

***The Gesneriad Society***  
**2026 Annual Report to the Board**

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Committee Members/Advisors: Dale Martens Chairperson, Mel Grice Seed Fund, Karyn Cichocki Editor, Martha Lacy is Memership, Alcie Maxwell Advisor & proof reader

Back up person to Chair: Karyn Cichocki

Current properties: Mel Grice has membership donated seeds and purchased stamps/glassines

Replacement value for properties held: \$150 glassines and stamps

How my committee process works: pdf CrossWords newsletter e-mailed 3X a year, GHA Seed Fund distribution, provide convention GHA speaker and \$200 honorarium at annual convention, provide \$75 GHA award at convention

The job description/committee process is up to date: yes

Current Suppliers and Contact Information: Mel orders from US postal service

Activities/accomplishments during past year (2025): 129 members around the world; Mel mail 205 packets of seeds; provided a speaker at convention; provided the GHA hybrid award

Green activities/possible actions: newsletter CrossWords is pdf only

Future plans/goals continue with great speakers and increase membership; Martin Steel-Brown from New Zealand is the 2026 speaker through taped PowerPoint MP4 video

Last year's expenses (2025): \$95.85 stamps/envelopes Reimbursed: \$95.85; In lieu of the \$200 speaker expenses: Import Duty for GHA raffle plants shipped to Karyn by speaker: \$136.04; Phyto-certificate for plants sent to speaker: \$50 all reimbursed; The Society paid directly: \$75 GHA New Hybrid Award; Total 2025 expenses: \$431.89

**2025 GHA Membership income: \$896**

Proposed budget for next year (2026): Expenses: \$450 Income: \$700

Expected convention arrival and departure dates: June 28, 2026 to July 5, 2026 and will be driving