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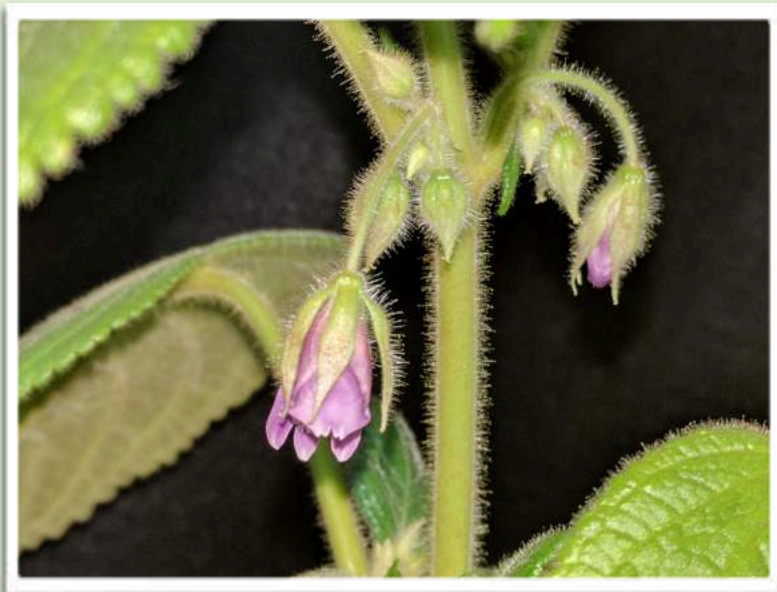


Hung Nguyen sent these photos of *Ornithoboea lacei* that he grows in an unheated greenhouse in San Jose, California, USA.

Welcome to the latest issue of **Gleanings**! This issue includes photos of gesneriads exhibited at the Ohio State African Violet Society's 2017 Convention Flower Show, Dale Martens' article on what to do with a show plant after the show is over, and coming events.

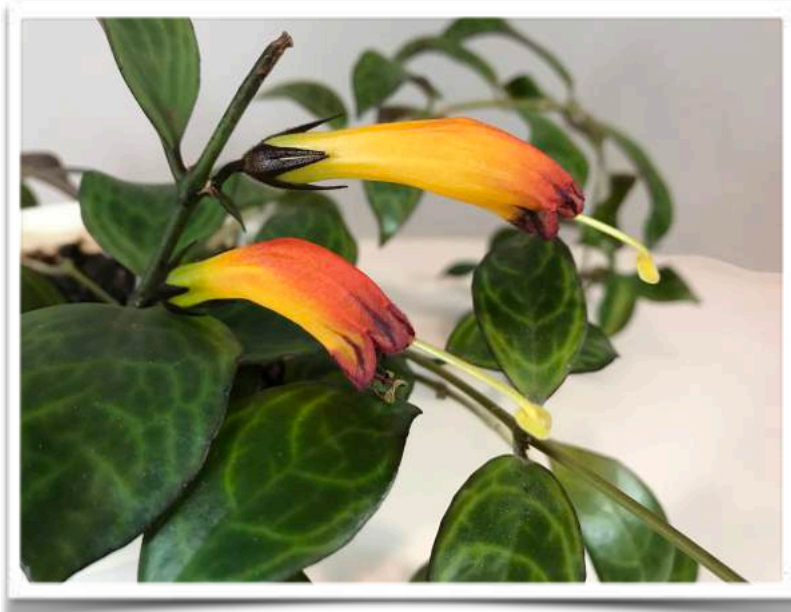
Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

**Mel Grice**, Editor



# Gesneriads at the Ohio State African Violet Society 2017 Convention Flower Show

Mel Grice photos



*Aeschynanthus* 'Black Pagoda'  
Susan Allison



*Gloxinia erinoides*  
Karyn Cichocki

×*Rhytidoneria* 'Ako Cardinal Flight'  
Paul Kroll







*Sinningia* 'Bright Eyes'  
Karyn Cichocki



*Sinningia* 'An's Nyx'  
Paul Kroll



*Petrocosmea* 'Morro de Moco'  
Nancy Carr

Mel Grice photos

*Streptocarpus* 'Bethan'  
Terri Vicenzi



*Primulina lineariclayx*  
Paul Kroll

*Episcia* 'Kee Wee'  
Joan Cornett



Mel Grice photos





*Primulina 'Loki'*  
Terri Vicenzi



*Streptocarpus 'Heartland's Baby Kisses'*  
Terri Vicenzi



*Streptocarpus 'MK-Marki'*  
Sherrie Zimmerman

Mel Grice  
photos

# Great Show Plant: What Now?

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You have participated in shows and now that it has been a few months since you entered your streptocarpus plants, it's time to think about repotting them, especially if they have been in their pots for about six months.

1) *Streptocarpus* 'Heartland's Baby Egrets' was a great show plant, but now it's eight weeks later and time to divide the plant.



2) First step is to remove all the flowers and buds. Then leach the pot of fertilizer salts with two cups of room temperature water. Let drain. Wait a week to allow the soil to dry. You will not be removing all the old soil, so what remains attached to roots needs to be free of fertilizer salts.

3) Remove all the older leaves that have had more than four flower stems (peduncles). Consider propagating one of the younger leaves you remove.



Dale Martens photos





4) Look closely to see if there are natural areas where the plant can be divided with a very sharp knife. After dividing the plant, shake the root area to remove quite a bit of soil. Cut off the bottom inch and throw that away.

5) Do not over pot. Do not bury the plant too deeply in the mix or you'll get rotted leaves. Make sure the mix is moist, not soaking wet. These two plants will go into major transplant shock if they are not put in a high humidity situation.



6) Keep the newly planted pots in a container with a lid or put them into a freezer zip-lock plastic bag because freezer bags have stiff sides to hold up leaves. Open the bags after a week to allow room for air. Then five days later remove the plants from the bags, but spray them a few times a day with distilled water. Do not allow any buds/flowers for at least three months so energy goes into roots and making new leaves.





7) Sometimes the bases of streps have a red area. This is a visual cue for how deep to plant a strep. Do not place soil level with the highest area of red coloration, nor place soil above the red area. Try to pot so that 1/8-inch or two to three mm of the highest area of red is above the soil line.

8) In this case a thin plastic sandwich baggie was placed over the plant to help prevent transplant shock. After seven to ten days, the baggie can be slowly cut open to acclimate the plant to room air. Note that a white plastic label helps support the largest leaf.



9) If you wick water, notice the placement of the acrylic yarn wick. The soilless mix will be added on top of the wick all the way up but not above the reddish area at the base of the leaves.

Dale Martens photos

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## Growing Rare and Unusual Gesneriads with Bill Price



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<https://the-gesneriad-society.myshopify.com/collections/webinars/products/webinar-growing-rare-and-unusual-gesneriads>

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**October 6 - 7, 2017 — Wilmington, DE.**

**Judged Flower Show & Plant Sale**

Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society

Delaware Center for Horticulture, 1810 North DuPont Street, Wilmington, DE.

October 6, 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. during the Art Loop

October 7, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Mary Schaeffer at [schaeffermary@yahoo.com](mailto:schaeffermary@yahoo.com)



**From the editor —**

September has been another busy month for me. I was Flower Show chair at the Ohio State African Violet Society convention. Lots of well-grown gesneriads on display.

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

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