

Gleanings

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This issue includes photos of gesneriads blooming now and information about the new cumulative index of articles, authors, and plant photos that have appeared in **Gleanings** during the first ten years of publication.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor

Sinningia 'Heartland's Dancing', shown on the right, was hybridized by Dale Martens. I thought that I had lost this beautiful hybrid, but thankfully it surprised me with the two calyx double blooms you see here.

Mel



Mel Grice photo

Gesneriads Blooming Now



Springtime on the farm from Alan LaVergne (Farmer Al)
"Amid all the solitude and worry, this keeps my spirits up."



Collage of Mary Schaeffer's plants

Sinningia stapelioides



"After not flowering last year, this is doing quite well for me this autumn. It is very difficult to photograph I find. The only way I could show the interior of the flowers, was to use a stake to hold them up a little." — Ruth Coulson (Australia)



Sinningia stapelioides



Ruth Coulson photos

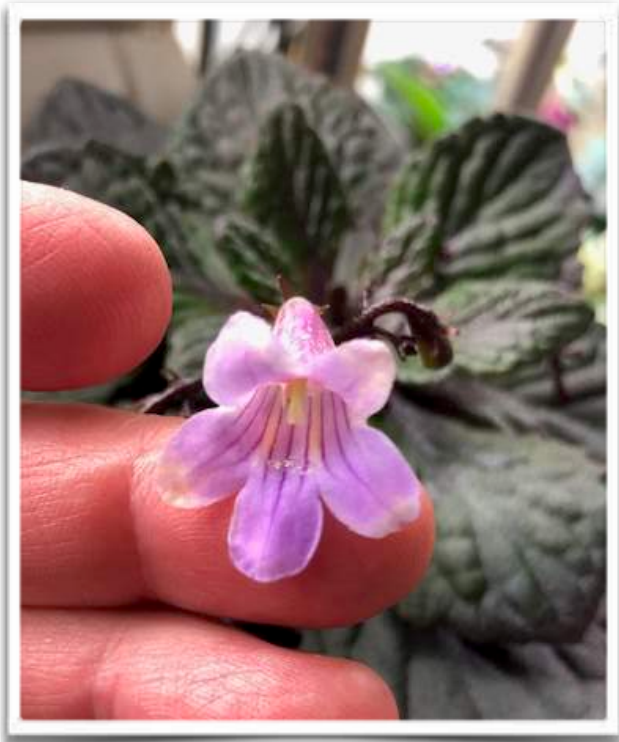


"Photos of the seed pod/seeds and an odd occurrence a year or two ago when a stem produced what looked like a bud but when the "calyx" opened a leaf grew." — Ruth Coulson (Australia)

Primulina lijiangensis



"I grew this plant from seed. It is approximately four years old. The leaves are beautifully and evenly quilted and veined. The undersides of the leaves are deep red in color and very hairy. This is the first blooming of this plant for me. When I first noticed the buds forming, I didn't hold my breath, as with all primulinas, they are "resting buds" and take their sweet time to emerge fully. When the bloom stalks began to reach above the leaves, I was quite disappointed as the buds appeared to be blasting/drying up. Not so! Yesterday, the first bloom opened." — Paul Kroll



Paul Kroll photos



Henckelia ceratoscyphus



Streptocarpus 'Maja'

Terri Vicenzi photos





Primulina 'Kitaguni' - Terri Vicenzi photo



I grow *Sinningia* 'Owlsee Red Hot' under a 4-tube fixture that have T8 LED replacement bulbs in. I would say that the tuber is about 14" from the lights which are on for 10 hours. The tuber I have now I bought at convention a couple of years ago so it was big when I got it. What I find interesting is that both parents (*Sinningia bullata* x *S.* 'Kevin Garnett') don't grow well in my conditions. — Karyn Cichocki



Sinningia 'Owlsee Red Hot'
Karyn Cichocki photos

Pearcea schimpfii



"This warm growing species needs very high humidity. The hot tropics room of the University of Minnesota College of Biological Sciences Conservatory is 60% to 80 % most of the time. Temperatures are 65° to 70° F at night much of the year, warmer in summer and a little cooler in winter, and hot during the days except during our Minnesota winters.

It has never produced rhizomes. It roots easily from cuttings, best to scrape off the red plant hairs that cover the stems. *Pearcea schimpfii* is difficult to keep alive in our homes here. The air inside is very dry in the long winters, and air conditioning can dry it out in the summers.

The openings of the flowers are tiny! Not sure what pollinates them? There are tiny midges and things, perhaps a small hummingbird?" — Charles Huston

New *Gleanings* cumulative index

Terri Vicenzi has compiled a cumulative index of articles, authors, and plant photos that have appeared in *Gleanings* for the first ten years of publication. 1710 entries in total in her Excel spreadsheet! What an accomplishment!

The index can be found near the top of the *Gleanings* page on the Gesneriad Society website. (See sample below)

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