



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, photos from The Philadelphia Flower Show, coming events, and information about The Gesneriad Society Virtual Plant Display.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor



Stephen Covolo-Hudson sent this photo of his hybrid, *Streptocarpus* 'Steffano's Jester.' It is a cross of S. 'Franken Skye' x S. 'Spin Art.'



Blooming now...

Kohleria 'Thad's Uncle Ron'
grown and photographed by Erika
Schroedersecker.
A hybrid created by Thad Scaggs.



Alex Yu photos

Bellonia spinosa



Kohleria 'An's Nagging Macaws'



Kohleria 'HCY's Pink Diamond'



Gesneriads at the Philadelphia Flower Show



Sinningia 'Arkansas Empress'



Sinningia 'Li'l Georgie'

*Note — exhibitor's names are not known because they were not visible when the photos were taken.

Erika Geimonen photos

Henckelia
'Moon Walker'





Barb Borleske, Maria Walueff, and Erika Geimonen were one of three judging panels that selected special awards given by the Liberty Bell chapter of The Gesneriad Society.

Sinningia 'Owsee Red Hot'



Erika Geimonen photos



Codonanthe gracilis



Erika Geimonen and Barb Borleske standing in front of the Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society display.

Gesneriad Society Virtual Plant Display

As you may know, the Gesneriad Society is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. In addition to activities and presentations that will be held during the [annual convention](#) in Wheeling, Illinois, we will be sponsoring an online, non-judged plant display. This display will be open to anyone who grows or photographs gesneriads. It is not restricted to members nor is there a date restriction regarding the photos. Each person may submit up to five photos, in individual emails. The photos should not be resized, other than for minor cropping. The MailChimp mailer has a link to the complete submission guidelines. You may also find them on the [Gesneriad Society website](#).

Coming Events

April 11 - 12, 2026 — Morris Township, NJ Display & Plant Sale

African Violet and Gesneriad Society of New Jersey
The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Haggerty Education Building, 353 East Hanover Ave., Morris Township, NJ 07962

Saturday: April 11 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Sunday: April 12 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact: Ginny Heatter [email](#).

April 12, 2026 — Toronto, ON Show & Plant Sale

Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society
Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Ave. E., Toronto, ON, Canada

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact: Julie Thompson via [email](#) or Brett Flewelling via [email](#).

April 18 - 19, 2026 — Richmond, VA Flower Show & Plant Sale (AVSA and The Gesneriad Society judged shows)

Richmond African Violet Society
Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Ave., Richmond, VA 23228

SHOW: April 18: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 19: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SALE: April 18: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 19: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

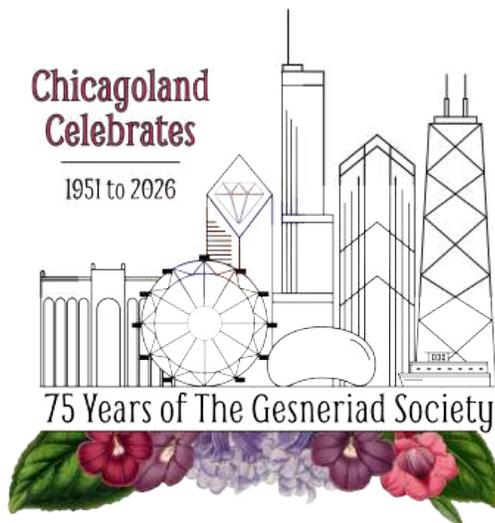
Free parking and admission to show and sale. Entrance fee to gardens.

Contact: Sharon Long via cell:804-814-6294 or [email](#).

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.



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](#)



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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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.

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