



Gleanings

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This issue includes photos of gesneriads blooming now,
photos from the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) Flower
Show and Alex Yu's photos of gesneriads growing in China
and Japan.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings**!

Mel Grice, Editor



Achimenes 'SRG's Strawberry
Lemon' shown by Ron Myhr at
the Canadian National
Exhibition (CNE) Flower
Show. (Red ribbons denote
first place there.)

Other photos from The CNE
Flower Show begin on page 3.

Ron Myhr photo



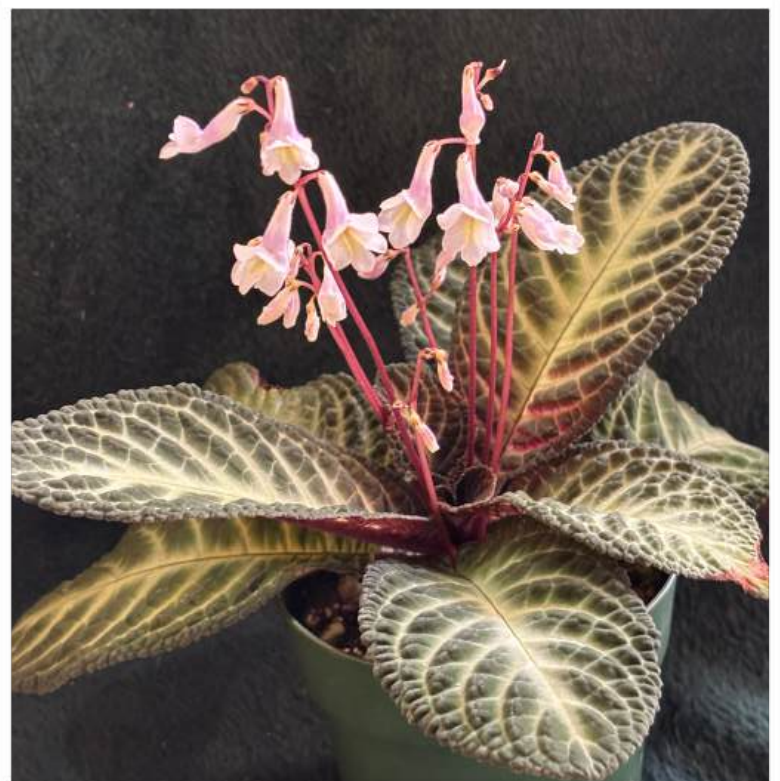
Blooming now...

Codonoboea amoena
Ray Coyle

Codonoboea is a genus that isn't that common in cultivation.

According to the Gesneriad Reference Web, "most grow in Peninsular Malaysia, but species are also found in S. Thailand, Sumatra, Singapore, Borneo, Palawan (the Philippines), Sulawesi and New Guinea. *Codonoboea* is confined to primary forest where it is ubiquitous from the lowlands to the highlands occurring on granite, sandstone and in quartz-derived soils or rocks, but it is noticeably absent from limestone and aquatic habitats."

Ray Coyle photos



Gesneriads at The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) Flower Show 2026

The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) in Toronto was held in the last weeks of August. There was a horticulture show during the entire length of the event. The “show” is actually a series of individual shows. Specialty shows (gesneriads, begonias, orchids) were held. Ron Myhr exhibited and sent the photos on the following pages.

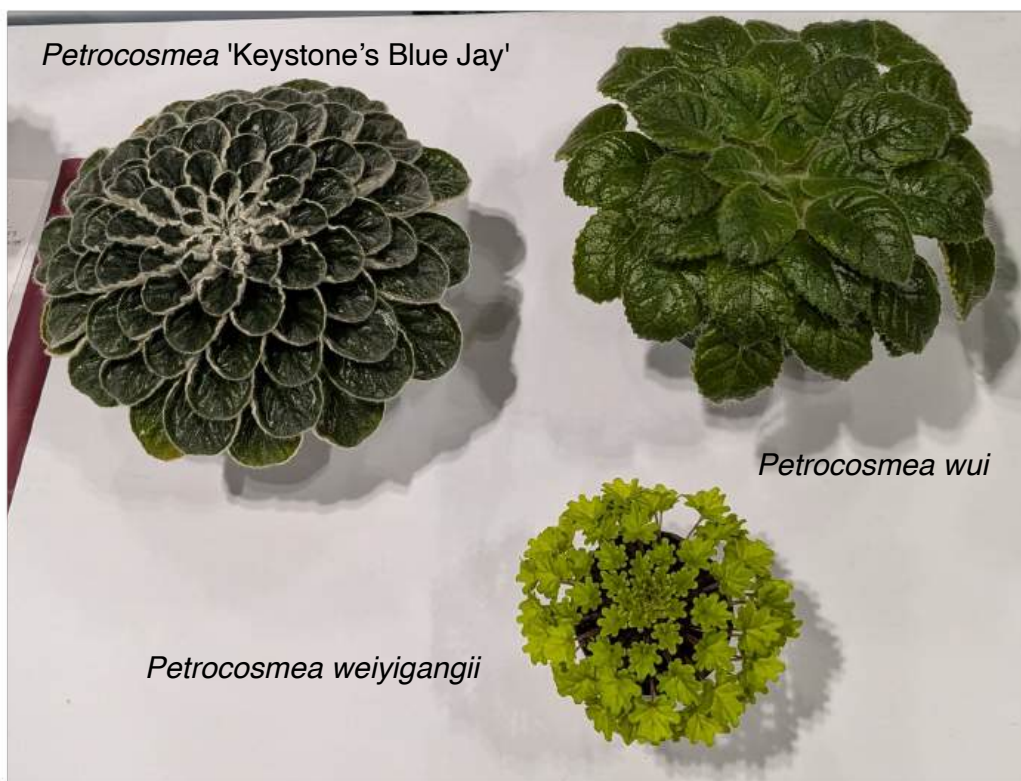
Note that a First in Canada gets a **RED** ribbon, Seconds get **BLUE**.



Achimenes 'Ambroise Verschaffelt'
Ron Myhr



Beverley Williams with her Best in Show petrocosmea collection.





Streptocarpus 'Dale's
Dancing Fairies'
Bruce Williams

Achimenes 'SRG's Sweet Giant'
Ron Myhr





Judy Zinni photo



Alsobia 'Daughter of Lolth'
received a first and a
special judge's choice
award.
Ron Myhr

Primulina 'GCCC's Purple
Sweet Potato Cake'
Beverley Williams

Some Gesneriads from China and Japan

Alex Yu

I've recently traveled to Asia and have photographed several gesneriads in situ.

Paraboea rufescens - *P. rufescens* was found growing throughout the Stone Forest (Shi Lin) National Scenic Area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in Yunnan, China. Only one plant was observed in flower. Plants were found scattered throughout the karst limestone formations, often growing in small potholes and cracks. They were often found associated with *Peperomia tetraphylla* and *leptostachya*, *Stephania* sp., *Sinocrassula* sp., *Asplenium* sp., and *Adiantum malesianum*.



Corallodiscus lanuginosus - *C. lanuginosus* was found further north in Yunnan, primarily in the Shangrila area. They were observed most abundantly around the Tiger Leaping Gorge (Hu Tiao Xia) park. Plants were among exposed rock formations, often in crevices or vertical surfaces. Plants were found in large



swathes. This species was also later observed in alpine regions of Napa Lake (Napa Hai) scenic area. These plants were very hardy, found growing with many alpines. *C. lanuginosus* is a fine candidate for alpine rock gardens.

Rhynchotechum discolor - *R. discolor* was found in Okinawa, Japan, in the wet understories of forests on calciferous soils. No plants were observed in flower, but buds were seen. Plants were often found associated with *Melastoma candidum*, *Farfugium japonicum*, *Polia* sp., *Dianella ensifolia*, *Ficus pumila* 'Quercifolia,' and many ferns. This species is also the only gesneriad known to occur on this island.



Oreocharis cf. *maximowiczii* - An *Oreocharis*, likely *O. maximowiczii*, was observed in local abundance at the base of Tianmu Mountain (Tianmu Shan). Many plants, none in flower, were found growing on wet calciferous slopes.



Hemiboea subcapitata - *H. subcapitata* was found in abundance on forested slopes of Tianmu Mountain (Tianmu Shan), growing in the wet and shady understory. Having visited at the start of the rainy season, the skies were pouring by the time these plants were seen.



From the editor —

Please keep your submissions 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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