



Gleanings

a monthly newsletter from The Gesneriad Society, Inc.

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This issue includes photos of gesneriads blooming now,
photos of entries from the Lone Star African Violet Council
Convention Show, and The Annual Appeal.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor



Columnea sanguinea,
entered by Keitha Graves,
was awarded Best
Gesneriad at the 2025
Lone Star African Violet
Council Convention Show.
See more photos from the
show beginning on page 6.

Dale Martens photo



Blooming now...

Sinningia 'Pirate's Damask'
Mel Grice



Sinningia 'Angora Love'
Mel Grice

Mel Grice photos

Sinningia calcaria
Mel Grice





Sinningia 'Magic Moment'
Jeremy Keene

Jeremy Keene photos

Streptocarpus 'DEM-Medusa'
Jeremy Keene





Sinningia 'BAL Ultraviolet'
Jeremy Keene

Jeremy Keene photos



Saintpaulia 'Jolly Orchid'
Jeremy Keene



Primulina sinovietnamica
Steven Barlow

Steven Barlow photo





Joel Egan photos

Sinningia cardinalis 'compact'
Joel Egan

Joel Egan says, "It is a shorter natural variant of the species with large, striking red flowers."



Gesneriads at the 2025 Lone Star African Violet Council Convention Flower Show

The Spring Branch African Violet Club welcomed everyone to the October 2025, 50th anniversary Lone Star AV Council Convention in Houston, Texas. The show theme was, "Cheers for 50 Years." LSAVC sponsors an annual fall convention with lectures, discussions, plant/supply sales, auctions, and a spectacular show and sale. This year's big winner was Elmer Godeny who won Horticulture Sweepstakes with 30 blue ribbons. He also won Best in Design, Best in Show, and Best Interpretive Plant Arrangement.

Dale Martens



This photo shows both 2nd Best in Show, Saintpaulia 'Rob's Humpty Doo' and Best in Show plus Best Trailer, Saintpaulia 'Rob's Galiwinku.' Both were entered by Elmer Godeny.

Dale Martens photo



Mary Corondan's entry of Saintpaulia 'Optimara Little Intermezzo' won Best Miniature and 3rd Best in Show.

Dale Martens photos



Primulina entries



Saintpaulia 'Sharon Gartner'
Best Standard
Elmer Godeny

Dale Martens photos

Primulina 'Maxtimer'
Elmer Godeny





Save the date
The Gesneriad Society's
Annual Convention
June 29 to July 4, 2026
Westin Chicago North Shore
601 North Milwaukee Ave.
Wheeling, IL 60090

The Gesneriad Society Annual Appeal

The [Annual Appeal](#) helps support gesneriad research, education, and conservation by ensuring that grant money is available for eligible applicants. The target fund for 2025 is **The Nellie D. Sleeth Scholarship Endowment Fund**. This fund establishes guidelines for submitting proposals to the NSSEF committee by student researchers. One or more scholarship awards are made each year to students currently enrolled in a college or university who seek a better understanding of the anatomy, ecology, physiology, relationships, distribution, growth and development, horticultural uses, or the pests and diseases of gesneriads. Donate now! You may make a donation on line by using the link above.

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Happy Holidays!

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The late John Beaulieu created this holiday tree originally in black and white and the late Stan Sudol added the color a few years later.

Thanks to both for sharing!





From the editor –

Thanks to all who sent photos – especially Dale Martens! Please keep them coming so I can share with others.

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

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