

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 2016 Convention Flower Show, Steve Kerr's article about how he grew his award-winning *Nematanthus* hybrid, and information about a special coming event.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor

All of Peter Shalit's convention videos can be accessed on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/).

**Gesneriads
in the
First State**

**July 5-9, 2016
Wilmington
Delaware
USA**

Gesneriad Society 2016 Convention 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 website soon)



Hemiboea strigosa - Eileen McGrath

Mel Grice photos



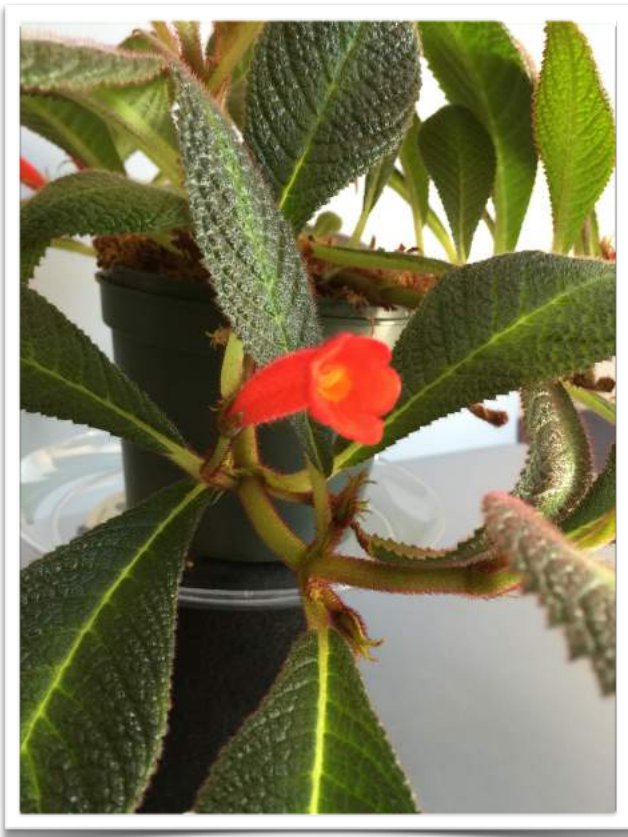
Sinningia 'Diva' - Jay Sespico



Aeschynanthus buxifolius
Michael Riley
Mel Grice photo



Codonanthe devosiana 'Paula'
Gary Hunter
Mel Grice photo



Bob Clark photo



Centrosolenia porphyrotricha - Drew Norris

Mel Grice photo



Sinningia 'Deep Purple Dreaming'
Betsy Sherwin
Bob Clark photo



Sinningia speciosa 'Double Pink'
Ron Myhr
Bob Clark photo



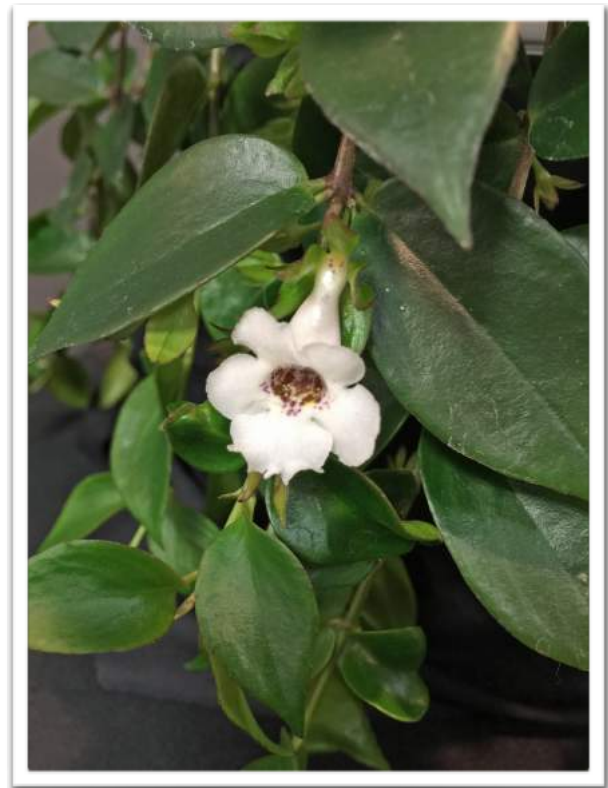
Niphaea oblonga
Raymond Ruger
Mel Grice photo



Sinningia 'Prudence Risley'

Paul Susi

Bob Clark photo



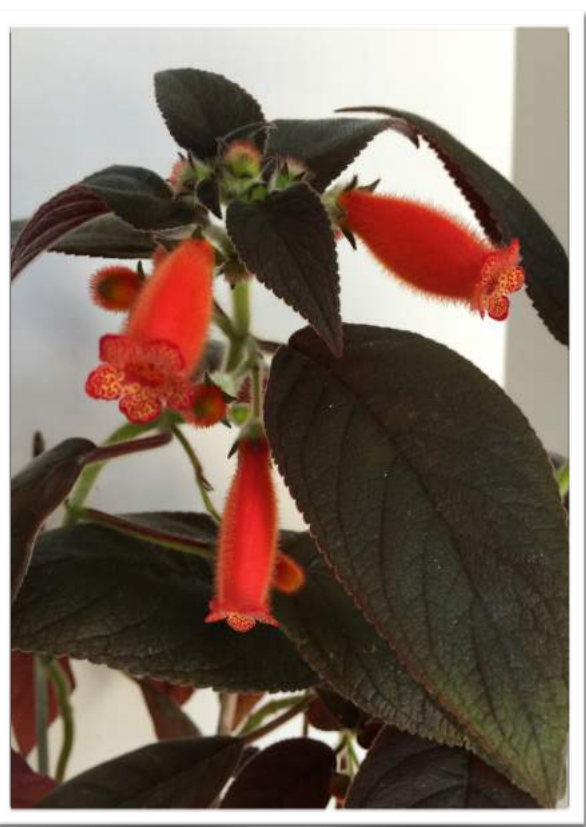
Codonanthe gracilis 'Joinville'

Gary Hunter

Bob Clark photos



Sinningia tubiflora
Betsy Sherwin
Bob Clark photo



Kohleria hirsuta 'Trinidad'
Dee Stewart
Bob Clark photo



Episcia 'Gold Digger'
Brandon Erickson
Mel Grice photo



Sinningia 'Magic Moment'
Ben Paternoster
Bob Clark photo

Artistic and the Arts



"Bombay Hook"
Bobbie LaFashia
Mel Grice photo



"Mt. Cuba Center"
Steve Kerr
Mel Grice photo



Lan Jiun Wu
Mel Grice photo



Sinningia hirsuta monochrome print
Lan Jiun Wu
Bob Stewart photo

See more award-winning photos in *GESNERIADS* Vol. 66, No. 4, Fourth Quarter 2016, Peter Shalit, editor. Read interesting articles about gesneriads by becoming a member of The Gesneriad Society and receiving our quarterly 64-page journal.

How I Grew It: *Nematanthus gregarius* or "hybrid"

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I heard from one of the judges on the panel that judged the three beautiful specimen *Nematanthus* plants that they thought my entry had been grown in a greenhouse. The truth of its growing conditions are not quite as wonderful as that! Who wouldn't love a greenhouse for all of their sun-loving plants? The plant was actually grown at my office. I have a large eight-foot window where I am just starting to experiment with some of my plants that just don't do well under lights. I currently have three large plants growing in the window: *Nematanthus* hybrid, the *Aeschynanthus pulcher* variegated that was also in the show, and a *Henckelia* 'Moon Walker'. The window faces west, and the *Nematanthus* gets full sun from about 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the summer. The plant is back from the window about one to two feet, and it drinks about two litres of water a week. I bottom water it a couple of times during the week giving it as much water as it will absorb. It is fertilized with MiracleGro for tomatoes 20-20-20, at ¼ tsp. per 1.5 litres water for one of the waterings during the week. Any other watering is clear without fertilizer. The plant will be shown one more time at our local fair, the CNE in mid August, and then I intend to pot it up to a larger pot while simultaneously taking tip cuttings for new plants for the club. I am also trying to set seed to further verify its identity as *Nematanthus gregarius*. I know what the label said when I bought it but, until it sets seed and I see the orange berries, I will be growing this one as *Nematanthus* hybrid.



Steve Kerr photo



Winston Goretsky photo

Elvin McDonald to speak

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You are invited to hear the founder of The Gesneriad Society, **Elvin McDonald**, talk to the Minnesota Chapter **Saturday, August 13 at 2:00 p.m.**

Elvin has written many books and articles on gardens and gardening, indoors and outdoors, for many years. I have met him at Gesneriad Society conventions and can assure you that he is a delightful storyteller. He will talk about the founding of the Society in the 1950s and tell us other stories about the world of gardening and garden writing. The other founder was Peggy Schulz, who lived here in the Twin Cities, and also wrote about gardening and indoor plants. Peggy's daughter will be coming to hear Elvin and chat with us.

There will be a display of our favorite gesneriads, which will be worth the trip.

Location: The St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota, Plant Growth Facilities West and Greenhouse Classrooms
1552 Gortner Ave.

Falcon Heights, MN 55108 (on the NE corner of Gortner and Dudley). Gortner is the first stoplight east of Cleveland on Larpenteur. Parking is available on the south side of the building (enter on Dudley).

Please email me, Charles Huston, MN chapter program chair, at max503gallery@gmail.com if you would like to come. I will provide a cell phone number for you to call if you need directions.



Elvin McDonald & Dale Martens in 2009

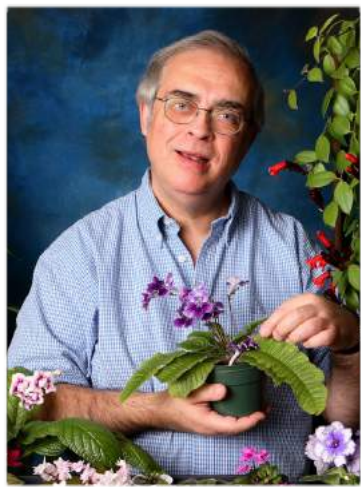
You don't need to RSVP. Everyone is welcome, even at the last minute. Admission is free. We are glad to have visitors and your guests. There will be a small fundraiser at the talk for The Gesneriad Society's Conservation Fund and the Elvin McDonald Research Fund. No one is required to donate, but it's a delightful excuse to contribute. There will be gesneriads, books and other plant stuff. Dale Martens has kindly offered to send some cuttings and leaves. You are welcome to participate if you like. There will be books by Elvin McDonald and he will autograph them. You may bring your own and he will sign them for you.

The Botanical Collection of the University is two blocks away, in the CBS greenhouse. We have 1,200 species of green plants in nine rooms under glass. The collection includes many unusual plants from over 100 families of green plants. I have 24 hour access and will give a tour in the morning, and after the talk if requested in advance.

In the morning, we will have Alan LaVergne's excellent webinar on Sinningias, and other activities at the CBS greenhouse. Please do RSVP if you would like to join us in the morning.

We will host a Chinese Banquet dinner in Elvin's honor Saturday night.

Anyone is welcome to come for Elvin's talk at 2:00 p.m., and the morning also, if you would like to join us.



From the editor —

The Gesneriad Society Convention in Wilmington, Delaware 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

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Application for Membership — The Gesneriad Society, Inc.

WELCOME — membership in our international society includes quarterly issues of *Gesneriads* — *The Journal for Gesneriad Growers*, a copy of *How to Know and Grow Gesneriads*, a packet of gesneriad seeds and a wealth of information about our chapters, flower shows, publications, research, programs and seed fund. Membership begins upon receipt of dues.

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