other New World gesneriads, species or cultivars
 Class 40 Other Old World gesneriads, species or cultivars

SECTION F – New Gesneriads: Introductions made within the last 5 years, but not previously entered in this section of any Gesneriad Society Convention Show.

- Class 41 Species in flower
 Class 42 Species not in flower
 Class 43 Cultivars in flower
 Class 44 Cultivars not in flower

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

- Class 45 In flower
 Class 46 Not in flower

SECTION H – Trained or Sculptured Gesneriads

- Class 47 Bonsai, topiary, espaliered, or other style

SECTION I – Gesneriads Grown by a Novice – A Novice is anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in the Horticulture Division of a gesneriad (including AV) flower show.

- Class 48 Gesneriads in flower
 Class 49 Gesneriads grown for ornamental qualities other than flowers

SECTION J – Collections of Gesneriads – A grouping of 3 to 5 different plants in flower or grown for ornamental qualities, or in combination

- Class 50 Plants of a single genus either species, cultivars or hybrids
 Class 51 Kinship group – Interspecific or intergeneric hybrid/hybrids exhibited with one or more parents
 Class 52 Multiple genera

Division II – ARTISTIC

SECTION K – Designs of Fresh-Cut Gesneriad Material

- Class 53 “The Magic House” – design staged in a niche
 Class 54 “St. Louis Miniature Museum” – miniature design staged in a niche
 Class 55 “St Louis Aquarium” – underwater design featuring completely submerged plant material
 Class 56 “The Train Shed” – horizontal line, freestanding design
 Class 57 “St. Louis Wheel” – design staged in a niche
 Class 58 “Millionaires Row” – design staged in a niche
 Class 59 “Challenge Class” – Class title will be announced at 9:00 am on the day of entries. All materials (except container & mechanics) will be provided.

SECTION L – Designs of Growing Gesneriad Material

- Class 60 “Missouri Botanical Garden” – freestanding foliage only design
 Class 61 “The Munny” (theatrical productions performed here) – design staged in a niche
 Class 62 “Grant’s Farm” – design staged in a niche
 Class 63 “Gateway Arch” – a freestanding design using two containers with a connective line between them
 Class 64 “Challenge Class” – Class title will be announced at 1:30 pm on the day of entries. All materials (except container & mechanics) will be provided.

Updated Convention Schedule of Activities “Gesneriads Meet in St. Louis”

Sunday, June 30

9:00 am - 11:00 am	Convention Registration	Ballroom Lobby
11:45 am - Noon	Board Bus for Pre-Convention Trip	Ballroom Lobby
Noon - 5:30 pm	Tour of St. Louis / Gateway Arch	-
5:30 pm - 6:15 pm	Convention Registration / Information	Ballroom Lobby

Monday, July 1

7:30 am - 8:15 am	Convention Registration / Information	Ballroom Lobby
8:15 am - 8:30 am	Board Bus for trip	Ballroom Lobby
8:30 am - 3:30 pm	Trip to Missouri Botanical Garden +	-
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting (Part I)	Le Café
5:30 pm - 6:15 pm	Convention Registration / Information	Ballroom Lobby
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Opening Dinner	Ballroom 4

Tuesday, July 2

7:30 am - 8:15 am	Convention Registration/Information	Ballroom Lobby
8:15 am - 8:30 am	Board Bus for trip	Ballroom Lobby
8:30 am - Noon	Trip to Grant’s Farm + other added option	-
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch	Ballroom 4
1:45 pm	Deadline for Submitting Show Entry Forms	Ballroom Lobby
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Judges Training (students/seniors)	Pommard
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Judges Workshop	Ballroom 5
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Judges Training and Practice Judging	Ballroom 5
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Judges Interest Group Meeting	Ballroom 5
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Propagation Discussion (C. & D. Turley)	Le Café
5:15 pm - 5:45 pm	Convention Registration / Information	Ballroom Lobby
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Welcome Dinner Honoring Members	Ballroom 4
7:30 pm - 8:45 pm	Conservation Meeting and Program	Ballroom 5

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 am - 8:30 am	Convention Registration / Information	Ballroom Lobby
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Flower Show Entries	Frontenac Room
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Moderated Discussion (W. Goretsky)	Le Café
11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Designers Additional Time in Showroom	Ballroom 1
Noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Ballroom 4
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Auction Donations Accepted	Frontenac Room
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Fieldwork Discussion (J.L. Clark)	Le Café
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Lecture #1 “Brazilian Gesneriads” (Chautems and Peixoto)	Ballroom 5
5:15 pm - 5:45 pm	Convention Registration / Information	Ballroom Lobby
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Dinner and Annual Membership Meeting	Ballroom 4
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Sale of Merchandise, Pubs and Seed	Le Café
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Early Sales (entry by registration number)	Ballroom 2
8:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Plant Sales for Registrants only	Ballroom 2
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Designers Extra Time in Show Room	Ballroom 1

Flower Show Schedule

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Division I – HORTICULTURE

Thursday, July 4

6:30 am - 7:00 am	Flower Show Late Entries (with permission)	Ballroom 1
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast (and judging instructions)	Ballroom 4
8:00 am - 11:30 am	Flower Show Judging	Ballroom 1
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Convention Registration / Information	Ballroom Lobby
9:00 am - Noon	Plant Sales Open for Registrants	Ballroom 2
9:00 am - Noon	Auction Bidding for Registrants	Frontenac Rm
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Moderated Discussion (C. Huston)	Le Café
Noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Ballroom 4
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Auction Bidding Open for Registrants	Frontenac Rm
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Plant Sales Open for Registrants	Ballroom 2
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Additional Conservation Activities	Ballroom 5
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Flower Show Open for Registrants	Ballroom 1
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Lecture #2: Sinningia Panel Discussion	Ballroom 5
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Convention Registration / Information	Ballroom Lobby
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Social Hour with Cash Bar	Ballroom Lobby
6:30 pm - 8:15 pm	Flower Show Awards Banquet	Ballroom 4
8:15 pm - 9:45 pm	Flower Show Open for Registrants	Ballroom 1

Friday, July 5

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Photographers Only in Show Room	Ballroom 1
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Flower Show Judges Review	Ballroom 1
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Registration / Sign-ups for Phyto Appts.	Ballroom Lobby
9:45 am - 10:30 am	Student Mini-Presentations Pt I	Ballroom 5
9:45 am - 11:30 am	Judges Test	Pommard
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Moderated Discussion (L. Re)	Le Café
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Flower Show Open to the Public	Ballroom 1
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Plant Sales Open to the Public	Ballroom 2
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Auction Bidding Open	Frontenac Rm
11:45 am	Deadline: Phyto Inspections Sign-up	Ballroom Lobby
Noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Ballroom 4
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	Board of Directors Meeting (Part II)	Le Café
2:45 pm - 3:30 pm	Student Mini-Presentations Pt II	Ballroom 5
4:00 pm	Silent Auction Closes	Frontenac Rm
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm	Lecture #3 “On the Kohleria Trail” (Hansen)	Ballroom 5
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Convention Registration / Information	Ballroom Lobby
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Dinner and Top Show Plants Discussions	Ballroom 4
8:00 pm - 9:15 pm	GHA Meeting and Program (open to all)	Ballroom 5

Saturday, July 6

8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Flower Show Open to the Public	Ballroom 1
8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Plant Sales Open to the Public	Ballroom 2
8:45 am - 9:45 am	Moderated Discussion (F. Correa Mendoza)	Le Café
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Convention Registration / Information	Ballroom Lobby
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Lecture #4 “Kohleria” (Erikson)	Ballroom 5
11:45 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch Honoring Commercials / Live Auction	Ballroom 4
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Auction Settlement (live and silent)	Ballroom 4
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	Phyto Inspections (by appointment)	Le Café
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Flower Show and Plant Sales Breakdown	Ballrooms 1&2
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Load Bus for Trip and Dinner	Ballroom Lobby
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Trip to Union Station for light/water shows and dinner	-

SECTION A – New World Gesneriads in Flower – Tuberos

- Class 1 *Sinningia speciosa* species and varieties
- Class 2 *Sinningia speciosa* cultivars
- Class 3 *Sinningia* species and cultivars (leaf blade less than 1" long)
- Class 4 *Sinningia* species and cultivars (leaf blade maximum 2.5" long)
- Class 5 Other *Sinningia* species
- Class 6 Other *Sinningia* cultivars
- Class 7 Other tuberos gesneriads (*Nautilocalyx*, *Chrysothemis*)

SECTION B – New World Gesneriads in Flower – Rhizomatous

- Class 8 *Achimenes*, ×*Achimenantha*
- Class 9 *Kohleria*
- Class 10 *Seemannia*, ×*Gloximannia*
- Class 11 *Smithiantha*, ×*Smithicodonia*
- Class 12 Other rhizomatous gesneriads less than 5" in all dimensions (excl. container)
- Class 13 Other rhizomatous gesneriads

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

- Class 14 *Codonanthe*, *Codonanthopsis*, ×*Codonanthus*
- Class 15 *Columnea*
- Class 16 *Episcia*, *Alsobia*
- Class 17 *Gesneria*, ×*Rhytidoneria*
- Class 18 *Nematanthus*
- Class 19 Other fibrous-rooted gesneriads

SECTION D – Old World Gesneriads in Flower

- Class 20 *Aeschynanthus*
- Class 21 *Henckelia*
- Class 22 *Petrocosmea*
- Class 23 *Primulina* species
- Class 24 *Primulina* cultivars
- Class 25 *Streptocarpus*, subgenus *Streptocarpella*
- Class 26 Subg. *Streptocarpella*, Sect. *Saintpaulia* species
- Class 27 Sect. *Saintpaulia* cultivars classified as miniatures (leaf span max 6" diam.)
- Class 28 Sect. *Saintpaulia* cultivars classified as semi-miniatures with leaf span maximum 8" diameter
- Class 29 Sect. *Saintpaulia* cultivars classified as standards (leaf span over 8" diameter)
- Class 30 Sect. *Saintpaulia* cultivars classified as trailers
- Class 31 *Streptocarpus*, subgenus *Streptocarpus*, species
- Class 32 *Streptocarpus*, subgenus *Streptocarpus*, cultivars
- Class 33 *Streptocarpus*, subgenus *Streptocarpus*, cultivars with variegated foliage
- Class 34 Other Old World gesneriads

SECTION E – Gesneriads Grown for Ornamental Qualities Other Than Flowers

- Decorative fruit and calyces permitted, but no flowers or buds showing color.
A plant should have some special quality of color, texture or growth habit.
- Class 35 *Episcia* with pink and white/cream leaf variegation
- Class 36 Other *Episcia*