



# Gleanings

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This issue includes photos from my visit to Terri Vicenzi's growing areas and coming events.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

**Mel Grice**, Editor



Clay Anderson, who lives in Minnesota, is the hybridizer of *Kohleria* 'Minnesota Wild' (K. 'Lemon Demon' x K. 'Springsong') that has at this time up to ten flowers per node. He shared rhizomes with Dale Martens last fall. She received the award of Best Other Gesneriad at the Quad Cities AVS show In Iowa.

Dale Martens photo



# A Visit to Terri Vicenzi's Growing Areas

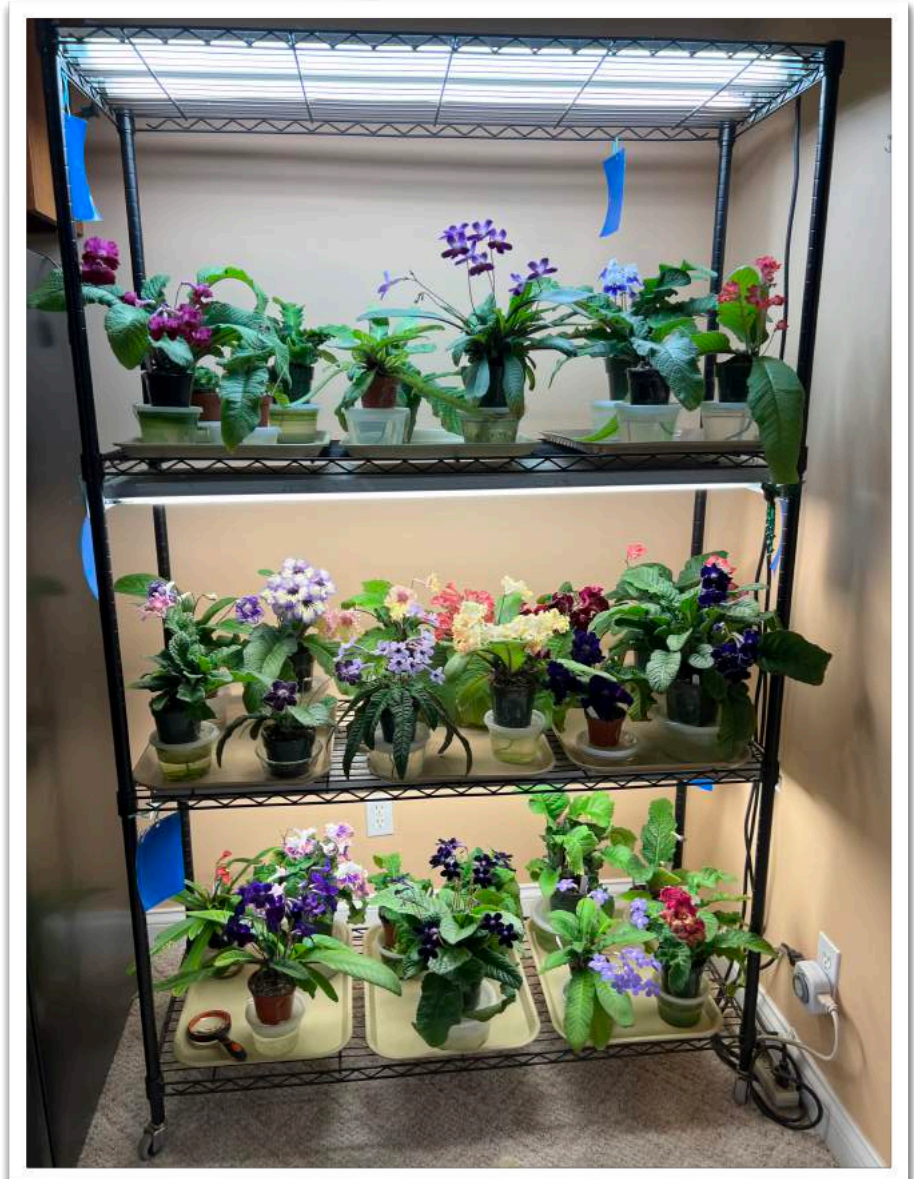
Photos and comments by Mel Grice



Terri Vicenzi has light stands in numerous rooms throughout her house in Bloomington, Indiana. Here she is holding her cat, Blue.



*Episcia* 'Emerald Velvet' and other gesneriads that are wick watered. Each reservoir sits on top of shallow "lunchroom" trays.



Streptocarpus plants growing in the lower level of her house.



A large wooden bar top serves as a convenient work area for various plant related chores.

A small rolling table with a drawer for tools can easily be moved to where plants need to be groomed. A used coffee container makes a nice receptacle for trimmings.





Terri uses clear packing tape to tape pots to her reservoirs so that the plants do not tip over when the streptocarpus leaves grow large.

A closet under the stairs provides ample room for storing plant supplies.

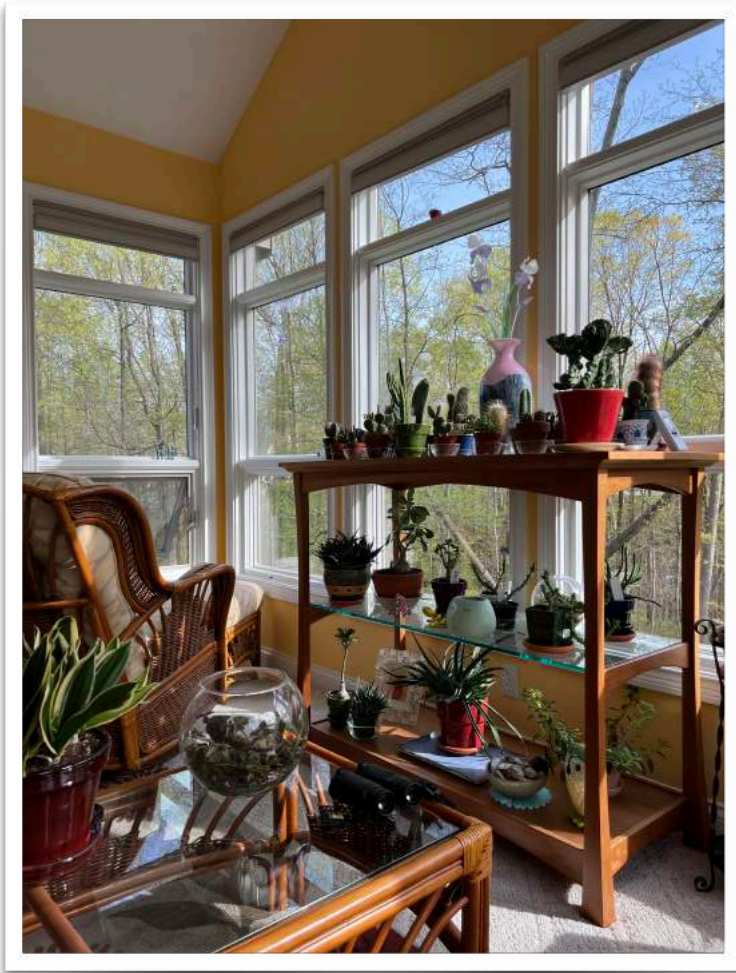




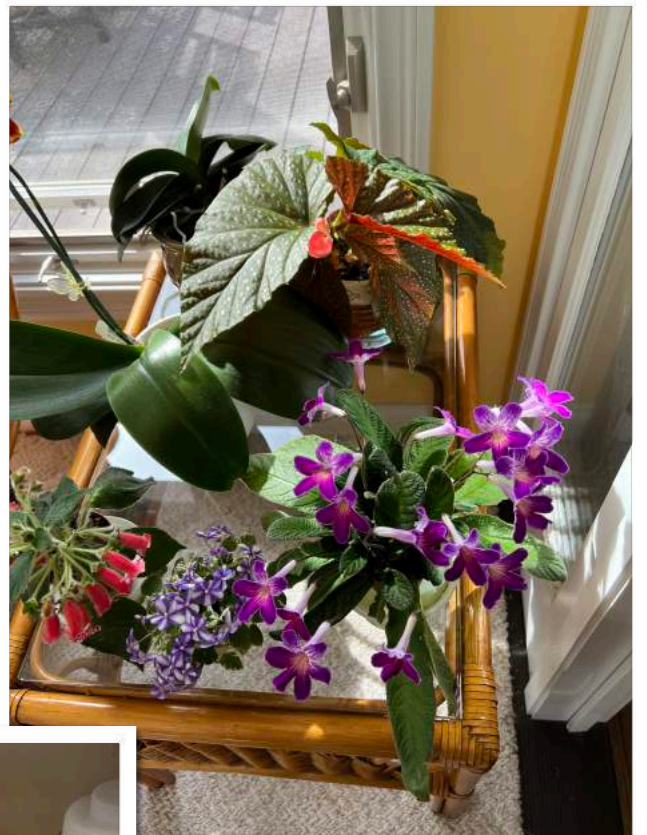
Another room in the lower level of her house makes a convenient place to work on plants. It is right next to husband Jeff's woodworking room. They can be nearby each other when pursuing their hobbies.



Terri sows seeds of various plants in a deli container like this. White plastic labels are used as dividers to separate the different plants. ID labels are on top of the clear plastic lid to identify the seedlings growing below.



Sunroom with windows on three sides provides ample natural light to grow a variety of plants.



Fertilizer that Terri uses.



*Streptocarpus* 'True Passion' growing on Terri Vicenzi's light stand.



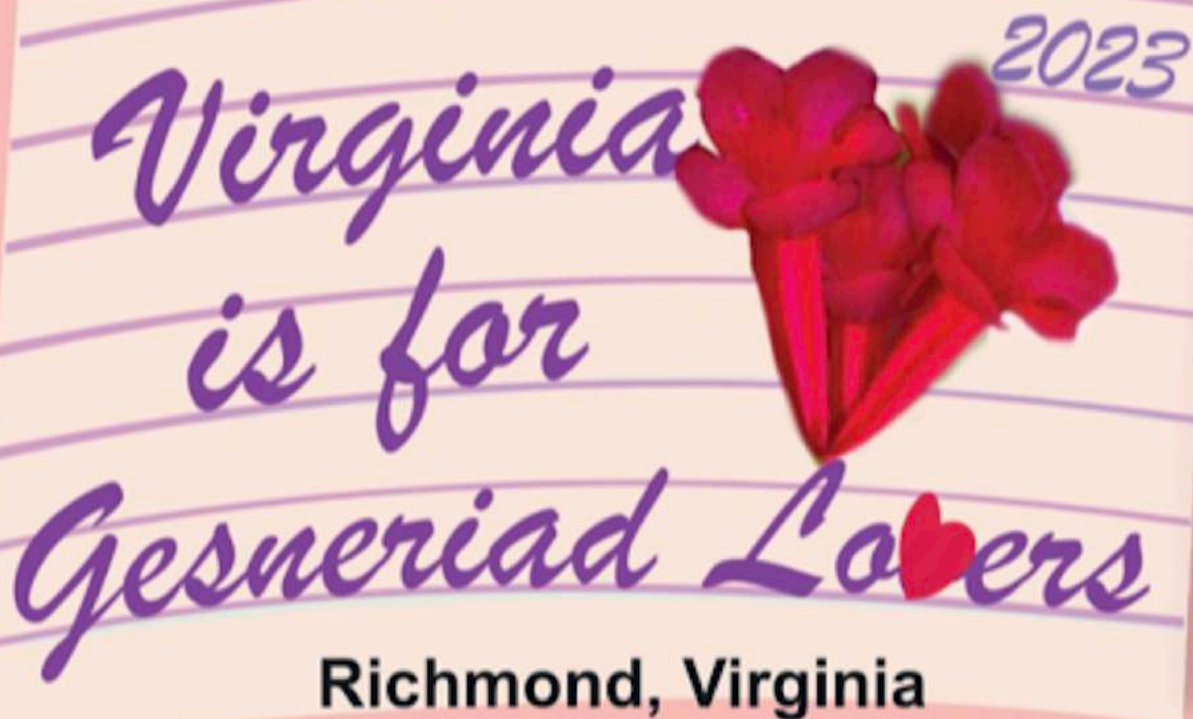
## Errata

This should have been labeled in the last issue as  
*Kohleria amabilis* var. *bogotensis*  
Beverley Williams

Mel Grice photo



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