



# Gleanings

a monthly newsletter from **The Gesneriad Society, Inc.**

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This issue includes photos of gesneriads at the Philadelphia Flower Show and coming events.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

**Mel Grice**, Editor

Vicki Ferguson from Dayton, Ohio, sent in this photo of *Primulina* 'Omen'. It is a hybrid created by Peter Shalit from a cross of *Primulina linearifolia* x *P. brassicoides*.

Vicki Ferguson photo



# Gesneriads at the Philadelphia Flower Show

Stephen Maciejewski

The Philadelphia Flower Show (PFS) returned to its usual location and time at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, running from March 4th to the 12th, 2023. It was great to be back home.

This year's theme was THE GARDEN ELECTRIC.

The Hamilton Horticultural Court is where the competitive plant section was staged. This year it was moved to the center and was the featured attraction. There were many plant entries and thousands of people to admire them. The Liberty Bell chapter of The Gesneriad Society donated the awards for the best blooming and best non-blooming gesneriads. Panels of three guest judges selected the winners on each of the three days of judging.

Judges were:

Wallace Wells  
Mary Schaeffer  
Elizabeth Varley  
Levin Tilghman  
Laura Buckner  
Barbara Borleske  
Karyn Cichocki  
Jill Fischer  
Ginny Heatter



Thank you gesneriad judges.

This was the 196th consecutive year for the PFS. The show remains the largest and oldest indoor flower show on the planet. Here's a small taste of the many gesneriads that were exhibited. There is always more to come. The excitement mounts as we approach our 200th Anniversary in 2027. Thanks to all who helped out.



*Columnnea schiedeana*  
Leslie Anne Miller  
Karyn Cichocki photo

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Stephen Maciejewski  
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*Henckelia* 'Moonwalker' - Leslie Anne Miller  
Karyn Cichocki photo

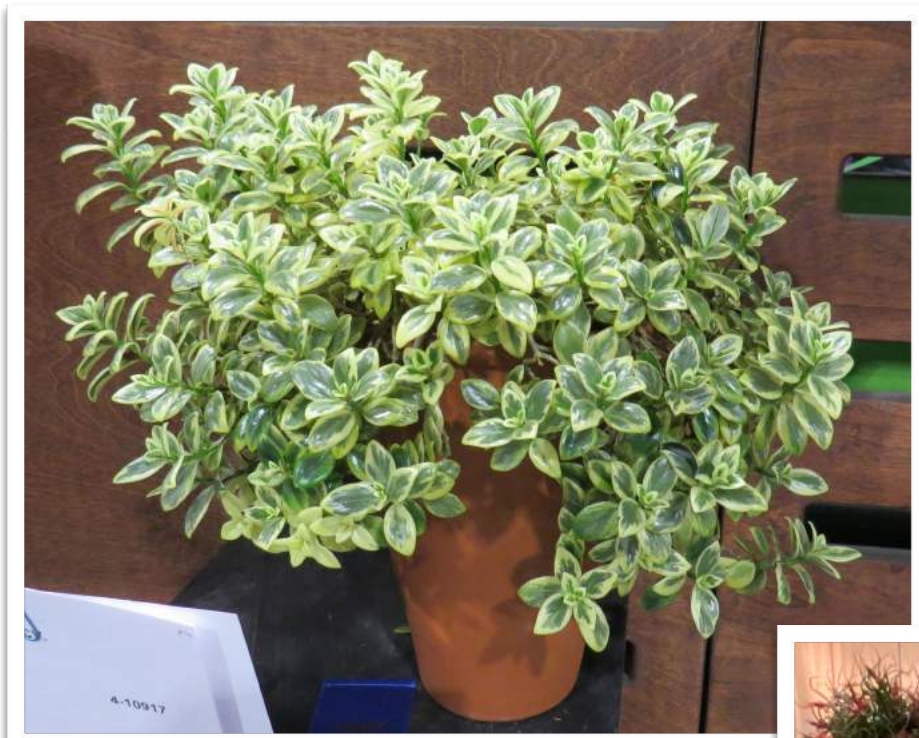


*Kohleria* cv.\* - Leslie Anne Miller  
Stephen Maciejewski photo



*Sinningia* 'Li'l Georgie' - Leslie Anne Miller  
Stephen Maciejewski photo

\*Note - many exhibitors in this show just put the species name and cv. (for cultivar) when they lose the hybrid name.



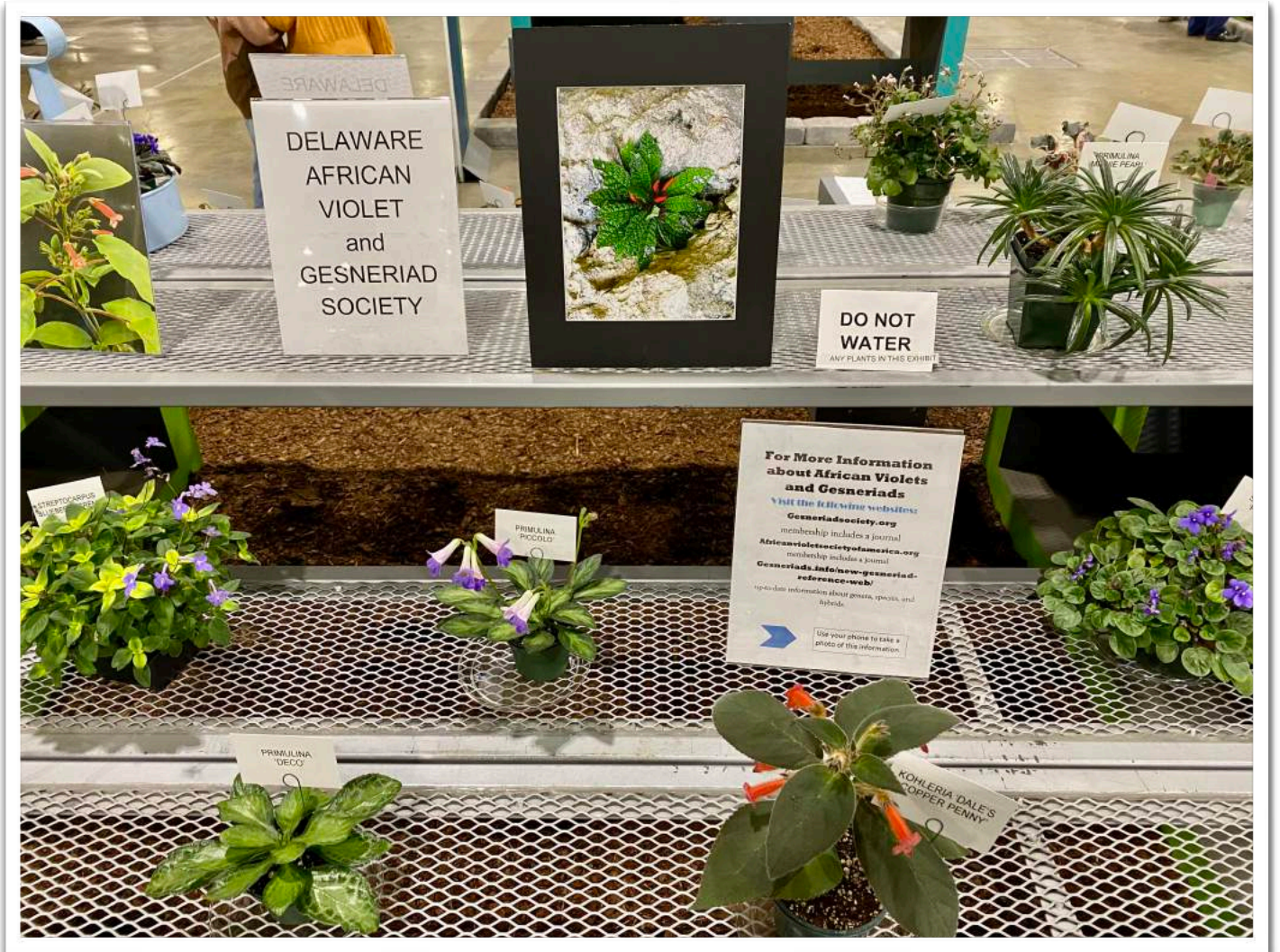
*Codonanthe gracilis*  
Leslie Anne Miller  
Stephen Maciejewski photo

*Nematanthus gregarius* 'Golden West'  
Leslie Anne Miller  
Karyn Cichocki photo



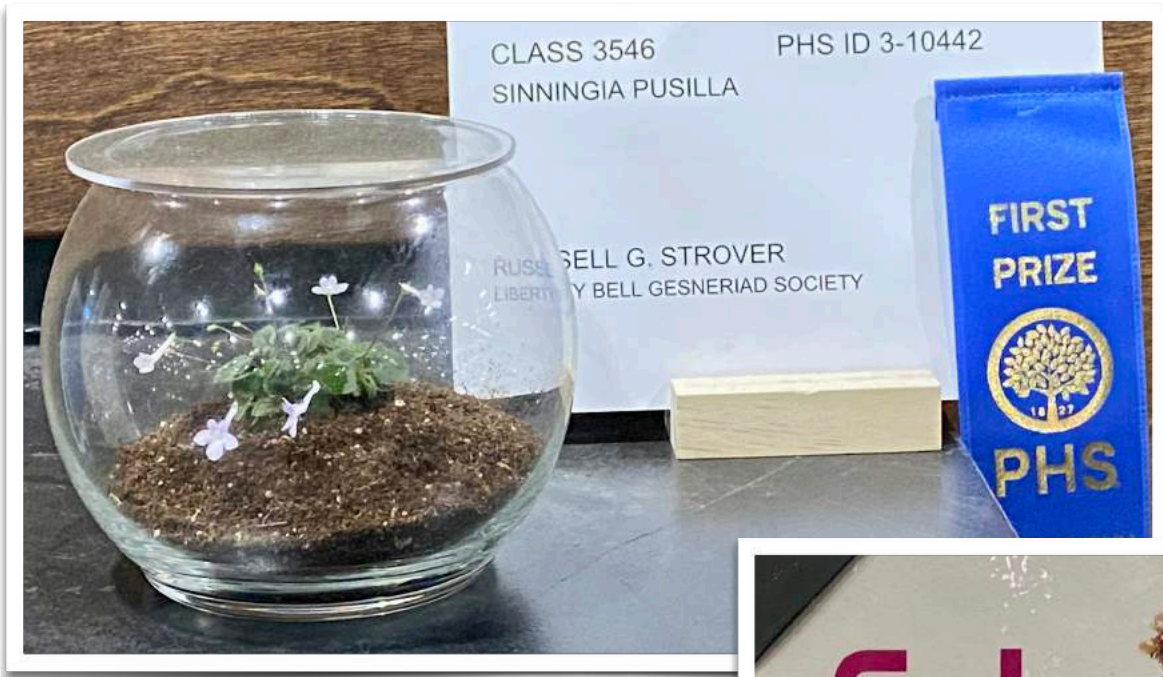
*Sinningia* 'Esther'  
Bex Claire Hamell  
Stephen Maciejewski photo





Plant societies were able to make displays for the first time to educate the public.





*Sinningia pusilla*  
Russell Strover



Betsy Gottshall and Tom Finnigan

Stephen Maciejewski photos



# Coming Events

## **March 31 - April 2, 2023 — Richmond, VA Flower Show & Plant Sale**

Richmond African Violet Society

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Ave., Richmond, VA 23228

SHOW: April 1: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

April 2: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SALE: March 31: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

April 1: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 2: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Free admission to show and sale.

Contact: [slong15781@aol.com](mailto:slong15781@aol.com) 804-740-5322

## **April 1, 2023 — Christiana, DE Display & Plant Sale**

Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society

Boscov's Department Store, Christiana Town Center, I-95 exit 3A, Christiana, DE 19702

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Featuring rare primulina plants and African violets from Fancy Bloomers

Contact: [rlafash@comcast.net](mailto:rlafash@comcast.net)

## **April 2, 2023 — Toronto, ON Show & Plant Sale**

Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society

Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Ave. E., Toronto, ON, Canada

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

Admission: \$2.00

Contact: [jmthompson50@xplornet.ca](mailto:jmthompson50@xplornet.ca)

## **April 15, 2023 — Morris Township, NJ Exhibit & Plant Sale**

African Violet and Gesneriad Society of New Jersey

The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Haggerty Education Building, 353 East Hanover Ave., Morris Township, NJ 07962

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Karyn Cichocki [kdc05@ptd.net](mailto:kdc05@ptd.net)

## **April 22, 2023 — 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 4:00 p.m.

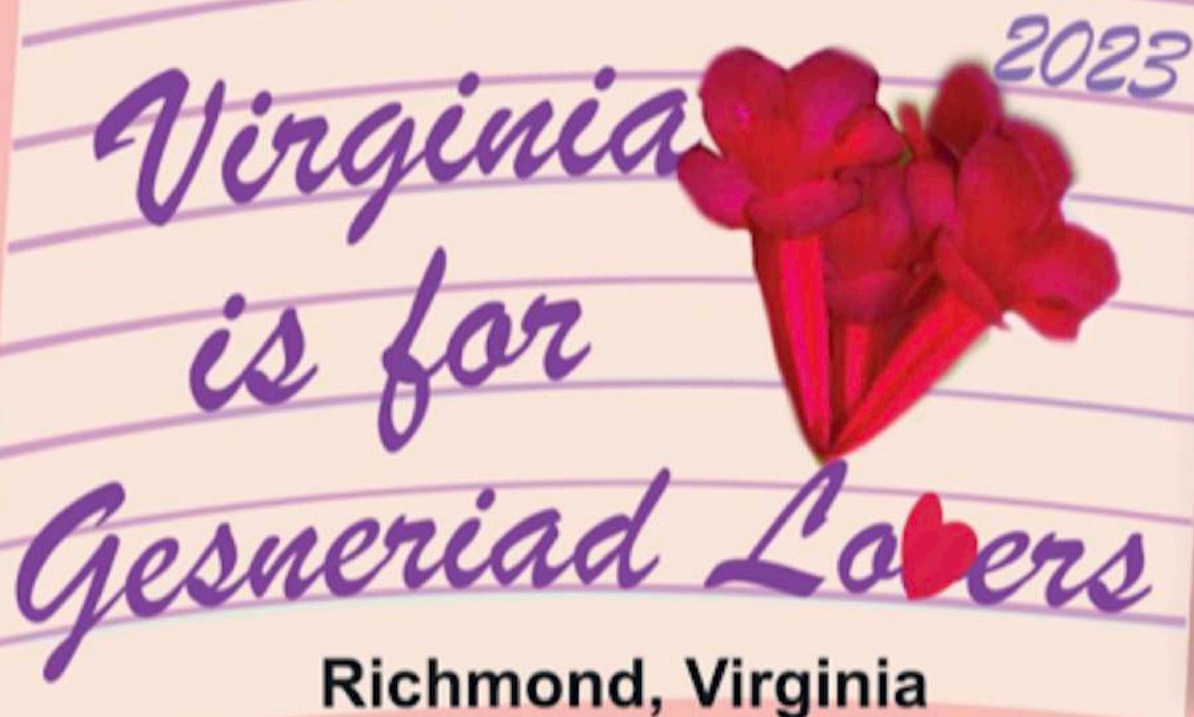
The show can be viewed at the main greenhouse which will require a small entry fee.

Sales will take place in the greenhouse behind the main building, to which admission is FREE.

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Join us for The Gesneriad Society Convention  
July 3 to July 8, 2023



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is for  
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2023  
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July 3 to July 8, 2023

Free admission to the Flower Show and Plant Sales:  
Friday, July 7 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday, July 8 – 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Westin Richmond Hotel  
6631 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230

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**From the editor —**

Thanks to Karyn and Stephen for the photos from the Philadelphia Flower show. Keep the articles and photos coming.

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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WELCOME – membership in our international society includes quarterly issues of *Gesneriads – The Journal for Gesneriad Growers*, a copy of *How to Know and Grow Gesneriads*, a packet of gesneriad seeds and a wealth of information about our chapters, flower shows, publications, research, programs and seed fund. Membership begins upon receipt of dues.

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