

Convention Schedule of Activities

“Gesneriads Gather in the Garden State”

Sunday, June 29

8:00 am - 9:00 am Convention Registration
 9:00 am - 9:15 am Board Bus for Convention Trip
 9:15 am - 4:00 pm Trip to New York Botanical Garden
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Convention Registration / Information

Monday, June 30

7:30 am - 8:15 am Convention Registration / Information (entry forms accepted)
 8:30 am - 8:45 am Board Bus for trip
 8:45 am - 3:30 pm Trip to Grounds for Sculpture
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting (Part I)
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Convention Registration / Information (entry forms accepted)
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Social Hour with Cash Bar
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Welcome Dinner

Tuesday, July 1

7:30 am - 8:00 am Convention Registration/Information (entry forms accepted)
 8:00 am - 8:15 am Board Bus for Trip
 8:15 am - 12:30 pm Local Visits to Nursery, Arboretum, Shopping
 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Judges Training (Students Only)
 1:45 pm Deadline for Submitting Flower Show Entry Forms
 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Judges Training (Separate Sessions: Student/senior or Workshop)
 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm Judges Training and Practice Judging (combined group)
 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Moderated Discussion
 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Judges Interest Group Meeting
 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm Convention Registration / Information
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Opening Dinner Honoring Chapters
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Program #1 “Take Me to the Jungle! Finding Gesneriads in the Dominican Republic” (Olive Ma Robinson, New York)

Wednesday, July 2

8:30 am - 9:00 am Convention Registration / Information
 9:00 am - 9:30 am Flower Show Entries for Show Team Only
 9:30 am - 11:00 am Flower Show Entries for All Registrants
 9:30 am - 10:30 am Moderated Discussion
 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Designers Additional Entry Time in Showroom
 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Auction Donations Accepted
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Moderated Discussion
 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm Conservation Meeting and Program (open to all)
 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm Convention Registration / Information
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Dinner and Annual Membership Meeting
 8:00 pm - 8:30 pm Early Plant Sales (entry by registration number)
 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm Plant Sales for Registrants Only
 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm Designers Extra Time in Flower Show Room

Thursday, July 3

6:30 am - 7:00 am Flower Show Late Entries (with permission)
 7:30 am - 8:00 am Judging Instructions
 8:00 am - 11:30 am Flower Show Judging
 8:30 am - 9:00 am Convention Registration / Information
 9:00 am - Noon Plant Sales Open for Registrants
 9:00 am - Noon Auction Bidding for Registrants
 10:00 am - 11:00 am Moderated Discussion
 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm Auction Bidding Open for Registrants
 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm Plant Sales Open for Registrants
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Flower Show Open for Registrants
 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm Program #2 “Streptocarpus – Diverse habitats and implications for cultivation” (Dirk Bellstedt, South Africa)
 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 - 9:45 pm Flower Show Open for Registrants

Friday, July 4

8:00 am - 8:45 am Photographers Only in Flower Show Room
 8:45 am - 9:45 am Flower Show Judges Review
 (only for this year's flower show judges and clerks)
 9:30 am - 10:00 am Convention Registration / Sign-ups for Phyto Appointment
 10:00 am - 11:45 am Judges Test
 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Flower Show Open to the Public
 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Plant Sales Open to the Public
 10:30 am - 11:30 am Mini-presentations by Student Grant Recipients
 11:45 am Deadline to Submit Plant Lists for Phytosanitary Inspections
 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm Board of Directors Meeting (Part II)
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Mini-presentation
 4:00 pm Silent Auction Closes
 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm Program #3 “Growing Streptocarpus”
 (Mini-presentations and culture discussions)
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Convention Registration / Information
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Dinner with Discussions “Award-Winning Show Entries”
 8:00 pm - 9:15 pm GHA Meeting and Program (open to all)

Saturday, July 5

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Flower Show Open to the Public
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Plant Sales Open to the Public
 9:30 am - 10:00 am Convention Registration / Information
 10:00 am - 11:00 am Program #4 “Great Beauty, No Flowers”
 (Ron Myhr, Ontario, Canada)
 11:45 am - 1:30 pm Lunch and Live Auction
 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Auction Settlement (live and silent)
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Flower Show and Plant Sales Breakdown
 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Social of Light Hors D’oeuvres with cash bar