

Gleanings

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This issue includes photos of gesneriads blooming now, Barbara Stewart's crossword puzzle, Jonathan Ertelt's article on *Neomortonia rosea*, and coming events.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor

Terri Vicenzi sent this photo on the right of *Streptocarpus* 'GE-Print Peas', a hybrid created by Tatiana Baynazarova from Belgium. The alpha name "GE" stands for Grande Empire.



Terri Vicenzi photo

Blooming now...

Unnamed sinningia hybrid

Bill Fullerton photos

Columnnea minor





Bill Fullerton photos

Columnea schiedeana

Unnamed kohleria hybrids

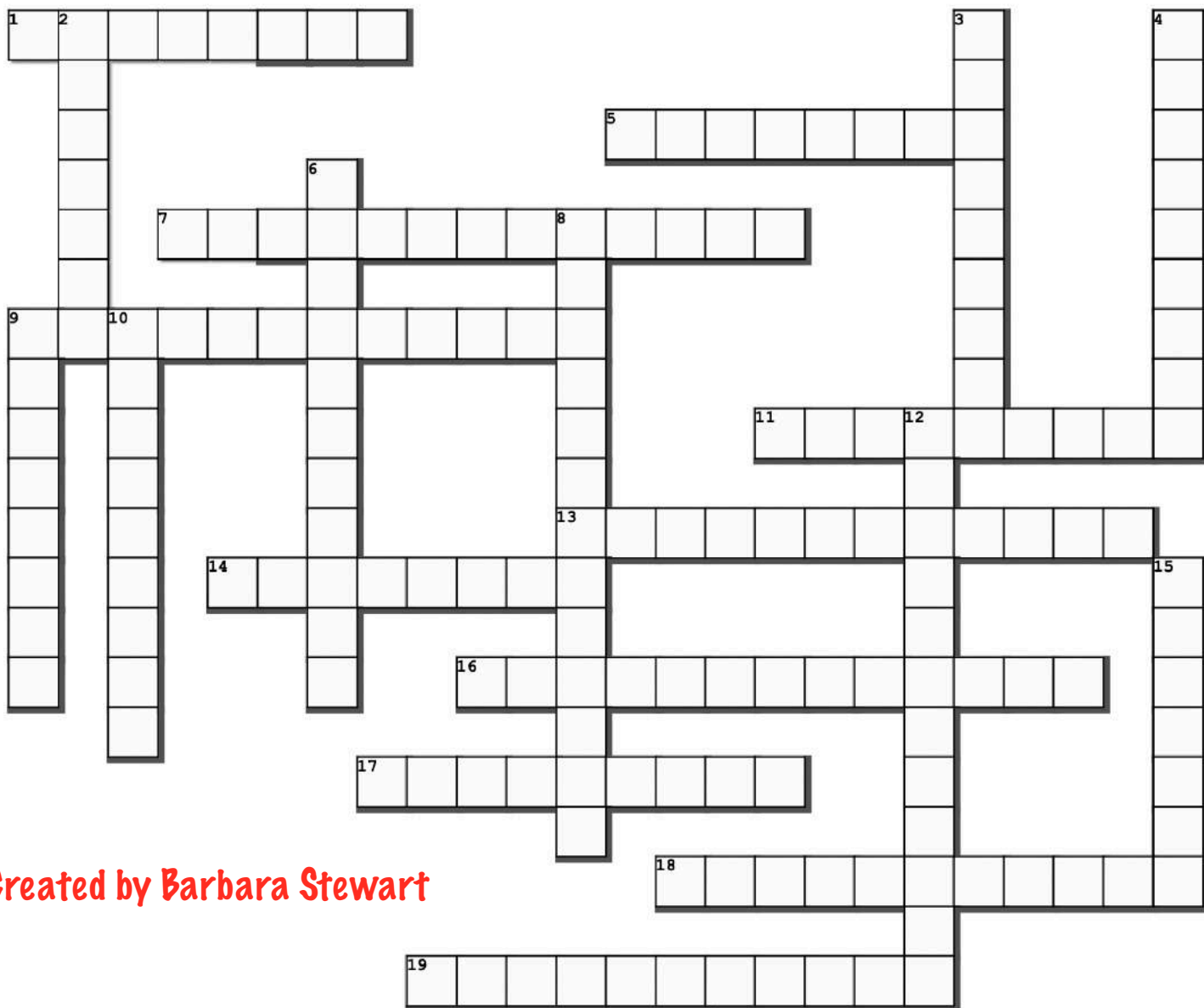


Gesneriad Species

What genera does each species belong to?

See list of currently accepted names at

<https://gesneriadsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/21-4-1-OWNW-GeneraSpecies.pdf>



Created by Barbara Stewart

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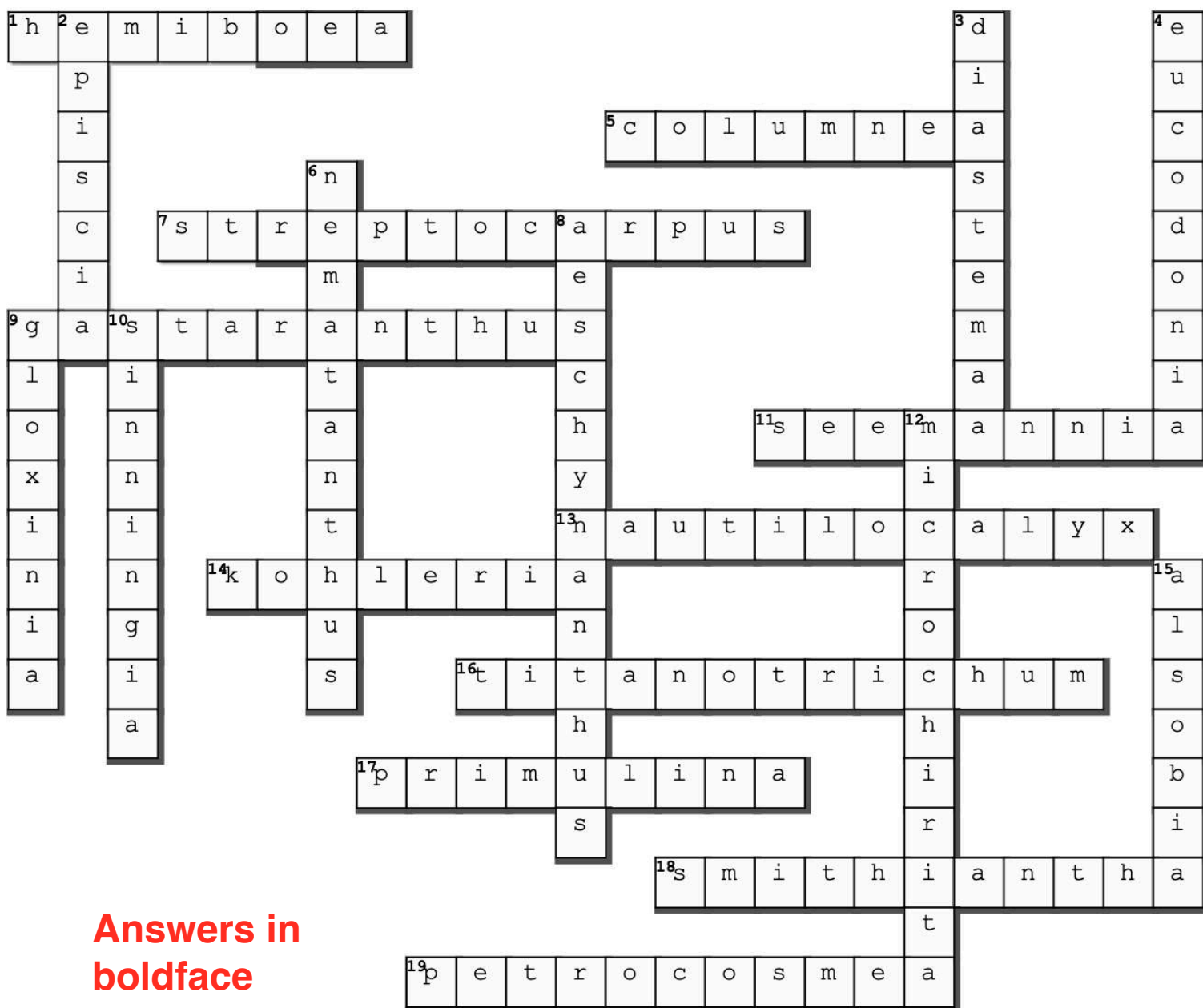
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17. *dryas*
18. *cinnabarina*
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3. *vexans*
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Answers in boldface

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Across

1. *subcapitata* (**Hemiboea**)
5. *gigantea* (**Columnea**)
7. *dunnii* (**Streptocarpus**)
9. *atratus* (**Gasteranthus**)
11. *sylvatica* (**Seemannia**)
13. *glandulifer* (**Nautilocalyx**)
14. *warszewiczii* (**Kohleria**)
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19. *nervosa* (**Petrocosmea**)

Down

2. *cupreata* (**Episcia**)
3. *vexans* (**Diastema**)
4. *andreuxii* (**Eucodonia**)
6. *albus* (**Nematanthus**)
8. sp. 'Thai Pink' (**Aeschynanthus**)
9. *perennis* (**Gloxinia**)
10. *cardinalis* (**Sinningia**)
12. *micromusa* (**Microchirita**)
15. *dianthiflora* (**Alsobia**)

Neomortonia rosea

Jonathan Ertelt

I have now flowered this species, although it would especially in this case be more accurate to say that this plant decided that it would go ahead and come into bloom in one of my terrariums.

Though there is often someone who will say that they've been able to flower this in their basement, I think that it's safe to say that terrarium culture is typically a must for this species. Found in nature from Costa Rica down into Ecuador, it grows well in shady and moist areas, either across rocks or sometimes epiphytically with adequate moisture. And it likes air movement (which makes terrarium culture a bit more of a challenge).



This makes three times that I have seen this plant flower – several of you might remember the second time. Back towards the end of when our chapter was hosting shows in the main Botanic Hall at Cheekwood Gardens, Nashville, Tennessee, Julie Mavity-Hudson brought in her plant with a flower on it, growing in a terrarium. One, maybe two thin stems of leaves, and one flower. I was beside myself. It would be another two years before I would recognize that the judging route was not the best use of my talents within the gesneriad community, but pretty much no one else agreed with me that evening when I suggested it for best in show. Yes, it was small, yes there was just one flower – but it was such an exciting flower on such a seldom seen plant. (I think that I gave in at the end, but it was a majority rule decision anyway, so I didn't have to give in – I just had to be in the minority, which I was.)

Before that show, I had only seen the plant in flower once before, in the early 1980's at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota, Florida.

But now I have had a plant grow well enough for me that it deigned to bloom in one of my terrariums, and believe me I was over the moon with

excitement when I saw the buds and blooms. So I thought that I'd share a shot or two here, for those that haven't seen the amazing flowers for this species. Yes, they are that fringed, and yes they can be this pink. Interestingly enough, I did not detect any fragrance in or around the terrarium, so I'm not convinced the Euglossine bees are the actual pollinators despite the color and the fringe. I don't know all the ins and outs, but if it were the case it would be a first for me where a Euglossine bee pollinated flower didn't have a sweet spicy fragrance. So, just enjoy the flowers. They are every bit as remarkable as they look. Cheers.



Neomortonia rosea berry

Julie Mavity-Hudson photo

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Sinningia araneosa

Bill Fullerton photo

Coming Events

March 19-20, 2022 — Glencoe, IL Flower Show & Plant Sale

Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society
Chicago Botanic Gardens — 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL 60022
Both days: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
No fee for the show, but admission is charged to the Garden
Contact: asusan.bradford@abbvie.com

April 2, 2022 — Seattle, WA Flower Show & Plant Sale

Puget Sound Gesneriad Society with the Seattle African Violet Society
Volunteer Park Conservatory, 1400 E. Galer St., Seattle, WA 98112
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Contact: mjtyler2@gamil.com

April 8-10, 2022 — Richmond, VA Flower Show & Plant Sale

Richmond African Violet Society
Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Ave., Richmond, VA 23228
SHOW: April 9: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
April 10: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
SALE: April 8: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
April 9: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 10: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Contact: slong15781@aol.com

April 10, 2022 — Toronto, ON, Canada Flower Show & Plant Sale

Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society
Toronto Botanical Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave., East Toronto, ON M3C 1P2
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Admission \$2
Contact: jmthompson50@explornet.ca or <http://tavgs.ca>

April 23, 2022 — Etobicoke, ON, Canada Flower Show & Plant Sale

Lake Shore African Violet Society
St. Phillip's Lutheran Church, 61 West Deane Park Drive, Etobicoke, ON M9B 2S1
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Free admission and parking
Contact: beverleyandbrucewilliams@rogers.com or Doris Brownlie 905-270-6776

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Tacoma

July 4-9, 2022

65th Convention of
The Gesneriad Society
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GESNERIADS IN THE PACIFIC GATEWAY

The 65th Convention of The Gesneriad Society

Plant Sales: Friday, July 8, 9:00am – 6:00pm

Flower Show: Friday, July 8, 2:30pm – 5:30pm

Flower Show and Plant Sales: Saturday, July 9, 8:30am – 3:30pm

Hotel Murano, 1320 Broadway Plaza,
Tacoma, Washington, 98402

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

Mel

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