

SCHEDULE – GGCP Norfolk CONVENTION 2026
(subject to change: June 25, 2026 version)

SATURDAY: JULY 18, 2026

TBD	Museum Room Infrastructure Install (Delivery / Cleaning)	Granby Ballroom
8a – 8p	Decorate	3rd / 4th Floors

SUNDAY: JULY 19, 2026

8a – 8p	Decorate	3rd / 4th Floors
8a – 7p	Museum Room Set-Up	Granby Ballroom
Noon – 3p	Registration Desk Open	3rd Floor Registration
Noon – 3p	Drop Off for Raffle/ Hospitality Cookies/Cookie Contest	3rd Floor Registration

MONDAY: JULY 20, 2026

8a – 8p	Decorate	3rd / 4th Floors
9a – 4p	Registration Desk Open	3rd Floor Registration
9a – 4p	Drop Off for Raffle/ Hospitality Cookies/Cookie Contest	3rd Floor Registration
8a – 7p	Museum Room Set-Up	3rd floor - Granby Ballroom
1p – 3p	Whimsical Pinecone Gnome Couple Workshop	3rd floor - Energy 1
1p – 3p	Sea Glass Tree Workshop	3rd floor - Energy 2
1p – 3 pm	Satellite Room Hopping	3rd floor - Fusion
? – 10 p	Room Hopping	

TUESDAY: JULY 21, 2026

8a – 7p	Museum Room Set-Up	Granby Ballroom
9a – 11a	Lighted Tulle Net Tree Workshop	3rd floor – Imagination
9a – 11a	Holiday Hanger Glow Up Tree Workshop	3rd floor – Energy 2
9a – 4p	Registration Desk Open	3rd Floor Registration
9a – 4p	Drop Off for Raffle/ Hospitality Cookies/Cookie Contest	3rd Floor Registration
1p – 3p	Lighted Tulle Net Tree Workshop	3rd floor – Imagination
1p – 3p	Atomic Cheer: A MCM Holiday Entertaining Workshop	3rd floor – Energy 1
1p – 3 pm	Satellite Room Hopping	3rd floor - Fusion
3p – 4p	**First Timers Meeting – Option 1**	4th floor Paul D. Fraim Center of Excellence
? – 10p	Room Hopping	Sales Room Floors
6p – 9p	Christkindlmarkt Set-Up	4th floor Ballroom Foyer

WEDNESDAY: JULY 22, 2026

7a – 9a	Christkindlmarkt Set-Up	4th floor Ballroom Foyer
7a – 11a	Museum Room Set-Up	3rd floor Granby Ballroom
9a – Noon	**Christkindlmarkt Open**	4th floor Ballroom Foyer
9a – 4p	Registration Desk Open	3rd Floor Registration
9a – 4p	Hospitality Cookie Drop - Off	3rd Floor Registration
9a – 11a	Cookie Contest Drop-Off (deadline 11 am)	3rd Floor Registration
9a – 3p	**Auction Drop-Off**	4th floor Main Ballroom Salon F
11a - Noon	**First Timers Meeting – Option 2**	4th floor Paul D. Fraim Center of Excellence
Noon – 2p	Hospitality Area Open	3rd Floor Break Area (end of hallway)
Noon – 2p	Satellite Room Hopping	3rd floor - Fusion
9a - 4p	Daily Raffle	3rd floor Granby Ballroom Foyer
Noon – 2p	Holly Luncheon	3rd floor Momentum
3p – 5p	**Museum Room Grand Opening**	3rd floor – Granby Ballroom
5p – 6p	Cash Bar	4th floor - Main Ballroom Foyer
5:30 – 6p	Caroling	4th floor - Main Ballroom Foyer
6p – 8p	Opening Banquet (cash bar inside ballroom)	4th floor - Main Ballroom
8p – 10p	Museum Room Open	3rd floor - Granby Ballroom
8p – 10p	Room Hopping	Sales Room Floors

Registration Desk On-Call Thursday, Friday, Saturday

THURSDAY: JULY 23, 2026

8:30a – 11:35	**Educational Talks**	4th floor - Main Ballroom
9a – 11a	Hospitality Area Open	3rd Floor Break Area (end of hallway)
9a - 4p	Daily Raffle	3rd floor Granby Ballroom Foyer
2p – 4p	Hospitality Area Open	3rd Floor Break Area (end of hallway)
11a – 4p	Museum Room Open	Granby Ballroom
11a – 4p	Satellite Room Hopping	3rd floor - Fusion
Noon – 2p	Lighting Luncheon	3rd floor Momentum
2p – 4p	**Roundtable** (3 per room)	3rd floor - Imagination
2p – 4p	**Roundtable** (2 per room)	3rd floor - Energy 1
2p – 4p	**Roundtable** (2 per room)	3rd floor - Energy 2
2p – 4p	**Roundtable** (2 per room)	3rd floor - xchg 1
6p – 8p	Christmas Cavalcade of Cinema Dinner Buffet	4th floor Main Ballroom
8p – 10p	Room Hopping	Sales Room Floors

Educational Talks (4th floor ballroom) 8:30 am – 11:35 am

1. *Appreciating Ellen Clapsaddle* Pamela McColl 8:30 – 9:00 am
2. *So, You'd Like to be an Author? Mark* Podmore 9:05 – 9:35 am
3. *Christmas in the Golden Age of Comics* Mike Crowley 9:45 – 10:30 am
4. *A Christmas Carol in Film* Steve Buck 10:35 – 11:35 am

Roundtables 3rd floor (Energy1/2 – Exchange 1 – Imagination)

1. *Christmas novelty postcards - a look back from the future (Energy 1)*
2. *Christmas in 3D (Energy 1)*
3. *Identifying glass ornament caps (Energy 2)*
4. *Holly Gift Boxes: The path to an obsession (Energy 2).*
5. *"Convention Host Tips"(Exchange 1)*
6. *Chrismons and their history (Exchange 1)*
7. *I've Lost all Elf Control (Imagination)*
8. *Navigating the Antique & Vintage Collector's World Thru Social Media (Imagination)*
9. *Collecting Antique Christmas Figural Lights (Imagination)*

FRIDAY: JULY 24, 2026

9a – 11a	**General Membership Meeting**	4th floor Main Ballroom
9a - 4p	Daily Raffle	3rd floor Granby Ballroom Foyer
Noon – 2p	Blow Mold Luncheon	3rd floor Momentum
11a – 4p	Satellite Room Hopping	3rd floor - Fusion
11a - 3p	Museum Room Open	3rd floor - Granby Ballroom
Noon – 3p	Museum Room Open – Talking Museum	3rd floor - Granby Ballroom
5p – 9p	Museum Room Open	3rd floor - Granby Ballroom
1p – 4p	Hospitality Area Open	3rd Floor Break Area (end of hallway)
2p - 3:30p	A**uction Preview**	4th floor Main Ballroom
2:30p - 3:30p	**Silent Auction**	4th floor Main Ballroom
3:30p – 7p	**Live Auction**	4th floor Main Ballroom
7p - 10p	Room Hopping	Sales Room Floors
8p – 10p	Facebook Party	***2nd floor Marriott***
8p – 10 p	Sales Room Set-Up	Main Ballroom Foyer / Salons F – H

SATURDAY: JULY 25, 2026

7a – 9a	Sales Room Set-Up	Main Ballroom Foyer / Salons F - H
9a – 10a	Sales Room Vetting	Main Ballroom Foyer / Salon F – H
9a – 11a	Museum Room Open	3rd floor - Granby Ballroom
9a - 4p	Daily Raffle	3rd floor Granby Ballroom Foyer
10a – 1p	**Sales Room Open**	4th floor - Main Ballroom Foyer / Salon F – H
9a – 11a	Hospitality Area Open	3rd floor Break Area (end of hallway)
1p – 3p	Sales Room Tear-Down	4th Floor Main Ballroom Foyer – Salon F – H
1p – 3p	Pre-Convention Planning Meeting 2027	4th floor Paul D. Fraim Center for Excellence
11a - 5p	Museum Room Tear-Down	3rd floor - Granby Ballroom
5p – 6p	Cash Bar	4th floor - Main Ballroom Foyer
5:30 – 6p	Caroling	4th floor - Main Ballroom Foyer
6p – 8p	Closing Banquet (cash bar inside ballroom)	4th floor - Main Ballroom
9p – Midnight	Museum Case Pickup/Convention Closeout	3rd floor Granby Ballroom