



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

Primulina shouchengensis grown by Erika Schroedersecker.

Erika Schroedersecker photo



Blooming now...



Primulina spinulosa

"This species grows in shaded areas on limestone hills in only one known locality in China. It tends to be collected for medicinal purposes, used for rheumatism and bone ache. The leaves have these "blister bumps" with hairs emerging from some of them. I hand-pollinated the first flower and it took 40 days to ripen. This second round of flowers will find themselves hand-pollinated, too, with seed donated to The Gesneriad Society's seed fund in the future. The pot in the photo is only 2.5-inches and is wick watered and grows under LED lights, 12 hours a day."

Dale Martens

Dale Martens photos





*x**Achimenantha* 'Northwoods Sunburst'
Ron Myhr photo



Columnea orientandina
Joan Sirotiak photo



Columnea NOID
Joan Sirotiak photo

Blooming at Longwood Gardens

Erika Geimonen photos

Seemannia sylvatica



Aeschynanthus 'Mona Lisa'





Streptocarpus 'Blueberry Creme', a subg. *Streptocarpella* plant hybridized by Patrick Worley.

Erika Geimonen photos



Blooming at Longwood Gardens

Kohleria 'Napoleon V'



Erika Geimonen photos

Coming Events

March 21 - 22, 2026 — Glencoe, IL Display & Plant Sale

Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society

Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL 60022

Saturday: March 21 10:00 am. to 4:30 pm.

Sunday: March 22 10:00 am. to 4:30 pm.

Contact: Susan Bradford via [e-mail](#).

March 28, 2026 — Christiana, DE Display & Plant Sale

Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society

Bosco's Department Store, Christiana Town Center, I-95 exit 3A, Christiana, DE 19702

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact: rlafash@comcast.net 302-653-6449

Convention T-Shirts Are Ready!

T-shirts with this year's convention logo are available for purchase from the [store](#) on The Gesneriad Society website. Click on **Apparel** and then **Shirts**, and you'll see the shirts with this year's convention logo on them. They come in men's and women's sizes and in various colors.

None will be sold at the convention, however. They have to be ordered ahead of time and will be delivered to your home address.



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.

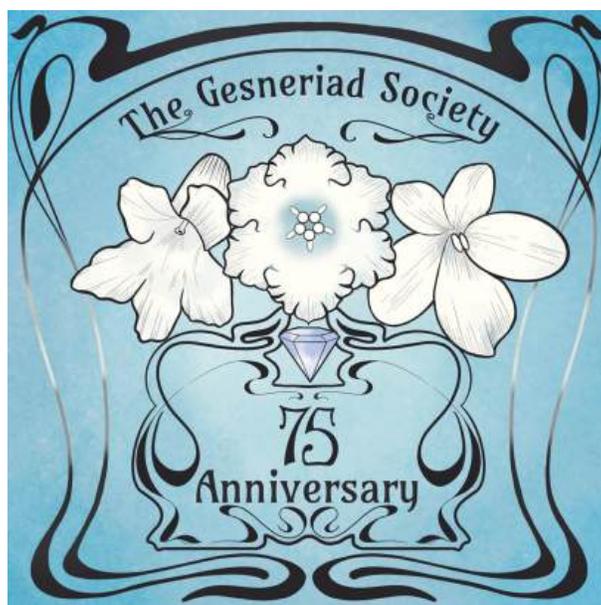
Diamond Tier donation link:

<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

[Register now](#)

