



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 Northeast Regional Gesneriad Convention, Brett Flewelling offering advice for culling plants, information about the first webinar, and some new hybrids. Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor



Paul Susi of South Huntington, New York, USA sent in these two photos of Ray Coyle's new hybrid, which Ray has named *Sinningia* 'Purple Robe'. See the May 2015 issue of **Gleanings** for more information about this cross of *Sinningia* sp. "Ibitioca" x *S.* 'Flair'.





Northeast Regional Gesneriad Convention Flower Show and Plant Sale

October 3 and 4, 2015

Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown, NJ 07960
Hosted by the Greater New York, Frelinghuysen Arboretum,
and Long Island Chapters of the Gesneriad Society.

Chautemsia calcicola
Nancy Kast
Paul Susi photo



Sinningia 'Kevin Garnett'
Mel Grice
Paul Susi photo



Petrocosmea parryorum
Paul Susi
Paul Susi photo



Paul Susi photos





Gloxinia erinoides "Chapas dos Guimaraes"
Karyn Cichocki
Paul Susi photo



Pearcea rhodotricha
Nancy Kast
Mel Grice photos





"Jersey Boys"
Mel Grice
Mel Grice photo



Sinningia cardinalis
Michael Riley
Paul Susi photo



"Jekyll & Hyde"
Paul Kroll

"A duo design is organized as two designs, back to back, in one container. Each side should be very different from the other side. Judged as one whole design."

Mel Grice photos



Natural Garden
Jill Fischer
Mel Grice photo



Sinningia 'Magic Moment'
Arleen Dewell
Mel Grice photo



"The History of Gesneriad Botanical Prints"
Gussie Farrice
Karyn Cichocki photo

Keeping it Reasonable!

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Like many beginning gesneriad enthusiasts, when I first started growing, I collected many different types without paying much attention to the number of plants that I was actually accumulating. It became a case of too much, too soon. As the plants grew and became crowded, and I became more experienced, I soon realized that I couldn't keep everything. I was running out of time and room. What is one to do in such a case? Here are three tips that I have learned along the way.

First, when culling, look at how close together your plants are. Plants need room to grow properly. I make sure that my plants do not touch each other. I am able to turn my plants completely around without them snagging on another plant. I find that foliage lies flat and plants grow to their potential. If your shelf is full, do not try to fit in another plant. When purchasing a plant, think about how big it will actually get. If you don't have room, don't get it! Keep in mind that you need plenty of room for routine maintenance, such as grooming and watering. Space around each plant makes it much easier for routine care.

Next, look at how many duplicates of a plant you have. I only grow a maximum of two plants per variety or species. Notice that I said maximum. Most things I only grow one of, unless it is an outstanding show plant or personal favourite. You don't have room to grow eight things of everything. Some people may argue: well, what if it dies? Let's be honest, are you going to look after that many properly? Be ruthless! Give the extras away or donate them to your club!

Also, look at what grows well in your conditions. Nobody wants to look at a half-dead, ratty looking plant. I usually give plants a year to shape up or ship out. Some may grow slowly, but they need to look healthy. If not, compost! Don't just look at the bloom; look at the entire plant. Many times we get caught up with how pretty a bloom is, but the plant itself may be a dog! One tip that I learned from an orchid grower, which could definitely be applied to gesneriads; is to purchase one variety or species from several different genera. You will see what will and what won't grow in your house.

It is hard to part with some plants at first, but you will find your collection to be much more manageable. As a result, you will be able to sit back and admire your plants instead of their care becoming another chore. Rediscover the joy that the hobby brings to us all, and keep it reasonable!



Columnnea 'Broget Stavanger'
Brett Flewelling

Mel Grice photo

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First Gesneriad Webinar

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The Gesneriad Society presented the first gesneriad webinar on Wednesday, October 21 with a follow-up presentation on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Mary Schaeffer did all of the work setting up these events and I volunteered to give the program on *Streptocarpus*. We had a great response and the feedback was very positive. I showed a PowerPoint program with over 130 slides covering culture, propagation, and hybridizing. The exciting part was that some hosted Webinar parties and watched the program together. There are three more webinars planned for early 2016. Thad Scaggs will do a program on *Episcias* in January. I'm going to do one on Miniature *Sinningias* in February, and Mel Grice will be giving a program on *Primulinas* in March. Be sure to look for the *Episcia* Webinar promotion in December's issue of *Gleanings*.



Members of the Stampede City AVS, Calgary, AB, Canada, met in the home of Norma Kunzel to watch the webinar together. According to Norma, "Our group enjoyed the workshop and noted a number of areas where we can improve our growing techniques. We would watch another workshop through Webinar."

Note: the ladies are wearing their Gesneriad Society shirts available for purchase from the Gesneriad Society website in the shopping area. Order yours today.

left back row – Lisa Kempel, Blanche Lea, Betty Fenerty, Lois Tierney
left front row – Maida den Oudsten, Norma Kunzel
Erich Kunzel photo

New Hybrids

Tim Tuttle writes:

Petrocosmea 'Mary Bozoian' is the result of a cross between *Petrocosmea forrestii* and *Petrocosmea begoniifolia*. Flowers for me have always been numerous and a blush pinkish white color with a nice yellow throat. Most of the time, the flowers have extra lobes, giving a "double" appearance. Of all my hybrids, it has been a favorite. Mary shared my first *P. forrestii* and *P. begoniifolia* with me, so I wanted to name a cross between those two species for her, ever since I first got them from her many years ago.

Paul Kroll writes:

It was my pleasure and honor to take a plant to the New England Chapter meeting to present to Mary from Tim. Mary was delighted and surprised.

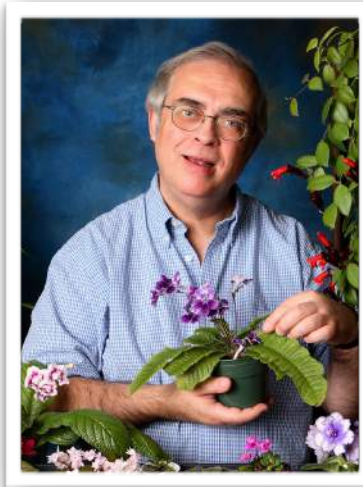


Mary Bozoian and Paul Kroll



Primulina 'SCBG Red Butterfly', 2015, IR151291, Ning Zu-Lin, Li Dong-Mei, Liu Juan, Kang Ming, Guangdong, China (natural variation of *Primulina eburnea* found in Jianghua county, Hunan province). Fertile, but reproducible only vegetatively. Rosette. Leaves deep green, hairy, 8.5-15 cm long \times 4.2-8.5 cm wide with 1.5-4 cm petiole, ovate with entire margin, cuneate base, and acute tip. Calyx split, linear-lanceolate, red-purple, 8-10 mm long. Pedicel 1-1.5 cm with 4-5 flowers. Corolla salverform, 3.8-4.5 cm long, tube 2.2-2.5 cm long \times 2.8-3.2 cm wide with 1.2 cm orifice, violet, outside densely glandular villous, bracts broadly ovate, bright red, 3.5 cm \times 2-3.8 cm.

See more newly registered hybrids 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 64-page journal.



From the editor —

I hope that you have enjoyed the photos from the Northeast Regional Convention and Plant Sale.

Please continue contributing photos of plants that are blooming for you or plants exhibited at shows in your area. I am not able to attend every show (even though I want to) so shared photos are welcome.

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

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