



# Gleanings

a monthly newsletter from The Gesneriad Society, Inc.

(articles and photos selected from chapter newsletters, our journal *Gesneriads*, and original sources)

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Welcome to the latest issue of **Gleanings**! This issue includes photos from the 58th annual Gesneriad Society Convention hosted by the Tennessee Gesneriad Society.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor

The Tennessee Gesneriad Society chapter members, well organized by Carol Ann Bonner, welcomed 156 convention registrants, including 26 first-time attendees. Convention registrants from more than half the states in the USA, four provinces in Canada, and three other countries gathered together at the DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Nashville, Tennessee, USA.

A sampling of Flower Show entries photos may be found on the pages that follow.



# Gesneriad Society 2014 Flower Show photos

Some of the special plants exhibited  
(You will be able to view photos of the award winners in each class on the [Gesneriad Society's website](http://gesneriadsociety.org/) on or about July 25)



*Streptocarpus* 'Dale's Polar Canary'  
Dale Martens - Best in Show

*Primulina wentsaii*  
Paul Kroll - Runner-up to Best in Show

Convention videos can be accessed  
on YouTube by clicking on this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?  
list=PLzXDAYoE5bxoRup0wrjayyoJWuuCD  
ug7v](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzXDAYoE5bxoRup0wrjayyoJWuuCDug7v)

All photos courtesy of Mel Grice  
except where noted





Michael Kartuz



*Sinningia araneosa*  
Paul Kroll



*Sinningia macropoda* 'Altinopolis'

Dave Zaitlin

Bob Clark photo



*Sinningia speciosa* 'Buzios'

Arleen Dewell



*Sinningia* 'HCY's Cherry Bells'

Lan Jiun Wu



*Sinningia hirsuta*  
Vilma Dallas



*Sinningia hirsuta*  
Vilma Dallas  
Bob Clark photo



*Sinningia* 'Orange Raindrops'  
Jill Fischer



Hong Xin and Wen Fang

## Hong Xin's Gesneriad Adventures in the USA

Hong Xin is a Ph.D. student at Anhui Normal University in China and also works at the Gesneriad Conservation Center of China (GCCC), which is supported by The Gesneriad Society. He recently attended the Gesneriad Society Convention in Nashville on a Gesneriad Society Student Grant and presented a talk on his research into the pollination and conservation of gesneriads. Hong Xin's passion for gesneriads has led him to personally discover several new species, and his goal is to find and save as many species of gesneriads as he possibly can.

The goal of the Conservation Committee is to help him attain his dream (and ours) of conserving gesneriads. Since he is here in the USA we wanted to expose Hong Xin to as many educational opportunities as possible. Our plans for him are ambitious and include scheduled visits to the the Smithsonian Institution, the Clark Lab at the University of Alabama, the Atlanta Botanical Garden, the the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University in Philadelphia, the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard University, the 2014 Botany Conference in Boise, Idaho, the California Academy of Science, and the New York Botanical Garden.



*Monopyle* sp. GRE 12131  
Dale Martens

Follow this blog as Hong Xin travels, studies, does research and sees how we approach gesneriads and conservation in America.

Thanks,

<http://hongxintrip.tumblr.com>

Stephen Maciejewski & Jeremy Keene  
Co-Chairs, Conservation Committee  
The Gesneriad Society, Inc.



*Sinningia* 'Dale's Peachy Keene'  
Dale Martens named this hybrid in honor of Jeremy Keene who earned his doctorate this year.

Bob Clark photo above right

*Aeschynanthus angustifolius*

Nancy Kast

Bob Clark photos



## Artistic and the Arts



Jill Fischer - "The Arcade"



Jay Sespico - "Big South Fork  
Natural River"



Paul Kroll - "Tennessee Aquarium"



Karyn Cichocki - "Natural Garden"





Molly Schneider - Stuffed pillow *Episcia* 'Cleopatra'



Hong Xin - Drawing of *Hemiboea rosealba*



Hong Xin - *Primulina shouchengensis*  
(color print)

All photos this page courtesy of Bob Clark



Hung Nguyen - *Sinningia tubiflora*  
(watercolor)



M.J. Tyler - *Sinningia speciosa*  
(watercolor of 'Jamie's Red')



**From the editor —**

The Gesneriad Society Convention in Nashville was an outstanding event. The photos in this issue represent just a fraction of the entries shown. Additional photos will be available on the Gesneriad Society website.

If you have suggestions, comments, or items for possible inclusion in future issues, please feel free to contact me at [melsgrice@earthlink.net](mailto:melsgrice@earthlink.net)

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