

2010 Convention Program

Tuesday, June 29

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings and Lunch
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Convention Registration and Information
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Board Buses for Bill Price's Home (depart at 5:30 promptly)
5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Visit to Bill Price's Home with Dinner and Social Time

Wednesday, June 30

7:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Convention Registration and Information (Flower Show entry forms accepted)
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Convention Opening Breakfast and Welcome by Convention Committee and Gesneriad Society President
8:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Judges Training, Session 1: Novice / Intermediate and Advanced / Workshop (pre-registration and Gesneriad Society membership required)
12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Judges Training, Session 2, All Levels
2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Judges Interest Group Meeting
3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Chapter Presidents Meeting with Society President and C&A Chair (open to chapter/affiliate presidents or delegates)
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Judges Test
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Convention Registration and Information (Flower Show entry forms accepted)
4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	Newsletter Editors Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Host Chapter Social
6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Buffet Dinner Honoring Chapters and Members-at-large
8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Gesneriad Hybridizers Association Meeting (open to all)

Thursday, July 1

7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Convention Registration and Information (final submission of entry forms)
8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Board Buses for Trip (depart at 8:45 a.m. promptly)
8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Bus trip to UBC Botanical Garden and Southlands Nursery
1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Conservation Committee Meeting
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Convention Registration and Information
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Auction Donations Accepted
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Flower Show Entries
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Convention Registration and Information
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Lecture #1: "Hunting Gesneriads at the Edge of the World: More Tales from the Southeast Asia-Pacific Interface Zone" by John R. Clark (Sarasota, FL)
8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Sales of Publications and Promotional Items
9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Early Entry Plant Sales (entry by registration number)
9:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Plant Sales

Friday, July 2

6:00 a.m. - 6:45 a.m.	Flower Show Late Entries (with permission of Show Chair)
7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.	Breakfast for 2010 Judges, Clerks and Show Personnel Only
7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Flower Show Judging
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Convention Registration and Information
9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Plant, Seed, Promo and Publications Sales; Auction Viewing
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon and Annual Membership Meeting: President Peter Shalit presiding; Awards of Appreciation; Election of Directors
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Flower Show and Plant Sales Open; Auction Viewing
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Lecture #2: "The History of Saintpaulias and Other Gesneriads in Russia" by Vladimir Kalgin (Moscow, Russia)
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Lecture #3: "Cuban Gesneriads: Botanical Treasures of the Caribbean" by John L. Clark (Tuscaloosa, AL)
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Cocktail Hour
7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.	Flower Show Awards Banquet (Awards Chair: Jo Anne Martinez)
9:15 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Flower Show Open

Saturday, July 3

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Photographers Only in Show Room
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Breakfast Meeting
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Flower Show Judges Critique (for judges and clerks who participated in the 2010 Flower Show)
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Convention Registration and Information
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Auction Viewing
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Plant Sales; Seed, Promo and Publications Sales Open
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Phytosanitary Inspectors Available
9:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Flower Show Open
9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Lecture #4: "A Proposed New Classification System for the Species of <i>Columnea</i> " by James F. Smith (Boise, ID)
11:30 a.m.	Silent Auction Closes
12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Luncheon Honoring Commercial Growers; Live Auction (Chair: Suzie Larouche)
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Phytosanitary Inspectors Available
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Final Plant Sales
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Auction Settlement (live and silent)
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Flower Show and Plant Sales Breakdown
4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Board Buses for Dinner Cruise (depart promptly at 5:00 p.m.)
5:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Dinner Cruise around Vancouver Harbour

Sunday, July 4

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Phytosanitary Inspectors Available (if required)
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Auction 2010

Live or silent, we know that you will enjoy bidding and winning at this year's auction. In 2009 at the live auction we again auctioned off "specialist" Jon Dixon to show the lucky winner around the plant sales room before the official opening. Jon will be escorting Kathy Spissman around the sales room in Vancouver as he did last year in Silver Spring. It's round three for Kathy! Will you be his partner in 2011 in Philadelphia?

If you plan on making an auction donation, complete the auction form that you will receive with your registration packet and have it with you when you bring your items to the auction room on Thursday afternoon. Bring us some of your own horticulturally related items, or live plant material, or even designate one or more of your flower show entries as auction donations and join the fun.

Paul Susi, Development Chair
Suzie Larouche, Auction Chair

Plant Sales Procedures

Register early so you'll get into the plant sales early. You'll want to because we expect to have a large selection from which to choose. Individual donors, chapters (for a great way to raise funds), and vendors are invited to participate in the exciting plant sales event at this year's convention. If you are a donor or a vendor, please make sure that potted plants for sale are well rooted and clearly labeled. Rhizomes, tubers, cuttings, and stolons in labeled plastic bags are also welcome. Individuals, chapters, and vendors putting plants into the sale are expected to volunteer in the sales room for a few hours during convention.

Use one of the following procedures in preparing plants for sale. These procedures will insure that sellers receive full proceeds from their plants, buyers will have the plant name, and the sales process will be efficient.

DONORS: We will greatly appreciate any amount of donated plant material.

- Each plant must be labeled, either with its name printed clearly on a WHITE plant tag placed securely in the pot, or with a label on the pot. Growers are requested to place their name on the back of the WHITE plant identification label. Plastic tags are preferred (please use a complete tag in a pot; do not cut tags into small pieces for labels); paper tags are discouraged.
- You do not need to price your plants in advance (but it would be helpful). Just bring your donated materials to the plant sales rooms and the sales committee will price them for you.

VENDORS: Each vendor bringing plants for the sale at convention must bring a minimum of 50 plants.

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- The price and seller's identification must be shown on a separate brightly COLORED plant tag. Please advise Mel Grice of the color and identification code you will use.
- Place BOTH tags (name of plant tag and price/your ID tag) on the same side of the pot facing out. It will help if the price tag is longer than the name tag.
- Label cuttings, rhizomes, tubers and bagged plants by clearly printing the plant name on the bag or on a WHITE plant tag securely attached to the bag using tape. Alternatively, use a plastic label placed inside the bag. Please do not staple pricing labels on bags holding plant material.
- Price cuttings, rhizomes, tubers and bagged plants by attaching a brightly COLORED tag with the price and seller's identification. Attach the price tag separately from the name tag using tape.

If you plan to donate and/or sell plants at convention, we would appreciate your informing us as early as possible. Please send your name, address, and the ID (example: "M.G." on blue tag) you will use on your tags to: Mel Grice, 2019 Crosswind Court, Englewood, OH 45322 USA or email <mels-grice@earthlink.net>. It would be helpful if everyone donating and/or selling plants gives them to us by Wednesday or latest by Thursday morning. Anyone who foresees arriving later, please notify Mel Grice or Nancy Kast so arrangements can be made.

A Call for Judges and Clerks

Members who are attending convention and interested in an assignment as a judge or clerk, please notify Judges Chairperson, Michael Riley, 101 West 104th Street, New York, NY 10025 or <Riley2362@aol.com> for consideration. Invitations will be extended individually so please confirm your contact information.

Judges Training School

The Training School for the 2010 Convention will be held on Wednesday, June 30. The school consists of two sessions. Session 1 will be held from 8:45 to 11:15 a.m. and Session 2 from 12:15 to 2:00 p.m. The novices will be in a separate class during Session 1. (Novices should obtain and study the *Flower Show Manual for Judges and Exhibitors* from Gesneriad Society Publications.) The certified judges who register must indicate their choice of class for Session 1, either Intermediate/Advanced (primarily for judges preparing for the Senior Judge exam) or Workshop. Information on the Workshop topic always appears in both the January and May issues of *Appraisal*. Any certified judge may take the Workshop. All registrants are together for Session 2. The examination will be given from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. A member who is primarily interested in exhibiting, and not necessarily becoming a judge, may register for the school. Taking the examination is optional unless accreditation as a judge is desired.

Registration for the school (\$10) can be accomplished on the same form as registration for Convention (both online and printed). **No registrations will be accepted at Convention.** Payment for *Appraisal* subscriptions should be made directly to Mel Grice when your subscription is due for renewal. Novice registrants who meet all other requirements for becoming student judges must subscribe to *Appraisal* no later than September 30, 2010.

There will be a meeting of the Judges Interest Group on Wednesday, June 30, from 2:15 to 3:00 p.m. Current Gesneriad Society judges or those interested in becoming judges are welcome to attend this meeting. For judges and clerks who participate in the flower show judging, there will be a critique on Saturday, July 3, from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Ben Paternoster, Shows & Judging Chair <ben9@optonline.net>

Flower Show Awards

The members of the Vancouver Chapter are proud and excited to be hosting the 2010 Convention to be held near Vancouver, Canada, an area that many of us have never been to before. Our Convention Chairperson, Bill Price, and our Show Chairperson, Arleen Dewell, along with many chapter members, have been working hard to make this a most memorable convention. In anticipation, I applied and received my passport several months ago. Our last convention show was extremely large and I was told to expect the same or larger. Wow!

As Awards Chair, I have the honor of recognizing all the outstanding and beautiful plants and exhibits. The generosity of the individual members, commercial members, chapters and friends-at-large who donate these awards is greatly appreciated by the winning exhibitors, the Society and, most of all, me. With your help, I can recognize each and every award-winning exhibit. Your past donations have been most wonderful and have made this job fun and enjoyable. I am counting on you again this year.

Please join in the fun and consider donating an award for the 2010 Convention. A member or chapter who wishes to donate an award may forward an award to me at the address below. Checks or money orders should be made payable to The Gesneriad Society. Awards may also be made when registering for convention by mail or on the website <www.gesneriadsociety.org>. All awards must be received by June 20. Any awards received after this date will be applied to next year's convention.

As in the past, preference is for unspecified awards. This allows for fair distribution to all deserving entries. Special requests will be filled on a first-come basis. If there are no eligible entries, or the category's award has already been filled, with your permission the award will be transferred to another class or section. Should there be fewer eligible entries than awards, the balance of award donations will be used to sponsor color pictures in our great journal.

THANK YOU to all who have donated in the past. Your generosity has been overwhelming, and I look forward to your continued support. Never donated an award? Become a first-time donor and join the tradition.

Acknowledgment of all award donations will appear in the fourth quarter issue of GESNERIADS and also on our website. Again, thank you for your past support and for your consideration for this year's convention.

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