



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 and information about The Gesneriad Society's 2026 Annual Appeal.

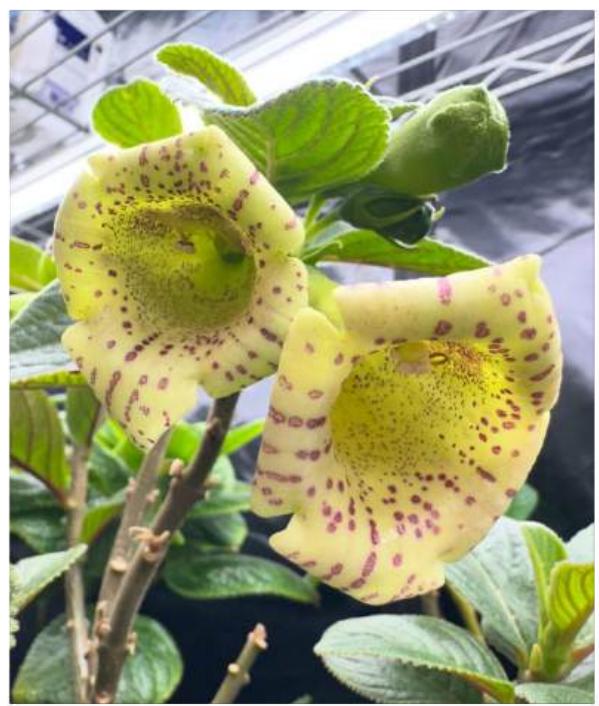
Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor



Paliavana werdermanii is a rarely seen gesneriad species. Check out Joel Egan's photos on page 8.

Joel Egan photo



Blooming now...



Smithiantha (possibly *multiflora*?)
Barb Borleske

Barb Borleske photos



Kohleria 'Selby'
Barb Borleske





Primulina 'Dale's Periwinkle Blush'
Paul Susi



Photos by the growers

"*Drymonia chiribogana* growing under, or actually next to, my light stands. The plant is taller than me and quite happy in its corner between two stands.

Almost every leaf node on the bottom half of two of the stems has multiple flower buds forming."

David Turley



Drymonia chiribogana
David Turley

David Turley photos



Gesneria pedicellaris

"A very floriferous gesneria species. Don't let it EVER dry out, and it will be happy."

Joel Egan

Joel Egan photos



"*Streptocarpus pagonites* with a crab spider in the lower left photo. This rare species is only found on one mountainside in Mpumalanga province in eastern South Africa, growing in near full sun on conglomerate rock. *Pagonites* means bearded which one can clearly see inside the corolla tube."

Carel J. Fourie



Carel J. Fourie photos

Streptocarpus denticulatus growing near the top of the mountainside in Mpumalanga province in eastern South Africa.



Carel J. Fourie photos





"Paliavana werdermanii usually grows as a shrub or small tree. I have it under potted in a 4" pot. It is growing right up alongside the lights. This is the first time this two year old plant has bloomed for me."

Joel Egan

Joel Egan photos

In celebration of **The Gesneriad Society's 75th Anniversary**, the Elvin McDonald Research Endowment Fund has been designated as the focus of the 2026 Annual Appeal and a special, one-year **Diamond Tier** donation level is being recognized.

This initiative honors our founder, Elvin McDonald, while directly supporting one of the Society's most active endowments, which funds multiple researchers each year exploring the world of gesneriads.

A donation of **\$75 per person**, made between January 1 and December 31, 2026, qualifies donors as Diamond Tier members, includes a **Gesneriad Society 75th Anniversary magnet**, and recognition in the journal of The Gesneriad Society, *Gesneriads*. We invite you to join us in honoring our founder and advancing gesneriad research during this milestone year.

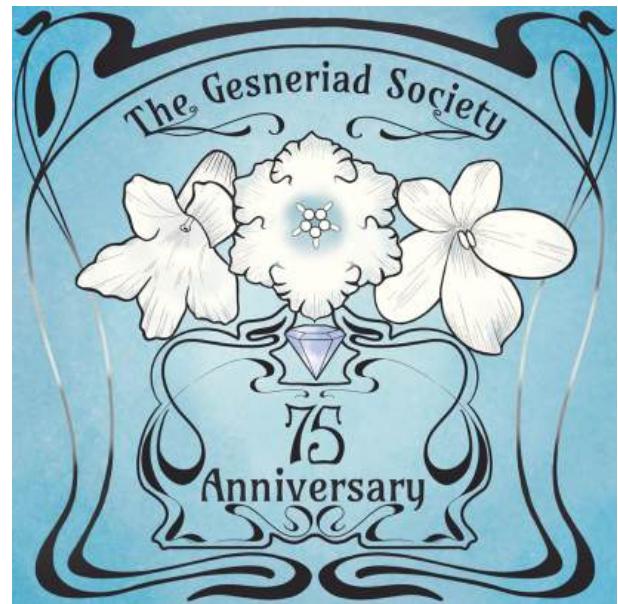
Diamond Tier donation link:

<https://shop.gesneriadsociety.org/products/75th-anniversary-donation>

Questions? Please contact me!

Thank you for your generosity,

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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

