



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 photos from Carel J. Fourie of *Streptocarpus fasciatus* growing in South Africa.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor



Stephen Covolo-Hudson sent this photo of his new streptocarpus hybrid. It is a cross of *Streptocarpus* 'Vmee's Sweet Words' x *S.* 'Steffano's Double Take.'



Blooming now...

Sinningia globulosa × *S. cardinalis*
'Skydiver'
Peter Shalit's four-year-old hybrid
plant

All photos in this issue by the growers
unless otherwise indicated



Primulina nandanensis
Mel Grice





Sinningia 'Spanish Skirts'
Vicki Ferguson

Saintpaulia 'Hunter's Whitetail
Fawn'
Vicki Ferguson



Streptocarpus fasciatus

Carel J. Fourie



Carel J. Fourie holding on to a small crack in the granite to photograph the amazing *Streptocarpus fasciatus* in the Crocodile Gorge in Mpumalanga, South Africa. This species is endemic to a small region east of Nelspruit (Mbombela) and flowers late summer and early autumn, much later than most of the other species in the streptocarpus cyaneus complex.



Carel J. Fourie photos



*Streptocarpus
fasciatus*

Carel J. Fourie photos



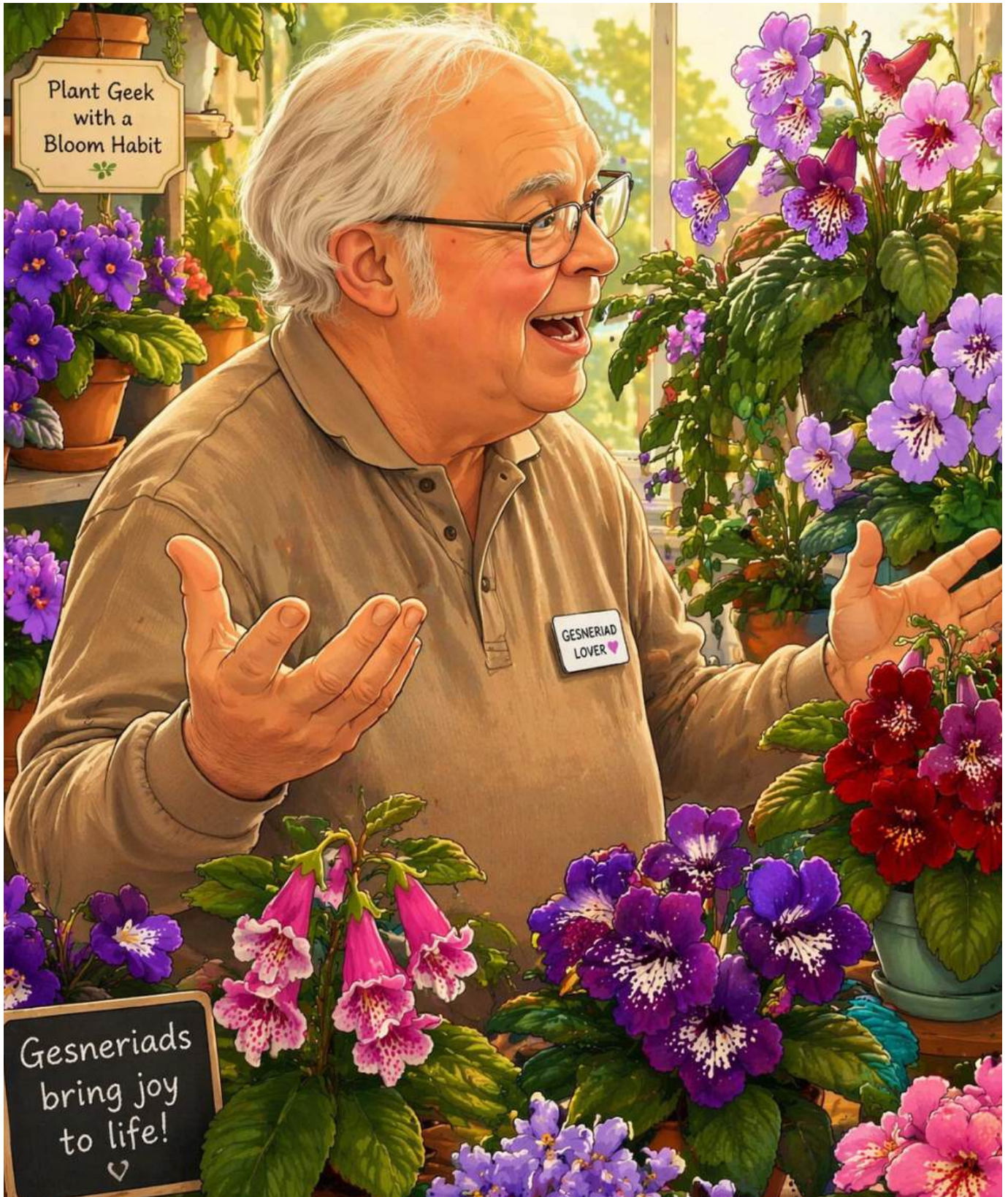


*Streptocarpus
fasciatus*



Carel J. Fourie photos

AI artwork created by Terri Vicenzi



2026 Convention Dates to Remember

Register and reserve your hotel room early!

- June 1 Donation deadline for Flower Show awards.
- June 1 Reservation deadline for artistic and arts entries and for educational and commercial exhibits.
- June 5 Hotel reservation deadline for convention room rates.
(Note: Convention rates will not be honored after our room block is filled, which could be before this date so reserve your room early.)
- June 15 Last day to order convention meals to be served at the Westin Hotel.
- June 20 Last day to email your show entry form to Judi Du Pont
< 2manyhobbies2@gmail.com
- June 22 Reminder: email your completed auction donation form.
- June 28 Judging School registration deadline. (Be reminded that no registrations will be accepted at convention.)

To register for convention online, go to

gesneriadsoc.regfox.com/the-gesneriad-society-2026-convention

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. Allow at least 3 weeks for delivery.



New *Gleanings* cumulative index

Terri Vicenzi has compiled a cumulative index of articles, authors, and plant photos that have appeared in *Gleanings* for the first fifteen years of publication.

The index can be found near the top of the *Gleanings* page on The Gesneriad Society website. (See sample below)

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From the editor —

Thanks to all who sent photos and artwork! 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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