



Gleanings

a monthly newsletter from The Gesneriad Society, Inc.

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our journal *Gesneriads*, and original sources)

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This issue includes photos of gesneriads blooming now,
photos from The Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad
Society Flower Show, photos from the Dallas Spring Mini
Flower Show, and coming events.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor

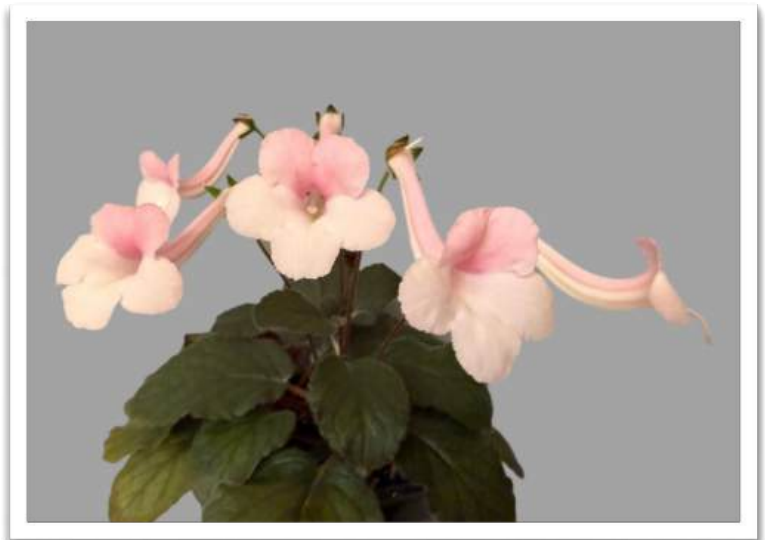


Kohleria 'An's Nagging Macaws'
grown and photographed by Erika
Schroedersecker.
A hybrid created by Vivian Liu.



Blooming now...

Sinningia 'Stone's Gisele'
Mel Grice



Photos by the growers



Kohleria 'Manchu' - Byron Seward

Gesneriads at the Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society Flower Show

James Dean Parise won Best in Horticulture with *Sinningia* 'Malu's Rockin' Robin.'
Margery Anderson-Clive created this hybrid.



Sinningia 'Malu's Rockin' Robin'



James Dean Parise photos



Streptocarpus 'Dale's Polar Blizzard'
Brett Flewelling



Sinningia 'Prudence Risley'
Bruce Williams



Streptocarpus 'Ladyslipper
Strawberry Ice'
Irina Firer



Episcia 'La Solidar Bronze'
Brett Flewelling

James Dean Parise photos



Sinningia 'JDP Purple Pahaad'
Sheila Jones

James Dean Parise photos



Primulina 'Purple Sundae'
Beverley Williams



Episcia 'Unpredictable Valley'
Brett Flewelling

Mel Grice photo



Petrocosmea sericea 'Ice Shards'
Beverley Williams

James Dean Parise photo

Gesneriads at the Dallas Spring Mini Flower Show

Show was sponsored by three Dallas area African violet clubs (Alpha African Violet Society, First African Violet Society of Dallas, and First Nighter African Violet Society of Dallas).

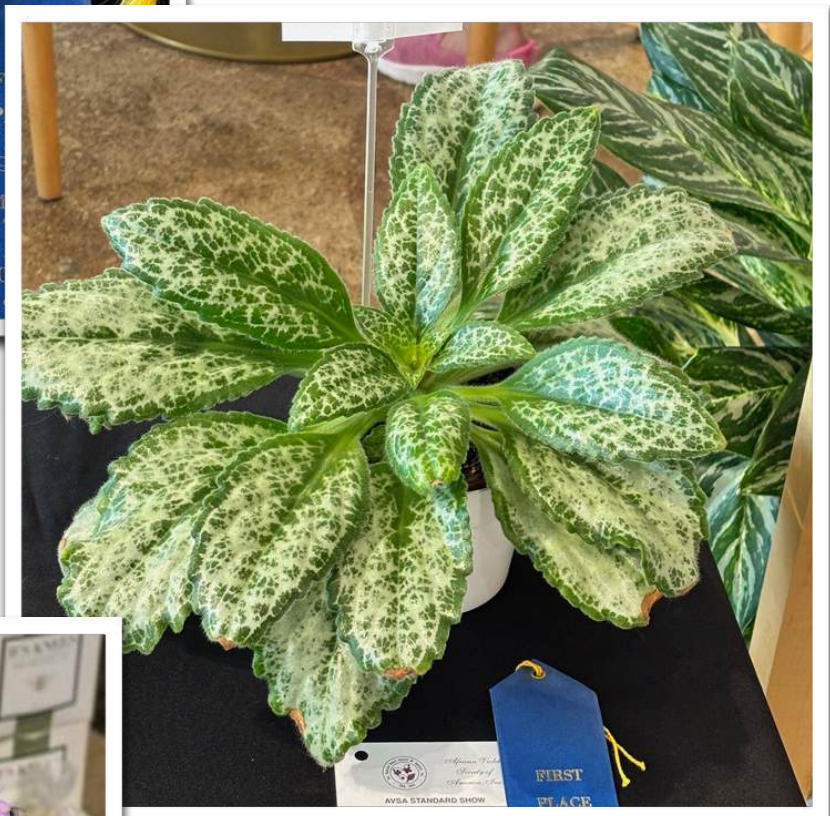
Streptocarpus 'Dale's Wee Wasp'
Carol Vaughn
Best Gesneriad

Carol Vaughn photo





Streptocarpus 'Morning Magic'
Diane Miller



Primulina dryas 'Hisako'
Ron Davidson



Saintpaulia 'Hunter's Profusion'
Ann Athey

Alcie Maxwell photos

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 complete guidelines are available on the [Gesneriad Society website](#). The deadline for submission is April 30, 2026.

Coming Events

May 2-3, 2026 — Amherst, NY

Flower Show & Plant Sale

African Violet and Gesneriad Society of Western NY

Audubon Public Library, 350 John J. Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY 14228

Saturday: 1-6 p.m.

Sunday: Noon-3:30 p.m.

Contact: Deb Donaldson playmisty4me63@msn.com

May 2-3, 2026 — Oyster Bay, NY

Flower Show & Plant Sale

Long Island Gesneriad Society

Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771

Saturday: 1 to 4 p.m.

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

Contact: Marilyn Heinrich marilyn.heinrich@connect.stonybrook.edu

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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Application for Membership — *The Gesneriad Society, Inc.*

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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