

*The*  
**2007 HOCGC Conference**

**August 16-17, 2007**

*at*

The University of Minnesota  
Department of Horticultural Science  
Saint Paul, MN

For directions, see Campus Map:

<http://www1.umn.edu/pts/maps/spcolr.htm>

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**Registration Fee: \$25**

# 2007 HOCGC Conference

# AGENDA

Dept. of Horticultural Science  
The University of Minnesota,  
**Rm. 310 Alderman Hall**  
**1970 Folwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108**

Thursday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>

7:30 – 8 am Registration, Coffee

8:00 – 8:30 Welcome & Introductions

HOCGC Chair (Neil Anderson)

Dept. of Horticultural Science (Dr. Tom Michaels, Head)

8:30 – 10:00 Reports

National Program Staff Report (Peter Bretting)

National Germplasm Resources Lab Report: GRIN; Plant  
Exchange Office (Ned Garvey)

Reports from other sites with herbaceous ornamental collections:

- Ames (Mark Widrlechner)
- Pullman (Barbara Hellier)
- Miami (Alan Meerow)

HOCGC Report (Neil Anderson)

Call for Proposals (Plant Collecting, Germplasm Evaluations):

Upcoming RFP for FY2008 CGC funding (Neil Anderson)

10:00 – 10:15 Break, Refreshments (courtesy,  
Flower Breeding & Genetics,  
University of Minnesota)

Thursday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>

10:15 – 12:00 OPGC Updates

OPGC Director Search Update & Discussion (Steve Slack, Bill Randle)

OPGC Update (2006-2007): Status of GRIN data entry, *Pelargonium* collection, staff changes, equipment purchases (Susan Stieve)

OPGC Planning Team Report: OPGC Implementation Plan 2006-2011, Status of implementing recommendations (Susan Stieve)

HOCGC Plant Collection Proposals (2007): Status Report—cancelled Turkey trip (Neil Anderson, Susan Stieve, Ned Garvey)

Reallocation of Turkey collection funds for domestic collection (Susan Stieve) for FY 2008

12:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch in The Display & Trial Gardens (Folwell & Gortner Avenues)

Tour of campus Plant Growth Facilities (new greenhouse and quarantine facilities), flower breeding program (greenhouse, laboratory)

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Travel to Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (van provided)

3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tour MN Landscape Arboretum grounds

- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Ornamental Tree/Shrub breeding program (Steve McNamara)
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Children’s Learning Center (Tim Kenney), parking lot water runoff demonstration
- 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tour of the grounds: Andersen Horticultural Library, 7 mile drive, Spring Peeper Meadow wetland restoration
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner (Visitor’s Center)
- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Walking Tour (on your own) of gardens
- 8:30 – 9:00 p.m. Van leaves parking lot; Return to Hotel

# HOCGC AGENDA

Friday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00 – 10:00 Moving the OPGC Forward...

OPGC Planning Team Report: Status of implementing recommendations (Susan Stieve)—*More discussions, if necessary from morning session.*

Information dissemination to OPGC stakeholders: how to focus OPGC promotion to the user group; OPGC Quarterly Newsletter (status; future) (Susan Stieve)

AFE concerns: need for peer-reviewed publications, better reporting to stakeholders (above), focus on critical germplasm for the industry, building OPGC as a center of excellence for floricultural germplasm preservation (Neil Anderson)

OPGC Advisory Subcommittee: Reactivation to support interim period until a new Director is hired; support roles (Susan Stieve, *et al.*)

HOCGC oversight: ways to aid the OPGC to meet goals, objectives (Neil Anderson, *et al.*)

CGC Germplasm Collection, Evaluation Proposals involving the OPGC

Ideas to increase OPGC efficiency and productivity: research, graduate students, postdocs, visiting scientists, peer-reviewed research publications (Neil Anderson, *et al.*)

10:00 – 10:15 Break, Refreshments (the Flower  
Breeding/Genetics Program)

10:15 – Noon Continued Discussions

Floriculture physiology: U of M production research overview  
(John Erwin)

Election of HOCGC Chair for FY2007-2008

2008 HOCGC Meeting Date: Set tentative date, location

Noon Meeting Adjourns

## **HOTEL FOR HOCGC MEETING**

### **Hotel Information:**

Radisson Hotel Roseville  
2540 North Cleveland Avenue  
Roseville, MN 55113  
Phone: 651/636-4567  
1-800-333-3333  
Fax: 651/367-3940

Identify yourself as a member of the HOCGC. All rooms are reserved under the code: **USDA HOCGC.**

For directions to the hotel, consult the hotel website:

[www.radisson.com/roseville](http://www.radisson.com/roseville)

**ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JULY 25, 2007. AFTER THAT DATE, THE ROOMS WILL NOT BE HELD.**

**CONTRACT PRICE: \$96/ROOM/NIGHT + TAXES/FEES.** Both Queen size and double beds are available.

**The HOCGC Meeting will convene on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota, in the Department of Horticultural Science.** The campus is just south of the hotel (see map).

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Transportation from the hotel is available at the lobby desk. We will also have a van available for transportation during the conference to visit the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.