

69th Convention of The Gesneriad Society

Sunday, June 28, to Saturday, July 4, 2026

Convention Registration Information

Convention Registration is open only to Gesneriad Society Members and their Guests.

Register online on The Gesneriad Society Website: www.gesneriadociety.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.

Individual Information to be Entered

- Member or Guest Name, Address, Phone Number, Email Address, and Membership Number (if available). *(Note that registrations for Guest(s) are to 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)
- Phyto requested for those who will transport plants out of the United States
- Special dietary needs (if applicable)
- Volunteer opportunities and judging and clerking opportunities
- Emergency contact information

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 registrations are made online by midnight on March 15, 2026, and each registrant orders a minimum of 7 hotel meals (*not including the Friday Anniversary Banquet and Saturday Social*). The discounted amounts will be computed online automatically. Registrations made after March 15, 2026, 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 15th 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 15 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 15 and June 23 will be honored with refunds based on previous commitments made to the hotel and bus/tour operators. Refunds for full or partial cancellations cannot be guaranteed if requested after June 22.

Registration fees are not refundable for full cancellations made after June 15.

Convention Registration Fees:

The discounted Registration “Plus” fees apply only if at least 7 hotel meals are selected and registration is submitted online by midnight on March 15, 2026.

- Primary Registrant “Plus” \$40 (order at least 7 hotel meals and register by March 15th)
- Guest or Family “Plus” \$25 (order at least 7 hotel meals and register by March 15th)
- Primary Registrant \$75 (order fewer than 7 hotel meals or register after March 15th)
- Guest or Family \$40 (order fewer than 7 hotel meals or register after March 15th)

Purchases and Award Sponsorships:

- Flower Show Award Sponsorship (in \$15 increments) • Gesneriad Society Calendar 2027 (pick up at convention \$18) • Gesneriad Society Pin 2026 (pick up at convention \$5)

Events and Activities:

Sunday, June 28:

- Convention bus tour of Chicago area including Garfield Park Conservatory (\$65); Art Institute of Chicago (admission and lunch on your own); Navy Pier visit (with lunch on your own); boat tour option (\$40) only for Navy Pier group

Monday, June 29:

- Bus trip to Chicago Botanic Garden including admission (\$65); lunch on your own; return to the hotel or continue on to Pesche's Nursery
- ** Hotel Dinner/Welcome (\$45): Taco Buffet with beef or white fish tacos (hard and soft shells), toppings, rice & beans, salad, and dessert

Tuesday, June 30:

- Morning Bus trip (\$45) with visits to Orchids by Hausermann and Morton Arboretum
- Morning Judging School for Students only (cost included below)
- ** Lite Lunch (\$32): Muffaletta wrap or turkey club sandwich with side salad
- Afternoon Judging School for Student/Senior (\$25) or Workshop (\$25)
- ** Opening Dinner Italian Buffet (\$49): Chicken parmesan, eggplant parmesan, spaghetti with marinara sauce, vegetable ratatouille, Caesar salad, dessert

Wednesday, July 1:

- ** Lite Lunch (\$32): Roast beef on pretzel roll or Cobb salad, both with house soup
- ** Dinner and Annual Meeting: Haddock (\$59) or Chicken Florentine (\$59); with Chef's choice of salad, starch, vegetables, and dessert

Thursday, July 2:

- ** Hot Plated Breakfast (\$29): Scrambled eggs, turkey bacon, breakfast potatoes with orange juice and muffin
- ** Lite Lunch (\$32): Chicken salad with grapes and nuts on croissant or chef salad with roll
- ** Awards Dinner: Pork tenderloin medallions (\$62) Chicken Picatta (\$59) Quinoa stuffed Portobello mushroom (\$48) all with Chef's choice of salad, starch, vegetables, dessert

Friday, July 3:

- ** Lite Lunch (\$32) Turkey on ciabatta or chicken Caesar wrap, both with house soup
 - *Anniversary Dinner: Hanger steak (\$82) (\$41) or salmon (\$72) (\$36) or vegetable Tagine over rice (\$50) (\$25); with Chef's choice of salad, starch, vegetables, and dessert*
- (Note that the Society is covering half the cost of the Anniversary Dinner, so this meal is not included in the "Plus" counts)*

Saturday, July 4:

- ** July 4th Lunch Buffet (\$35): BBQ chicken sliders and beef hot dogs on buns with condiments, coleslaw, potato salad, dessert
 - *Anniversary Party/Social: (\$80) (\$40) Artisanal cheeses and fruit, crudites of farm-fresh vegetables with dressings and dips, assorted hors d'oeuvres (+ cash bar)*
- (Note that the Society is covering half the cost of the Anniversary Party/Social, so this social is not included in the "Plus" counts)*
- ** **Hotel Meals: (order 7 or more meals by March 15th to save on your registration fee)**
Dinners include salad, rolls, entrée, starch, vegetable, dessert, iced tea, hot coffee/tea.

PRICING: Pricing has been set up to provide a registration discount for 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 our convention lectures, plant sales, and the show.

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