



AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY

2023 Convention

"Legends and Legacies"

Hotel Crowne Plaza Syracuse

Convention Chair: Craig Aiken

Exhibition Co-Chairs: David and Linette Sorrentino

Speakers Chair: Lois Girton

Tentative Schedule of Events

Welcome to Syracuse, New York! We're so glad you're here! The following pages provide a schedule of activities and events throughout the convention. Please wear the name badge provided in your registration packet. Thank you!

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

noon to 6:00 pm	REGISTRATION OPEN Open for check-in and information materials.	Crowne Plaza — Skaneateles Room B
2:00 pm	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - <i>APS President Nate Bremer presiding</i>	— Skaneateles Room A
3:00 pm	ALM JUDGES TRAINING PART I <i>Cory Tischman and Jill Stevens, ALM Co-Chairs</i>	Crowne Plaza — Skaneateles Room A
4:00 pm	PREPARING FLOWERS FOR EXHIBITION <i>David Sorrentino, APS Vice-President & Exhibition Co-Chair</i>	Crowne Plaza — Skaneateles Room A
6:00 pm	WELCOME RECEPTION Light Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar	Crowne Plaza — Skaneateles Room (A & B)

Thursday, June 1, 2023

6:00 am	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN Restaurant at the Crowne Plaza (opens at 6:00 am) or other on your own.	Crowne Plaza
7:15 am loading 7:30 am leave	GARDEN TOURS DAY 1: Frances Millard Garden, Linwood Gardens Check in prior to boarding the motor coach. Be sure to wear your name badge and comfortable walking shoes. Bring your rain gear, sunglasses & camera! <i>Travel time: 1hr 40 min, 105 mi</i>	Crowne Plaza Meet in Lobby 701 E Genesee St, Syracuse, NY
9:30 am	Arrive at FRANCES MILLARD GARDEN, Geneseo, NY <i>Host: Frances Millard</i>	
10:45 am loading 11:00 am leave	Motor coaches depart for Linwood Gardens <i>Travel time: 25 min, 13 mi</i>	

11:30 am	Arrive at LINWOOD GARDENS, Linwood, NY <i>Hosts: Holly Watson, Lee and Lucy Gratwick, Clara Mulligan and Friends of Linwood Gardens stationed around the gardens as small group tour guides</i>	Linwood Gardens 1912 CR-35, Linwood, NY
12:00 noon	Lunch at Linwood Gardens Box lunches under tent Vegetarian or turkey sandwiches as specified on your registration form	
3:00 pm loading 3:15 pm leave	Motor coaches depart for Crowne Plaza <i>Travel time: 1hr 46 min, 108 mi</i>	
5:00 pm	Arrive at Crowne Plaza, Syracuse, NY	701 E Genesee St, Syracuse, NY
Evening	DINNER ON YOUR OWN See supplied list of optional restaurants or eat at the hotel	
6:00 pm to 11:45 pm	FLOWER SHOW PREP AREA OPEN Exhibitors are welcome to begin prepping their entries. Volunteers will assist with moving entries to the Classification table. <i>Exhibition Prep Chair: TBD</i>	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room
Friday, June 2, 2023		
6:00 am	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN Restaurant at the Crowne Plaza (opens at 6:00 am) or other on your own.	
7:15 am loading 7:30 am leave	GARDEN TOURS DAY 2: Hamilton College, Lyndaker Farms Check in prior to boarding the motor coach. Be sure to wear your name badge and comfortable walking shoes. Bring your rain gear, sunglasses & camera! <i>Travel time: 0 hr 52min, 48mi</i>	Crowne Plaza Meet in Lobby 701 E Genesee St, Syracuse, NY
8:30 am	Arrive at HAMILTON COLLEGE, Clinton, NY Drive by Saunders House on College Road; buses unload at Bristol Center. Explore Grant Garden and Root Glen Arboretum and Hamilton College Cemetery. View display of Saunders Archives in the Bristol Center with Archivist Jeremy Katz from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Garden Hosts: Daniel Rouillier and Mike Pommerening (HC staff), Kevin Inkawich (volunteer)</i>	Hamilton College 198 College Hill Rd, Clinton, NY
11:45 am	LUNCH AT HAMILTON COLLEGE Soper Commons Dining Hall - selection of salads from HC Food Services	Soper Commons Dining Hall
12:30 pm loading 12:45 pm leave	Motor coaches depart from Bristol Center at Hamilton College for Lyndaker Farms <i>Travel time: 53 min, 38 mi</i>	
1:45 pm	LYNDAKER FARMS, Salisbury Center, NY <i>Hosts: Cate and Jason Crawford</i> ALM JUDGES' TRAINING PART II	Lyndaker Farms 237 NY-29A Salisbury Center, NY

3:15 pm loading 3:30 pm leave	Motor coaches depart for Crowne Plaza <i>Travel time: 1hr 26 min, 79 mi</i>	
5:00 pm	Arrive at Crown Plaza, Syracuse, NY	
6:00 pm to 11:45 pm	FLOWER SHOW PREP AREA OPEN Exhibitors are welcome to begin prepping their entries. Volunteers will assist with moving entries to the Classification table. <i>Exhibition Prep Chair:</i>	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room
Evening	DINNER ON YOUR OWN See supplied list of area restaurants or eat at the hotel	
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN Beverages and light snacks available.	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room

Saturday, June 3, 2023

6:00 am	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN Restaurant at the Crowne Plaza (opens at 6 am) or other on your own.	
6:00 am to 10:00 am	FLOWER SHOW PREPARATION Volunteers will assist with placement of entries after Classification completed. <i>Staging Chair: TBD</i>	Crowne Plaza —Lafayette Room
10:00 a.m.	DEADLINE FOR FLOWER SHOW ENTRIES All entries must be placed no later than 10:00 am; the exhibition hall will be closed for classification and judging from 10:00 to 2:00 pm.	Crowne Plaza —Lafayette Room
10:00 am to 2:00 pm	APS BOOK AND SEED SALES, VENDOR SALES Stop by and shop the various books, publications, & peony seeds available from APS. Vendors will also be selling peonies and peony-related items.	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room B
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	SEMINAR - GROWING PEONIES AS CUT FLOWERS <i>Presenter: Brandie Orchard, APS Director</i>	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room A
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	FLOWER SHOW OPEN TO ATTENDEES	Crowne Plaza —Lafayette Room
2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	SEMINAR — SAUNDERS HERBACEOUS PEONY DNA RESEARCH AT HAMILTON COLLEGE <i>Presenter: Dr. Wei-Jen Chang, Professor of Biology, Hamilton College</i>	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room A
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	SEMINAR - WORK TO RESOLVE PEONY PEDIGREES AND VIRAL INFECTIONS <i>Presenters: Dr. David Michener and Dr. Nastassia Vlasav, University of Michigan</i>	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room A
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	SEMINAR — SAUNDERS ARCHIVES AND BEST PRACTICES FOR PRESERVING SOCIETY MATERIAL <i>Presenter: Jeremy Katz, Archivist, Hamilton College</i>	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room A

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	SOCIAL HOUR — No host cash bar. Silent Auction opens.	Crowne Plaza —Horizons
6:00 pm to 6:30 pm	APS ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING President: <i>Nate Bremer</i>	Crowne Plaza —Horizons
6:30 pm	ANNUAL BANQUET	Crowne Plaza —Horizons
7:30 pm	PERSONAL & EXHIBITION AWARDS Presenters: <i>David & Linette Sorrentino, Steve Smith</i>	Crowne Plaza —Horizons
8:00 pm to 10:00 pm	ANNUAL LIVE AUCTION Silent auction closes before live auction begins. Peonies, companion plants, books, peony-themed items for the home, gift certificates, and more. Check out is online.	Crowne Plaza —Horizons
10:00 pm to 11:00 pm	HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN Beverages and light snacks available.	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room A

Sunday, June 4, 2023

6:00 am	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN Restaurant at the Crowne Plaza (opens at 6:00 am) or other on your own.	
10:00 am to 4:30 pm	FLOWER SHOW OPEN TO PUBLIC View the APS Cut Flower & Design Exhibitions	Crowne Plaza —Lafayette Room
10:00 am to 4:00 pm	APS BOOK AND SEED SALES, VENDOR SALES Stop by and shop the various books, publications, & peony seed available from APS. Vendors will also be selling peonies and peony related items.	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room B
10:00 am to 11:00 am	COMMERCIAL MEMBERS MEETING	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room A
11:00 am to 12:00 noon	SEMINAR - RESCUE AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC WOODY PEONY CULTIVARS Presenter: <i>Nate Bremer, APS Director and President, Owner of Solaris Farms</i>	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room A
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	SEMINAR — PEONY BASICS Presenter: <i>Jill Stevens, APS Director</i>	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room A
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	SEMINAR — PEONY PHOTOGRAPHY Presenter: <i>Nick Maycher, APS Director</i>	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room A
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm	FLOWER SHOW TEARDOWN - everyone	Crowne Plaza —Lafayette Room

Thank you for coming! See you next year in Minneapolis.