



# Gleanings

a monthly newsletter from The Gesneriad Society, Inc.

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This issue includes photos of gesneriads blooming now, Charles Huston's thoughts on *Paliavana tenuiflora*, photos from the Long Island Gesneriad Society show, and coming events.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor



Terri Vicenzi from Bloomington, Indiana, USA, sent this photo on the right of *Streptocarpus* 'OD-Gesheft', hybridized by Nikolay Stoyanov. Nikolay lives in Odessa, Ukraine so he chose the alpha name "OD" for his streptocarpus hybrids to indicate that they come from Odessa.

Terri Vicenzi photo



# Blooming now...

*Sinningia leucotricha*

Bill Fullerton photos

*Streptocarpus* 'Bristol's  
Sex Kitten'



*Streptocarpus* 'DS - Riushele'

Bill Fullerton photos



*Sinningia guttata*



*Nematanthus* cv.

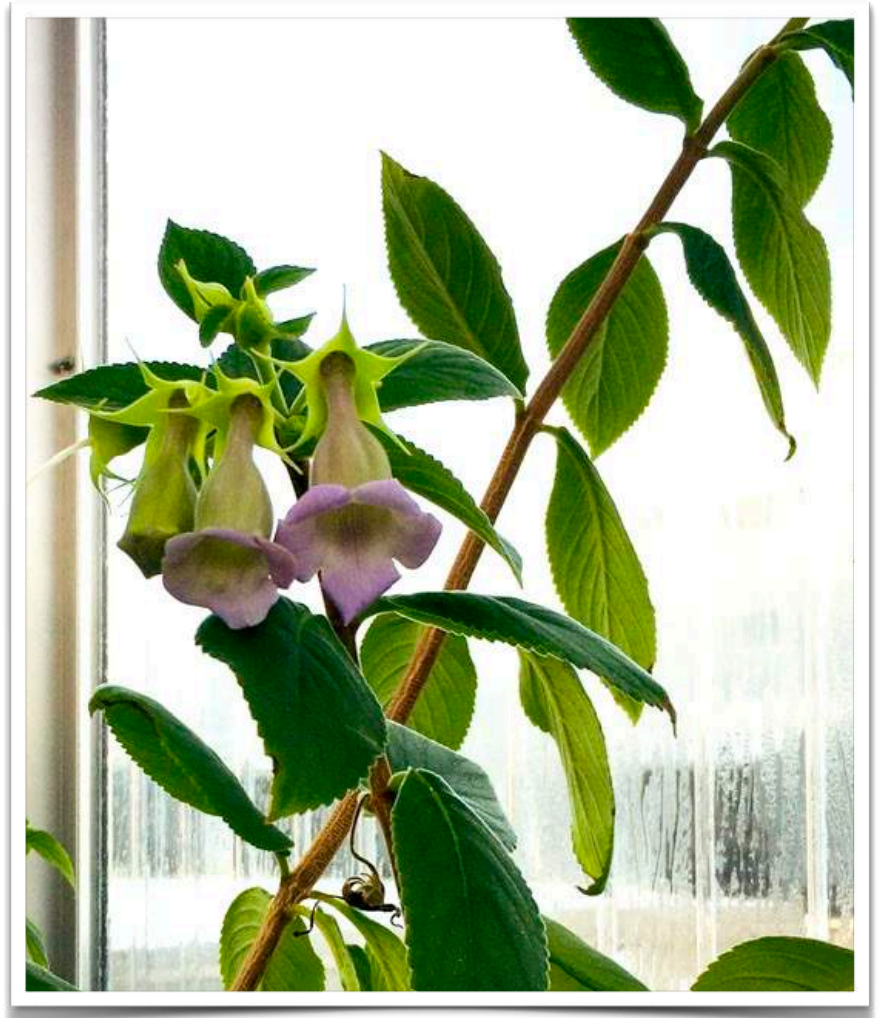
## *Paliavana tenuiflora*

Charles Huston from the University of Minnesota, USA, sent these photos of *Paliavana tenuiflora*. He says that it grows long, thick main roots, and it grows better with deeper pots. In nature it sends roots deep into the gaps and crevices of the rocks where it grows.

The cutting on the right bloomed at about one foot tall after being grown under LED lights for three months in the winter.



The eight foot tall *Paliavana tenuiflora* on the right sprawls along a wall in the arid room of the College of Botanical Sciences Conservatory, Saint Paul, Minnesota.



Charles Huston photos

# Long Island Gesneriad Society Show



*Streptocarpus* 'Lavender Rosette' exhibited by Joe Palagonia



*Sinningia araneosa*  
exhibited by Joe  
Palagonia

Karyn Cichocki  
photos



Best in Horticulture was *Primulina dryas* 'Angustifolia' exhibited by Levente Hajdu



Karyn Cichocki photos

*Sinningia bullata* exhibited by Shiyama Vijayendran



Karyn Cichocki  
photo

*Episcia* 'Karlyn' exhibited by Shiyama Vijayendran



Leve Hajdu  
photo

*Sinningia* 'Magic Moment' exhibited by Ben Paternoster

# Coming Events

First Virtual Education Program May 7, 7:00 p.m. EDT

Visit the top of the world with Dr. Wen Fang, director of the Gesneriad Conservation Center of China, and a research group of Chinese conservationists, botanists, taxonomists, and explorers. They visited Tibet on two expeditions in 2018 and 2020 and spent 46 days exploring for gesneriads, begonias, orchids, ferns and other plants.

At least 60 species of gesneriads, in nine genera were collected. Many plants were brought back to the Gesneriad Conservation Center of China in Guilin, China. You will have a rare opportunity to see beautiful gesneriads and other plants never or seldom seen before from the comfort of your home.

Click on the following link to register:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_BI-E\\_ZQJQb65d-Nh-zxeTw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BI-E_ZQJQb65d-Nh-zxeTw)

You will then be taken to a registration page, and will receive a confirmation email with a link to use on May 7.



*Oreocharis billburttii*

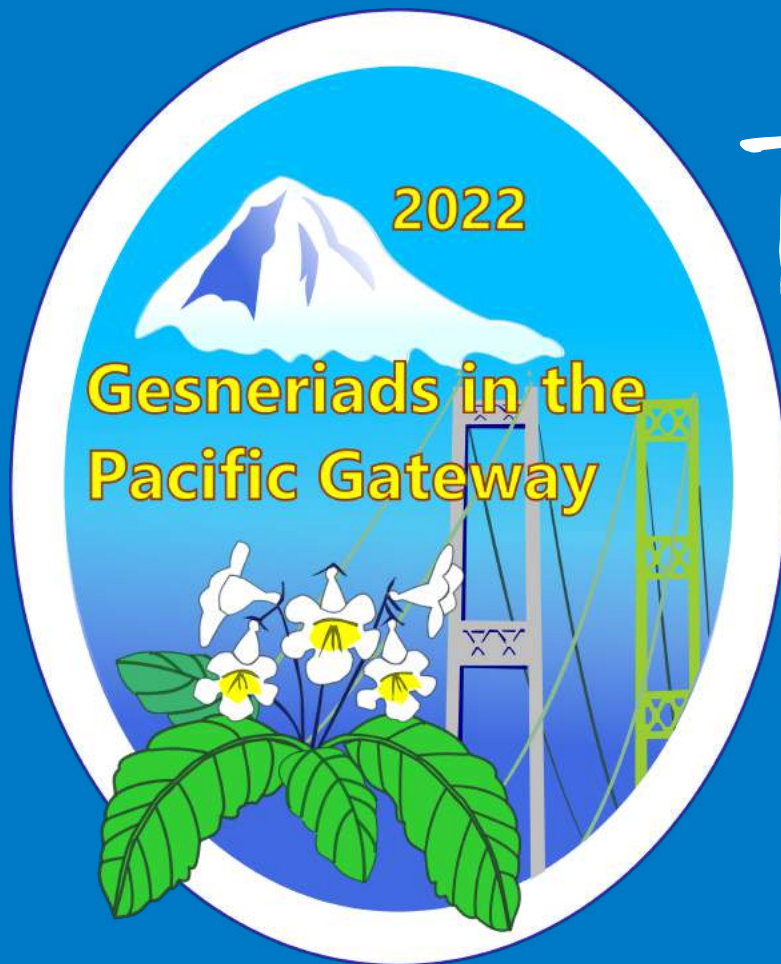


Dr. Wen Fang in Tibet



*Henckelia lallanii*





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July 4–9, 2022

65th Convention of  
The Gesneriad Society

[www.gesneriadsociety.org](http://www.gesneriadsociety.org)

## **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,  
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