



# 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 the recent African Violet Society of America Flower Show.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

**Mel Grice**, Editor



*Petrocosmea sericea* grown by Quad Cities African Violet Society member Bill Zink.

All photos in this issue by the growers unless otherwise indicated



# Blooming now...



Saintpaulia 'Hunter's  
Whitetail Fawn'  
Terri Vicenzi

*Primulina* 'GCCC's Morganite'  
Terri Vicenzi



*Pearcea hypocyrtiflora*  
Paul Kroll





*Achimenes candida*  
Dale Martens



*Primulina* 'GCCC's Pezzottaite'  
Dale Martens

# Gesneriads at the African Violet Society of America Show 2026

*Episcia* 'Pink Dreams'  
Best Other Gesneriad  
in Amateur Classes  
Kevin Degner



*Primulina sinovietnamica*  
Best Other Gesneriad in  
Commercial Classes  
BJ Ohme



Dale Martens photos



Saintpaulia 'Windsome'  
Best in Show  
Anna Lammarsen



Saintpaulia 'Sizzlin' Romance'  
Kathy Hajner



Saintpaulia 'Rob's Galiwinku' - Elmer Godeny



*Chrysothemis pulchella*  
'Bronze Leaf'  
Robert McMeel

*Smithiantha* 'Malu's Good and Plenty'  
Mary Corondan



*Streptocarpus* 'Spin Art'  
Janis Theophanes

Alcie Maxwell photos



*Primulina dryas* 'Hisako'  
Carol Vaughn



*Sinningia* 'Mackenzie'  
Diane Miller



*Episcia* 'Cleopatra'  
Kimberly McAbee

Alcie Maxwell photos



*Streptocarpus* 'Bristol's Sally Mander' - Janis Theophanes



*Episcia* 'Blue Nile' - Jill Reiss

Alcie Maxwell photos

## 2026 Convention Dates to Remember

Register and reserve your hotel room early!

- 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](mailto: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](http://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.





**From the editor —**

Special thanks to Dale and Alcie and all who sent photos for this issue! 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](mailto:melsgrice@gmail.com)

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