



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 more photos from the Gesneriad Society's 2017 Convention Flower Show, photos of my visit to the Vanderbilt University Greenhouse with Jonathan Ertelt, and coming events.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor

Karyn Cichocki from New Jersey, USA, sent these photos of *Oreocharis pankaiyuae*. This plant is from China and is considered a tender Alpine gesneriad. It was formerly called *Tremacron aurantiacum*. Karyn has it growing off to one side of her plant stand under a single T5 bulb in her cool basement growing area. She says that there is lots of pollen, so she has already started pollinating it.



Gesneriad Society 2017 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 <http://www.gesneriadsociety.org/conventions/2017-convention-omaha-nebraska/> soon)



Sinningia 'Dale's Coral Fiesta'
Dale Martens

Primulina atropurpurea
Irina Nicholson



Mel Grice photos

Achimenes 'Camille Brozzoni'
Brandon Erikson



Eucodonia (Leong Tuck-Lock hybrid #3)
Paul Kroll

Mel Grice photos



Sinningia 'Bud's Spotted Fever'
Brandon Erikson



Diastema luteola
Jay Sespico



Mel Grice photos

Artistic and the arts



Counted Cross-stitch
Connie Rowley



"Wild Tempest" underwater design
Paul Kroll

Mel Grice
photos



Tray Landscape
Linda Hall



Achimenes misera
Brandon Erikson

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Sinningia 'Dale's Violet
Pearls'
Dale Martens



Sinningia 'Paper Moon'
Margery Anderson-Clive

See more award-winning photos in **Gesneriads** Vol. 67, No. 4, Fourth Quarter 2017, Peter Shalit, editor. Read interesting articles about gesneriads by becoming a member of The Gesneriad Society and receiving our quarterly 64-page journal.



A Visit to the Vanderbilt University Greenhouse with Jonathan Ertelt

Mel Grice

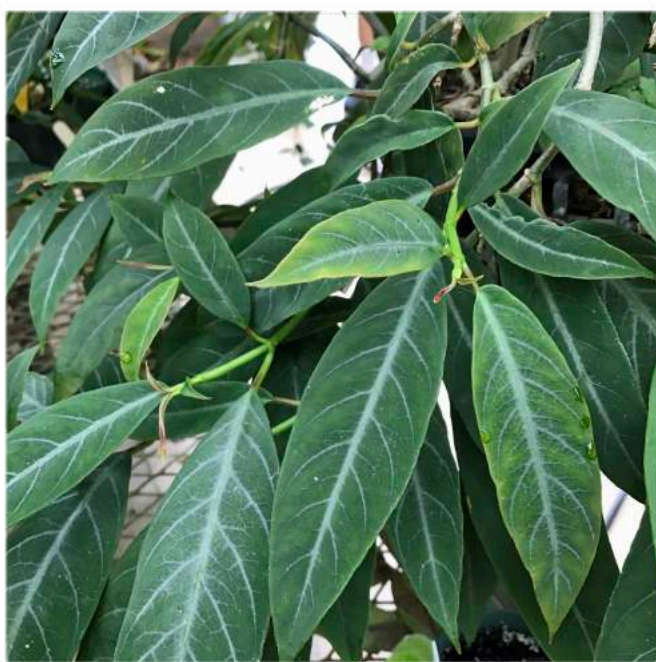
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Englewood, Ohio, USA



I was in Nashville, Tennessee during the first weekend in August to teach a judging school for the Gesneriad Society. Julie Mavity-Hudson took me on an escorted tour of the Vanderbilt University greenhouse managed by Jonathan Ertelt. He is shown on the left with a reprint of his article on Conrad Gesner that appeared in **Gesneriads** Vol. 66, No. 1, First Quarter 2016, Peter Shalit, editor.

Jonathan has quite an extensive collection of gesneriads that he uses in his classes to interest botany students in studying our plant family.



Drymonia conchocalyx



Kohleria amabilis (Selby collection)



On the left is a reprint of an article on *Drymonia pudica* written by one of Jonathan's students that appeared in **Gesneriads** Vol. 65, No. 1, First Quarter 2015, Peter Shalit, editor. It was exciting to see the actual plant shown in the article and to see a single bloom on this shy blooming plant. (See photos below)

Jonathan's collection of drymonias, kohlerias, aeschynanthus, episcias, and nematanthus are attractively arranged and frequently blooming. It is no wonder that his students are drawn to our plant family over the many other plant families represented in the greenhouse.

Jonathan was most generous in sharing cuttings of some of his plants, which was an added bonus!





Kohleria allenii



Above - Jonathan is shown labeling a plastic bag of cuttings while Julie Mavity-Hudson watches. Thanks Jonathan and Julie for a wonderful visit!

The 2018 Gesneriad Calendar is now available.
Check it out in the [shop](#).



Coming Events

**September 16 - 17, 2017 — Boylston, MA.
Combined Plant Societies Judged Flower Show & Plant Sale**

New England Gesneriad Society & Buxton Branch, American Begonia Society
Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Drive, Boylston, Massachusetts

September 16, Noon – 5:00 p.m.

September 17, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Admission: \$15.00 adults, \$10.00 seniors and \$5.00 youth (6-18)

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From the editor —

Thanks to all of the members of the Tennessee Gesneriad Society and the Nashville African Violet Society for a wonderful weekend of sharing information!

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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