

Gleanings

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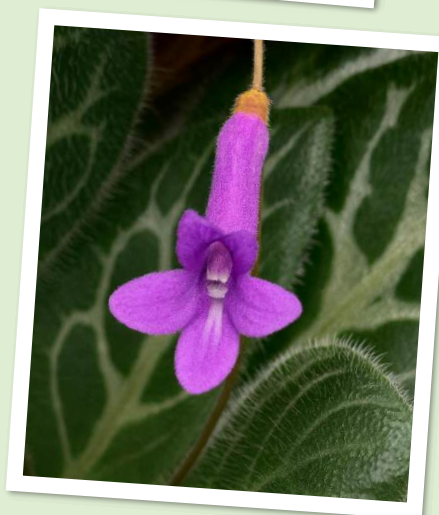
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This issue includes photos of gesneriads blooming now and
photos of entries from the Mid-Atlantic African Violet
Society Convention Show.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor



"*Sinningia* 'SRG's Melon
Delight' blooming at my house
today. This hybrid created by
Serge Saliba always reminds
me of Christmas."

Mel

Mel Grice photo



Blooming now...

"*Aeschynanthus* 'Mira' at the greenhouse of the College of Botanical Sciences Conservatory, University of Minnesota, Saint Paul, Minnesota. It will be in bloom most of the time, so it is great for the pollination labs. Once or twice a year it will go into full bloom but rarely at showtime."

Chas Huston



Chas Huston photo

Primulina linearicalyx
Paul Susi

Photos by the growers



Primulina sinovietnamica

"These tiny flowers are challenging for me to photograph, but this morning's light was just right. Native to the limestone regions of northern Vietnam and southern China, *P. sinovietnamica* produces delicate tubular flowers and notice those golden glandular hairs on the flower stem. The fuzzy, textured foliage is equally beautiful and perfectly adapted to its natural habitat."

Jeremy Keene



Columnea crassicaulis - Vicki Ferguson

"*Amalophyllon clarkii* is a gorgeous little species from Ecuador. While the tiny white blooms are fleeting, those stunning dark-veined leaves steal the show year-round. This one's a true gem for gesneriad collectors who appreciate foliage as much as flowers!"

Jeremy Keene



Photos by the growers



"Saintpaulia 'Watermelon Snow' brightening up the grow room today. Those soft pink double blooms paired with the splashy variegated foliage make this African violet a real beauty. It's easy to see why this one remains a collector favorite!"

Jeremy Keene



Sinningia macropoda

Joel Egan

Joel Egan photos

Gesneriads at the 2025 Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society Convention Flower Show



Aeschynanthus 'Big Apple'
Best Gesneriad
Paul Sorano



Aeschynanthus 'Bolero Bicolor'
Maria Walueff

Karyn Cichocki photos



Streptocarpus 'Dale's Smurf Party'
Linda Corcoran

Karyn Cichocki photos





Sinningia bullata
Barb Borleske

Karyn Cichocki photos



Sinningia bullata x *S. bullata*
Cânion de Fortaleza
Kitty Hedgepeth



Primulina tabacum - Best Primulina - Rodney Barnett

Karyn Cichocki photo



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



From the editor —

Thanks to all who sent photos! 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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