



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

6:30 am	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN Restaurant at the Crowne Plaza 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		
6:30 am	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN Restaurant at the Crowne Plaza 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 Grant Garden Explore Grant Garden and Root Glen Arboretum, Hamilton College Cemetery, Display of Saunders Archives in Burke Library with Archivist Jeremy Katz <i>Garden Hosts: Daniel Rouillier, Kevin Inkawich</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 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

6:30 am	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN Restaurant at the Crowne Plaza 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 12:00 noon; 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 - PEONY VIRUSES <i>Presenter: 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

6:30 am	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN Restaurant at the Crowne Plaza 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 <i>Presenter: 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 <i>Presenter: Jill Stevens, APS Director</i>	Crowne Plaza —Skaneateles Room A
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	SEMINAR — PEONY PHOTOGRAPHY <i>Presenter: 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.