

2013 Convention Program

“Toronto, a Gesneriad Meeting Place”

Tuesday, July 2

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Board of Directors Meeting
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Convention Registration/Information
1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Board Buses for Trip
1:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Visit Parkwood Historic Home and Garden
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Convention Registration/Information (flower show entry forms accepted)
6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Opening Dinner and Welcome
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Growers Forum
9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Chapter Social

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Convention Registration/Information (flower show entry forms accepted)
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Judges Training, Session 1 Workshop/Advanced/Novice
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Luncheon Honoring Chapters
1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Judges Training, Session 2
3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Judges Interest Group Meeting
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Convention Registration/Information
4:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	GHA Meeting and Program (open to all)
6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Convention Registration/Information (final show entry forms accepted)
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Judges Test
8:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.	Mini Program
9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Conservation Meeting (open to all)

Thursday, July 4

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Convention Registration/Information
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Flower Show Entries
1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Mini Program
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Auction Items Accepted
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Mini-Presentations by Students
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Chapter Presidents Meeting
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Lecture #1: “Species <i>Streptocarpus</i> ” (Bob and Dee Stewart)
5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Convention Registration/Information
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	Membership Meeting and Dinner
7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.	Lecture #2: “Approaching Perfection: Growing and Showing Gesneriads” (Bill Price)
8:45 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Sale of Publications and Promotional 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 5

6:30 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.	Late Show Entries (with permission)
7:15 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. - 9:15 a.m.	Convention Registration/Information
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Sales Open and Auction Viewing
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lecture #3: "The Natural History of Pollinators, Pouches and Upside-down Flowers in the Gesneriaceae" (John L. Clark)
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Flower Show Open
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Mini Program
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Convention Registration/Information
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Cocktail Hour
7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.	Flower Show Awards Banquet: Suzie Larouche MC; Paul Lee, Awards
9:15 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Flower Show Open

Saturday, July 6

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)
8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Convention Registration/Information
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Auction Viewing
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Sales Open
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Flower Show Open
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Phyto Inspectors Available
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Lecture #4: "Morphological Diversity vs. Molecular Data in <i>Paliavana</i> , <i>Sinningia</i> , and <i>Vanhouttea</i> (Alain Chautems)
11:30 a.m.	Silent Auction Closes
12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Luncheon and Live Auction
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Auction Settlement (live and silent)
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Final Plant Sales Open
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Show, Sales, and Auction Breakdown
6:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Gather in Lobby to Walk to CN Tower
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Dinner at the CN Tower

Additional Convention Information

Visit The Gesneriad Society website <www.gesneriadociety.org> for additional information about transportation and parking at or near the hotel, as well as information about phytosanitary certificate requirements for transporting plants to and from Canada.

Toronto Airports and Transportation

Toronto has two airports. Porter Airlines flies to the Billie Bishop Airport, which is on an island near downtown, a very short taxi ride from the hotel. The Lester B. Pearson/Toronto International Airport is one of the busiest in North America. Toronto Airport Express is available 20 hours a day to transfer guests between the Toronto International Airport and downtown hotels. (The 2012 cost was \$21.95 CDN one way and \$36.25 CDN round trip and you may book online at <torontoairportexpress.com>.) Taxis are also available to take guests from the Toronto International Airport to the hotel. (The 2012 cost was \$60 CDN.)