



# 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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This issue includes photos of gesneriads at the Philadelphia Flower Show, photos of gesneriads blooming now, Ron Myhr's article about a new feature of the GRW, Hung Nguyen's photo of *Streptocarpus porphyrostachys*, and two opportunities to keep in touch on social media.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor



*Sinningia leucotricha*, shown on the right, was exhibited by Leslie Anne Miller at the Philadelphia Flower Show. See more photos from the show on the following pages taken by Stephen Maciejewski.

Stephen Maciejewski photo





# Gesneriads at the Philadelphia Flower Show

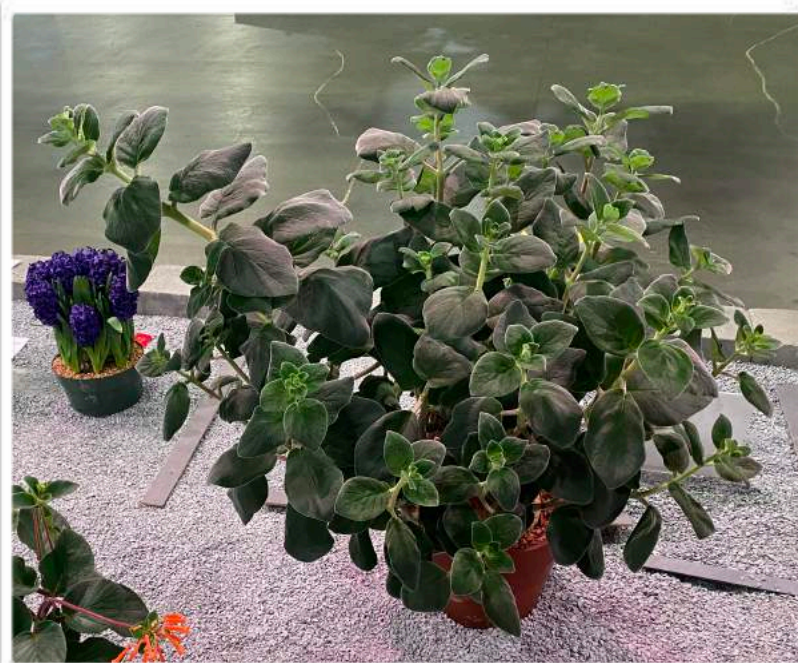


Stephen Maciejewski photos



*Sinningia* 'Deep Purple Dreaming'  
Leslie Anne Miller





*Sinningia bulbosa*  
Sarah Coulson

*Kohleria* cv.

Stephen Maciejewski photos





*Episcia* 'Pink Smoke'  
Sarah Coulson

Stephen Maciejewski photos





# Gesneriads Blooming Now



*Primulina medica*  
Leonard Re



*Kohleria* 'Rattlesnake'  
Ruth Hoffman



*Saintpaulia* 'Jolly Texan'  
Leonard Re



*Columnea* 'Bold Adventure'  
Vicki Ferguson

# New Feature on Gesneriad Reference Web (GRW)

Ron Myhr

Here at the Gesneriad Reference Web we've been figuring out ways that gesneriad lovers can get their fix of wonderful show plants, even with the convention being cancelled. We have an archive of classy photos of many conventions, and just needed a way to make them easily accessible. And we've done that!

We're in the process (almost done) of "tagging" each show plant we have with the year of the convention at which it was exhibited. And we have an easy way for you to see all these plants for most of the conventions in the past 15 or more years!

The two links below are for shows fifteen years apart, in 2019 and 2004. Click on a link (or copy it into your browser's address bar) and you'll be taken to the Advanced Search page of the GRW. The "Tags" check box has been selected, and GS2015 or GS2010 are in the search field. All the pages are listed below the search details, and you can click on them to go to the page and see the plant. You'll have to scroll down to see them all. Use the "back" button on the browser to return to the search results, click on the next picture and repeat! There's a screenshot on the following page showing you what to expect.

Each of the plant pages has a primary photo, and many have links for displaying other photos of the featured hybrid or species in a slideshow; mostly the feature photo will be the show plant from the convention year of the search, but sometimes the plant from that convention will be in the slideshow.

After you've seen the two pre-selected convention shows, you can go to any other one you want. Just substitute another year in the search field, e.g. GS2018 or GS2015, and away you go! You can also search for anything else you'd like. Try selecting just the "Grower" checkbox, and then put Bill Price in the search field – Bill is a frequent Sweepstakes and Best In Show winner, and this search will produce MANY fine show plants across many conventions.

The Advanced Search page allows you to do many kinds of searches with great precision. You can get to Advanced Search from the top of any page on the GRW, by clicking the link underneath the basic search box.

Here are the links to two years of convention, 2004 (not too many photos yet) and 15 years later, 2019 (lots of photos). Most of the years in-between are covered as well. If you have any problems, click on the "Contact" link in the menu bar and send us a note. We'll help you out.

[https://gesneriads.info/advanced-search/?search\\_phrase=GS2004&tax\\_post\\_tag=on&sort\\_method=alpha](https://gesneriads.info/advanced-search/?search_phrase=GS2004&tax_post_tag=on&sort_method=alpha)

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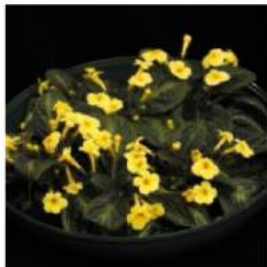
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#### *Episcia 'Suomi'*

Posted Aug 22nd, 2016

Shown at the AGGS convention show in 2004. This remarkably floriferous specimen was greatly admired. Because of lighting conditions, the foliage appears rather dark in this photo, and the yellow flowers very bright. Somewhat more accurate coloring may be seen in the less dramatic photo of

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#### *Petrocodon coccineus*

Posted Aug 22nd, 2016

This is a species from China relatively recently introduced into cultivation. It has substantial decorative potential. Flowers are large and superficially *Sinningia*-like, but the flowering habit is quite distinctly different from more familiar genera. It was originally introduced as *Calcareoboea coccinea*. The plant

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*Streptocarpus porphyrostachys*, full of blooms and seed pods, was grown by Hung Nguyen. The leaf is 22" long and has a very nice red back (that is how it got its name).

Hung created the beautiful new T-shirt you see below that is available on the Gesneriad Society website.

<https://shop.gesneriadsociety.org/collections/frontpage/products/mens-all-over-print-t-shirt-with-streptocarpus-porphyrostachys>



Hung Nguyen photo

This T-shirt is also available in women's sizes.




# Keeping in Touch

The Gesneriad Society offers two great opportunities to view plants grown by members and non-members alike using social media. Anyone can view photos on Facebook or Instagram without creating accounts on either of these two apps. So, we hope that you are able to spend a few minutes browsing one or both of these Gesneriad Society sponsored pages:

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/gesneriadsociety](http://www.instagram.com/gesneriadsociety)

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We would also love to have your photos of gesneriads to post on these two sites. Send your photos to Paul Susi at [gesneriadawards@gmail.com](mailto:gesneriadawards@gmail.com) (.jpg files are preferred).



The screenshot shows an Instagram post from the account 'gesneriadsociety'. The post features a photograph of a plant with several small, white, five-petaled flowers on thin stems. The leaves are large, green, and have prominent white veins. The background is dark. To the right of the photo is the post's caption and interaction area. The caption identifies the plant as *Diastema latiflorum* and mentions it was from Dale Martens. It also notes that a second photo shows a split-open seed pod with seedlings. The post has 97 likes and a comment from 'chrissiestamps' saying 'WOWWWW!'. The date of the post is April 8.

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**gesneriadsociety** *Diastema latiflorum* from Dale Martens. Second shot is of the seed pod split open with seedlings growing in it. #diastema #gesneriad #gesneriaceae #gesneriadsociety

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**chrissiestamps** WOWWWW!  
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**From the editor —**

Since many shows are cancelled, please continue to send me photos of your beautiful plants blooming right now with no place to show them off.

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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