



# Gleanings

a monthly newsletter from The Gesneriad Society, Inc.

(articles and photos selected from chapter newsletters, our journal **Gesneriads**, and original sources)

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This issue includes photos of gesneriads blooming now, Paul Susi's idea for dome holders, photos from the Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society show, and coming events.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor

On the right is a photo of the first blooms on *Sinningia* 'Lena H.', a hybrid created by Alcie Maxwell, who lives in Louisiana, USA, and Margery Anderson-Clive, who now lives in Portugal. I really like it!

Mel

Mel Grice photo



# Blooming now...

*Primulina tabacum*

Paul Susi photos



*Primulina medica*



The plants on the previous page were grown on wicks under domes to provide additional humidity, since indoor humidity, in both summer and winter, is less than 25% indoors in Palm Springs, California, and environs. Light is provided by a 4200k LED strip light, emitting 4000 lumens. Lights are on about 10 hours a day. Temperatures are generally in low to high 70s.

"There was a piece of furniture left by the former home owners that had several file drawers in it, with metal frames for hanging file folders. Since I wasn't using them, I put them in the trays — they fit perfectly and the domes slid right on top of the frame. There is a bit of space between the bottom of the domes and the top of the trays, but that doesn't seem to have had a negative effect on the plants. This arrangement enables me to adjust the domes as the plants get larger, which they have!"

Paul Susi



Dennis Kramb photos

*Sinningia* sp. "Coromandel"  
grown by Dennis Kramb



# Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society Show



*Sinningia* 'Gone Salmon Fishing' exhibited by Brett Flewelling



Louise Cheung  
photos

*Streptocarpus* 'Harlequin Lace' exhibited by Brett Flewelling



*Primulina liboensis* exhibited by Beverley Williams



Louise Cheung  
photos

*Columnnea hirta* 'Light Prince' exhibited by Brett Flewelling



*Columnea microphylla* exhibited by Brett Flewelling



*Kohleria amabilis* exhibited by Beverley Williams



*Primulina gemella* exhibited by Brett Flewelling

Louise Cheung photos

The Gesneriad Society's first educational webinar on the Gesneriads of Tibet was a great success. Now you can watch (or rewatch) the webinar at a time convenient to you. Just click on the button below and you will be taken to the webinar home page.

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Dr. Wen Fang in Tibet



*Henckelia lallanii*



*Oreocharis billburtii*





Join us in  
**Tacoma**

July 4-9, 2022

65th Convention of  
The Gesneriad Society  
[www.gesneriadsociety.org](http://www.gesneriadsociety.org)

**June 1** Donation deadline for [Flower Show Award Sponsorships](#).

**June 1** Reservation deadline for Artistic and Arts entries and for Educational and Commercial exhibits. Complete information may be found in the [Show Schedule](#).

**June 7** Hotel reservation deadline for convention room rates. Reservations may be made online [here](#) or a mail-in form may be found [here](#).

**June 24** Last day to order convention meals to be served at the Hotel Murano.

**July 1** Judging School registration deadline.

If you have questions about any aspect of registration, please contact [Mary Helen Maran](#).



**From the editor —**

Thanks to all those who contributed articles and photos. Keep them coming please!

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

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