



Gleanings

a monthly newsletter from The Gesneriad Society, Inc.

(articles and photos selected from chapter newsletters, our journal *Gesneriads*, and original sources)

Volume 9, Number 6

June 2018



Welcome to the latest issue of **Gleanings**! This issue includes photos of gesneriads from the African Violet Society of America and the African Violet Society of Canada convention show and information about a new webinar.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor



The Best Other Gesneriad in Show at the African Violet Society of America and the African Violet Society of Canada convention was a gorgeous specimen of *Columnnea microphylla* in full bloom entered by Beverley Williams. She says it must have prolonged cool temperature to stimulate blossoms (around 55 degrees).



African Violet Society of America and African Violet Society of Canada Convention Show Photos of Gesneriads



Primulina medica

Mel Grice photo

Paul Kroll grew this plant to twenty-four inches across with the help of an African violet support ring attached to its pot to keep the leaves from breaking. This plant had "resting buds" form nearly a year before they actually grew and began to open. This plant was grown in the center of a shelf with two T8 bulbs overhead.

Streptocarpus 'UA-Solar Eclipse'
Kathy Spissman

Mel Grice photos



Aeschynanthus x *splendidus*
Paul Sorano



Streptocarpus 'Dale's Starry Night'
BJ Ohme



Mel Grice photos



Streptocarpus 'Texas Hot Chili'
BJ Ohme



Aeschynanthus 'Mira'
Violet Barn

Streptocarpus 'Bristol's
Kick Start'
Violet Barn



Mel Grice photos



Primulina 'Loki' (curly sport)
Best Peter Shalit hybrid
Linda Hall

Mel Grice photos



Streptocarpus 'Heartland's White Gold'
Adrienne Rieck



Primulina drakei
Ron Davidson

Mel Grice photos



Sinningia 'Ozark
Rosy Cheeks'
Linda Sumski

Below: *Sinningia speciosa* 'Cardoso Moreira'
Bev Williams

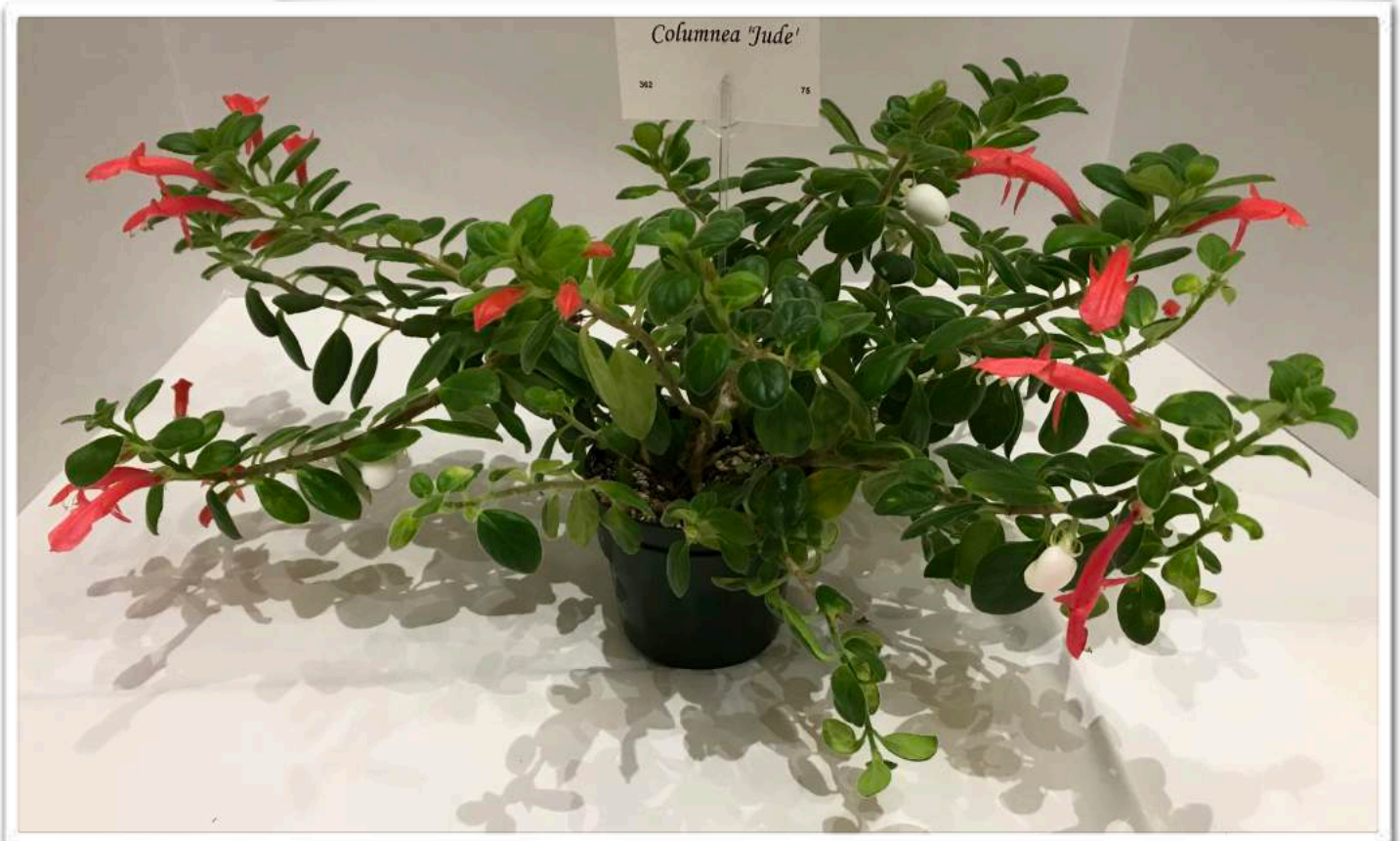


Sinningia 'Freckles'
Sayeh Beheshti

Sinningia defoliata
Bill Price



Mel Grice photos



Columnea 'Jude' (Note the white berries filled with seeds)
Deborah Donaldson

The Marvelous World Of Columneas

Jay Sespico is an outstanding grower of columneas, and to say he's got a little understanding about columneas is a huge understatement. He graciously shares his considerable expertise on growing these beauties in this latest Gesneriad Society webinar. The webinar premieres on June 12 at 7:00 p.m. ET, when you will receive your link. Join us and see wonderful examples of columneas. Learn a little of their history and, most importantly, how you can grow them in your home. After seeing this session, you will be inspired to grow some of these marvelous plants. Click here to order your webinar now!

[<https://the-gesneriad-society.myshopify.com/collections/webinars/products/the-genus-columnea>]



Coming Event



July 3 - 8, 2018 — Framingham, MA. The Gesneriad Society's 62 Annual Convention

hosted by the New England Gesneriad Society
Sheraton Framingham Hotel
1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA
01701

Contact: <http://www.gesneriadsociety.org/2018-convention-registration-now-open/>

<http://www.gesneriadsociety.org/conventions/2018-convention-framingham-massachusetts/>



From the editor —

The African Violet Society of America and the African Violet Society of Canada convention show in Buffalo, New York was filled with many well-grown gesneriads.

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

Mel

Consultants
 Alcie Maxwell
 Judy Zinni
 Vicki Ferguson

Internet Communications
 Julie Mavity-Hudson
 Paul Susi

Newsletter Editor
 Mel Grice
 2019 Crosswind Ct.
 Englewood, OH
 45322 USA
melsgrice@earthlink.net

Permission to reprint from **Gleanings** is granted, provided that credit is given to the author and the publication.

Donations

The Gesneriad Society, Inc. is a tax-exempt organization with an IRS section 501 (c)(3) status for donations. You can make your donations online at www.gesneriadsociety.org. You may also send your donation (check payable to The Gesneriad Society) to:

Betsy Gottshall, Development Chairperson
 108 Godshall Road, Collegeville, PA 19426
 For additional information, contact: gottshb@verizon.net

Membership and Changes of Address

The Gesneriad Society Membership Secretary, Bob Clark,
 1122 East Pike Street, PMB 637, Seattle, WA 98122-3916 USA

Changes of Address — Send changes of address to the Membership Secretary <membership@gesneriadsociety.org> 90 days prior to moving to avoid missing an issue. The Society is not responsible for replacing issues missed because of late notification of address changes. Back issues may be ordered from The Gesneriad Society Publications.

Renewals — Send dues to the Membership Secretary. A Renewal Notice is sent two months prior to the expiration date of your membership. (The expiration date is printed on your mailing label/ membership card received with each copy of *Gesneriads*.) Please remit your dues prior to the expiration date to avoid missing an issue as we are not responsible for replacing issues missed because of late payment of dues. Back issues may be ordered from Publications.

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.

New Member Date _____

Renewal Membership # _____

Name _____
FAMILY NAME GIVEN NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

Address _____
STREET

CITY STATE ZIP CODE COUNTRY

Email _____ Telephone _____

(Rates in US\$)	Mailing in US 1 year	Mailing in US 3 years	Mailing outside US 1 year	Mailing outside US 3 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$25	\$70	\$30	\$85
<input type="checkbox"/> Household	\$26	\$73	\$31	\$88
<input type="checkbox"/> Journal Subscription <small>(organizations, chapters, affiliates)</small>	\$25	\$70	\$30	\$85
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Life	Mailing in USA \$375		Mailing outside USA \$450	
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Option	Electronic journal copy (no print copy) for Individual or Household Members \$20 (one year), \$55 (three years) anywhere in the world			

I wish to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____

Elvin McDonald Research Endowment Fund Nellie D. Sleeth Scholarship Endowment Fund

Frances Batcheller Endowment Fund Students and Speakers Convention Fund Conservation Fund

In Honor Memory of _____

Please make checks or money orders payable in US\$ on a USA bank to: **The Gesneriad Society**

Or, charge my VISA, or MasterCard

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____ Amount _____

Mail to: The Gesneriad Society Membership Secretary, Bob Clark,
 1122 East Pike St., PMB 637, Seattle, WA 98122-3916 USA

For application online: www.gesneriadsociety.org