

Convention Program

"Cincinnati Celebrates Gesneriads"

Sunday, June 30

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Convention Registration

Monday, July 1

7:30 am - 8:15 am Convention Registration / Information

8:15 am - 8:30 am Board Bus for Trip

8:30 am - 4:00 pm Pre-Convention Trip to Spring Grove Arboretum, Rookwood Tour, Riverfront Tour by Bus (lunch on your own at Taft's)

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm Convention Registration / Information
(flower show entry forms accepted)

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Pre-Convention Dinner

Tuesday, July 2

7:30 am - 8:15 am Convention Registration/Information (entry forms accepted)

8:45 am - 9:00 am Board Bus for Morning Trip

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Trip to Eden Park, Krohn Conservatory, Art Museum

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Optional extension at museum or separate Rookwood tour

3:30 pm - 6:15 pm Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 pm - 6:15 pm Convention Registration / Information (entry forms accepted)

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Opening Dinner and Welcome

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm Conservation Meeting and Program

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 am - 8:45 am Convention Registration/Promo Sales (entry forms accepted)

9:00 am - 11:45 am Judges Training, Session 1

10:00 am - 11:00 am Informal Discussion

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm Luncheon (honoring chapters/members)

1:30 pm - 3:15 pm Judges Training, Session 2 (all groups)

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Informal Discussion

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Judges Interest Group Meeting

4:30 pm - 5:15 pm Social Media Discussion

5:15 pm - 6:00 pm Convention Registration/Promo Sales (entry forms accepted)

5:45 pm - 7:30 pm Judges Test

6:00 pm Deadline for Submission of Flower Show Entry Forms

7:15 pm - 8:45 pm GHA Meeting and Program (open to all)

9:00 pm - 9:45 pm Chapters & Affiliates Meeting

Thursday, July 4

8:30 am - 9:00 am Convention Registration / Promo Sales

9:00 am - 10:00 am Lecture #1 "Lighting... The Basics and Facts about LED's"
(Bruce Williams, Brooklin, Ontario, Canada)

10:15 am - 11:15 am Mini-Presentations by Students

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch

12:45 pm - 3:00 pm Auction Donations Accepted

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm Flower Show Entries

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Informal Discussion

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm Convention Registration / Information

5:15 pm - 6:15 pm Lecture #2 "Gesneriad Hunting in Cuba"
(Stephen Maciejewski, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

6:45 pm - 8:15 pm	Dinner and Annual Membership Meeting
8:30 pm - 9:15 pm	Sale of Publications and Promo Items
9:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Early Plant Sales (entry by registration number)
9:30 pm - 11:00 pm	Plant Sales

Friday, July 5

6:30 am - 7:00 am	Flower Show Late Entries (with permission)
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast (and judging instructions)
8:00 am - 11:30 am	Flower Show Judging
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Convention Registration / Information
9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Sales Open and Auction Viewing
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Informal Discussion
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm	Informal Discussion / Mini Program
2:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Flower Show Open
4:15 pm - 5:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 pm	Silent Auction Closes
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Convention Registration / Information
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Cocktail Hour
7:30 pm - 9:15 pm	Flower Show Awards Banquet
9:15 pm - 11:00 pm	Flower Show Open

Saturday, July 6

6:30 am - 7:30 am	Photographers Only in Show Room
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Flower Show Judges Critique (only for this year's judges/clerks)
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Convention Registration / Information
8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Sales Open
	Flower Show Open
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Lecture #3 "Gesneriads on the Go" (B.J. Ohme, Arcadia, Nebraska)
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Lecture #4 "Dibleys at the 2018 Chelsea Flower Show: 200 Years of Streptocarpus Cultivation" (Lynne Dibley, North Wales, UK)
12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Luncheon and Live Auction
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Auction Settlement (live and silent)
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Phyto Inspections (by appointment)
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Flower Show, Sales, and Auction Breakdown
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Bus/Shuttle from Hotel to Riverboat Landing
6:00 pm	Board Riverboat "Belle of Cincinnati"
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mariner's Banquet and Cruise on the Ohio River

Additional Convention Information

The added convention meals and informal discussion times that were added two years ago have been well received. These will be continued, offering more time for attendees to socialize and get to know each other. The registration pricing structure has again been set up to provide a registration discount to those who register early and also attend most of the meals. The meals help to pay for the hotel space necessary for lectures, plant sales and flower show.

Visit www.gesneriads.org for additional convention information.