



# 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, photos of gesneriads shown at the Philadelphia Flower Show, information about the 2024 Gesneriad Society Convention, and coming events.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor

*Sinningia leucotricha* in full bloom at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Shown by Leslie Anne Miller.

See more photos from the show beginning on page 3.

Mel Grice photo



# Blooming now...

*Petrocosmea* 'Short'nin' Bread'  
Martha Griner



*Microchirita mollissima*  
Wallace Wells  
"Very challenging to grow. What works  
is low light and high humidity"

photos by the growers

*Primulina gueilinensis*  
Mel Grice





# Gesneriads at the Philadelphia Flower Show

Barb Borleske, Terri Vicenzi and Mel Grice composed one of the three panels of Gesneriad Society judges to choose two flowering and two nonflowering gesneriads to receive special rosettes donated by the Liberty Bell chapter of The Gesneriad Society.

*Henckelia* 'Moon Walker'  
grown as a tree  
Leslie Anne Miller



Mel Grice photos

Terri Vicenzi



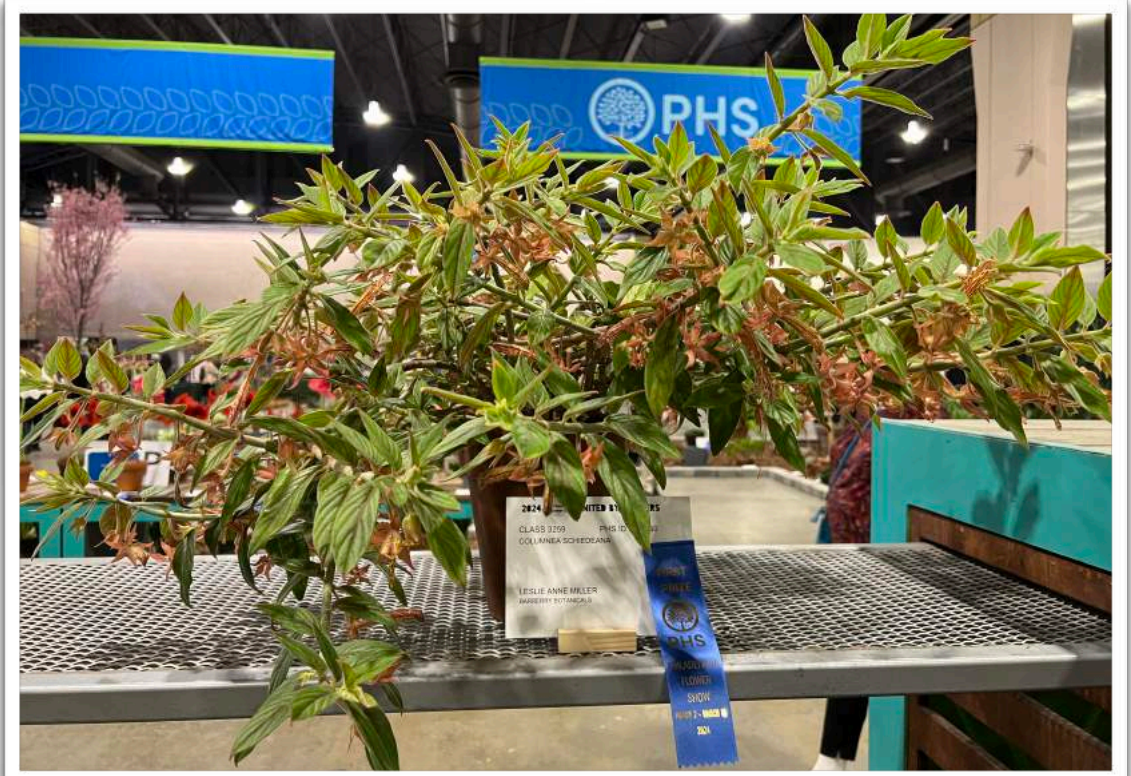




*Nematanthus cv.*  
Leslie Anne Miller

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

*Columnea schiedeana*  
Leslie Anne Miller



Mel Grice photos





*Primulina wentsaii*  
Deborah Evans



*Sinningia cardinalis* - Leslie Anne Miller



Liberty Bell Gesneriad Society display table





*Sinningia micans* - Cesario Gene Tobia

Mel Grice photo

Judges' comment card says, "All aspects of the plant — tuber, leaves, flowers, and inconspicuous staking make this a magnificent presentation."



Mel Grice photo



Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society display table at the Philadelphia Flower Show

## Coming Events

### **March 23, 2024 — Christiana, DE Exhibit & Plant Sale**

Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society  
Bosco's Department Store, Christiana Town Center, I-95 exit 3A, Christiana, DE 19702  
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Contact: [rlafash@comcast.net](mailto:rlafash@comcast.net) 302-653-6449

### **April 5 - 7, 2024 — Richmond, VA Flower Show & Plant Sale**

Richmond African Violet Society  
Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Ave., Richmond, VA 23228  
SHOW: April 6: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
April 7: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
SALE: April 5: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
April 6: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
April 7: 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 7, 2024 — 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)

*Join us in St. Louis, Missouri*

*July 1 to July 6, 2024*

*67th Convention of  
The Gesneriad Society*

*[www.gesneriadsociety.org](http://www.gesneriadsociety.org)*



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The Gesneriad Society's 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
July 1 to July 6, 2024

Free admission to the Flower Show and Plant Sales:  
Friday, July 5 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday, July 6 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac Hotel  
1335 South Lindberg Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131

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*Register for Convention 2024!*

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## **Meet in St. Louis**

### **2024**



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