

# 2023 GESNERIAD SOCIETY CONVENTION FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

## DIVISION AND SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

- SWEEPSTAKES IN HORTICULTURE – Dave Zaitlin with five blue ribbons and four red ribbons – an award from the New England Gesneriad Society in memory of Jessie Crisafulli
- RUNNER-UP TO SWEEPSTAKES IN HORTICULTURE – Tie  
Kitty Hedgepeth with five blue ribbons – an award from Beverly Moon
- Barb Borleske with five blue ribbons – an award from Karyn Cichocki, in honor of the Flower Show Committee; from Laura Buckner, in honor of her daughter Amanda Buckner; and from the Heart of America Gesneriad Society
- BEST IN HORTICULTURE – *Sinningia* species and cultivar collection exhibited by Dave Zaitlin – an award from the Long Island Gesneriad Society in honor of the chapter's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- RUNNER-UP TO BEST IN HORTICULTURE – Multiple genera collection exhibited by Eileen McGrath – an award from the Greater New York Gesneriad Society
- SWEEPSTAKES IN ARTISTIC – Barbara Stewart with three blue ribbons – an award from Barb Borleske in memory of Ray Ruger, Angie Celano and Anne Petrucci
- RUNNER-UP TO SWEEPSTAKES IN ARTISTIC – Mel Grice with three blue ribbons – an award from M.J. Tyler
- MULTI-DIVISION SWEEPSTAKES – Mel Grice with at least one blue ribbon each in divisions I, II and IV – an award from Jeanne Katzenstein in memory of MaryJane Evans
- BEST IN ARTISTIC – "Love Charm" an arrangement exhibited by Judy Zinni – an award from Sally Robinson
- RUNNER-UP TO BEST IN ARTISTIC – "Love Letters" exhibited by Ginny Heatter – an award from Paul Susi in honor of Mel Grice, who has led us through the years of COVID
- BEST IN THE ARTS – *Sinningia* seedling Cross Stitch Throw Pillow exhibited by Brandon Erikson – an award from Winston Goretsky
- RUNNER-UP TO BEST IN THE ARTS – Color print of *Seemannia purpurascens* (pistil and yellow nectary) exhibited by Dale Martens – an award from Winston Goretsky
- BEST IN COMMERCIAL-EDUCATIONAL – Commercial display table with a grouping of 10 or more gesneriads – Miniature achimenes and kohlerias exhibited by Gary Hunter – an award from Mary Schaeffer in honor of the Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society, a generous and welcoming group of outstanding growers

## SECTION AWARDS

- BEST IN SECTION A – NEW WORLD TUBEROUS GESNERIAD IN FLOWER – *Sinningia* 'Judy Becker' exhibited by Dee Stewart – an award from Molly Schneider in honor of Julie Mavity-Hudson
- BEST IN SECTION B – NEW WORLD RHIZOMATOUS GESNERIAD IN FLOWER – *Achimenes* 'SRG's Hugues Aufray' exhibited by Mel Grice – an award from Betsy Szymczak
- BEST IN SECTION C – NEW WORLD FIBROUS-ROOTED GESNERIAD IN FLOWER – *Nematanthus* hybrid exhibited by Deborah Donaldson – an award from the Tampa Bay Gesneriad Society
- BEST IN SECTION D – OLD WORLD GESNERIAD IN FLOWER – *Primulina* 'Minnie Pearl' exhibited by Barb Borleske – an award from Wallace Wells
- BEST IN SECTION E – GESNERIAD GROWN FOR ORNAMENTAL QUALITIES – *Primulina medica* exhibited by Kitty Hedgepeth – an award from Joanna Zinn
- BEST IN SECTION F – NEW GESNERIAD – *Primulina sinovietnamica* exhibited by Hung Nguyen – an award from Terry and Brian White in memory of Carol Ann Bonner
- BEST IN SECTION G – LESSER-KNOWN GESNERIAD – *Pearcea abunda* exhibited by Bob Stewart – an award from the Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society
- BEST IN SECTION J – COLLECTION OF GESNERIADS – *Sinningia* species and cultivar collection exhibited by Dave Zaitlin – an award from Barb Festenstein in memory of Fay Wagman
- BEST IN SECTION K – DESIGN OF FRESH-CUT GESNERIAD MATERIAL – "Love Letters" exhibited by Ginny Heatter – an award from Pat Shandrow, in honor of Doreen Hovermale, and from Linda Hall, in memory of Tricia Taylor
- BEST IN SECTION L – DESIGN OF GROWING GESNERIAD MATERIAL – "Love Knot" exhibited by Laura Buckner – an award from Mel Grice in honor of the Convention team (Jeanne Katzenstein, Mary Helen Maran and Ron Myhr), Paul Susi and Paul Kroll
- BEST IN SECTION M – CONTAINER PLANTING OF GROWING GESNERIAD MATERIAL – Terrarium Curved exhibited by Barbara Stewart – an award from Pat Shandrow, in honor of M.J. Tyler and Sally Robinson; from the African Violet and Gesneriad Society of Syracuse; and from the Culver City Gesneriad Society
- BEST IN SECTION O – PHOTOGRAPHY – Color print (entire plant) of *Primulina chizouensis* exhibited by Stephen Maciejewski – an endowed award from the Crisafulli Family in memory of Jessie and Anthony Crisafulli
- BEST IN SECTION P – ARTS AND CRAFTS REPRESENTING GESNERIADS – *Sinningia* seedling cross stitch pillow exhibited by Brandon Erikson – an award from the Tennessee Gesneriad Society in honor of Peggy Adamson, President of the Tennessee Gesneriad Society
- BEST IN SECTION Q – EDUCATIONAL – "Gesneriad Portraits from the Pen of Georgene Albrecht" by Mel Grice – an award from Leonard Re
- BEST IN SECTION R – COMMERCIAL – Display table with a grouping of 10 or more gesneriads – Miniature achimenes and kohlerias exhibited by Gary Hunter – an award from the Convention Committee in honor of all our wonderful volunteers

## SPECIAL AWARDS

- Best Achimenes – *Achimenes* 'SRG's Hugues Aufray' exhibited by Mel Grice – an award from Margaret Califano
- Best Drymonia – *Drymonia ecuadorensis* exhibited by Brandon Erikson – an award from Julie Mavity-Hudson in memory of Carol Ann Bonner

Best *Episcia* – *Episcia* 'Unpredictable Valley' exhibited by Barbara Stewart – an award from Jill Fischer in honor of the members of the African Violet and Gesneriad Society of New Jersey

Best *Kohleria* – *Kohleria* 'Dale's Furry Fox' exhibited by Eileen McGrath – an award from the San Francisco Gesneriad Society in memory of David Waugh and Larry Williams

Best *Petrocosmea* – *Petrocosmea chrysotricha* exhibited by Barb Borleske – an award from the New England Chapter in memory of New England Chapter member Mary Bozoian

Best *Primulina* – *Primulina* 'Minnie Pearl' exhibited by Barb Borleske – an award from Laura Buckner in honor of Paul Kroll

Best *Rhytidophyllum* – *Rhytidophyllum exsertum* exhibited by Karyn Cichocki – an award from the Tampa Bay Gesneriad Society in honor of John L. Clark

Best *Saintpaulia* cultivar – *Saintpaulia* 'Rob's Wascally Wabbit' exhibited by Johnnie Berry – an award from Ginny Heatter in memory of Dolores Reed

Best *Sinningia* – *Sinningia* species and cultivar collection exhibited by Dave Zaitlin – an award from Terri Vicenzi

Best *Streptocarpus* – *Streptocarpus* 'T. J.' exhibited by Mel Grice – an award from Wallace Wells

Best Brandon Erikson Hybrid – *Sinningia* 'Bud's Galactic Core' exhibited by Brandon Erikson – an award from Holly Pohl in memory of her husband Lawrence Pohl

Best Dale Martens Hybrid – *Kohleria* 'Dale's Furry Fox' exhibited by Eileen McGrath – an award from Paul Susi, in memory of Long Island Chapter member and hybridizer Ray Annabel

Best Rick Hung (Chia-Yu Hung) (HCY's) – *Sinningia* 'HCY's Lady Red' exhibited by Kathy Spissman – an award from Dale Martens in honor of Paul Susi

Best John Boggan Hybrid – *Kohleria* 'Dark Velvet' exhibited by Kathy Spissman – an award from Laura Buckner in honor of Bill Price

Best Peter Shalit Hybrid – *Primulina* 'Loki' exhibited by Carol Brown – an award from Margaret Califano

Best Serge Saliba Hybrid – *Achimenes* 'SRG's Hugues Aufray' exhibited by Mel Grice – an award from Terri Vicenzi

Best Thad Scaggs Hybrid – *Sinningia* 'Party Dress' entered by Kitty Hedgepeth – an award from the Bloomin' Violets & Gesneriads of Palm Beach / Culver City Gesneriad Society

Best Violet Barn Hybrid – *Saintpaulia* 'Rob's Wagga Wagga' exhibited by Johnnie Berry – an award from Patricia Knight

Best Ecuadorian Species – *Pearcea abunda* exhibited by Bob Stewart – an award from Jeanne Katzenstein in honor of John L. Clark

Best Epiphytic New World Species – *Drymonia ecuadorensis* exhibited by Brandon Erikson – an award from Jeanne Katzenstein in honor of the Selby Gardens Botany Department Celebrating 50 Years of Studying Epiphytic Gesneriads

Best Gesneriad Exhibiting Fruit – *Gesneria glandulosa* GRE 15961 exhibited by Karyn Cichocki – an award from the African Violet and Gesneriad Society of New Jersey in memory of Maryjane Evans

Best New Hybrid – *Sinningia helleri/guttata* hybrid exhibited by Dave Zaitlin – an award from Ray Coyle

Best New Species – *Beccarinda tonkinensis* exhibited by Wallace Wells – an award from the African Violet and Gesneriad Society of New Jersey

Best Recently Registered Hybrid (GHA award) – *Primulina* 'Xuan's Party Dress' exhibited by Barb Borleske – an award from the Gesneriad Hybridizers Association

Best Scented Gesneriad – *Eucodonia* 'Delaware' exhibited by George Kloppe – an award from Kitty Hedgepeth in honor of Master Ziggy Stardust (Lord of Chaos)

Best Taiwan Hybrid – *Sinningia* 'HCY's Lady Red' exhibited by Kathy Spissman – an award from Levin Tilghman

## CLASS AWARDS

### SECTION A — New World Gesneriads in Flower – Tuberos

Class 1 *Sinningia speciosa* species – *Sinningia speciosa* Avenida Niemeyer exhibited by Dave Zaitlin – an award from Barbara Stewart

Class 2 *Sinningia speciosa* cultivars – *Sinningia speciosa* "Fantasy" exhibited by Dave Zaitlin – an award from Paul Kroll in memory of Monte Watler

Class 3 Microminiature *Sinningia* species & cultivars – *Sinningia* 'Li'l Georgie' exhibited by Kitty Hedgepeth – an award from the Mt Hood Gesneriad Society in memory of Doreen VanderTuin

Class 4 Miniature *Sinningia* species & cultivars – *Sinningia* cultivar exhibited by Kitty Hedgepeth – an award from Tom Bruning in memory of Monte Watler

Class 5 Other *Sinningia* species – *Sinningia bullata* Cànion Fortaleza exhibited by Dave Zaitlin – an award from Susan Alison in honor of Bob Alison

Class 6A Other *Sinningia* cultivars – *Sinningia* 'Bud's Galactic Core' exhibited by Brandon Erikson – an award from Mary Helen Maran in memory of Sylvia Svitak

Class 6B Other *Sinningia* cultivars – *Sinningia* 'Party Dress' exhibited by Kitty Hedgepeth – an award from Judy DuPont

Class 7 Other Tuberos Gesneriads – *Chrysothemis pulchella* 'Bronze' exhibited by Edna Alexander – an award from Holly Pohl in memory of her husband Lawrence Pohl

### SECTION B — New World Gesneriads in Flower – Rhizomatous

Class 8 *Achimenes*, ×*Achimenantha* – *Achimenes* 'SRG's Hugues Aufray' exhibited by Mel Grice – an award from Mary Helen Maran in honor of Cathy Coleman

Class 9A *Kohleria* – *Kohleria* 'Dark Velvet' exhibited by Kathy Spissman – an award from Edna Alexander in memory of Tricia Taylor

Class 9B *Kohleria* – *Kohleria* 'Dale's Furry Fox' exhibited by Eileen McGrath – an award from Minh Bui

Class 11 *Smithiantha*, ×*Smithicodonia* – *Smithiantha* 'Dale's Clownfish'\* exhibited by Karyn Cichocki – an award from the Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society in honor of Arleen Dewell, in gratitude for the many years she has conscientiously devoted to her role as Shows and Judges Chairperson

Class 13 Other rhizomatous gesneriads – *Pearcea* species (Ecuador) exhibited by Karyn Cichocki – an award from Carol Brown in memory of Tricia Taylor, Heart of America Gesneriad Society member

### SECTION C — New World Gesneriads in Flower – Fibrous-Rooted

Class 18 *Nematanthus* – *Nematanthus* cultivar exhibited by Deborah Donaldson – an award from Eileen McGrath in honor of Bill Price

**SECTION D — Old World Gesneriads in Flower**

Class 21 *Henckelia* – *Henckelia* ‘Moon Walker’ exhibited by Mel Grice – an award from Lance Wehrle

Class 23 *Primulina* species – *Primulina tabacum* exhibited by Brandon Erikson – an award from Irina Nicholson in honor of Paul Kroll

Class 24 *Primulina* cultivars – *Primulina* ‘Minnie Pearl’ exhibited by Barb Borleske – an award from Mary Helen Maran in memory of Mary Bozoian

Class 27 Sect. *Saintpaulia* cultivars classified as miniatures – *Saintpaulia* ‘Rob’s Wascally Wabbit’ exhibited by Johnnie Berry – an award from the Richmond African Violet and Gesneriad Society

Class 28 Sect. *Saintpaulia* cultivars classified as semi-miniature – *Saintpaulia* ‘Ness’ Satin Rose’ exhibited by Kitty Hedgepeth – award from Margaret Califano

Class 29 Sect. *Saintpaulia* cultivars classified as standards – *Saintpaulia* ‘Ma’s Debutante’ exhibited by Barb Borleske – an award from Terri Vicenzi in honor of Paula Smith, an Indiana African violet enthusiast

Class 30 Sect. *Saintpaulia* cultivar trailers – *Saintpaulia* ‘Ramblin’ Amethyst’ exhibited by Johnnie Berry – an award from the Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society

Class 32 *Streptocarpus*, subgenus *Streptocarpus*, cultivars – *Streptocarpus* ‘T.J.’ exhibited by Mel Grice – an award from the Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society in memory of Stan Sudol, late webmaster, newsletter editor and photographer for many years, whose dutiful and conscientious presence is missed at every meeting

Class 34 Other Old World Gesneriads – *Michaelmoelleria vietnamensis* exhibited by Barb Borleske – an award from Paul Kroll

**SECTION E — Gesneriads Grown for Ornamental Qualities Other Than Flowers**

Class 36 *Episcia* with pink, white and/or cream leaf variegation – *Episcia* ‘Unpredictable Valley’ exhibited by Barb Stewart – an award from the Puget Sound Gesneriad Society in honor of Arleen Dewell

Class 37A *Primulina* – *Primulina* ‘Xuan’s Party Dress’ exhibited by Barb Borleske – an award from Mary Helen Maran, in memory of her dear sister Nina, who gave Mary Helen her first gesneriad (an *Optimara* violet)

Class 37B *Primulina* – *Primulina medica* exhibited by Kitty Hedgepeth – an award from Terri Vicenzi in honor of Paula Smith, an Indiana AV enthusiast

Class 39 Other New World gesneriads, species or cultivars – *Drymonia ecuadorensis* exhibited by Brandon Erikson – an award from Holly Pohl in memory of her husband Lawrence Pohl

Class 40 Other Old World gesneriads, species or cultivars – *Petrosmea chrysotricha* exhibited by Barb Borleske – an award from Bloomin’ Violets and Gesneriads of Palm Beach and the Culver City Gesneriad Society

**SECTION F — New Gesneriads: Introductions made within the last 5 years**

Class 42 Species not in flower – *Primulina sovietnamica* exhibited by Hung Nguyen – an award from David and Colleen Turley in memory of Maryjane Evans

Class 43 Cultivars in flower – *Sinningia helleri/gutta* hybrid exhibited by Dave Zaitlin – an award from Paul Susi in memory of Fay Wagman

**SECTION G – Lesser-Known Gesneriads Seldom Grown or Seen in Shows**

Class 45 Cultivars in flower – *Pearcea abunda* exhibited by Bob Stewart – an award from Wallace Wells

Class 46 Not in flower – *Oreocharis rosthornii* exhibited by Hung Nguyen – an award from Laura Buckner in honor of Paul Susi, Awards Chairperson

**SECTION J — Collections of Gesneriads**

Class 50 Plants of a single genus – *Sinningia* species and cultivar collection exhibited by Dave Zaitlin – an award from Irina Nicholson in honor of Bill Price

Class 52 Multiple genera – Multiple genera collection exhibited by Eileen McGrath – an award from Paul Susi in honor of Laura Buckner

**SECTION K — Designs of Fresh-Cut Gesneriad Material**

Class 53 “Love Child” exhibited by Mel Grice – an award from the Puget Sound Gesneriad Society in memory of Nellie Sleeth

Class 54 “Love Charm” exhibited by Judy Zinni – an award from Paul Kroll in honor of Mel Grice

Class 55 “Crystal City Water Park” exhibited by Deanna Belli – an award from Paul Kroll in honor of his artistic buddies

Class 56 “Blue Ridge Mountains” exhibited by Vicki Ferguson – an award from the Richmond African Violet and Gesneriad Society

Class 57 “Appalachian National Scenic Trail” exhibited by Karyn Cichocki – an award from the Heart of Jacksonville African Violet Society

Class 59 “Love Letters” (Challenge Class) exhibited by Ginny Heatter – an award from Sharon Long

**SECTION L — Designs of Growing Gesneriad Material (may also include dried or treated gesneriad material)**

Class 60 “Gardens of Virginia” exhibited by Bill Schmidt – an award from Sharon Long

Class 61 “Virginia Musical Museum” exhibited by Laura Buckner – an award from Eileen McGrath in honor of Mel Grice

Class 63 “Love Birds” exhibited by Mel Grice – an award from the African Violet and Gesneriad Society of Western New York

Class 64 “Love Knot” (Challenge Class) exhibited by Laura Buckner – an award from the Heart of America Gesneriad Society

**SECTION M — Container Plantings of Growing Gesneriad Material**

Class 65 Terrarium, straight-sided, exhibited by Mel Grice – an award from the Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society in memory of Emma Bygott, a member for 45 years who always had a cheerful smile and who was responsible for many plants of *Primulina* ‘Cynthia’

Class 66 Terrarium curved, exhibited by Barbara Stewart – an award from the Puget Sound Gesneriad Society in honor of Arleen Dewell

Class 67 Tray Landscape exhibited by Barbara Stewart – an award from Heart of Jacksonville Gesneriad Society

Class 68 Natural Garden exhibited by Barbara Stewart – an award from the Bloomin’ Violets and Gesneriads of Palm Beach

**SECTION O — Photography**

Class 70 Color print of parts of a gesneriad – *Seemannia purpurascens* (pistil and yellow nectary) exhibited by Dale Martens – an award from Elizabeth Varley in honor of Julie Mavity-Hudson

Class 71 Color print of a whole gesneriad plant – *Primulina chizouensis* exhibited by Stephen Maciejewski – an award from Elizabeth Varley in honor of Julie Mavity-Hudson

Class 73 Monochrome print – *Sinningia* hybrid exhibited by Dale Martens – an award from the Gateway West Gesneriad Society

**SECTION P — Arts and Crafts Representing Gesneriads**

Class 74 Painting or drawing – Pastel study of *Streptocarpus* 'Harlequin Purple' exhibited by Randy Baron – an award from the South Coast Gesneriad Society in memory of Jacquie Eisenhut

Class 75 Needlework or textile – *Sinningia* seedling cross stitch pillow exhibited by Brandon Erikson – an award from Lilya Veneziano in memory of Mary Bozoian, a dear friend and mentor

Class 76 Other arts and crafts – Digitally manipulated photograph of *Sinningia eumorpha* exhibited by Barbara Stewart – an award from Lilya Veneziano in memory of Mary Bozoian, a dear friend and mentor

**SECTION Q – Educational Exhibits**

Class 77 Exhibit illustrating information of scientific/horticultural importance – "Gesneriad Portraits from the Pen of Georgene Albrecht" exhibited by Mel Grice – an award from The Long Island Gesneriad Society in honor of Ben Paternoster

**SECTION R – Commercial Displays**

Class 81 Display table with a grouping of 10 or more gesneriads – Miniature achimenes and kohlerias exhibited by Gary Hunter – an award from Irina Nicholson

\* The correct name for this entry is *Achimenes* 'Dale's Clownfish' and properly belongs in class 8. The award remains as distributed.