



# Gleanings

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Welcome to the latest issue of **Gleanings**! This issue includes photos of gesneriads at the Morristown, New Jersey Flower Show, Janet Carlton's article on *Streptocarpus* 'Harlequin Lace', Ron Myhr's photos from the Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society Show, Coming Events, and 2019 convention information.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor

This is a young plant of *Streptocarpus* 'Harlequin Sapphire' blooming for the first time at my house. *Streptocarpus* 'Harlequin Sapphire' is a hybrid created in the Dibley nurseries in the United Kingdom. Lynne Dibley will be a speaker on Saturday morning at the Gesneriad Society Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio this coming July.

Mel

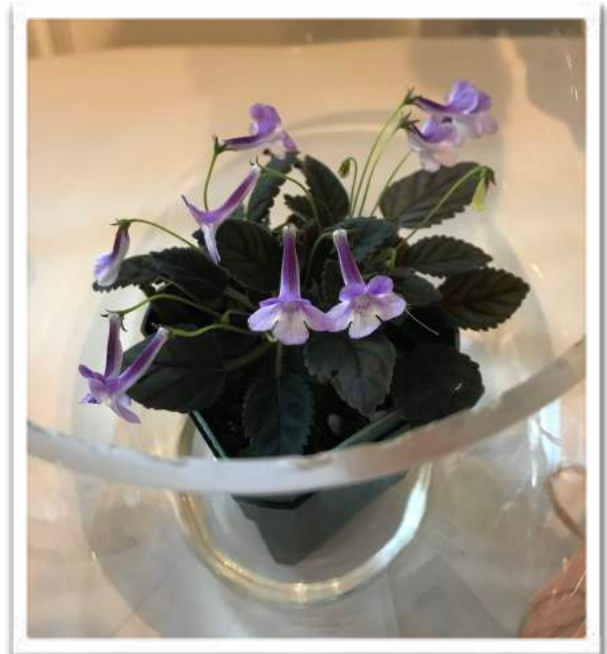


# Gesneriads at the Morristown, New Jersey AVS Show

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*Primulina medica*  
Best gesneriad  
Karyn Cichocki



*Sinningia* 'Li'l Georgie'  
Jill Fischer

Mel Grice photos



*Columnea hirta* 'Light Prince'  
Jill Fischer



*Gasteranthus anomalus*  
Karyn Cichocki





*Primulina flavimaculata*  
Ginny Heatter



*Streptocarpus rimicola*  
Karyn Cichocki



*Codonanthe carnososa*  
2nd Best gesneriad  
Jill Fischer



*Streptocarpus* 'Bristol's Lollipop'  
Emilia Rykowski

Mel Grice photos

# Favorite Plant Spotlight

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I've been growing Dibley's *Streptocarpus* 'Harlequin Lace' for over a year and find it to be an extremely strong grower and producer of beautiful blooms. This plant has been growing in a shallow three inch pot under lights and started blooming in December 2018. The plant now has about a dozen open blooms with more buds still forming and opening! Blooms remain on the plant for many weeks (dare I say months?) and also make excellent cut flowers.

The second photo is an unusual four-petaled peloric bloom that opened on this plant and is quite a fun surprise! *S.* 'Harlequin Lace' is easy to start from leaves and, although female sterile, produces abundant pollen. I successfully crossed it with *Streptocarpus* 'Ladyslippers™ Red Rose' (Dibley's 'Ruby' per Dale Martens) this past fall, and I am currently raising up a bunch of strong growing seedlings in hopes of obtaining a reddish colored bloom with the patterning, strength, and blooming characteristics of *Streptocarpus* 'Harlequin Lace'.

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*Streptocarpus* 'Harlequin Lace'



Janet Carlton photos



# Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society Show

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*Episcia* 'Temptation'  
Alla Kotova



Ron Myhr photos



*Nautilocalyx pemphidius*  
Robert Hall



*Primulina petrocosmeoides*  
Bill Price



Ron Myhr photos



*Kohleria* 'Green Goblin'  
Bev Williams



*Aeschynanthus pulcher* variegated  
Bev Williams





*Primulina linearicalyx*  
Brett Flewelling

*Streptocarpus* 'Black Tie Affair'  
Diane Pagé



*Primulina glandulosa* var. *yangshouensis*  
Bev Williams

*Streptocarpus* 'DS - Crystal Lace'  
Irina Firer

Ron Myhr photos





## The Gesneriad Reference Web Webinar (Free Download)

The Gesneriad Reference Web is a website, sponsored by The Gesneriad Society, that provides a wealth of information about the Gesneriad family. It includes documentation on most gesneriad genera, thousands of high-quality photos of plants, a growing number of detailed articles on gesneriad topics and much more. Ron Myhr, long-time grower and gesneriad activist, takes us through the site in this webinar, showing what it is and how to make the best use of it.

<https://shop.gesneriads.org/collections/webinars/products/webinar-the-gesneriad-reference-web-free-download>

## Coming Events

### **April 27-28, 2019 — St. Petersburg, FL Plant Sale at the Green Thumb Festival**

Tampa Bay Gesneriad Society

Walter Fuller Recreation Center, 7891 26th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710

The sale opens 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both days. This is a very large sale with 230 vendors selling a variety of plants and plant-related items

Contact: <http://www.stpeteparksrec.org/Greenthumb/>

### **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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### **May 4-5, 2019 — Cheektowaga, NY Flower Show & Plant Sale**

African Violet and Gesneriad Society of Western New York

Galleria Mall, Cheektowaga, NY

Saturday: Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Admission to the show is free

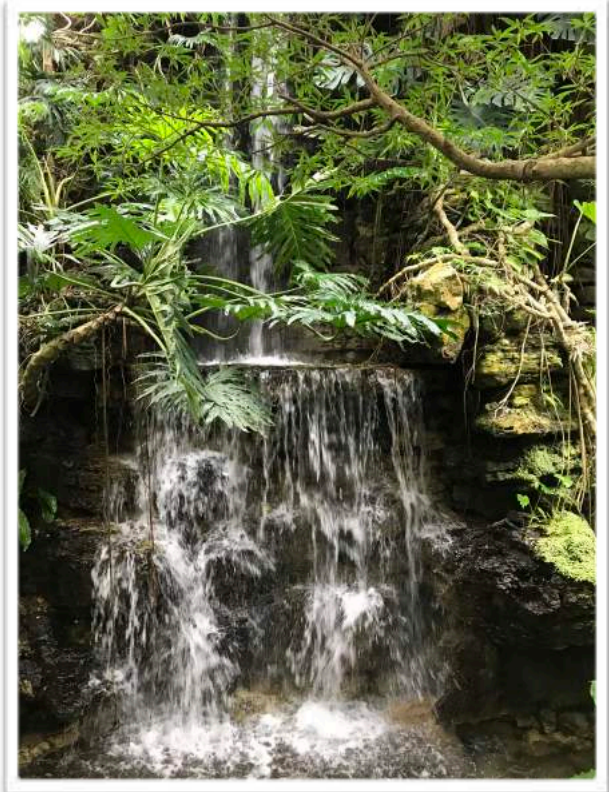
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# The 63rd Annual Convention of The Gesneriad Society July 1 to July 6, 2019

**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.



Mel Grice photos

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

There will be a special award given at this year's convention for the best Saintpaulia hybridized by Pat Hancock — Buckeye or Jitterbug.







**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](mailto:melsgrice@gmail.com)

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**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.

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