

2024 GESNERIAD SOCIETY CONVENTION FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

DIVISION AND SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

- SWEEPSTAKES IN HORTICULTURE – Dale Martens, with 13 blue ribbons – an award sponsored by the New England Gesneriad Society in memory of Jessie Crisafulli
- RUNNER-UP TO SWEEPSTAKES IN HORTICULTURE – Josh Higgins, with seven blue ribbons – an award sponsored by Terri Vicenzi
- BEST IN HORTICULTURE – *Aeschynanthus humilis* ‘Topaz’ exhibited by Eileen McGrath – an award sponsored by the Long Island Gesneriad Society in memory of Ben Paternoster
- RUNNER-UP TO BEST IN HORTICULTURE – *Primulina* collection exhibited by Bill Price – an award sponsored by the Greater New York Gesneriad Society
- MULTI-DIVISION SWEEPSTAKES – Vicki Ferguson, with four blue ribbons in Horticulture, one blue ribbon in Design and one in The Arts – an award sponsored by Jeanne Katzenstein in memory of Maryjane Evans
- BEST IN ARTISTIC – “St. Louis Wheel” exhibited by Vicki Ferguson – an award sponsored by Anonymous
- RUNNER-UP TO BEST IN ARTISTIC – Terrarium (straight sided) exhibited by Jill Fischer – an award sponsored by Barb Festenstein in memory of Fay Wagman
- SWEEPSTAKES IN THE ARTS – Stephen Maciejewski, with three blue ribbons – an award sponsored by Leonard Re in memory Ingrid Lindskog
- BEST IN THE ARTS – Watercolor painting of *Petrocodon fangianus* exhibited by Wu Xiang-Hong – an award sponsored by Winston Goretsky
- RUNNER-UP TO BEST IN THE ARTS – Monochrome print of *Primulina aff. yungfuensis* exhibited by Stephen Maciejewski – an award sponsored by Peter Shalit in honor of Susan Grose
- BEST IN COMMERCIAL/EDUCATIONAL – An educational entry of “Gesneriads Across the Globe” exhibited by Ralph Olliges – an award sponsored by Sally Robinson

SECTION AWARDS

- BEST IN SECTION A – NEW WORLD TUBEROUS GESNERIAD IN FLOWER – *Sinningia* ‘Apollon’ exhibited by Dave Zaitlin – an award sponsored by Molly Schneider in honor of her husband Ricky, who helps with the gesneriads
- BEST IN SECTION B – NEW WORLD RHIZOMATOUS GESNERIAD IN FLOWER – *Achimenes misera* – exhibited by Julie Mavity-Hudson – an award sponsored by Julie Mavity-Hudson in honor of her dear friend Molly Schneider
- BEST IN SECTION C – NEW WORLD FIBROUS-ROOTED GESNERIAD IN FLOWER – *Nematanthus brasiliensis* – exhibited by Carol Brown – an award sponsored by Laura Buckner in honor of Paul Kroll
- BEST IN SECTION D – OLD WORLD GESNERIAD IN FLOWER – *Primulina sinovietnamica* (China) – exhibited by Kathy Spissman – an award sponsored by Mel Grice in honor of the Convention Committee: Jeanne Katzenstein, Mary Helen Maran, Ron Myhr and Maureen Mark
- BEST IN SECTION E – GESNERIAD GROWN FOR ORNAMENTAL QUALITIES – *Columnea hirta* ‘Light Prince’ exhibited by Josh Higgins – an award sponsored by Judi DuPont
- BEST IN SECTION F – NEW GESNERIAD – *Petrocosmea sericea* ‘Ice Shards’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Tom Bruning in memory of Burnel Bruning
- BEST IN SECTION G – LESSER-KNOWN GESNERIAD – *Glabrella mihieri* exhibited by Hung Nguyen – an award sponsored by Kelly Ates in honor of Nancy and Jerry Kast
- BEST IN SECTION J – COLLECTION OF GESNERIADS – *Primulina* collection exhibited by Bill Price – an award sponsored by Ginny Heatter in memory of Dolores Reed
- BEST IN SECTION K – DESIGN OF FRESH-CUT GESNERIAD MATERIAL – “The Train Shed” exhibited by Karyn Cichocki – an award sponsored by Julie Mavity-Hudson in memory of Lutz Braun, the late husband of Pam Braun, who is an outstanding flower arranger
- BEST IN SECTION L – DESIGN OF GROWING GESNERIAD MATERIAL – “Gateway Arch” exhibited by Mel Grice – an award sponsored by M.J. Tyler, in honor of Austin Greivous, treasurer extraordinaire
- BEST IN SECTION M – CONTAINER PLANTING OF GROWING GESNERIAD MATERIAL – Terrarium straight-sided exhibited by Jill Fischer – an award sponsored by Barb Borleske, in memory of Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society member Ann Petrucci
- BEST IN SECTION O – PHOTOGRAPHY – Monochrome print of *Primulina aff. yungfuensis* exhibited by Stephen Maciejewski – an endowed award sponsored by the Crisafulli Family in memory of Jessie and Anthony Crisafulli
- BEST IN SECTION P – ARTS AND CRAFTS REPRESENTING GESNERIADS – Watercolor painting of *Petrocodon fangianus* exhibited by Wu Xiang-Hong – an award sponsored by the Tennessee Gesneriad Society in memory of Alex Melnuchenko, a Tennessee Gesneriad Society “family” member, who was always helpful at the chapter meetings, shows and sales. He especially supported his wife Ella in her love of growing gesneriads.
- BEST IN SECTION Q – EDUCATIONAL – “Gesneriads Across the Globe” entered by Ralph Olliges – an award sponsored by Ralph Olliges
- BEST IN SECTION R – COMMERCIAL – Display table with a grouping of fewer than 10 different gesneriads – “This is What We’ve Got” exhibited by Gary’s Gesneriad Farm – an award sponsored by Peter Shalit in honor of Susan Grose

SPECIAL AWARDS

- Best Achimenes – *Achimenes misera* exhibited by Julie Mavity-Hudson – an award sponsored by Mary Helen Maran in memory of Mollie Howell
- Best Columnea – *Columnea hirta* ‘Light Prince’ exhibited by Josh Higgins – an award sponsored by Elizabeth Varley in memory of Hans Wiehler
- Best Drymonia – *Drymonia ecuadorensis* exhibited by Brandon Erikson – an award sponsored by Dell Sherk in memory of Vilma Dallas

Best *Episcia* – *Episcia cupreata* exhibited by Josh Higgins – an award sponsored by Laura Buckner in honor of her daughter Amanda

Best *Gesneria* – *Gesneria cuneifolia* ‘Tom Talpey’ exhibited by Linda Hall – an award sponsored by Jill Fischer in honor of the members of the African Violet and Gesneriad Society of New Jersey

Best *Kohleria* – *Kohleria* ‘Baby Yaddle’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Terri Vicenzi

Best *Petrocosmea* – *Petrocosmea sericea* ‘Ice Shards’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by the New England Gesneriad Society in memory of Mary Bozoian

Best *Nematanthus* species – *Nematanthus brasiliensis* exhibited by Carol Brown – an award sponsored by the Tampa Bay Gesneriad Society

Best *Primulina* – *Primulina* ‘Minnie Pearl’ exhibited by Josh Higgins – an award sponsored by Jim Vlasic

Best *Saintpaulia* cultivar – *Saintpaulia rupicolus* ‘Kacharoroni’ exhibited by Linda Hall – an award sponsored by Levin Tilghman

Best *Saintpaulia* species – *Saintpaulia rupicolus* exhibited by Vicki Ferguson – an award sponsored by Karyn Cichocki

Best *Sinningia* – *Sinningia* ‘Dale’s Double Feature’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Laura Buckner in honor of Bill Price

Best *Streptocarpus* – *Streptocarpus* ‘Dancing Doves’ exhibited by Josh Higgins – an award sponsored by Rick Fadden

Best Gesneriad Species Native to Brazil – *Nematanthus brasiliensis* exhibited by Carol Brown – an award sponsored by Jeanne Katzenstein in honor of Alain Chautems and Mauro Peixoto

Best Gesneriad Exhibiting Fruit – *Sinningia brasiliensis* exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by the African Violet and Gesneriad Society of New Jersey in memory of Maryjane Evans

Best Gesneriad Grown by a First Time Exhibitor – *Columnea* ‘Early Bird’ exhibited by Maurine Flynn – an award sponsored by Jo Anne Martinez

Best Gesneriad Grown by a non-Member – *Saintpaulia* ‘AE-It’s Raining’ exhibited by Anna Russell – a three-year Gesneriad Society membership sponsored by Paulo Castello da Costa in honor of good growers everywhere

Best New Cultivar – *Petrocosmea sericea* ‘Ice Shards’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Ray Coyle

Best Recently Registered Cultivar (GHA award) – *Primulina* ‘Minnie Pearl’ exhibited by Josh Higgins – an award sponsored by the Gesneriad Hybridizer’s Association

Best Scented Gesneriad – *Sinningia brasiliensis* exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Anne Vidaver

Best Taiwan Cultivar – *Sinningia* ‘Jung’s White Crown’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by James Dean Parise

Best Dale Marten’s Cultivar – *Sinningia* ‘Dale’s Double Feature’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Terri Vicenzi in honor of Dale Martens

Best Jim Vlasic (JV) Cultivar – *Primulina* ‘JV Serendipity’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Mel Grice in honor of Jim Vlasic

Best Margery Anderson-Clive Cultivar – *Sinningia* ‘Spanish Skirts’ exhibited by Brandon Erikson – an award sponsored by Mel Grice in honor of Margery Anderson-Clive

Best Peter Shalit Cultivar – *Primulina* ‘Destiny’ exhibited by Mel Grice – an award sponsored by Dell Sherk in memory of Vivian Scheans

Best Violet Barn Cultivar – *Streptocarpus* ‘Bristol’s Spring Clouds’ exhibited by Mel Grice – an award sponsored by the National Capital Area Chapter

Best Wu Jui-Jung (Yung’s) Cultivar – *Sinningia* ‘Jung’s White Crown’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Dale Martens in honor of Mel Grice

CLASS AWARDS

SECTION A — New World Gesneriads in Flower – Tuberous

Class 2 *Sinningia speciosa* cultivars – *Sinningia speciosa* ‘Dale’s Winter Breeze’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Winston Goretsky

Class 3 *Sinningia* species & cultivars (leaf blade less than 1” long) – *Sinningia pusilla* ‘Imbe’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Carol Brown

Class 4A *Sinningia* species & cultivars (leaf blade maximum 2.5” long; double blossom) – *Sinningia* ‘Dale’s Double Feature’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Carol Brown

Class 4B *Sinningia* species & cultivars (leaf blade maximum 2.5” long; single blossom) – *Sinningia* ‘Colorado Sunset’ exhibited by Ray Coyle – an award sponsored by the Heart of Jacksonville African Violet Society

Class 5 Other *Sinningia* species – *Sinningia brasiliensis* exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Wallace Wells in memory of Craig Presnell

Class 6A Other *Sinningia* cultivars (small pots) – *Sinningia* ‘Dale’s Hello Sunshine’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Mary Schaeffer

Class 6B Other *Sinningia* cultivars (large pots) – *Sinningia* ‘Apollon’ exhibited by Dave Zaitlin – an award sponsored by Gussie Farrice in honor of the Hybrid Seed Fund

SECTION B — New World Gesneriads in Flower – Rhizomatous

Class 8 *Achimenes*, ×*Achimenesantha* – *Achimenes misera* exhibited by Julie Mavity-Hudson – an award sponsored by Edna Alexander

Class 9 *Kohleria* – *Kohleria* ‘Baby Yaddle’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by the Heart of Jacksonville Gesneriad Society

Class 11 *Smithiantha*, ×*Smithicodonia* – ×*Smithicodonia* ‘Heartland’s Joy’ exhibited by George Kloppe – an award sponsored by Winston Goretsky

Class 12 Other rhizomatous gesneriads (less than 5” in all dimensions) – *Chautemsia calcicola* exhibited by Ray Coyle – an award sponsored by Linda Hall, in honor of Mel Grice

Class 13 Other rhizomatous gesneriads – *Amalophyllon rupestre* exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Eileen McGrath

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

Class 15 *Columnea* – *Columnea* ‘Early Bird’ exhibited by Maurine Flynn – an award sponsored by Dreama Bigio

Class 16 *Episcia*, *Alsobia* – *Alsobia* ‘Iris August’ exhibited by Josh Higgins – an award sponsored by the Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society

Class 17 *Gesneria*, *×Rhytidoneria* – *Gesneria cuneifolia* ‘Tom Talpey’ exhibited by Linda Hall – an award sponsored by Jeanne Katzenstein in memory of Maryjane Evans

Class 18 *Nematanthus* – *Nematanthus brasiliensis* exhibited by Carol Brown – an award sponsored by Doreen Lay

SECTION D — Old World Gesneriads in Flower

Class 20 *Aeschynanthus* – *Aeschynanthus humilis* ‘Topaz’ exhibited by Eileen McGrath – an award sponsored by Mary Helen Maran in memory of Fay Wagman

Class 22 *Petrocosmea* – *Petrocosmea nervosa* exhibited by Dave Turley – an award sponsored by Dreama Bigio

Class 23A *Primulina* species (patterned leaves) – *Primulina sinovietnamica* (China) exhibited by Kathy Spissman – an award sponsored by Winston Goretsky

Class 23B *Primulina* species (other) – *Primulina huangii* exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by David and Coleen Turley in honor of Larry Skog

Class 23C *Primulina* species (small blossoms) – *Primulina maciejewskii* exhibited by Barb Borleske – an award sponsored by Dale Martens in honor of Terri Vicenzi’s volunteer work for The Gesneriad Society

Class 23D *Primulina* species (large pots) – *Primulina tabacum* exhibited by Brandon Erikson – an award sponsored by Winston Goretsky

Class 24A *Primulina* cultivars (patterned leaves) – *Primulina* ‘JV Serendipity’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Irina Nicholson in honor of Stephen Maciejewski

Class 24B *Primulina* cultivars (non-patterned leaves) – *Primulina* ‘Minnie Pearl’ exhibited by Josh Higgins – an award sponsored by the Minnesota Gesneriad Society

Class 25 *Streptocarpus*, subgenus *Streptocarpella* – *Streptocarpus* ‘Dancing Doves’ exhibited by Josh Higgins – an award sponsored by Sally Robinson

Class 26 Sect. *Saintpaulia* species – *Saintpaulia rupicolus* exhibited by Vicki Ferguson – an award sponsored by Bill Schmidt

Class 27 Sect. *Saintpaulia* cultivars classified as miniatures – *Saintpaulia* ‘Little Bo Peep’ exhibited by Vicki Ferguson – an award sponsored by Winston Goretsky

Class 28 Sect. *Saintpaulia* cultivars classified as semi-miniatures – *Saintpaulia* ‘Jolly Andrew’ exhibited by Mel Grice – an award sponsored by Doreen Lay

Class 32A *Streptocarpus*, subgenus *Streptocarpus*, cultivars (small flowers) – *Streptocarpus* ‘Black Tie Affair’ exhibited by Linda Hall – an award sponsored by Mary Schaeffer

Class 32B *Streptocarpus*, subgenus *Streptocarpus*, cultivars (large flowers) – *Streptocarpus* ‘Heartland’s Snow Crystal’ exhibited by Barb Borleske – an award sponsored by Paul Kroll in honor of Arleen Dewell

Class 33 *Streptocarpus*, subgenus *Streptocarpus*, cultivars with variegated foliage – *Streptocarpus* ‘Dale’s Polar Goldilocks’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Terri Vicenzi

Class 34 Other Old World gesneriads – *Michaelmoelleria vietnamensis* exhibited by Vicki Ferguson – an award sponsored by Winston Goretsky

SECTION E — Gesneriads Grown for Ornamental Qualities Other Than Flowers

Class 36 Other *Episcia* – *Episcia cupreata* exhibited by Josh Higgins – an award sponsored by the National Capital Area Chapter

Class 37A *Primulina* (species) – *Primulina sinovietnamica* exhibited by Hung Nguyen – an award sponsored by Deanna Belli in memory of Emma Bygott

Class 37B *Primulina* (‘Naine Argente’) – *Primulina dryas* ‘Naine Argente’ exhibited by Levin Tilghman – an award sponsored by the Gateway West Gesneriad Society

Class 37C *Primulina* (other) – *Primulina* ‘Minnie Pearl’ exhibited by Barb Borleske – an award sponsored by Donna Coleman in memory of Ruth Meek

Class 37D *Primulina* (center pattern) – *Primulina* ‘Destiny’ exhibited by Mel Grice – an award sponsored by Brandon Erikson, in honor of Tom Bruning who, no matter what is occurring in his personal life, is a tireless and generous member of our Society

Class 38 Other gesneriads with variegated foliage – *Columnnea hirta* ‘Light Prince’ exhibited by Josh Higgins – an award sponsored by Joel Egan

Class 39B Other New World gesneriads, species or cultivars – *Smithiantha* ‘Ode to Peter Shalit’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Dell Sherk in honor of M.J. Tyler

Class 40A Other Old World gesneriads, species or cultivars (*Michaelmoelleria*) – *Michaelmoelleria vietnamensis* exhibited by Josh Higgins – an award sponsored by Edna Alexander

Class 40B Other Old World gesneriads, species or cultivars (*Petrocosmea*) – *Petrocosmea* ‘Asa Blue’ exhibited by Vicki Ferguson – an award sponsored by Linda Hall in memory of Tricia Taylor

Class 40C Other Old World gesneriads, species or cultivars (*Aeschynanthus*) – *Aeschynanthus longicaulis* exhibited by Josh Higgins – an award sponsored by Winston Goretsky

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

Class 43 Cultivars in flower – *×Gloxistema* ‘Dale’s Dainty Dancers’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Paul Kroll in honor of Judy Zinni and Paul Susi

Class 44 Cultivars not in flower – *Petrocosmea sericea* ‘Ice Shards’ exhibited by Dale Martens – an award sponsored by Brandon Erikson in honor of Tom Bruning who, no matter what is occurring in personal life, is a tireless and generous member of our Society

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

Class 45 In flower – *Glabrella mihieri* exhibited by Hung Nguyen – an award sponsored by Gary Hitchcock

SECTION J — Collections of Gesneriads

Class 50 Plants of a single genus – *Primulina* collection exhibited by Bill Price – an award sponsored by Irina Nicholson in honor of Bill Price

SECTION K — Designs of Fresh-Cut Gesneriad Material (may also include dried material)

Class 53 “The Magic House” exhibited Barb Festenstein – an award sponsored by Irina Nicholson in honor of Paul Kroll

Class 54 “St. Louis Miniature Museum” exhibited by Karyn Cichocki – an award sponsored by the National Capital Area Chapter

Class 55 “St. Louis Aquarium” exhibited by Linda Hall – an award sponsored by Paul Kroll in honor of Mel Grice

Class 56 “The Train Shed” exhibited by Karyn Cichocki – an award sponsored by Gary Hitchcock

Class 57 “St. Louis Wheel” exhibited by Vicki Ferguson – an award sponsored by the Puget Sound Gesneriad Society
Class 59 “St. Louis Cardinals” (challenge class) exhibited by Jill Fischer – an award sponsored by Paul Susi in honor of Susan Grose

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

Class 60 “Missouri Botanical Garden” exhibited by Mel Grice – an award sponsored by Paul Susi in honor of Karyn Cichocki

Class 62 “Grant’s Farm” exhibited by Barb Festenstein – an award sponsored by the African Violet and Gesneriad Society of Western New York

Class 63 “Gateway Arch” exhibited by Mel Grice – an award sponsored by Barb Borleske in memory of Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society member Carol Moody

Class 64 “St. Louis Blues” exhibited by Olive Ma Robinson – an award sponsored by Paul Susi in memory of Ben Paternoster

SECTION M — Container Plantings of Growing Gesneriad Material

Class 65 Terrarium, straight-sided exhibited by Jill Fischer – an award sponsored by Vicki Ferguson

Class 68 Natural Garden exhibited by Rita Gindt-Marvig – an award sponsored by the Puget Sound Gesneriad Society

SECTION O — Photography

Class 70 Color print of parts of a gesneriad – *Primulina* ‘WYG’s Winter Bouquet’ exhibited by Stephen Maciejewski – an award sponsored by Winston Goretsky

Class 71 Color print of a whole gesneriad plant – *Primulina nymphaeoides* exhibited by Stephen Maciejewski – an award sponsored by Paul Kroll in memory of Monte Watler

Class 72 Color print of gesneriad(s) growing in a natural habitat – *Gesneria nipensis* exhibited by Karyn Cichocki – an award sponsored by Wallace Wells

Class 73 Monochrome print – *Primulina aff. yungfuensis* exhibited by Stephen Maciejewski – an award sponsored by Paul Susi in honor of Dale Martens

SECTION P — Arts and Crafts Representing Gesneriads

Class 74 Painting or drawing – A watercolor painting of *Petrocodon fangianus* exhibited by Wu Xiang-Hong – an award sponsored by Dell Sherk in honor of M.J. Tyler

Class 75 Needlework or textile – Needlework of a *Primulina* Flower exhibited by Vicki Ferguson – an award sponsored by Linda Hall in honor of Susan Grose

SECTION Q – Educational Exhibits

Class 77 Exhibit illustrating information of scientific/horticultural importance – “Gesneriads Across the Globe” exhibited by Ralph Olliges – an award sponsored by Dale Martens in honor of Terri Vicenzi’s volunteer work for The Gesneriad Society

SECTION R – Commercial Displays

Class 82 Display table with a grouping of 10 or fewer gesneriads – “This is What We Got” exhibited by Gary’s Gesneriad Farm – an award sponsored by Doreen Lay