

# 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 Gesneriad Society's 2015 Flower Show as well as information about two events coming up this October: the Northeast Regional Gesneriad Convention and an expedition in search of Chinese Gesneriads. Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor



Betsy Gottshall standing beside a sample of the cable used to support the Golden Gate Bridge.



# Gesneriad Society 2015 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 [Oakland Convention](#) page on the Gesneriad Society website on or about July 25, 2015)



*Primulina atropurpurea* - Bill Price

Three of the plants from the Best in Show Collection of *Primulina*

All photos courtesy of Mel Grice

Convention videos can be accessed on [YouTube](#).



*Primulina drakei* - Bill Price



*Sinningia* 'Peridots Harvest Glow'  
Bill Price



*Primulina lobulata* - Bill Price



*Episcia* 'Pink Smoke'  
John Wrightson



*Kohleria* 'Beethoven'  
Hung Nguyen



*Petrocosmea kerrii* - Ben Paternoster



*Sinningia* 'Evergreen Atlantis'  
Lan Jiun Wu



*Sarmienta scandens* - Bill Price



*xSmithicodonia* 'Heartland's Joy'  
Hung Nguyen



*Alsobia chiapensis* - Bill Price



*Sinningia* 'Demon' (*sellovii* 'Purple Rain' x *elation*)  
Alan LaVergne  
(with TehShan Lee for size comparison)

Mel Grice photos



*Episcia cupreata*  
Arleen Dewell



*Saintpaulia* 'Morgan's Chutney Popcorn'  
Lori Barrington



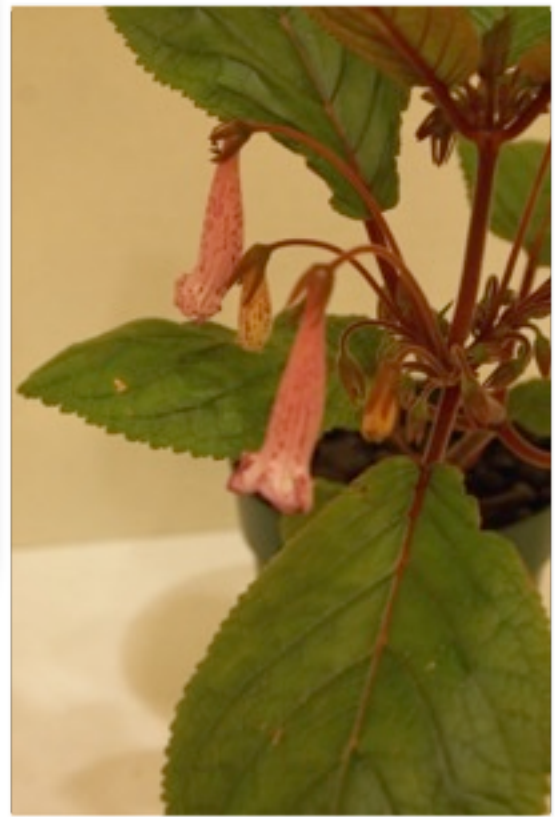
*Columnea* 'Goldheart'  
Terri Campbell





*Paradymonia lineata* - Bill Price

See more award-winning photos in *GESNERIADS* Vol. 65, No. 4, Fourth Quarter 2015, Peter Shalit, editor. Read interesting articles about gesneriads by becoming a member of The Gesneriad Society and receiving our quarterly 56-page journal.



*Sinningia eumorpha x striata*  
Alan LaVergne



*Sinningia leopoldii* - Bill Price



*Henckelia ceratoscyphus* - Bill Price

# Artistic and the Arts



Natural Garden - John Wrightson



"Muir Woods" - Judy Zinni

All photos this page courtesy of Bob Clark



*Primulina eburnea* x *Primulina medica*, photo  
Stephen Maciejewski



"Jack London Square" - Laura Buckner



Challenge class  
Paul Kroll  
←

*Drymonia macrantha*  
(flower)  
Paul Susi  
→



*Petrocosmea barbata* scratchboard  
Hung Nguyen



*Solenophora tuxtlensis*  
Ruth Coulson



## Northeast Regional Gesneriad Convention

October 3 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

October 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Haggerty Education Building, 353 East Hanover Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960

Hosted by the Greater New York, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, and Long Island Chapters of the Gesneriad Society.

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# 2015 Expedition in Search of Chinese Gesneriads

**A Field Trip to Nanning and other South China locations, including the Gesneriad Conservation Center of China, located at the Guangxi Institute of Botany in Guilin, China.**

**Expedition Dates:** October 23 to November 3, 2015 (nine days in the field, one day at the GCCC/ GXIB, plus the two days of your round trip flight to and from China)

**Expedition Leaders:** Professors Wei Yi-Gang and Wen Fang, both from the Guangxi Institute of Botany and the Gesneriad Conservation Center of China (GCCC)

**Expedition Coordinator:** Stephen Maciejewski, <[teciu1949@gmail.com](mailto:teciu1949@gmail.com)>, Phone: 215.869.9445

**Expedition Description:** This expedition will familiarize plant enthusiasts and horticulturalists with common and even very rare gesneriads in South China. This expedition will provide lessons and opportunities in propagation, cultivation, taxonomy, biodiverse environments and numerous photographic opportunities. This is not a "roughing it" expedition but we will spend long days traveling on our bus to many different locations. This trip will also help to support the ongoing studies on the Gesneriaceae of South China by financially contributing to the GCCC's efforts to save these endangered gesneriads from extinction (a \$300 per person donation is included in the total cost). Full details as well as suggestions for getting your Chinese visa, vaccinations, medications, what to pack, flight, trip and health insurance, etc., will be sent to everyone who sends in their deposit and is accepted for this trip.

**Expedition Cost:** \$1949.00 (actual cost +/- 10% will depend on the number of travelers), which includes all transportation from Nanning to Guilin, plus three meals per day, bottled water, snacks, fruit, lodging (based on double occupancy in rooms; single rooms cost extra), expedition fees (guides, drivers, entrance fees, tips) and a \$300 donation per person to the GCCC. Cost does not include: Chinese visa, all airfare, personal expenses, insurance (trip, flight and health), phone calls (which can be free or very inexpensive if you download an app for Viber or free texting with Wechat or Whatsapp) and, of course, you pay for your own alcoholic beverages.

**Payment Details:** A \$300 non-refundable deposit is due by August 1, 2015. Full payment (remaining \$1,649, non-refundable) is due by September 1, 2015. Make checks payable to the Expedition Coordinator, **Stephen Maciejewski**, and mail your deposit check (and send an email) no later than August 1, 2015 to: **Stephen Maciejewski, 2030 Fitzwater Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146 USA**, <[teciu1949@gmail.com](mailto:teciu1949@gmail.com)>. You should not book your flight until you have received confirmation that your reservation has been confirmed.

**For additional information, please read:**

1. "Gesneritrek14 - More Than Enough Gesneriads!" by Paul Susi, *Gesneriads* Vol. 65, No. 2, Second Quarter 2015.
2. "China: Disappearing Mountains, White Bees and Grandma's Chirita" by Stephen Maciejewski, *Gesneriads* Vol. 62, No. 1, First Quarter 2012.
3. "The Gesneriad Conservation Center of China," *Gesneriads* Vol. 64, No. 2, Second Quarter 2014.
4. Wei Yi-Gang, *Gesneriaceae of South China*. Guilin: Guangxi Science and Technology Publishing House 2010.



*Primulina bullata*, one of the newly discovered gesneriads that you might see on this trip growing in its natural habitat. Wen Fang photo



**From the editor —**

The Gesneriad Society Convention in Oakland was an outstanding event. The photos in this issue represent just a fraction of the entries exhibited. 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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