



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 from the Gesneriad Society's 63rd Annual Convention Flower Show in Cincinnati, Ohio, Coming Events, and Paul Susi's article on growing gesneriads outdoors on Long Island.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor



Sinningia 'Dale's Coral Fiesta'
Dale Martens

Mel Grice photo



Gesneriad Society 2019 Convention Flower Show photos

Some of the special exhibits

Photos of the award winners in each class will soon be available on the Gesneriad Society website.



Mel Grice photos



Best in Show winner Bill Price and his primulina species collection

L to R — *Primulina sp. nova*,
P. ophiopogoides, *P. schouchengensis*,
P. petrocosmeoides, *P. maciejewskii*





Above —
Terri Vicenzi with her
runner-up to Best in
Show, *Streptocarpus*
'Little Kan'



Streptocarpus 'Caitlin'
Terri Vicenzi

Mel Grice photos

Streptocarpus 'Fire and Ice'
Terri Vicenzi





Kohleria 'Dale's Piggly Wiggly'
Dale Martens

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Streptocarpus 'Dale's Lickety Split'
Dale Martens



Streptocarpus 'Dale's Polar Flames'
Dale Martens



John deSaavedra and his *S. ionanthus* subsp. *grandifolius* cl. #237
Richard Craft photo

Some of the saintpaulia cultivars

Mel Grice photos



A sampling of the photography exhibits



Painted silk scarf - *Streptocarpus* 'DS-Horus'
Brandon Erikson



"Celebrate Our Northern Kentucky Connection" - Steve Kerr

Mel Grice photos



"Celebrate Oktoberfest Zinzinnati" - Paul Kroll



Sinningia 'Ozark Rosy Cheeks'
Vicki Ferguson

Coming Events

September 6-7, 2019 — Wilmington, DE Flower Show & Plant Sale

Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society Judged Show and Sale
Delaware Center for Horticulture — 1810 North Dupont Street, Wilmington, DE
19806-3308

Friday : 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free and open to the public

Contact: schaeffermary@yahoo.com

September 14-15, 2019 — Sacramento, CA Flower Show & Plant Sale

Delta Gesneriad and African Violet Society
Sacramento Garden & Arts, 3330 McKinley Boulevard, Sacramento, CA

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

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Admission to the show is free.

Contact: geojeani@netscape.com

September 14-15, 2019 — St. Louis, MO Flower Show & Plant Sale

Gateway West Gesneriad Society

Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63119

Both days: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission to the show is free with Garden admission.

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September 21-22, 2019 — Boylston, MA Flower Show & Plant Sale

The New England Gesneriad Society and the American Begonia Society, Buxton
Branch combined judged show and sale

Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA

Saturday: Noon to 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Contact: phyllis.savage@verizon.net or <https://www.netgs.org/>

September 27-28, 2019 — Mansfield, OH Flower Show & Plant Sale

Ohio State African Violet Society

Kingwood Center, check <http://kingwoodcenter.org/> due to construction issues

Friday: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. (show), vendors open (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

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

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Growing Gesneriads Outdoors on Long Island

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Titanotrichum oldhamii is an Asian gesneriad, found in southeast China and Taiwan. The interesting fact about this gesneriad is that it is rhizomatous – the only one found outside of the Americas. It seems to be hardy in the ground through most of USDA Zone 7, which includes the middle of Long Island, in New York State, where I live. However, I do not grow it directly in the ground but in a large tub. The tub (with the rhizomes) spends the winter in an unheated garage. During that time I do not water it. New growth has been evident every spring for the last three years when I place the tub in an area of the garden that receives some sun but is mostly bright shade. I have found that too much sun will burn the leaves. The plant blooms in August and September, and it can put on quite a show of yellow/orange blossoms. In late fall the tub is moved back into the garage. Some growers caution that the rhizomes should not dry out in the winter, while others caution that the rhizomes, if left in the ground, should not be given too much water. However, during the growing season *T. oldhamii* must be kept moist. It can be easily lost if it were to go dry. I think that this plant is worth a try and you should experiment to determine what method of growing works best for you. I have found that *T. oldhamii* produces a nice crop of rhizomes that can be harvested at any time, but I am now of the opinion that early spring is the best time to do this, since divisions and rhizomes harvested in the fall did not fare very well. My plant has not been fertilized the entire time that I have had it.



Titanotrichum oldhamii

Hemiboea subcapitata is a Chinese gesneriad that is a hardy perennial through USDA Zone 7 and can grow into a small shrub in the garden. The plant prefers light to moderate shade and will spread, but it is not invasive. I obtained my plant from a member of the Greater New York Chapter who lives in the Bronx, New York City, and have been growing it for two seasons. This past summer was its third season in my garden. Each year the plant gets bushier. It finally bloomed in 2017 for the first time. The flowers are white, tubular with a yellow throat. So far, it has not bloomed prolifically for me but I think that this is the nature of the plant. I don't do anything special for it either when it is growing or during the winter, although I daresay that occasional fertilizing wouldn't be a bad idea.



Hemiboea subcapitata

Paul Susi photos



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From the editor —

The fall shows will soon be here. Hope to see some of you at one or more of them. Please send me photos from your show for inclusion in GLEANINGS.

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

Mel

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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