



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 photos of gesneriads at the Philadelphia Flower Show, Levente Hajdu's article on *Henckelia ceratoscyphus*, Coming Events, and 2019 convention information.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor

I took these photos of two well-grown streptocarpus plants entered in the Philadelphia Flower Show by Leslie Anne Miller. Both were only labeled as *Streptocarpus* cv. without an actual hybrid name. I believe that the top one is *Streptocarpus* 'Wow'. See other photos from the Philadelphia Flower Show on the following pages.

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Gesneriads at the Philadelphia Flower Show

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Some of the gesneriad entries in a class devoted to gesneriads.

Mel Grice photos

Nematanthus cv.
Leslie Anne Miller



Petrocosmea cryptica (entered as *P. rosettifolia*)
Caroline Dohan Buchman

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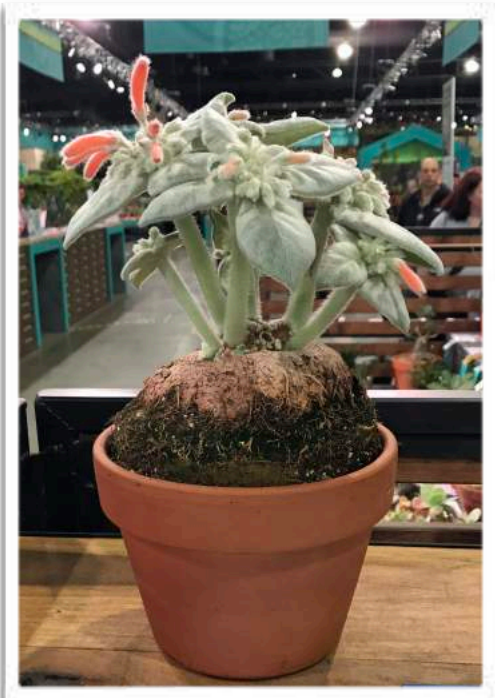
Mel Grice photos



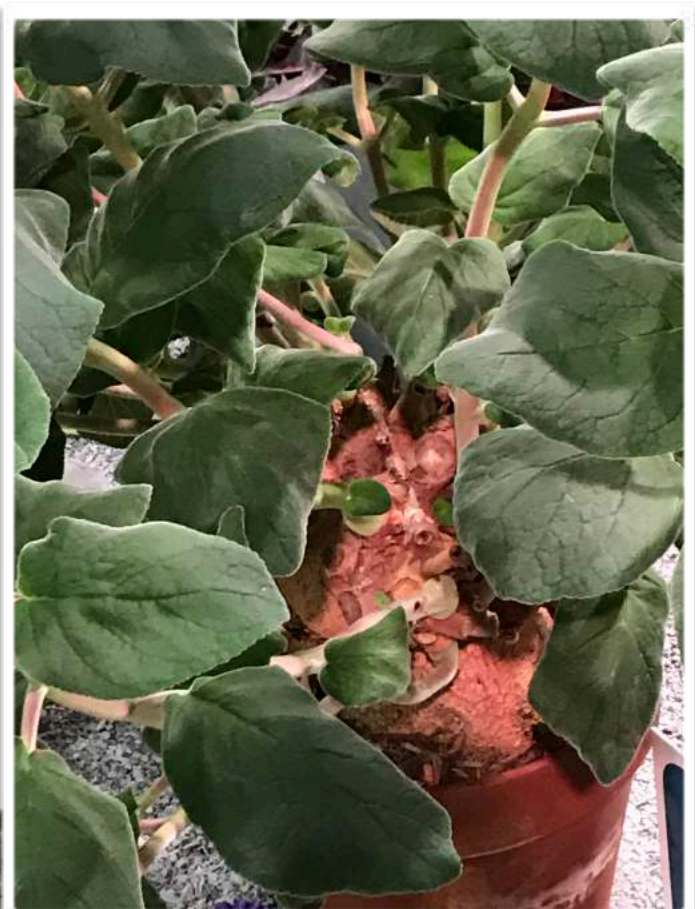
Primulina 'Aiko'
Leslie Anne Miller



Rhytidophyllum exsertum
Stephen Maciejewski

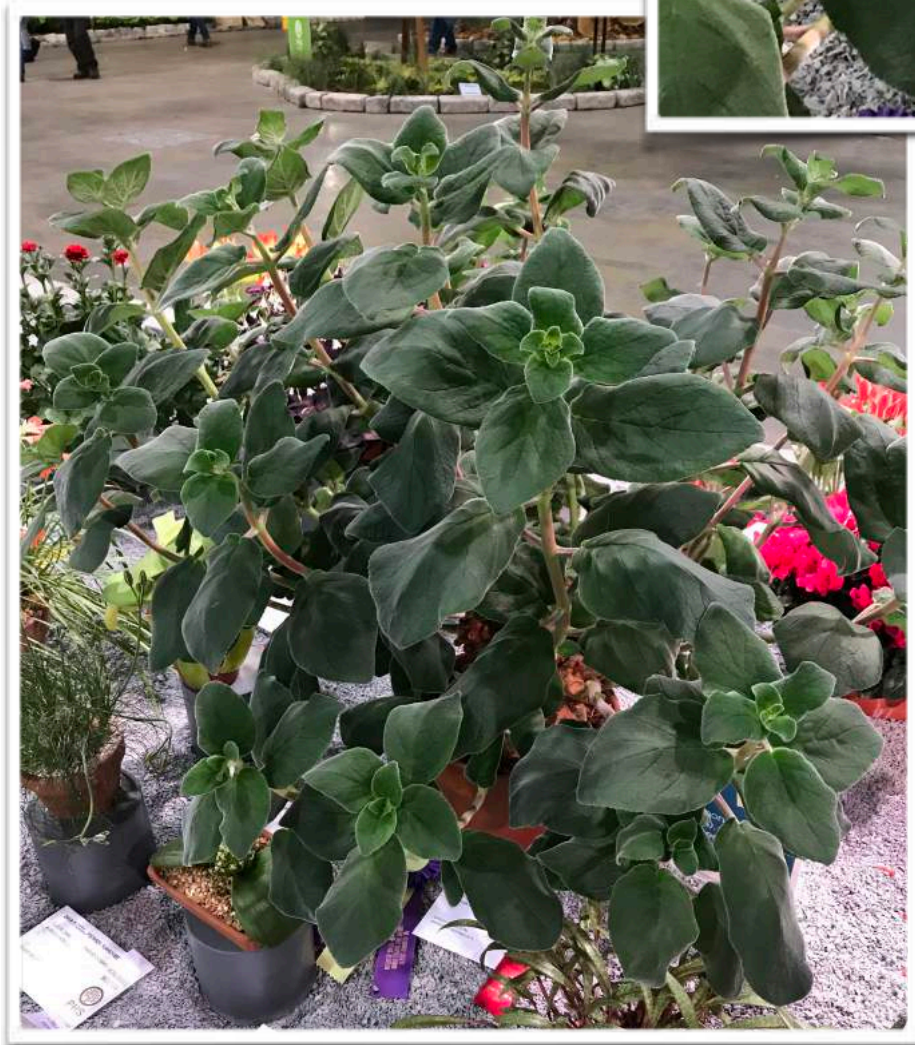


Sinningia leucotricha
Leslie Anne Miller



Sinningia bulbosa
Sarah Coulson

Note the interesting large
tuber in the photo above.



Mel Grice photos



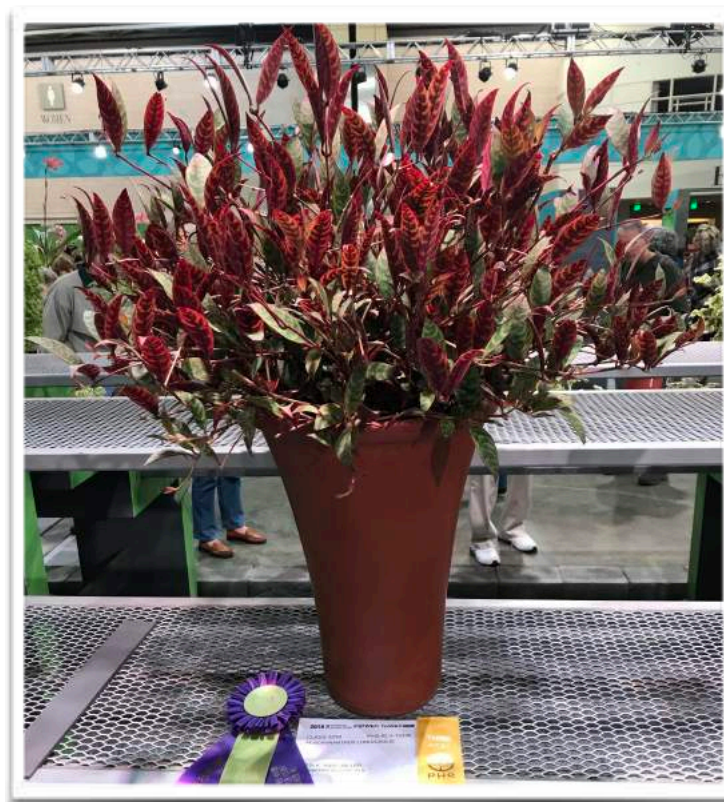
Sinningia 'Arkansas Empress'
Leslie Anne Miller



Nautilocalyx pictus 'Jade'
Stephen Maciejewski



Nautilocalyx pemphidius
Russell Strover



Aeschynanthus longicaulis
Leslie Anne Miller

Mel Grice photos

Henckelia ceratoscyphus

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Joe Palagonia brought in potted suckers from his plant and gave one to everyone in the Long Island Gesneriad Society last June 2018. This plant was grown by Levente Hajdu of Bellmore on Long Island, New York and flowered February 2019. When I first got it, I thought it needed a humidity dome. But after about four months I was advised, based on observations from the group, that it would do well without the dome. Besides it was outgrowing it anyway. The average home humidity in the room it grows in is 50% with dips and peeks between 40-70%. Temperatures are between 65-79°F. The heating in the house is a little bit temperamental. It is grown about six inches below two T12 tubes. It could be a little lower but it's a height limitation of my rack and may account for the thick foliage. It has been re-potted two times from the original little cup I got it in. Potting mix is a general 2/1/1 peat, perlite, vermiculite mix with a little bit of dolomite and crushed oyster shell. The bottom of the pot has a layer of pure perlite by the drain holes to promote draining and oxygenation. It is placed on light diffuser plastic grid so any excess water falls through to a brine pool below. No wick is used. It likes to be kept on the moist side or else it starts to flop down and lose bottom leaves very quickly. I water with 1/4 to 1/8 tsp. Miracle-Gro 20-20-20 with micronutrients per gallon of water as needed. The outside of the flower is white with a hint of purple or blue. Leaves and flowers have a slight hint of stickiness to the touch. The crown of the plant suckers readily and it is in fact just a mass of suckers.



Levente Hajdu photo

Henckelia ceratoscyphus



Levente Hajdu photos



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Coming Events

March 23-24, 2019 — Glencoe, IL Flower Show & Plant Sale

Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society

Chicago Botanic Gardens — Nichols Hall, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL 60022

Both days: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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April 13, 2019 — Fairport, NY Display & Plant Sale

African Violet and Gesneriad Society of Rochester

Solstice Senior Living, 55 Ayrault Road, Fairport, NY 14450

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact: stacey.Davis@rit.edu

April 14, 2019 — Toronto, ON, Canada Flower Show & Plant Sale

Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society

Toronto Botanical Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave., East Toronto, ON M3C 1P2

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Admission \$2

Contact: jtbrownlie@idirect.com or <http://tavgs.ca>

April 27, 2019 — Seattle, WA Flower Show & Plant Sale

Puget Sound Gesneriad Society and the Seattle African Violet Society

Wallingford Senior Center, 4649 Sunnyside Ave. N #140, Seattle, WA 98103

Show viewing: Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Plant Sales from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact: mjtyler2@gmail.com 360-881-0072

May 4-5, 2019 — Oyster Bay, NY Flower Show & Plant Sale

Long Island Gesneriad Society and the Saintpaulia Society of Long Island

Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771

Saturday: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Admission to the show is free but there is a per car parking fee to the arboretum

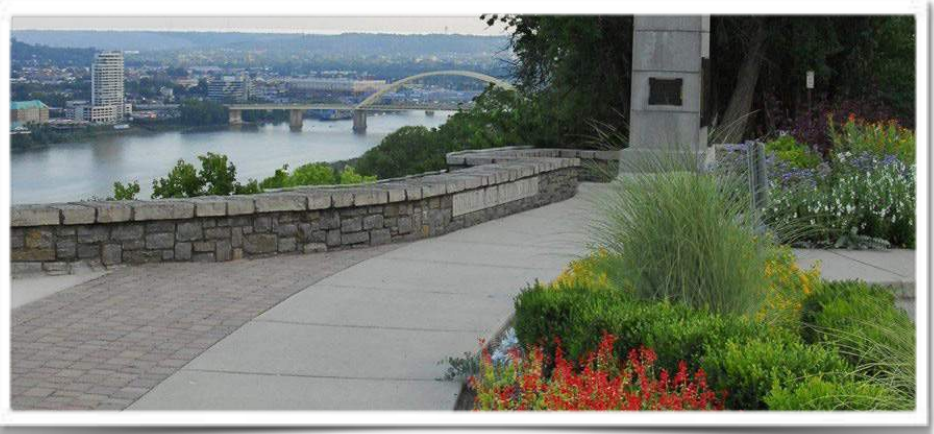
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The 63rd Annual Convention of The Gesneriad Society July 1 to July 6, 2019

Online Registration Now Open



On Tuesday, July 2, there will be two trips offered. The morning trip will travel to beautiful Eden Park for a spectacular photographic view overlooking the Ohio River, then on to Krohn Conservatory, a beautiful art deco glasshouse built in 1933. The rainforest-under-glass exhibit contains more than 5,000 plants from all over the world. There is also an internationally known “Butterfly Show” where thousands of butterflies are free to fly throughout a specially themed garden. Next we will visit the Cincinnati Art Museum, also located in Eden Park, which features a diverse collection of more than 65,000 artworks spanning 6,000 years including paintings, sculptures, decorative arts, fashion, photography, and prints. A special exhibit – *Kimono: Refashioning Contemporary Style* celebrates the enduring influence of the kimono on fashion. Inspired by materials, forms and decorative motifs since the opening of Japan in the mid-nineteenth century, western fashion designers, alongside other artists, have produced works that acknowledge a Japanese persuasion – may be viewed for an additional cost if you choose. The museum has two Rookwood areas of note. The “Dueling Divas” exhibit describes the early rivalry of its founder and her competitor, essentially starting the Art Pottery Movement in the US in the 1870s. The Cincinnati Wing also has an extensive collection of historic Rookwood pottery along with Architectural Faience. You may lunch on your own at the Terrace Cafe.



This is only part of the Tuesday tour. See [convention trips](#) for more information about other tours offered.

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



From the editor —

Looking forward to seeing you all in July 2019 at the 63rd Annual Gesneriad Society Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio! It is going to be quite a celebration!

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

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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.

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