



Gleanings

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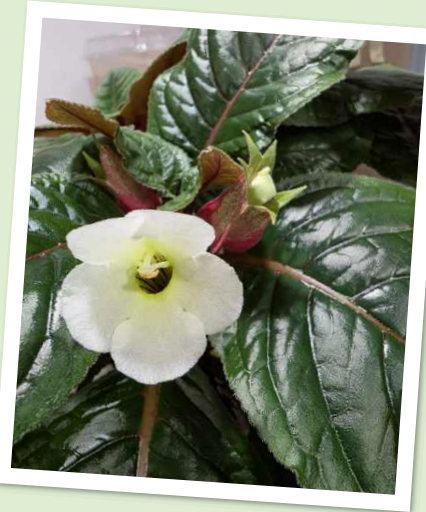
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This issue includes photos of gesneriads blooming now, a crossword puzzle by Michelle Worhacz, and photos from the recent Gesneriad Society Convention Flower Show in Chicagoland.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor



Other photos from
The Gesneriad
Society Flower Show
begin on page 4.

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Mel Grice unless otherwise
indicated



Blooming now...

Sinningia helleri
Louise Cheung

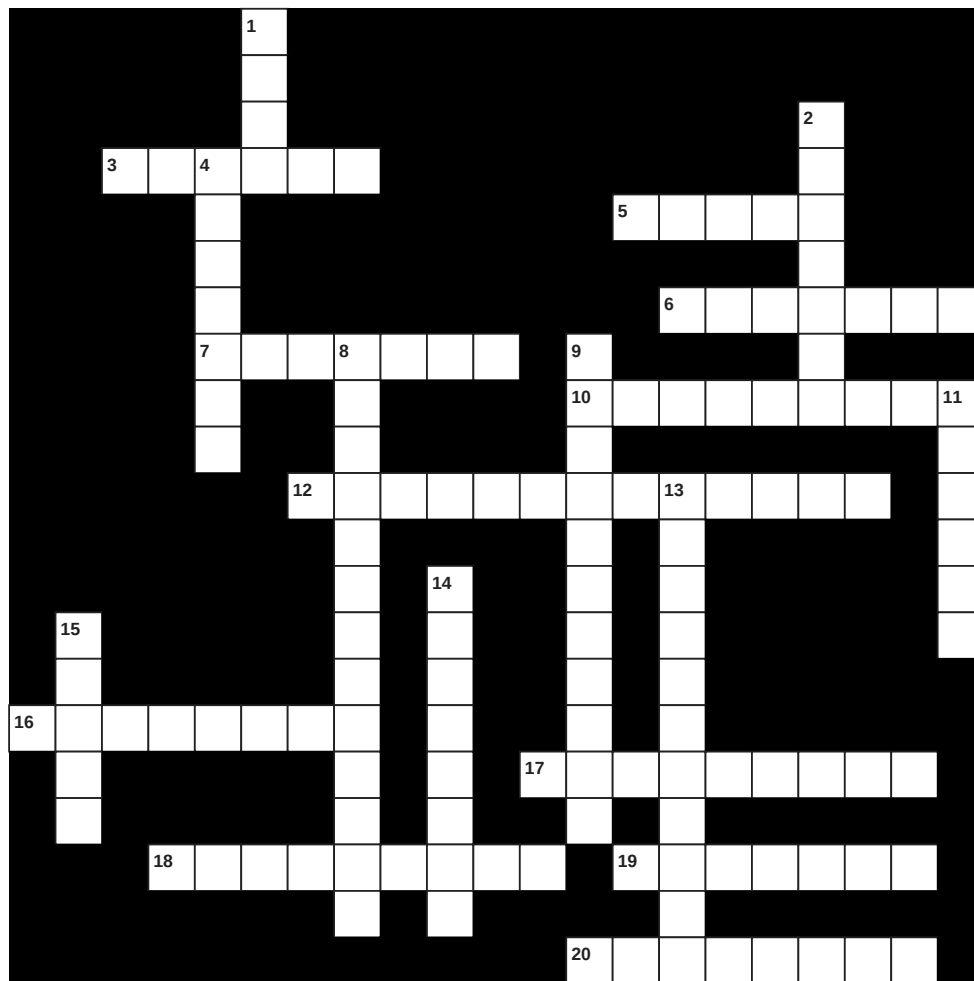
Louise Cheung photos



The Gesneriad Geek Crossword

Twenty answers from the family Gesneriaceae: genera, propagation, and growing culture

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Across

3. Basal offset removed to preserve single-crown form on an exhibition specimen
5. Underground storage organ that lets a Sinningia persist through dormancy
6. Leaf stalk inserted into propagating medium to induce adventitious plantlets
7. Stoloniferous genus grown primarily for ornamental foliage variegation
10. Rhizomatous genus sensitive to cold irrigation water
12. Epiphytic genus bearing tubular corollas emerging from dark calyces
16. Trailing epiphytic genus with bilabiate, hooded corollas
17. Genus encompassing large-flowered hybrids and miniature species such as *S. pusilla*
18. Genus that absorbed most of *Chirita*
19. Scaly underground stem of *Achimenes* and *Kohleria*
20. Genus that lent the whole family its name

Down

1. Watering method using a cord and a reservoir
2. White volcanic mineral that keeps propagating mix aerated
4. Genetics behind pinwheel blooms; won't come true from leaf
8. Genus of rosulate and caulescent species native to southern and eastern Africa
9. Genus formerly recognized separately, now synonymized under 8 down
11. Runner that 7 across sends out
13. Genus with pouched, waxy corollas and glossy foliage
14. Fuzzy-flowered rhizomatous genus with speckled throats
15. Rosette center; rots if water sits in it

Answers on page 9

Gesneriads at The Gesneriad Society Convention Flower Show 2026



Streptocarpus 'Iced Artistry'
Dale Martens



Sinningia 'California Sunset'
Jim Vlasic

Sinningia 'Dale's Pink Cockatoo'
Lan Wu



Kohleria 'Bud's Lava Bomb'
Brandon Erikson





Episcia 'Tiger Stripes'
Erika Geimonen

×*Smithicodonia* 'Heartland's Joy'
Vicki Ferguson



Sinningia 'Bud's Galadriel'
Jim Vlastic



Primulina 'Jo Anne Martinez'
Gary Mikita



Saintpaulia 'Hunter's
Whitetail Fawn'
Terri Vicenzi



Primulina 'Deco'
Gary Mikita



Primulina 'JV The Dark One'
Vicki Ferguson

