



# Gleanings

a monthly newsletter from The Gesneriad Society, Inc.

(articles and photos selected from chapter newsletters,  
our journal *Gesneriads*, and original sources)

Volume 16, Number 8

August 2025

This issue includes photos of entries from The Gesneriad Society Convention Flower Show held in Parsippany, New Jersey.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor



Lots of photos in this issue from the 2025 Convention Flower Show.



# Exhibits at the 2025 Gesneriad Society Convention Flower Show

Karyn Cichocki was Sweepstakes winner in Artistic and Runner-up to Best in Artistic with "Under the Boardwalk" — a horizontal line design.



Mel Grice photo



Paul Susi photo



*Streptocarpus* 'Bristol's  
Jimmies'  
Rachel Armstrong



Mel Grice photos



Received the award  
for Best Saintpaulia  
cultivar

Saintpaulia 'Zhemshuzhnyi  
Vostorg' (Pearl Joy)  
Vicki Ferguson

This cultivar is a chimera  
leaf, trailing African violet.

*Primulina* 'Kitaguni'  
Barb Borleske



Mel Grice photos



*Episcia* 'Unpredictable Valley'  
Mary Schaeffer





Jill Fischer was awarded Best in Artistic for her Natural Garden.



Paul Susi photo



Mel Grice photos

*Sinningia* 'Ozark Sentimental Journey'  
Mel Grice

*Primulina linearicalyx*  
Judy Niemira



Mel Grice photos



*Episcia* 'Tiger Stripes'  
Erika Geimonen



Saintpaulia 'Hunter's Cabbage Goddess'  
Vicki Ferguson

Mel Grice photo



Paul Susi photo of painting



*Streptocarpus*  
hybrid (pastel)  
painting  
Randy Baron



Saintpaulia 'Hunter's Ashes of Roses'  
Margaret Califano

Mel Grice photos



*Primulina tabacum*  
Deborah Donaldson



Chicagoland  
Celebrates

1951 to 2026

75 Years of The Gesneriad Society





## From the editor —

Still trying to recover from the wonderful convention held in Parsippany, New Jersey!

If you have suggestions, comments, or items for possible inclusion in future issues, please feel free to contact me at [melsgrice@gmail.com](mailto:melsgrice@gmail.com)

Mel

Consultants  
Alcie Maxwell  
Judy Zinni  
Dale Martens  
Paul Susi

Internet  
Communications  
Julie Mavity-Hudson  
Paul Susi

Newsletter  
Editor  
Mel Grice  
2019 Crosswind Ct.  
Englewood, OH  
45322 USA  
[melsgrice@gmail.com](mailto:melsgrice@gmail.com)

Permission to reprint from **Gleanings** is granted, provided that credit is given to the author and the publication.

## Donations

The Gesneriad Society, Inc. is a tax-exempt organization with an IRS section 501 (c)(3) status for donations. You can make your donations online at [www.gesneriads.org](http://www.gesneriads.org). You may also send your donation (check payable to The Gesneriad Society) to:

Colleen Turley  
8404 West Harrison Court, Fredericksburg, VA 22407 USA  
For additional information, contact: [<colleenturley@pobox.com>](mailto:colleenturley@pobox.com)

## Membership and Changes of Address

The Gesneriad Society Membership Secretary, Bob Clark,  
1122 East Pike Street, PMB 637, Seattle, WA 98122-3916 USA

**Changes of Address** — Send changes of address to the Membership Secretary [<gesneriadsocietymembership@gmail.com>](mailto:gesneriadsocietymembership@gmail.com) 90 days prior to moving to avoid missing an issue. The Society is not responsible for replacing issues missed because of late notification of address changes. Back issues may be ordered from The Gesneriad Society Publications.

**Renewals** — Send dues to the Membership Secretary. A Renewal Notice is sent two months prior to the expiration date of your membership. (The expiration date is printed on your mailing label/ membership card received with each copy of *Gesneriads*.) Please remit your dues prior to the expiration date to avoid missing an issue as we are not responsible for replacing issues missed because of late payment of dues. Back issues may be ordered from Publications.

## Application for Membership — *The Gesneriad Society, Inc.*

WELCOME — membership in our international society includes quarterly issues of *Gesneriads* — *The Journal for Gesneriad Growers*, a copy of *How to Know and Grow Gesneriads*, a packet of gesneriad seeds and a wealth of information about our chapters, flower shows, publications, research, programs and seed fund. Membership begins upon receipt of dues.

☐ **New Member** Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Renewal** Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
FAMILY NAME GIVEN NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET

CITY STATE ZIP CODE COUNTRY

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Affiliation (list only one) \_\_\_\_\_

(Rates in US\$)	Mailing in US 1 year	Mailing in US 3 years	Mailing outside US 1 year	Mailing outside US 3 years
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Individual</b>	\$25	\$70	\$30	\$85
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Household</b>	\$26	\$73	\$31	\$88
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Journal Subscription</b> (organizations, chapters, affiliates)	\$25	\$70	\$30	\$85
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Individual Life</b>	Mailing in USA \$375		Mailing outside USA \$450	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Green Option</b>	Electronic journal copy (no print copy) for Individual or Household Members \$20 (one year), \$55 (three years) anywhere in the world			

**I wish to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Elvin McDonald Research Endowment Fund ☐ Nellie D. Sleeth Scholarship Endowment Fund  
☐ Frances Batcheller Endowment Fund ☐ Students and Speakers Convention Fund ☐ Conservation Fund  
☐ In Honor ☐ Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks or money orders payable in US\$ on a USA bank to: **The Gesneriad Society**

Or, charge my ☐ VISA or ☐ MasterCard

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **The Gesneriad Society Membership Secretary, Bob Clark,**  
1122 East Pike St., PMB 637, Seattle, WA 98122-3916 USA

For application online: [www.gesneriads.org](http://www.gesneriads.org)