



Gleanings

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This issue includes photos of gesneriads blooming now, Paul Kroll's thoughts on *Streptocarpus* subg. *Streptocarpella* 'Blueberry Creme', Dave Zaitlin's photos of *Sinningia speciosa* 'Pedra Lisa', and coming events.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!



Charles Huston from the University of Minnesota, USA sent this photo on the right of *Primulina ophiopogoides*. It is growing in fired clay pellets, watered less in winter, and given a little extra fertilizer starting in January. It lives in the cloud forest room of the University greenhouse in very strong filtered sunlight. The plant receives reverse osmosis water with very dilute MSU (Michigan State University) fertilizer with most waterings.

Charles Huston photo



Blooming now...

Barb Borleske sent these photos of *Primulina shouchengensis* on the right and her hybrid *Primulina* 'Minnie Pearl' below.

P. 'Minnie Pearl' is a cross between *P. ophiopogoides* and *P. linearifolia*.





Streptocarpus subg. *Streptocarpella* 'Blueberry Creme'

I have grown this plant for many years. Last year, I decided I was going to make some room on my plant shelves by putting it outdoors on the patio. It flourished there, blooming all summer long. It turned completely green, with no signs of the crown-type variegation for which it is known. I was surprised, as this had never happened previously in all the years I have grown it. Accepting the challenge, I took a few cuttings, washed them well in soapy water, rinsed and put them down, enclosing them in a plastic bag. After several weeks, I weaned them from the terrarium conditions after inspecting them for any signs of parasites or disease. I usually "feed" my outdoor plants to Jack Frost as opposed to bringing them indoors after being outside. Our patio is screened in, but we all know that critters are not stopped by screening. As the cuttings grew, they began to display the variegation which is expected! Once again, I was surprised and pleased.

Paul Kroll

Achimenes admirabilis

Tsuh Yang Chen photo



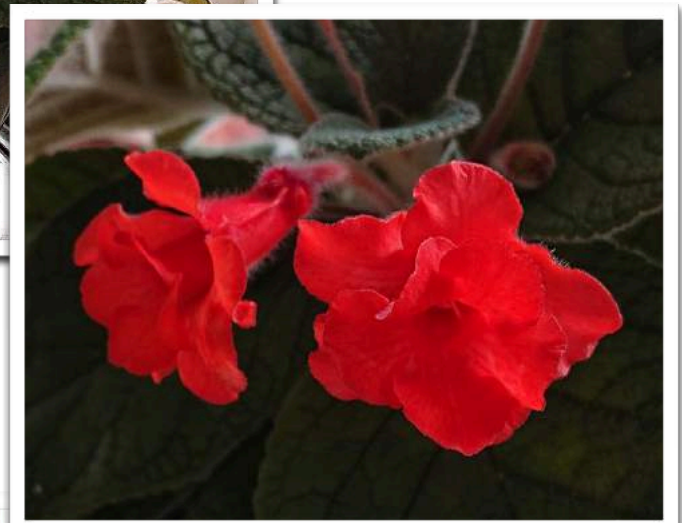
Streptocarpus subg. *Streptocarpella pallidiflorus*

Dale Martens photos

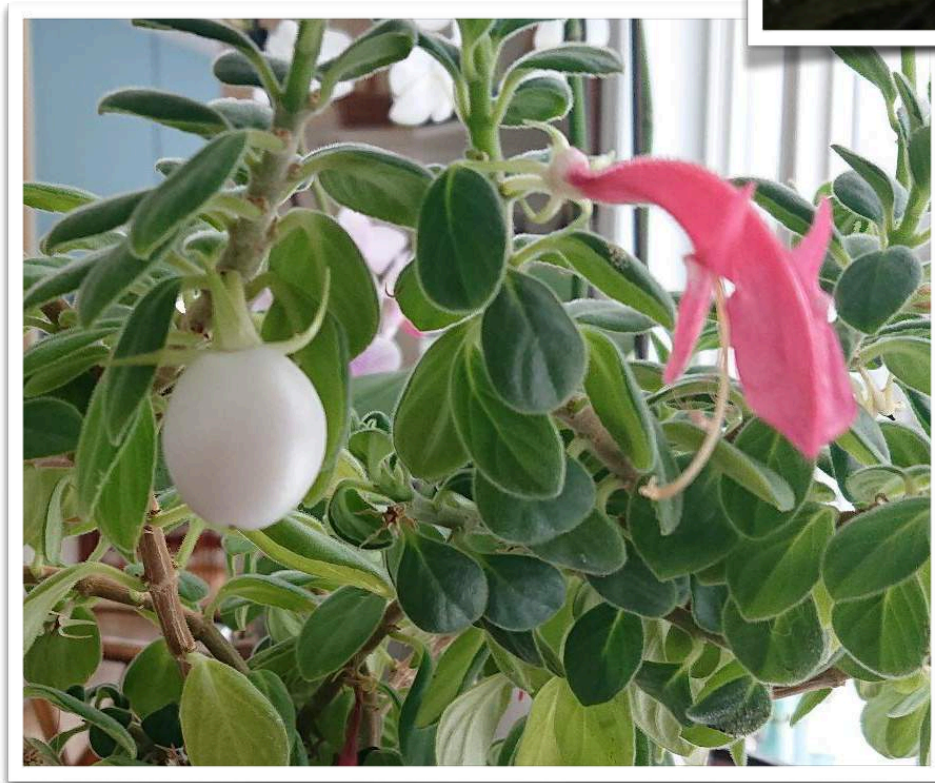




Sinningia 'Owlsee Red Hot'



Ron Myhr photos



Columnea 'Jude' with a
berry ripening

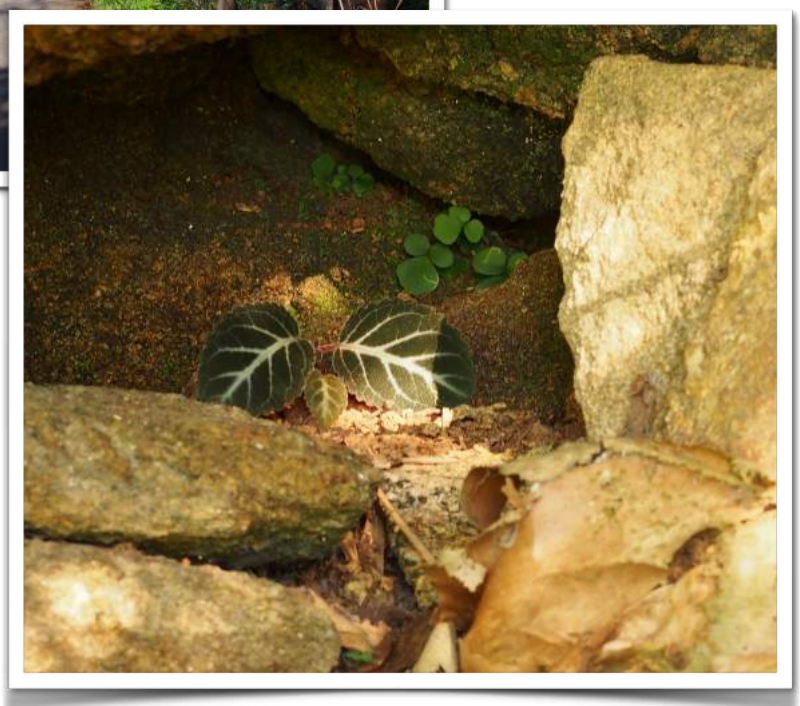
Sinningia speciosa 'Pedra Lisa'

Dave Zaitlin

I visited the region of Brazil where *Sinningia speciosa* 'Pedra Lisa' is found two or three times, the first was in 2011. "Pedra Lisa" in Portuguese means 'smooth stone', which refers to one of the giant granite hills nearby. This form of *S. speciosa* grows in several places near a place called Pedra Lisa Hotel Fazenda. We collected it on the banks of a small stream that flows out of the hotel, and also saw plants in a couple of places down the road. *Sinningia speciosa* 'Pedra Lisa' is one of the best forms of *S. speciosa*; its appearance is striking, and it is easy to grow. I introduced it to cultivation at the 2012 convention of The Gesneriad Society in Seattle, WA.



It's a great plant. I have made many crosses with this form in my attempts to breed new cultivars of *S. speciosa* with wild-type flowers that come true from seed.



Dave Zaitlin photos



Sinningia speciosa
'Pedra Lisa' grown by
Mel Grice



Coming Events

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@gmail.com

April 9, 2022 — Christiana, DE Flower Show & Plant Sale

Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society
Boscov's, Christiana Town Center, 361 W. Main St., Christiana, DE 19702

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact: bborleske@yahoo.com or riafash@comcast.net

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>

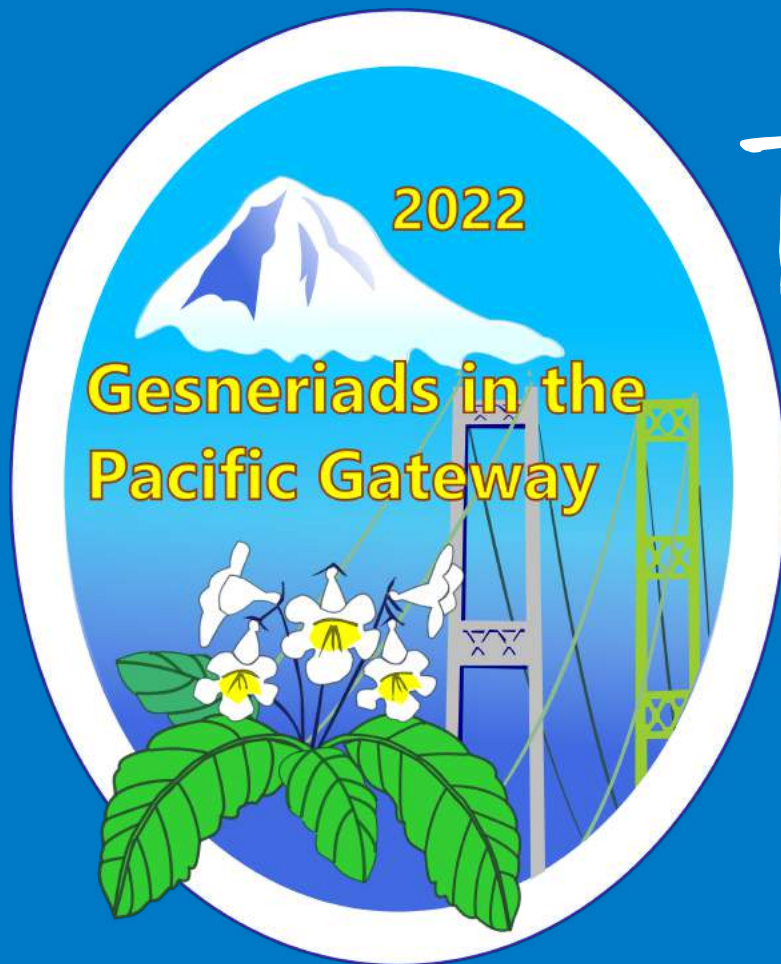
April 23, 2022 — Etobicoke, ON, Canada Flower Show & Plant Sale

Lake Shore African Violet Society
St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 61 West Deane Park Drive, Etobicoke, ON M9B 2S1

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

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