



# AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY

2019 Convention – “Back to Our Roots”

## Schedule of Events

Welcome to Ames, IA! We're so glad you're here! The following pages provide a schedule of activities and events throughout the convention. Pre-registration was required for some events & meals. Please wear your name badge provided in your registration packet. Thank you!

### Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Noon to 6:00 pm	<b>HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN</b> Open for check-in and information materials. Sign up for restaurant choice for Friday noon lunch in Des Moines. <i>Hosts: Mary &amp; Brian Grimm</i>	Gateway Hotel Ada Hayden Conference Room
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	<b>AWARD OF LANDSCAPE MERIT TRAINING SESSION I</b> Limited to the 25 attendees who indicated intention to participate on registration form. <i>Presenter: Lorē Sampson, APS President.</i>	Gateway Hotel South Meadow Room
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	<b>SEMINAR — “EXHIBITING PEONIES”</b> <i>Presenter: Kent Tretheway, APS Director</i>	Gateway Hotel South Meadow Room
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	<b>WELCOME BUFFET DINNER</b> Join fellow APS members for a New York Deli theme food bar, drinks, meet and greet, and peony talk.	Gateway Hotel Waterfall Garden Patio
8:00 pm to 11:00 pm	<b>HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN</b> Open for check-in and information materials and light refreshments. <i>Hosts: Mary &amp; Brian Grimm</i>	Gateway Hotel Ada Hayden Conference Room

### Thursday, May 16, 2019

6:30 am to 7:30 am	<b>BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN</b> IowaStater Restaurant (opens at 6:30 am) or choose from local restaurant list supplied with registration materials.	Gateway Hotel or other location.
6:30 am to 7:15 am	<b>HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN</b> Open for morning registrations. Beverages and light snacks available. <i>Hosts: Mary &amp; Brian Grimm</i>	Gateway Hotel Ada Hayden Conference Room
7:30 am to 7:45 am	<b>GARDEN TOURS DAY 1: Caputo Garden, Girton Garden, Jurik Garden</b> Check in prior to boarding the motor coach. Be sure to wear your name badge and comfortable walking shoes. Bring your rain gear, sun glasses & your camera!	Gateway Hotel Meet in Lobby
8:45 am to 10:15 am	<b>CAPUTO GARDEN</b> Large collections of hostas, daylilies, lilies and peonies surrounding a nearly century old farmhouse. <i>Hosts: Bev and Deanne Caputo</i>	Caputo Garden
10:30 am	Motor coach departs for Prairie Moon Winery	
11:30 am	<b>LUNCH AT PRAIRIE MOON WINERY</b> Catered lunch by Cornbred Barbecue including: barbeque sandwiches, jalapeno cornbread, mac and cheese, and more. Alluvial craft beer and Prairie Moon Winery wine available for purchase.	Prairie Moon Winery Banquet Room
1:00 pm	Motor coach departs for Girton Garden	
1:15 pm	<b>GIRTON GARDEN</b> Featuring sweeping flower beds filled with a large collection of beautifully grown Saunders herbaceous and woody peonies. Gardens also feature magnolias and conifers. <i>Hosts: Lois &amp; Jack Girton</i>	Girton Garden
2:45 pm	Motor coach departs for Jurik Garden.	

3:00 pm	<b>JURIK GARDEN</b> A very large terraced garden leading down to the South Skunk River featuring extensive collections of irises, lilies, hostas, companion plantings and numerous woody, herbaceous, and intersectional peonies. <i>Hosts: Kris &amp; Tom Jurik</i>	Jurik Garden
4:15 pm to 5:15 pm	<b>AWARD OF LANDSCAPE MERIT TRAINING SESSION II</b> Held in the Jurik Garden. For participants who attended Part I of the ALM training. <i>Presenter: Lorē Sampson, APS President</i>	Jurik Garden
4:30 pm	Motor coach 1 departs for the Gateway Hotel For members not attending ALM training or those who would like to get back to the Gateway Hotel and prepare for the evening. Members not joining this bus will need to wait until the 5:15 pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> bus departure time) to return to the Gateway Hotel.	
4:45 pm	Motor coach 1 arrives at the Gateway Hotel.	
5:15 pm	Motor coach 2 departs for the Gateway Hotel For ALM training participants and members who did not take motor coach 1.	
5:30 pm	Motor coach 2 arrives at the Gateway Hotel.	
Evening	<b>DINNER ON YOUR OWN</b> See supplied list of optional restaurants or eat at the IowaStater.	Gateway Hotel or other location.
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	<b>HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN</b> Stop in, register, & pick up your convention materials if you haven't already done so. <i>Hosts: Mary &amp; Brian Grimm</i>	Gateway Hotel Ada Hayden Conference Room

### Friday, May 17, 2019

6:30 am to 8:15 am	<b>BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN</b> IowaStater Restaurant (opens at 6:30 am) or choose from local restaurant list supplied with registration materials.	Gateway Hotel or other location.
7:30 am to 8:30 am	<b>HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN</b> Beverages and light snacks available. <i>Hosts: Mary &amp; Brian Grimm</i>	Gateway Hotel Ada Hayden Conference Room
8:45 am	<b>GARDEN TOURS DAY 2: Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden &amp; Meredith (Better Homes &amp; Gardens) Test Garden</b> Check in prior to boarding the motor coach. Be sure to wear your name badge and comfortable walking shoes. Bring your rain gear & your camera!	Gateway Hotel Meet in Lobby
10:00 am	<b>GREATER DES MOINES BOTANICAL GARDEN</b> Features a large geodesic dome housing orchids, bonsai and tropical plant collections. The grounds have sweeping walkways, ponds, a waterfall and a variety of themed gardens along the Des Moines River. <i>Host: Kelly Norris</i>	Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden
11:30 am	Motor coach departs for Meredith Test Garden in downtown Des Moines	
12:00 noon to 2:00 pm	<b>MEREDITH TEST GARDEN</b> Adjacent to the headquarters of Meredith Corporation (parent company of <i>Better Homes and Gardens</i> magazine), Meredith Test Garden serves as a show garden for photography and plant trials. Half of group tours garden while the other half goes to lunch; the other half has lunch first and then tours the garden at 1:00 pm <i>Host: Sandra Gerdes</i>	Meredith Test Garden Des Moines
12:00 noon to 2:00 pm	<b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN at various restaurants in area</b> Signups for lunch accommodations were taken during registration.	Downtown Des Moines
2:30 pm	Motor coach departs for the Gateway Hotel	Meredith Test Garden
3:30 pm	Motor coach arrives at the Gateway Hotel.	
4:00 pm to 10:00 pm	<b>FLOWER SHOW PREP AREA OPEN</b> Exhibitors are welcome to begin preparing their entries. Exhibition Co-Chairs: David and Linette Sorrentino	Reiman Gardens Mahlstede Building
Evening	<b>DINNER ON YOUR OWN</b> See supplied list of optional restaurants or eat at the IowaStater.	Gateway Hotel or other location.

**Friday, May 17, 2019 continued**

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm	<b>COMMERCIAL MEMBERS MEETING</b> Commercial member discussion involving sales, growing and marketing with integrity. <i>Facilitator: Don Hollingsworth, APS Director</i>	Gateway Hotel Ada Hayden Conference Room
7:30 pm to 10:00 pm	<b>HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN</b> Beverages and light snacks available. <i>Hosts: Mary &amp; Brian Grimm</i>	Gateway Hotel Ada Hayden Conference Room

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

	<b>BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN</b> IowaStater Restaurant (opens at 6:30 am) or choose from local restaurant list supplied with registration materials.	Gateway Hotel or other location.
6:00 am to 7:00 am	<b>HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN</b> Beverages and light snacks available.	Gateway Hotel Ada Hayden
7:00 am to 10:30 am	<b>FLOWER SHOW PREP AREA OPEN</b> Exhibitors are welcome to begin staging their entries. Volunteers will assist with placement of entries. Exhibition Co-Chairs: David and Linette Sorrentino	Reiman Gardens Mahlstede Building
10:30 am	<b>DEADLINE FOR FLOWER SHOW ENTRIES</b> All entries must be placed no later than 10:30 am; the exhibition hall will be closed for judging from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.	Reiman Gardens Conservatory Garden Room
11:30 am	<b>PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP — “BETTER PEONY PHOTOGRAPHY”</b> Mark Stoltenberg is an award-winning professional photographer who teaches numerous classes at Reiman Gardens. This program is adapted from his recent “Better Flower Photography” class and is restricted to full convention attendees. <i>Presenter: Mark Stoltenberg</i>	Reiman Gardens Hunziker Building
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	<b>APS BOOK AND SEED SALES, VENDOR SALES</b> Stop by and shop the various books, publications, & peony seed available from APS. Vendors will also be selling peonies and peony related items.	Reiman Gardens Conservatory Hallway
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm	<b>FLOWER SHOW OPEN TO PUBLIC</b> View the APS flower show exhibition.	Reiman Gardens Conservatory Garden Room
1:30 pm	<b>SEMINAR — “PEONIES 101”</b> Join Carol Adelman, author and owner of Adelman Peonies, for a fact filled program covering a wide range of information useful for both experienced and new gardeners. <i>Presenter: Carol A. Adelman, Adelman Peony Gardens, APS Director</i>	Reiman Gardens Mahlstede Building Speer Room
2:30 pm to 4:00 pm	<b>BOOK SIGNING — “PEONY, THE BEST VARIETIES FOR YOUR GARDEN”</b> <i>Authors: David G. Michener &amp; Carol A. Adelman</i>	Reiman Gardens Conservatory Hallway
2:30 pm	<b>SEMINAR — “SPECIES PEONIES”</b> Continuing our convention theme of “Back to Our Roots”, Harvey Buchite will present on wild botanical peonies. Harvey is a past APS president and has spent many years studying, growing and propagating species of <i>Paeonia</i> from around the world. <i>Presenter: Harvey Buchite, Hidden Springs Flower Farm</i>	Reiman Gardens Mahlstede Building Speer Room
3:30 pm	<b>SEMINAR — “SAUNDERS HERBACEOUS PEONIES”</b> Lois Girton has immersed herself in the study of the world’s most well-known peony hybridizer, A.P. Saunders. Growing one of the largest collections of Saunders hybrids in the United States, Lois will share information about both the man and his plants. <i>Presenter: Lois Girton</i>	Reiman Gardens Mahlstede Building Speer Room
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	<b>SOCIAL HOUR</b> — No host cash bar.	Gateway Hotel South Prairie Room
6:00 pm	<b>ANNUAL BANQUET</b>	Gateway Hotel South Prairie Room
7:00 pm	<b>AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> <i>President Lorē Sampson presiding</i>	Gateway Hotel South Prairie Room

7:30 pm	<b>AWARDS PRESENTATION</b> Presentation of exhibition awards to the membership and exhibitors. <i>Presenters: David &amp; Linette Sorrentino, APS Exhibition Chairs</i>	Gateway Hotel South Prairie Room
8:00 pm to 10:00 pm	<b>ANNUAL AUCTION</b> Join us for an awesome line-up of peonies, companion plants, books, peony-themed items for the home, gift certificates, etc. A chance to get something unusual, rare or simply a 'need' for your garden/home.	Gateway Hotel South Prairie Room
<b>Sunday, May 19, 2019</b>		
6:00 am to 7:00 am	<b>HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN</b> Beverages and light snacks available.	Gateway Hotel Ada Hayden Conference Room
	<b>BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN</b> IowaStater Restaurant (opens at 6:30 am) or choose from local restaurant list supplied with registration materials.	Gateway Hotel or other location.
7:00 am to 9:00 am	<b>PHOTO SHOOT (limited to 10 attendees, extra fee)</b> Practice the techniques learned at Mark's seminar including macro photography. Limited to the first 10 members who registered and paid for the event. Continental breakfast included. <i>Presenter: Mark Stoltenberg</i>	Girton Garden
9:00 am to 4:00 pm	<b>FLOWER SHOW OPEN TO PUBLIC</b>	Reiman Gardens Conservatory Garden Room
9:30 am to 10:30 am	<b>HYBRIDIZERS' CORNER — INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS</b> Join Don, Tim, and Nate to discuss the future of the peony and some great 'how to' information. Questions welcome as well as observations-lifetime learning is the best! <i>Facilitators: Don Hollingsworth, Tim Stanek and Nate Bremer</i>	Reiman Gardens Mahlstede Building Speer Room
11:00 am to 12:00 noon	<b>SEMINAR — "LEMOINE'S DISEASE: WHAT'S BEHIND THE SCENES?"</b> Cullen's research on the cause(s) of Lemoine's Disease at the University of Arkansas have led him to the discovery of two viruses suspected as causative agents. <i>Presenter: Cullen Shaffer</i>	Reiman Gardens Mahlstede Building Speer Room
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm	<b>APS BOOK AND SEED SALES, VENDOR SALES</b> Stop by and shop the various books, publications, & peony seed available from APS. Vendors will also be selling peonies and peony related items.	Reiman Gardens Conservatory Hallway
12:00 noon to 2:00 pm	<b>BOOK SIGNING — "PEONY, THE BEST VARIETIES FOR YOUR GARDEN"</b> <i>David G. Michener &amp; Carol A. Adelman</i>	Reiman Gardens Conservatory Hallway
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	<b>SEMINAR — "WOODY PEONIES"</b> Woody peonies are becoming more commonly available and popular among gardeners. The massive, ornately formed flowers and unique plant habits are of interest to all that have seen them. Join Nate Bremer for an in-depth look at these rarities and some helpful hints in their successful culture. <i>Presenter: Nate Bremer, Solaris Farms, APS Director</i>	Reiman Gardens Mahlstede Building Speer Room
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	<b>ASK THE EXPERTS PANEL</b> Join a group of growers and hybridizers to discuss any peony related topic. We'll do our best to tackle the questions on your mind. <i>Experts: Don Hollingsworth, Jim Adelman, Nate Bremer and Piet Wierstra</i>	Reiman Gardens Mahlstede Building Speer Room
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Show tear down and clean up—Please lend a hand!	Reiman Gardens

**Thank you for coming! See you next year.**