







Gleanings

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This issue includes photos of gesneriads blooming now and Karyn Cichocki's methods of potting streptocarpus, petrocosmeas and primulinas.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**Mel Grice, Editor





Terri Vicenzi photo

Gesneriads Blooming Now

Sinningia speciosa 'Rock Loves Paul' Ron Myhr





Petrocosmea formosa Charles Huston



Kohleria 'Snakeskin' Paul Kroll

Sinningia collection

Barb Borleske photos





Sinningia helleri





Sinningia bullata

Sinningia 'Arkansas Empress'

Barb Borleske photos



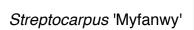
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Barb Borleske photos



Streptocarpus 'Neil's Black Flash'







Streptocarpus 'Blueberry Butterfly'



Streptocarpus 'Haru no Mizu'



Streptocarpus 'Designer Gown'



Streptocarpus 'Heartland's Snowflakes'



S. ionanthus subspecies rupicolus (formerly rupicola)



Barb Borleske photos

Kohleria 'Manchu'

Potting Streptocarpus

Karyn Cichocki

I thought I would share some photos of how I have been potting *Streptocarpus*. I take a new pot, put about $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " of perlite on the bottom depending on the height of the pot. Then I add some of my soil mix (two parts peat moss, one part each of coarse perlite and vermiculite). I groom the plant and then take it out of the old pot. I remove the perlite layer that is on the bottom of the soil and then place the plant in the new pot and fill around the sides with soil to just below the

rim of the pot.

I then take some hydroponic rocks and cover the top of the soil and around the plant. In my conditions by using the rocks I don't have the trouble with wet soil being too close to the plant and causing rot and they also will hold up the plants until their root structure does that.





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I've also used the Sunleaves brand of rocks pictured on the left, the 0.5" – 1.5" size. Both can be purchased at Amazon with free shipping.

Karyn Cichocki photos

Potting Petrocosmea and Primulina

Karyn Cichocki

I've started using this Gritty Mix Special Imperial Potting Mix which I purchase from rePotme.com. They also sell on Amazon (you have to check pricing to see which is cheaper direct, or Amazon). It is made up of Turface MVP, small granite chips and extra small Orchiata Pine bark.

I have a container that is about 8" long x 5" wide & 4" deep in which I put two solo cups full of my soil mix and then about six solo cups of the gritty mix.







The mix ends up being mostly the gritty mix with the soil mix added just to give it a bit of body. I'm using this mix on petrocosmeas and primulinas. I thought it would mimic the natural growing medium they grow in. I sometimes have problems with rot on some of the newer primulina species and I thought this might help. So far (three months) the plants are happy. There may be other plants that would do well in this mix that grow in similar places that petrocosmeas and primulinas grow in.

Karyn Cichocki photos



First blooms on an unnamed sinningia hybrid grown from GHA seed fund seeds.

Mel Grice

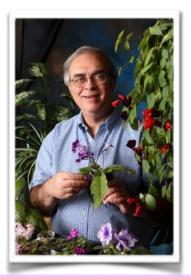
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From the editor —

Please continue to send me photos of your beautiful plants blooming right now with no place to show them off. Articles would also be greatly appreciated.

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