



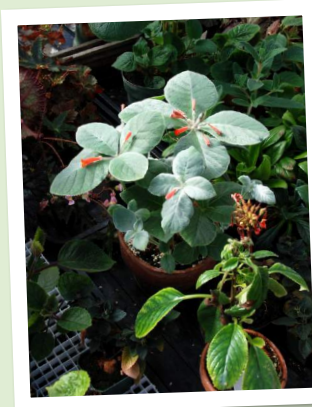
Gleanings

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Welcome to the latest issue of **Gleanings**! This issue includes Paul Susi's photos from his visit to Stuart Hammer's greenhouse, photos of gesneriads shown at the AVSA convention, and information about the Gesneriad Society convention DVDs.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor



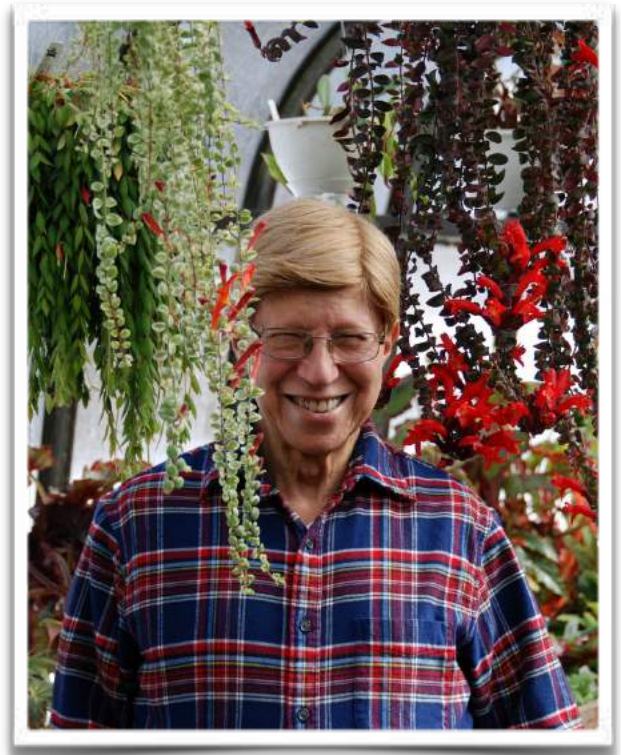
Bobbi Johannsen showed this beautiful specimen of *Primulina lutea* at the African Violet Society of America convention in Orlando, Florida. See more photos of gesneriads shown at the AVSA convention beginning on page 7.



A Visit to Stuart Hammer's Greenhouse

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This past April I was invited to speak to the New England Chapter of The Gesneriad Society. Stuart Hammer, a chapter member and also a director of The Gesneriad Society, graciously offered to host me at his home where the meeting would take place. While waiting for the meeting to start, I had the opportunity to explore his greenhouse. The greenhouse is attached to the house on one short end and there is a spectacular view of the gesneriads, begonias and other tropicals from Stuart's living room. The greenhouse is approximately 15' wide and 35' long and is chock full of plants, from the space beneath the shelves to the hanging baskets which line each side of the structure. Stuart told me that he keeps a supply of baggies and a few scissors handy for chapter members who must have their gesneriad or begonia fix whenever a meeting or chapter party is held at his house.



Stuart Hammer





Aeschynanthus 'Rasta'



Columnea sonnenaufgang and *C.* 'Orange Sherbet'

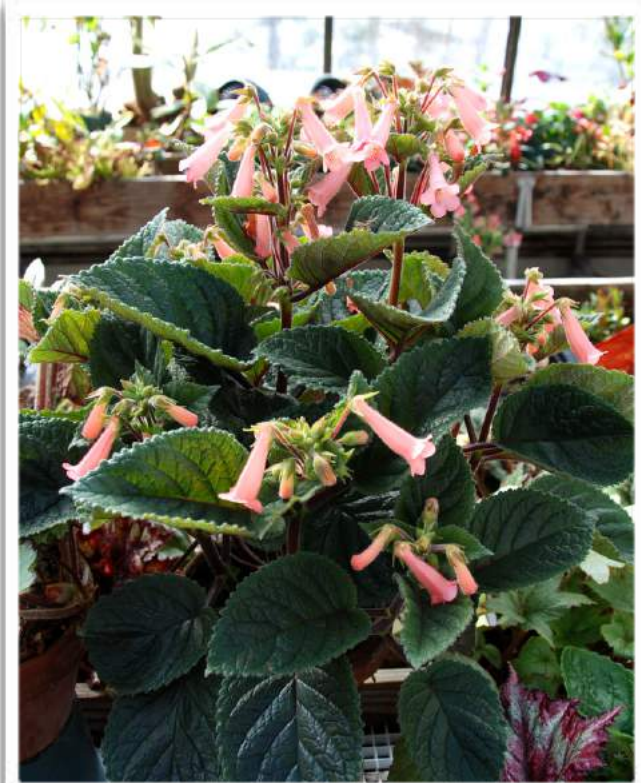




Stuart waters all the plants individually; begonias mix with gesneriads.



Paul Susi photos



Sinningia 'Arkansas Empress'



Sinningia leucotricha





Stuart holding *Sinningia* 'Deep Purple Dreaming'

Kohlerias spread along the bench.

Paul Susi photos



Gesneriads at the African Violet Society of America Convention Flower Show

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Streptocarpus 'Dale's Polar Canary'
Carol Chmiko



Primulina dryas 'Hisako'
Robbie McMeel



Primulina 'Naine Argente'
Bobbi Johannsen



Columnea 'Firebird'
Paul Sorano

Mel Grice photos

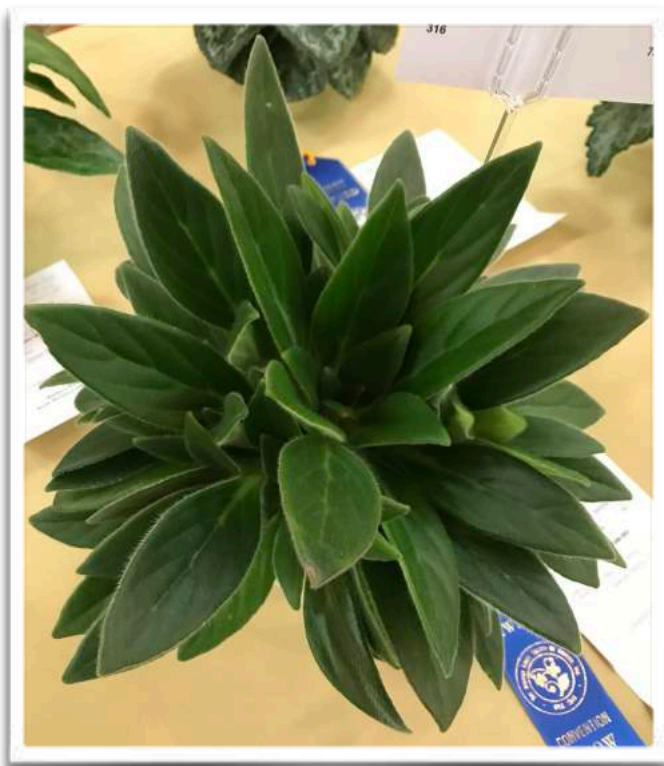


Episcia 'Cleopatra' Canadian clone
Robbie McMeel



Sinningia 'Aurora Borealis'
Bobbi Johannsen

Mel Grice photos



Primulina USBRG 98-083
Ron Davidson



Aeschynanthus x*splendidus*
Paul Sorano



All Gesneriad Society convention

DVDs are on sale! If you have never been to a Gesneriad Society convention, have been but want to relive the experience or want to share the experience with friends or members of your Gesneriad Society Chapter or AVSA affiliate group, now is the time to order. DVDs, which are usually \$15 or \$16 each, are now available for the reduced price of five for \$50, shipping included. This offer is not available in the shop. If you are interested, contact Paul Susi at gesneriadpromotion@gmail.com

and you will be invoiced via PayPal and the DVDs will be sent upon receipt of payment. You can see the description of all the convention DVDs and other products available in the online shop at <https://the-gesneriad-society.myshopify.com/collections/cd-dvd-roms>. Note that the 2007 and 2008 DVDs are sold out and quantities are limited for the 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 DVDs.



Webinars

Live webinars will return in August, after the Gesneriad Society Convention, but downloads and anytime (streaming) webinars are always available. Visit <https://the-gesneriad-society.myshopify.com/collections/webinars> for more information and to order your webinar!



From the editor —

The AVSA convention was a great show and I am looking forward to the Gesneriad Society convention in Omaha, Nebraska coming up soon! Hope to see many of you there!

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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