



Gleanings

a monthly newsletter from The Gesneriad Society, Inc.

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This issue includes information about The Gesneriad Society's Virtual Flower Show and Convention, and photos from three of the featured speakers' presentations to entice you.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor

Romanian hybridizer Serge Saliba created *Kohleria* 'SRG's Lampone' on the right. It is the size of a miniature *Sinningia* and very floriferous. Serge is one of the featured speakers for the upcoming Virtual Convention.

Serge Saliba photo



Kohleria 'SRG's Lampone'



Free Virtual Convention and Flower Show 2021

June 29 to July 3, 2021

Do you want to know about the newest gesneriad hybrids? Are you curious about what gesneriads are popular in Australia? Have you ever wanted to visit China or Brazil and see where some of the most widely-grown gesneriad species are found? If so, there will be a presentation for you at the upcoming **FREE** Gesneriad Virtual Convention.

Anyone can register (you don't need to be a member) and all registrants will receive links to all the presentations each day. **But you must register to receive those links.** Then, each day you can decide which presentations you will attend. If you can't attend a particular presentation because of a conflict, all presentations are being recorded and links will be available after the convention ends.

Oh, did I mention that registration is **FREE** (with the usual optional donation)?

Anyone can view the Virtual Flower Show, which opens on Friday, July 2. Access to the show is also **FREE** and it will be online through early 2022. **You don't need to register to view the show.**

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Some Virtual Convention Speakers

See <https://gesneriadsociety.org/2021-virtual-convention-information/> for the complete list of speakers



Serge Saliba photos

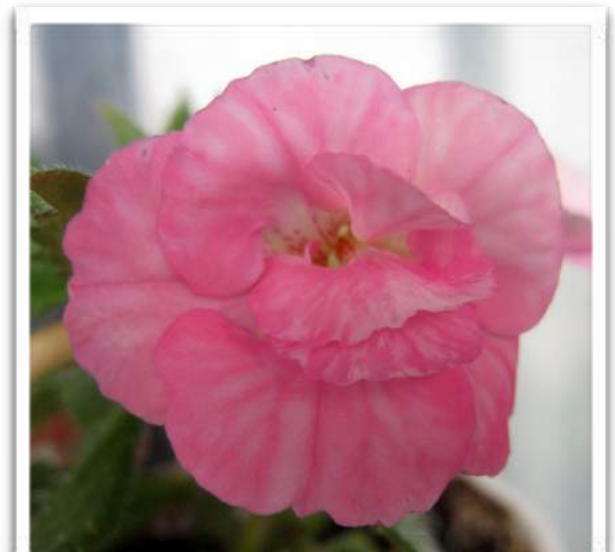
Serge Saliba is a Romanian hybridizer whose particular interest is in the rhizomatous gesneriads, especially *Achimenes* and \times *Achimenantha*. He has also begun working to create miniatures in *Sinningia* and *Kohleria*, with stunning success.



Achimenes 'Igor Gaievoi'



Achimenes 'Orange Grenade'



\times *Achimenantha* 'Petite Rosette'



Sinningia 'SRG's Wormhole'



Sinningia 'SRG's Sascha'



Kohleria 'SRG's Andalusia'

Serge Saliba photos

David Middleton is a professional botanist with a long and productive career in Gesneriaceae research, focused on the genera and species in South-east Asia and in the Malaysian archipelago. A particular interest of his has been the genus *Aeschynanthus*, and he is perhaps the world authority on this genus.



All photos by David Middleton



Aeschynanthus superbus

Aeschynanthus jouyi





Didymocarpus inflatus

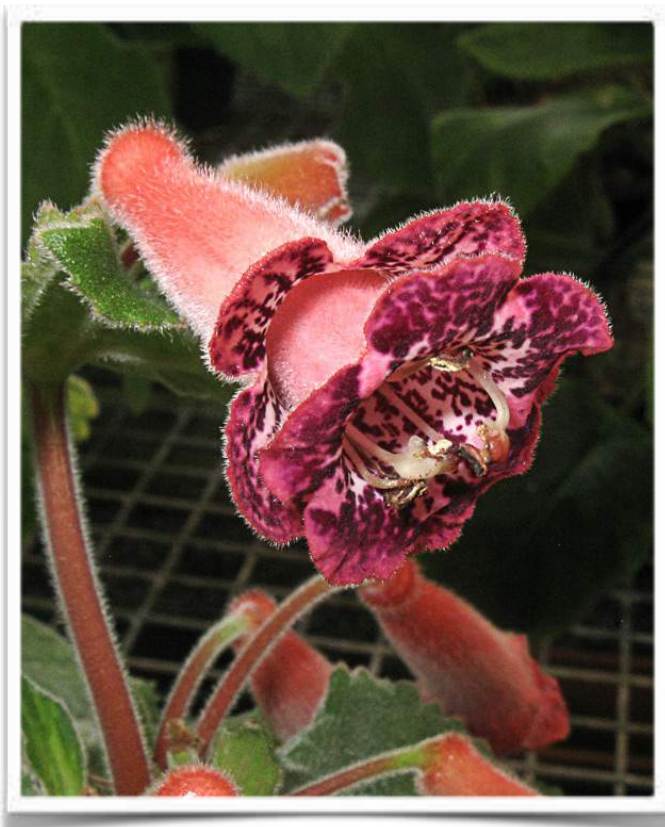


Tribounia grandiflora



Aeschynanthus dischidioides

Ruth Coulson is a long-time Australian grower and hybridizer of outstanding gesneriads. Ruth's presentation will focus on the challenges and pleasures of growing outstanding gesneriads in Australia, and on the people and plants she has encountered through her long and successful engagement with the Gesneriaceae.



Sinningia 'Cosmic Secret'

Columnnea 'Cascading Beauty'



Ruth Coulson photos



Sinningia globulosa



Sinningia 'Melody'



Sinningia 'Orangeade'

Ruth Coulson photos

**Gesneriads at Home around the World
Virtual Convention and Flower Show 2021**

June 29 to July 3, 2021

Registration is Free and open to Everyone

Registrants will receive links to all presentations after the convention ends

All times EDT (UTC -4)

Tuesday, June 29th

12 pm – Introductory Program 1: Gesneriads – Plants for Beginners, with Ron Myhr

3 pm – Official Opening with Mel Grice, President, followed by *Streptocarpus* with Terri Vicenzi

7:30 pm – Conservation Committee, with Stephen Maciejewski and Jeremy Keene

Wednesday, June 30th

12 pm – Introductory Program 2: Gesneriads – Here, There and Everywhere, with Dale Martens

5 pm – Growing Gesneriads in Australia, with Ruth Coulson

7:30 pm – The Gesneriad Hybridizers Association meeting, hosted by Dale Martens

Thursday, July 1

12 pm – Introductory Program 3: Gesneriads – Getting Information, Plants and Support, with Mel Grice

3 pm – Annual Meeting of the Gesneriad Society, with Mel Grice, including the Awards of Appreciation

7:30 pm – Gesneriads of South-east Asia, with David Middleton

Friday, July 2

10 am – Student Presentations

12:00 pm – The Virtual Flower Show Opens!

3 pm – Gesneriads of Southern Brazil, with Nathan Gazineu

7:30 pm – Gesneriads of China, with Fang Wen

Saturday, July 3

12 pm – Hybridizing Beautiful Achimenes and other Genera, with Serge Saliba, followed by the Convention Close with Mel Grice, President

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

[<https://gesneriadsociety.org/2021-virtual-convention-information/>]



From the editor —
I can't wait for the Virtual Flower Show and Convention! It will be awesome! Almost as good as a live convention — almost.

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

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