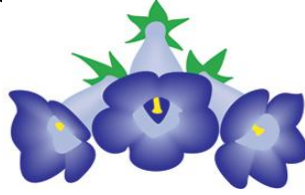


Petal Tones



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Donna's Sinningia 'An's Ny'

President's Message

Today is March 2, and the weather is typical of March, cold and warm, 60's and 30's! Let's hope for great weather for our show. Maybe 65-70 with no wind but some cloud cover so that no sun will find its way into the Show Room to cook anything under glass.

I expect a really nice show. We've got two teams of judges coming and if necessary we'll use judges from our own group to speed things along to get the show open on time. I've got lots of sale plants scattered around the house that still need to be potted up for sale, and there'll be lots of cuttings for sale too.

I hope you've all got at least one plant to enter. Or decide to enter at least one arrangement. Or draw a picture or crochet a Columnea sweater. Participate. It doesn't matter how you do it. Just do it.

NCAC meetings are held at BEHNKES NURSERIES
11300 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705

Behnkes opens at 8:00am if you would like to browse and shop before the meeting. We gather at 10am to get set up, with the meeting beginning at 10:30am. Meet usually the second Saturday of the month. \$10 yearly dues.

March 12th: Show discussion and Plant Preparation for Show
Plant of the Month: Nautilocalyx

March 18 – 20, 2016 NCAC Show at Behnkes

April 9th: Plant Hunters, more info in calendar.
Plant of the Month: Kohleria

You should all have received a pre-entry form to send to Kitty. Fill it out as soon as you know what you're going to enter. Fill out several as you add more to what you want to enter. Send one with the Arts and Artistic Entries. Send another a couple days before the meeting with your plants. Bring another with you at the day you bring your plants. Just don't repeat entries from one form or another. Remember to that there are only 4 entries allowed per design class. If you're going to do anything "Bondish" make a reservation with Corey. It takes time for her to cut up the niches for each entry.

I hope all your plants are waking up and putting on a nice new growth spurt for the spring. Don't know how they know it when they're growing under lights, but they do! They know its spring and can stop their Winter rest.

Happy Growing. Happy Showing. Jim

Bloomin' Now



Barb's *Kohleria* 'An's Nagging Macaws'



Barb's *Primulina* 'Gotham'



Barb's *Kohleria* 'Peridot's Rolo'



Barb's *Primulina* 'Little Dragon'





Barb's *Streptocarpus* 'Blue Mars'



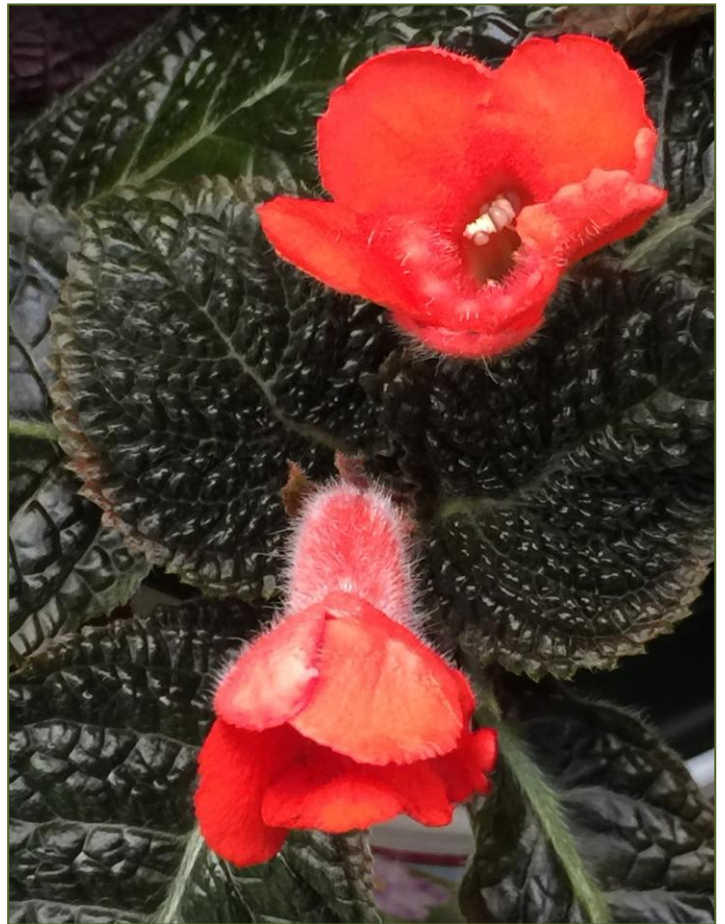
Drew's *Sinningia* 'Red Feather'



Drew's *Sinningia gigantifolia* 'Campanos'



Drew's *Sinningia* 'Miriam G'



Drew's *Nautilocalyx erythranthus* ined. "Ined." means the name is indispute. The name published by John L Clarke It is not hard to grow, though leaf edges can brown which Drew suspects is intolerate to water soluble fertilizer and not lack of humidity.



SSDrew's *Nautilocalyx porphyrotrichus*



Sinningia 'Arkansas Empress' displayed at the Philadelphia Flower Show and grown by Lynne Cook and Troy Ray with Photo by Johanna Zinn



Drew's *Sinningia* 'Owlsee's Red Hot'



Sinningia 'Prudence Risley' displayed at the Philadelphia Flower Show grown by Alice Doering and photo by Johanna Zinn



Sinningia 'Stone's Yulia' displayed at the Philadelphia Flower Show grown by Lynn Cook and Troy Ray. Photo by Johanna Zinn



Primulina 'Loki' displayed at the Philadelphia Flower Show grown by Lynn Cook and Troy Ray. Photo by Johanna Zinn



Episcia 'Pink Smoke' displayed at the Philadelphia Flower Show grown by Lynn Cook and Troy Ray. Photo by Johanna Zinn



Sinningia leucitricha displayed at the Philadelphia Flower Show grown by Lynn Cook and Troy Ray. Photo by Johanna Zinn



Mr. Gesneriad

Barb's question:

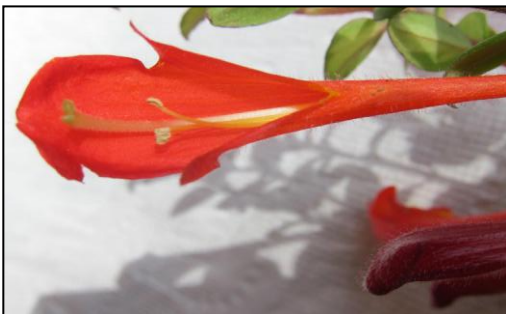
I am repotting some Kohleria. One has a couple of young sprouts and some dormant rhizomes. Should I separate the dormant rhizomes from the actively growing plants or keep

them all in the same pot?

Mr. G: I would deprecate out the dormant rhizomes and all but 3 growing tips. Otherwise the plant will look crowded as it matures and will likely show some stress from a crowded root system.

I.D. Please!!

Johanna recently purchased this little plant. Can anyone help her identify it? There was no label.



Plant of the Month for 2016

Mar	Nautilocalyx
Apr	Kohleria
May	lesser known gesneriads (suggested list to follow)
June	Columnea
July	Achimenes
Aug	Eucadonia
Sept	Episcia (program)
Oct	Chrysothemis
Nov	Aeschynanthus
Dec	Seemannia

Here is the list of our Plants of the Month. This list is not set in stone and members can request a particular plant be featured; however, the plants that go along with the program for the month will be more firm, such as Episcias in September for Drew's program on Episcias. Members can bring in featured plants for show-and-tell or to show and be judged. It would also be a good time to bring in extras of the plant in subject for the raffle table. Barb

Note from the Editor: To encourage members to contribute content to our Petal Tones newsletter the following incentives have been approved.

- 5 raffle tickets with 3 month expiration will be given to each member who submits an article with 3-5 paragraphs in length on a specific topic.
- 3 tickets with a 3 month expiration will be given to each member who submits 5 pictures
- \$25 gift certificate of the winner's choosing will be given for best article of the year
- \$10 gift certificate will be given for best photo of the year, to be voted on at the end of the year.

Also I would be glad to "clean up" any photographs before publishing in Petal Tones if you would like. Please share you experiences with your plants in a short article, or a visit to a green house or to another plant lover's collection. You'd be surprised how other folks will enjoy reading about your experiences! Thanks so much! Donna



NCAC Meeting Program Schedule for 2016

March 2016: Show Discussion and Preparing plants for show and sale

March 18, 19, 20th: Spring Show

April 2016: Plant Hunters:

This will be a group participation program. In March, 5 ransom people will be selected (more to come on how, in March) and asked to submit a few paragraphs or 15 minutes worth of information, on a botanist, growing technique, historical facts regarding horticulture, or a personal Gesneriad related trip to see Gesneriads in situ or large herbarium collections. If chosen, club member(s) chosen does not wish to present before the group, Drew will take the information and present on the member's behalf.

May 2016: Review of NCAG and Baltimore AV Spring Shows (labeled slide show) and there will be a presentation of cultural recommendations, from growers outside the club (mostly and hopefully), pertaining to the care of an exceptional species/variety, or a single Gesneriad genus. The Presenter is to be determined.

June 2016: Hands on Hybridizing by Jim Roberts

July 2016: Summer picnic

July 2016: National Convention Wilmington, DE

August 2016: Hands on Terrarium Workshop, with materials provided to set up and maintain a small terrarium Gesneriad. Presenter TBA

September 2016: Episcias: Varieties, Culture, and botanical History, presented by Drew Norris

October 2016: Karyn Cichocki will discuss her Gesneriad Collecting Trip to Ecuador. Nominating panel for election of new officers will be determined.

November 2016: Meeting at the Mid-Atlantic African Violet Show with Jim Roberts and Drew Norris discussing setting up grow light stands.

December 2016: Holiday Party
New officers are elected

January 2017: MAAVS Slide Show and discussion, Presenter to be determined.
New Officer Installation

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Gesneriad Society Webinar Information

Each webinar (live or anytime) will cost \$9.95 and may be ordered at <http://shop.gesneriadsociety.org/>

Information for live webinars

All live webinars will begin at 9 p.m. EST (or, 8 p.m. CST, 7 p.m. MST and 6 p.m. PST). Orders received within 24 hours of the event may not be able to be accommodated and the person will be advised as to options. The viewing link will be sent within 24 hours of the order, and a reminder email will be sent one hour before the presentation. Please note that, while you can have as many people as you want in the room listening, you cannot share your link with others. You will be able to ask questions.

Information for anytime webinars

"Anytime webinars" will be available the day after the live webinar. The viewing link will be sent within 48 hours of placement of the order. Please note that while you can have as many people as you want in the room listening, you cannot share your link with others. You will not be able to ask questions. The anytime webinar will be available for one month following the live webinar.

April 5, 2016

Meet the Gesneriad Family: Learn about the African Violet Sister Plants

While the names of some gesneriads might be difficult to pronounce, growing them is just a matter of knowing what to do. Many are quite accommodating and grow in the same conditions as African violets. In fact, most violet growers have at least one or two other gesneriads in their collection. Are you not quite certain where to start? The Gesneriad Society is now offering you a unique opportunity to listen to one of its own members share her considerable expertise on this subject. The "any time" viewing period will be April 6-May 6. The Society launched this modestly priced venture with one of its best growers, hybridizers and educators, Dale Martens, the Back to Basics columnist for the Gesneriads journal. She is the 2014 winner of Best in Show at The Gesneriad Society's annual convention, and she discusses growing and showing a variety of gesneriads. Perhaps you've seen Dale Martens postings on several discussion groups. Now, you'll have the opportunity to listen to her discuss how you can grow all sorts of gesneriads. This promises to be an information-packed hour that will open your eyes to the beauty of the "other gesneriads."