

Convention Program

“Gesneriad Treasures in the Sunshine State”

Sunday, June 28

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Convention Registration

Monday, June 29

7:30 am - 8:15 am

Convention Registration/Information (entry forms accepted)

8:45 am - 9:00 am

Board Bus for Trip

9:00 am - 12:45 pm

Pre-Convention Trip (Sunken Gardens plus city/bayfront/mural tour on bus – return options and lunch on your own)

4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

Convention Registration/Information (entry forms accepted)

5:45 pm - 6:00 pm

Board Bus for Evening Trip

6:00 pm - 9:45 pm

Bus Tour (St. Pete city and beach area for gulf area water views and sunset – dinner/drinks on your own)

Tuesday, June 30

7:30 am - 8:15 am

Convention Registration/Information (entry forms accepted)

8:30 am - 11:15 am

Judges Training, Session 1

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Informal Discussion

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Lunch

12:45 pm - 2:45 pm

Judges Training, Session 2 (all groups)

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Informal Discussion

2:45 pm - 3:15 pm

Judges Interest Group Meeting

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

Chapters & Affiliates Meeting

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Judges Test

5:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Convention Registration/Promo Sales (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 1

7:30 am - 8:00 am

Convention Registration/Promo Sales (entry forms accepted)

8:15 am - 8:30 am

Board Bus for Morning Trip

8:30 am - 12:15 pm

Bus Trip (Sunken Gardens and city/bayfront/mural tour)

9:00 am - 11:45 am

Board of Directors Meeting

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Luncheon (honoring chapters/affiliates/members)

2:00 pm

Deadline for Submission of Flower Show Entry Forms

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Social Media Program

2:45 pm - 3:15 pm

First-Timers Workshop

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Lecture #1 “They’re Not Your Grandmother’s African Violets”
(Linda Hall, Ravenwood, Missouri)

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Convention Registration/Information

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Casual Social (cash bar)

6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Dinner and Annual Membership Meeting

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

GHA Meeting and Program (open to all)

Thursday, July 2

8:00 am - 8:30 am

Convention Registration / Promo Sales

8:30 am - 9:45 am

Board Meeting

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Lecture #2 “Diversification of Gesneriaceae in the Northern
Andes and the Chocó” (Laura Clavijo, Medellín, Colombia)

11:15 pm - 12:15 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Flower Show Entries
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Informal Discussion
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Auction Donations Accepted
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Designers Additional Time in Showroom
5:15 pm - 5:45 pm	Convention Registration/Information
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Lecture #3 "Spread the Joy" (Jay Sespico, Valrico, Florida)
8:30 pm - 9:15 pm	Sale of Publications and Merchandise
9:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Early Plant Sales (entry by registration number)
9:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Plant Sales

Friday, July 3

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 - 5:00 pm	Auction Viewing/Bidding
9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Sales Open
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Informal Discussion
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	First-Timers/Visitors Workshop
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Flower Show Open
5:00 pm	Silent Auction Closes
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Convention Registration/Information
5:45 pm - 6:45 pm	Cocktail Hour
6:45 pm - 8:30 pm	Flower Show Awards Banquet
8:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Flower Show Open

Saturday, July 4

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 - 3:30 pm	Flower Show and Sales Open
9:15 am - 10:15 am	Mini-Presentations by Students
10:45 am - 11:45 am	Lecture #4 "Gesneriaceae at One of the World's Oldest Botanical Gardens" (Sadie Barber, Edinburgh, Scotland)
12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Luncheon and Live Auction
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Visitors Workshop
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Auction Settlement (live and silent)
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Phyto Inspections (by appointment)
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Flower Show, Sales, and Auction Breakdown
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Closing Event (dinner on your own and chapter social/fireworks viewing from the hotel)

Additional Convention Information

The added convention meals on the program as well as the added informal discussion times and also the workshops for newcomers have been well received allowing more time for attendees to socialize and get to know one another better, so they are being continued. The registration pricing structure again has been set up to provide a registration discount to those who register early and who attend most of the meals at convention, as those meals help pay for all the hotel space used for lectures, plant sales, and the show.

Visit www.gesneriads.org for additional convention information.