



Gleanings

a monthly newsletter from The Gesneriad Society, Inc.

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Welcome to the latest issue of **Gleanings!** This issue includes photos from the Ohio State African Violet Flower Show, photos showing Karyn Cichocki's growing areas, photos from the British Streptocarpus Society Show, and information about the next webinar.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor



Terri Vicenzi of Bloomington, Indiana, USA exhibited the Best Other Gesneriad at the Ohio State African Violet Show this year. Her entry of *Streptocarpus* 'Black Magic Woman' is shown above and on the right. Quite an accomplishment for a first time exhibitor!



Ohio State African Violet Flower Show



Streptocarpus 'Web of Intrigue' - Terri Vicenzi



Petrocosmea 'Keystone's Blue Jay' - Beverley Williams



Aeschynanthus humilis - Doris Brownlie

Mel Grice photos



Primulina bipinatifida - Paul Kroll



Episcia 'Moonlight Valley'
Penny Wichman



Primulina dryas 'Hisako'
Nancy Carr

Mel Grice photos



Primulina 'Rachel'
Doris Brownlie



Kurt Jablonski with Best in Show
Saintpaulia 'Buckeye Seductress'

A Visit to Karyn Cichocki's Growing Areas

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Karyn with *Sinningia brasiliensis* that just came into the house after being grown outside for the summer.

Karyn grows her saintpaulias upstairs where conditions are warmer. She grows on acrylic felt mats laid over egg crate. The mats wick water from the trays to the plants.



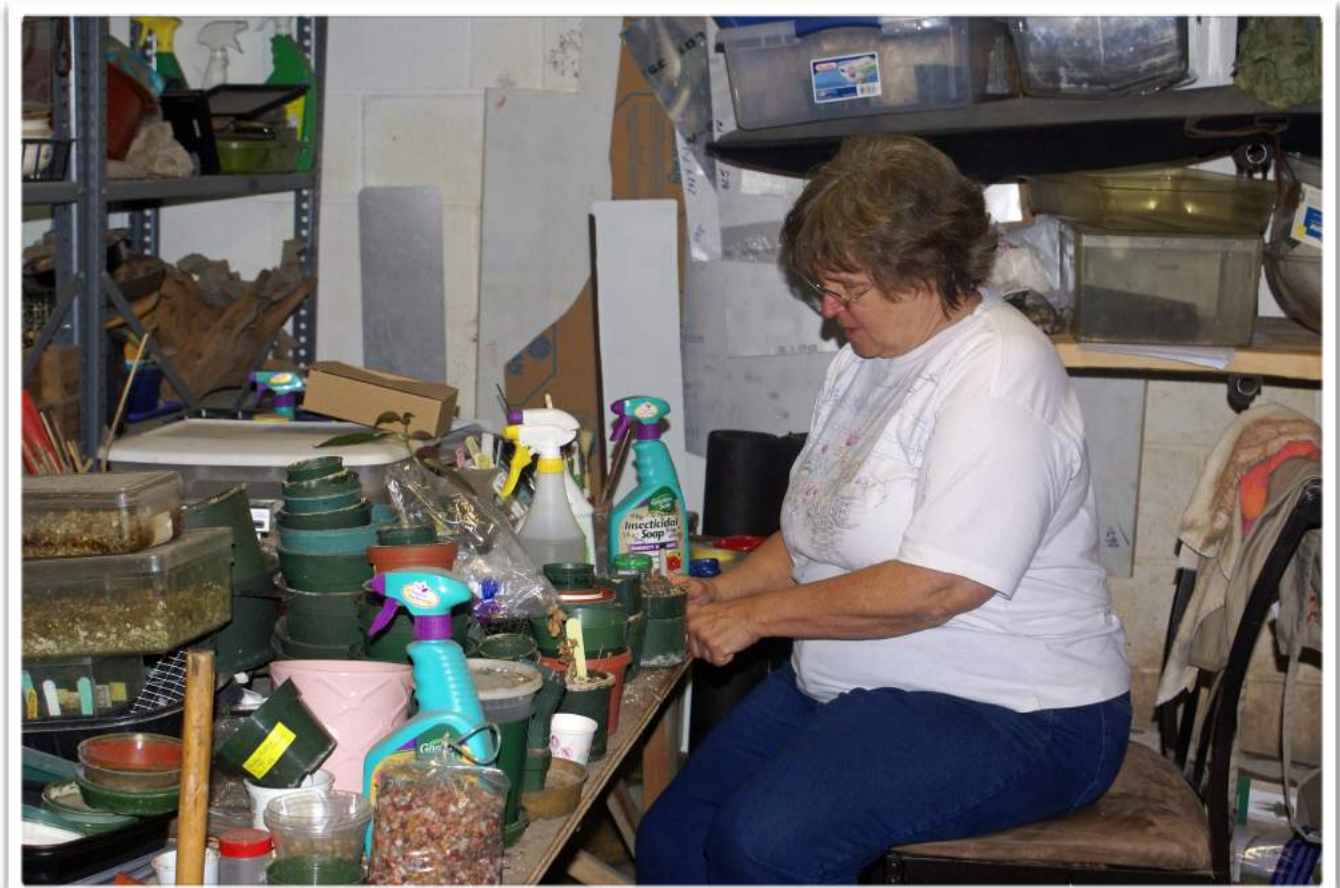


Karyn grows mostly in her basement. Notice the leaves she is propagating in plastic bags pinned to the light stands.





Karyn loves to propagate gesneriads from seeds.



British Streptocarpus Society Show



Frank Davies sent these photos from the British Streptocarpus Society Show held on July 16 this year. Twenty-one members exhibited 170 plants.

www.streptocarpussociety.org.uk

Mary Davies photos



BRITISH STREPTOCARPUS SOCIETY

<http://www.streptocarpussociety.org.uk>

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Next Gesneriad Society Webinar

The Gesneriad Society just added a new webinar: "Growing and Showing African Violets" by volunteer Sandy Skalski. She won AVSA's 2014 Best in Show with the *Saintpaulia* species 5f clone *orbicularis* var. *purpurea*. At that same convention she won Best Buckeye with 'Buckeye Colossal'.

<https://the-gesneriad-society.myshopify.com/collections/frontpage/products/webinar-growing-and-showing-african-violets>

You do not need to be a member of The Gesneriad Society to register to watch this very informative hour-long webinar that premieres November 15, 2016, at 9:00 p.m. EST. If you can't watch the premier, sign up and you'll be able to watch it after the premier, anytime as many times as you wish until the expiration. Please register at least 24 hours before Tuesday night as it is often overwhelming to process last minute registrations.

Dale Martens along with Mary Schaeffer and Paul Susi, the webinar team

Growing & Showing African Violets

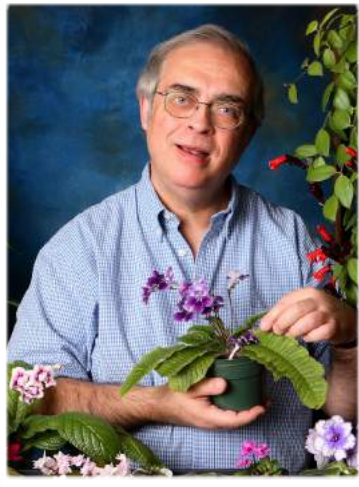
By
Sandy Skalski



Sandy Skalski with her award-winning *Saintpaulia* 'Buckeye Nostalgia'



Saintpaulia 5f clone
orbicularis var. *purpurea* -
Sandy Skalski
Best in Show Nashville 2014
Mel Grice photo



From the editor —

October has been a busy month for me. I have attended several shows and had some speaking engagements. One more show to go and then I will have to work to get my van into the garage for the winter. I hope that the snow holds off for awhile!

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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