



# 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 the art of the late Georgene Albrecht, Karyn Cichocki's photos of sinningia hybrids grown outdoors in New Jersey, photos from the Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society show, and Coming Events.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor

A few years ago Georgene Albrecht shared with me the following — "Marcia Belisle wanted to name a plant after me. I told her that all of the plants named Georgene quickly died out. Marcia used my middle name, Leah, to name *Sinningia* 'Leah' in my honor. "

Georgene recently passed away. How appropriate that my tuber of *Sinningia* 'Leah' bloomed at the same time. See more about Georgene on the following pages.

Mel Grice photo



# Gesneriad Portraits

Mel Grice

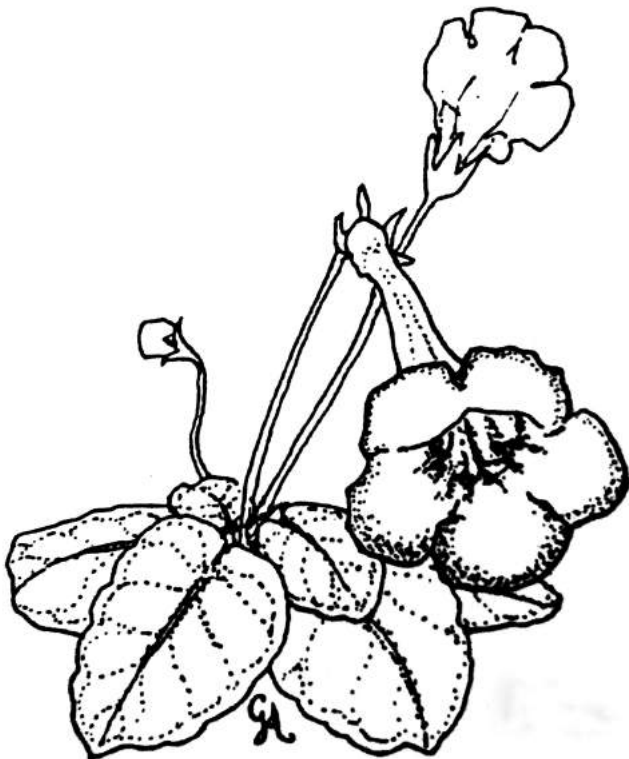


Mel Grice photo

I am sad to report the recent passing of Georgene Albrecht. Her knowledge of gesneriads was legendary and she was always willing to share her knowledge with others. She was an officer and a regular columnist for the **Gesneriad Saintpaulia News (GSN)** — the publication of two independent national plant societies: Gesneriad Society International and Saintpaulia International. She authored the "Tips and Techniques" column for the magazine in the 1980s.

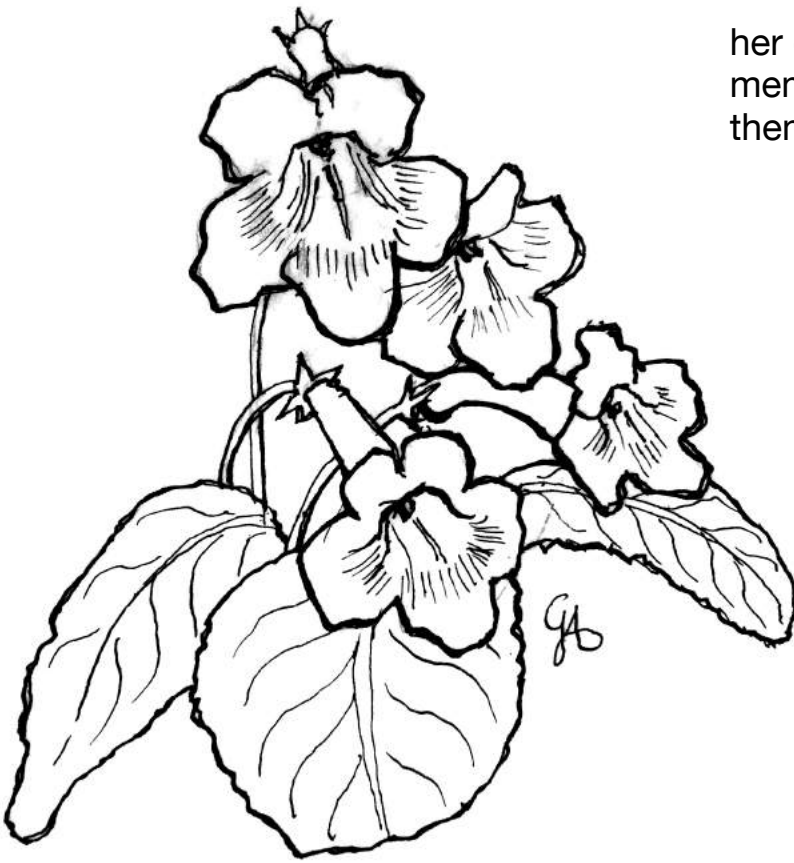
Later she authored the column in the **African Violet Magazine** about gesneriads called "The Family Portrait" from 1990 to 1996 and later from 2002 to 2014. I was thrilled when Georgene asked me to write some "Family Portrait" columns in 2014. Then she turned the column over to me and I asked Paul Kroll to author alternate columns with me beginning in 2015. Dale Martens authored the column about gesneriads from 1997 to 2001 calling her column "Gesneri-Advice". In her final column, Dale said, "Georgene is an absolute delight, and when people talk about her they smile and their eyes sparkle."

In addition to being a fantastic gardener, floral arranger, and artistic designer, Georgene was a gifted artist. All of her "Family Portrait" columns were accompanied by a line drawing of the plant she was featuring — hence the title — "Family Portrait." Georgene gifted me with her original ink drawings for the column. What a treasure! I will miss my mentor and friend so much! Looking at



*Sinningia* 'Beauty'

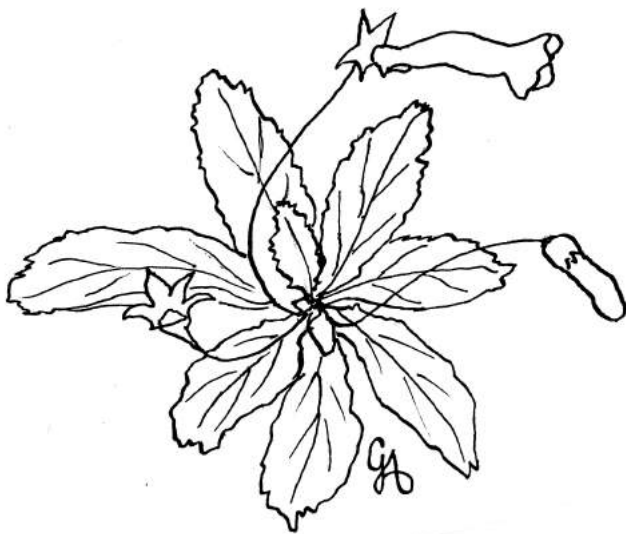
her drawings makes me smile with fond memories of her. I hope that you enjoy them too!



*Streptocarpus* 'Bristol's Goose Egg'



*Sinningia* 'Flair'



*Gesneria* 'Flashdance'



*Columnea orientandina*



*Sinningia sellovii*



*Petrocosmea minor*

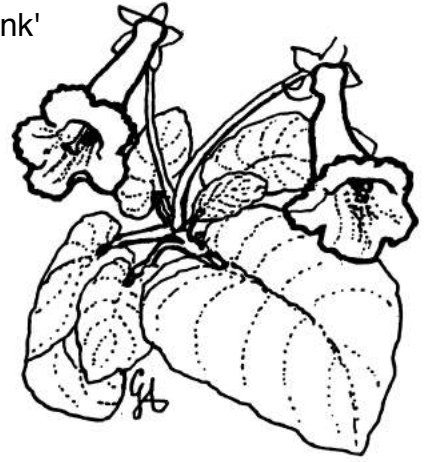


*Kohleria 'Manchu'*



*Aeschynanthus radicans*

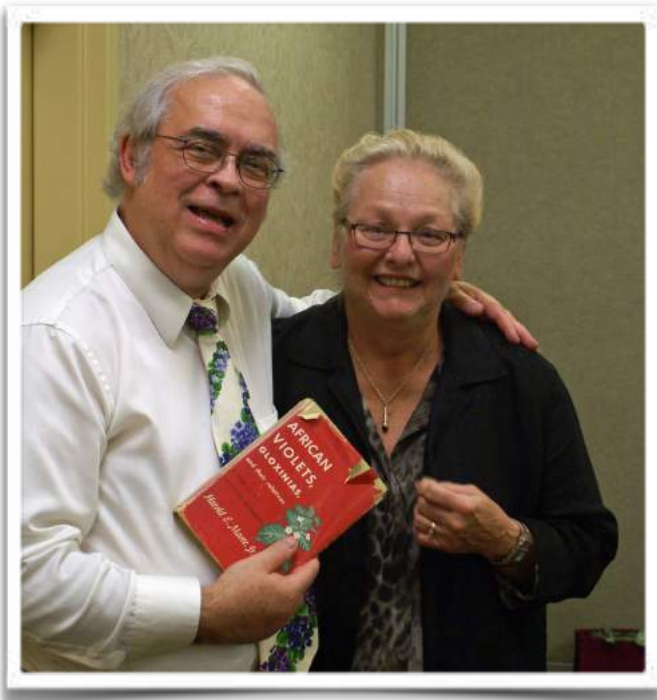
*Sinningia* 'Best Pink'



*Columnea* 'Orange Fire'



*xAchimenaantha* 'Inferno'

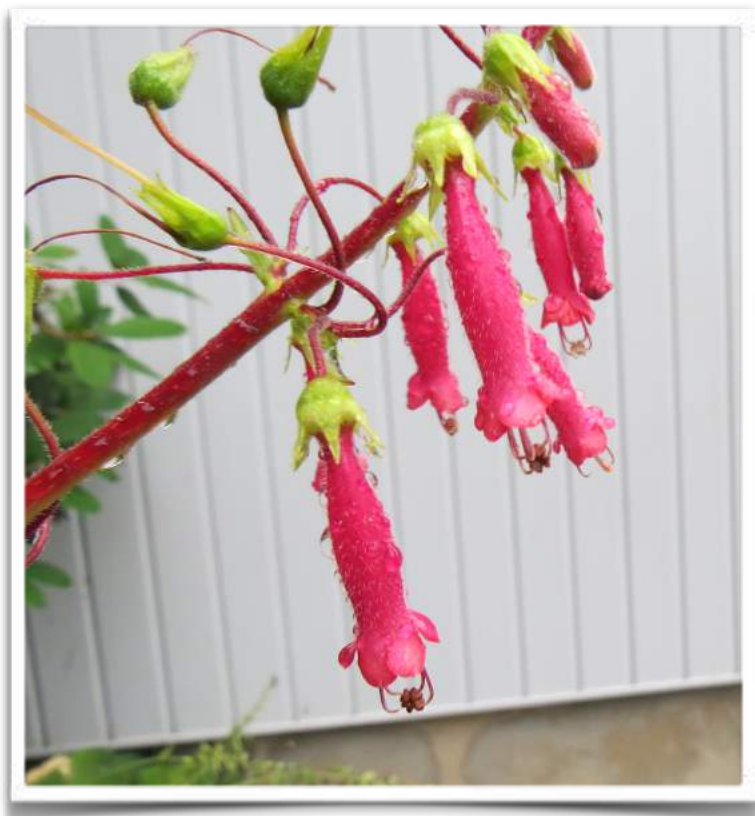


Mel Grice and Georgene Albrecht

# Sinningia Hybrids Grown Outdoors

Karyn Cichocki  
New Jersey, USA

Karyn Cichocki photos



*Sinningia* 'Towering Inferno'



*Sinningia* 'Butter and Cream'



*Sinningia sellovii* hybrid

# Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society Show Photos

Mary Schaeffer  
Delaware, USA



*Streptocarpus* 'Iced Pink Flamingo'  
Barb Borleske

*Diastema* JLC 9857  
Mary Schaeffer



Robert Barbarita photos

*Eucodonia verticillata* 'Frances'  
Raymond Ruger





*Sinningia tubiflora*  
hybrid  
Tom Finnigan

Saintpaulia 'Imp's Fairy Bells'  
Bobbie LaFashia



Tom Finnigan photos

*Kohleria* 'Uppsala'  
Barb Borleske



# Coming Events

## **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](mailto: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.

Contact: [melsgrice@gmail.com](mailto:melsgrice@gmail.com) 937-654-7014

## **September 28-29, 2019 — Nashville, TN Flower Show & Plant Sale**

Tennessee Gesneriad Society

Cheekwood Estate and Gardens, 1200 Forrest Park Drive, Nashville, TN 37205

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

Free admission to show after paying garden entrance fee

Contact: [julie.mavity@gmail.com](mailto:julie.mavity@gmail.com)

## **October 6, 2019 — Morris Township, NJ Flower Show & Plant Sale**

Frelinghuysen Arboretum Gesneriad Society

Haggerty Education Building, 353 East Hanover Ave., Morris Township, NJ 07962

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

Contact: [kdc05@ptd.net](mailto:kdc05@ptd.net)

## **October 12-13, 2019 — Tampa, FL Plant Sale at the USF Fall Sale**

Tampa Bay Gesneriad Society

University of South Florida Botanical Gardens, 12210 USF Pine Drive, Tampa, FL

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday

Contact: [jnkast@aol.com](mailto:jnkast@aol.com)

## **October 18-19, 2019 — Kansas City, MO Flower Show & Plant Sale**

Heart of America Gesneriad Society and Mid-America Begonia Society

Loose Park Garden Center, 5200 Pennsylvania Ave., Kansas City, MO

October 18: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Plant sale only

October 19: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Show and sale open

Contact: [sagrose@mac.com](mailto:sagrose@mac.com)

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## From the editor —

The fall shows have started. 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](mailto: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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