

68th Annual Convention of The Gesneriad Society

Sunday, June 29, to Saturday, July 5, 2025

Convention Registration Information

Convention Registration is open only to Gesneriad Society Members and their Guests.

Register online on The Gesneriad Society Website: www.gesneriadsociety.org and select “Convention” and “Register Now.”

For inquiries or assistance, email gesneriadregistrar@gmail.com or call the Convention Registrar at 727-796-5615.

The information below will help you plan your activities for convention before you actually register online during the registration process. Only online registrations will be accepted this year.

Individual Information to be Entered

- Member or Guest Name, Address, Phone Number, Email Address, and Membership Number (if available). (*Note that registrations for Guest(s) can be entered after the Primary Registrant information is completed.*)

Other Information Related to your Registration

- Life Member
- Attending your first Gesneriad Society Convention
- Commercial name (if applicable)
- Dates arriving and leaving the hotel (if applicable)
- Parking needed for those driving to the convention or using a car there
- Phyto requested for those who will transport plants out of the United States
- Special diet needs (if applicable)
- Volunteer opportunities and judging and clerking opportunities
- Emergency contact information

Admission to early plant sales will be in registration number order. Registration numbers will be based on the date and time each completed registration is entered into the online system. For assistance with online registration, please contact the Convention Registrar gesneriadregistrar@gmail.com

The discounted Registration “Plus” fees apply only if each registrant orders a minimum of five hotel meals and registrations are made online by midnight on March 15, 2025. The discounted amounts will be computed online automatically. Registrations made after March 15, 2025, will be at the full rate with no discount. Registration fees include all lectures and programs except Judging School (for which there is an additional fee). Note that June 20th is the last day to order hotel meals.

Convention cancellation and refund policy: A 5% processing fee will be deducted from all refunds. Full or partial cancellations of convention registrations made on or before June 15 will be honored with full refunds (except for the trips if the minimum number of attendees is affected). Full or partial cancellations made between June 15 and June 23 will be honored with refunds based on previous commitments made to the hotel, bus/tour operators. Refunds for full or partial cancellations cannot be guaranteed if requested after June 22. **Registration fees are not refundable for full cancellations made after June 15.**

Help Support our Convention

By rooming at our convention hotel and ordering group meals, you are helping us to provide the activities you see on the convention schedule (including the space for the flower show and plant sale) as well as making the wonderful opportunity to visit and get to know many other gesneriad enthusiasts as well as our guest speakers and students.

Purchases and Award Sponsorships:

- Flower Show Award Sponsorship (in \$15 increments)
- Gesneriad Society Calendar 2026 (pick up at convention) (\$17)
- Gesneriad Society Pin 2025 (pick up at convention) (\$5)

Events and Activities:

Sunday, June 29:

- Full day pre-convention bus trip to The New York Botanical Garden including group admission to gardens and conservatory and tram tour (\$75); lunch on your own

Monday, June 30:

- Full day bus trip to Grounds for Sculpture and admission (\$63); lunch on your own
- ** Welcome Hotel Dinner Buffet: Flank Steak, Fillet of Sole, Penne Primavera (\$49)

Tuesday, July 1:

- Morning Bus trip (\$30) with stops at Cerbo's Greenhouses and Garden Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, and Wegman's Supermarket
- Judging School: (\$20) Student, Senior, or Workshop
- ** Opening Dinner Buffet: (\$49) Roasted Pork Loin, Pan Seared Chicken, Eggplant Rollatini

Wednesday, July 2:

- ** Dinner and Annual Meeting: Grilled Bistro Flat Iron (\$58), or Chicken Breast Florentine (\$58), or Vegetarian Rigatoni (\$49)

Thursday, July 3:

Cash Bar Social

- ** Awards Dinner: Bistro Sirloin (\$65); Grilled Salmon (\$65); Vegetable Wellington (\$49)

Friday, July 4:

- ** Dinner: (\$55) BBQ Buffet with St. Louis Style Pork Ribs, BBQ Chicken Breast, Squash Ravioli, salads and sides

Saturday, July 5:

- ** Lunch Buffet: (\$35) Deli meats and cheeses with condiments, sides, chips, cookies
- Closing Social: (\$40) Artisanal cheeses and fruit, crudites of farm-fresh vegetables with dressings and dips, assorted pizzas and hors d'oeuvres (+ cash bar)

**** Hotel Meals: (order 5 or more by March 15 to save on your registration fee)**
Dinners with salad, rolls, starch, vegetable, dessert, iced tea, hot coffee/tea

Convention Registration Fees:

The discounted Registration "Plus" fees apply only if at least 5 hotel meals are selected and registration is submitted online by midnight on March 15, 2025.

- Primary Registrant "Plus" \$40 (order at least 5 hotel meals and register by March 15)
- Guest or Family "Plus" \$20 (order at least 5 hotel meals and register by March 15)
- Primary Registrant \$70 (order fewer than 5 hotel meals or register after March 15)
- Guest or Family \$35 (order fewer than 5 hotel meals or register after March 15)

Pricing:

Pricing has been set up to provide a registration discount to those who register early and who attend more of the meals at the convention, as those meals help pay for all the hotel space we use for our convention lectures, plant sales, and the show.

For additional information, visit The Gesneriad Society website:

www.gesneriadsociety.org