

2016 Convention Program

"Gesneriads in the First State"

Monday, July 4

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Convention Registration
- 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Pre-Convention Trip to Longwood Gardens
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Convention Registration/Information/Promo Sales

Tuesday, July 5

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Convention Registration
- 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Board Bus for Morning Trip
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Visit to Winterthur Gardens and Museum
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Convention Registration/Information
- 12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Board Bus for Afternoon Trip
- 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Visit to Winterthur Gardens and Museum
- 2:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Convention Registration/Information/Promo Sales
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Opening Dinner and Welcome
- 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Conservation Meeting and Program (open to all)
- 9:45 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Social Media Discussion

Wednesday, July 6

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Convention Registration/Information
(flower show entry forms accepted)
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Judges Training, Session 1: Novice/Advanced/Workshop
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Informal Discussion on Growing (open to all)
- 12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m. Luncheon honoring chapters/members
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Judges Training, Session 2: Novice/Advanced/Workshop
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Judges Interest Group Meeting
- 4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mini Program
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Convention Registration/Information/Promo Sales
(final flower show entry forms accepted)
- 5:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Judges Test
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. GHA Meeting and Program (open to all)
- 9:15 p.m. – 10:15 p.m. Chapters & Affiliates Meeting with the Society President and
C&A Chair (open to chapter/affiliate presidents or delegates)

Thursday, July 7

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Convention Registration/Information
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Flower Show Entries
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Informal Discussion on Growing (open to all)
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Auction Items Accepted
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Mini-Presentations by Students
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Lecture #1 "Plant Explorers in Ecuador, the Aftermath
and Conservation Efforts" (David Neill)
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Convention Registration/Information
- 5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Dinner and Annual Membership Meeting;
President Julie Mavity-Hudson presiding;
Awards of Appreciation; Election of Directors
- 7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Special Anniversary Presentation
- 8:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Mini Program
- 8:45 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Sale of Publications and Promo Items
- 9:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Early Plant Sales (entry by registration number)
- 9:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Plant Sales

Friday, July 8

6:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.	Late Show Entries (only with permission)
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (and judging instructions)
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Flower Show Judging
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Convention Registration/Information
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Sales Open and Auction Viewing
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Informal Discussion on Growing (open to all)
2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Flower Show Open
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Lecture #2 “The Joys of Growing Miniature <i>Sinningias</i> ” (Betsy Gottshall)
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Convention Registration/Information
6:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Closes
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Cocktail Hour
7:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.	Flower Show Awards Banquet
9:15 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Flower Show Open

Saturday, July 9

6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Photographers Only in Show Room
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Flower Show Judges Critique (only for this year’s judges/clerks)
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Convention Registration/Information
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Flower Show and Plant Sales Open
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Lecture #3 “Growing <i>Streptocarpus</i> Hybrids to Their Full Potential” (Karen Allen)
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Lecture #4 “Growing <i>Saintpaulia</i> Species: Mimicking Mother Nature” (Jeff Smith)
12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Luncheon and Live Auction
2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Auction Settlement (live and silent)
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Phyto Inspector Available
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Flower Show, Sales, and Auction Breakdown
5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Bus to Riverfront (optional walk, about one mile from the hotel)
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Dinner at Timothy’s on the Riverfront and program: “Hoarding: One Man’s Attempt to Grow It All!” (Jim Roberts)

Additional Convention Information

Visit The Gesneriad Society website www.gesneriadsociety.org for additional information.

Airport Transportation

Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is 20 miles (30-minute drive) north of our hotel. We applied and have received a special transportation grant from the Greater Wilmington Convention & Visitors Bureau for help with our convention transportation needs and this includes Delaware Express airport shuttle van service from PHL: \$30 for a single passenger (\$20 for each additional passenger) plus an 18% driver’s gratuity. Taxis and other private transport companies are also available to transfer guests between PHL and the hotel. The Wilmington Amtrak Station (with complimentary shuttle services) is located a few blocks south of our hotel. More information will be available later on the Society’s website.