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Barbara's natural garden she created for a program she gave last month. It still needs some finishing touches, such as moss and grooming.

President's Message:

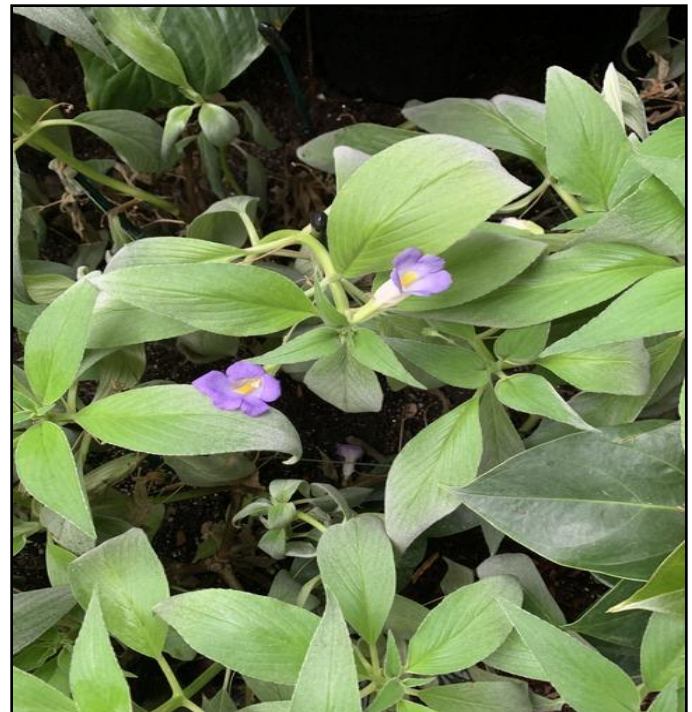


It's been a cold winter but inside the grow room, Gesneriads continue to grow and bloom, anticipating shows this spring that will showcase why we love having them in our homes. Current pandemic setbacks have us going back to virtual meetings for a while, but hopefully with numbers slowly dropping and updated vaccine regimens, we can return to in-person meetings again soon. In the meantime, we have a series of exciting programs curated by Barbara and a mini-show that Bob is putting together for the fall. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Zoom meeting and what plants you have for show-and-tell. Minh

Join Zoom Meeting
Saturday, February 12th at 10:30am

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88565060031?pwd=R0k5c1NsTVJMek0xYWtidUU0UWk2dz09>
Meeting ID: 885 6506 0031
Passcode: 070025

Zoom: February 14, 2022 Thrips & other pests by Barb
Zoom: March 12, 2022 Propagating African Violets by Dale Martens
April NO MEETING: Road trip to RAVS's Show
May 8, 2022 Growing Gesneriads Outdoors in Summer
June 12, 2022 Design Workshop
July NO MEETING
August 14, 2022 Mini Show Preparation
Sept 11, 2022 Mini Show
October 9 2022 Mycorrhiza Explained by a Novice
November 13, 2022 TBS
December 13, 2022 Holiday Celebration



Henckelia 'Moon Walker' at Longwood Gardens

Bloomin' Now



Dave's *Columnea scheidiana*



Dave's *Sinningia* 'Mod Imp'



Dave's *Sinningia* 'April Snow' "On steroids!"



Nadya's *Streptocarpus* fave!

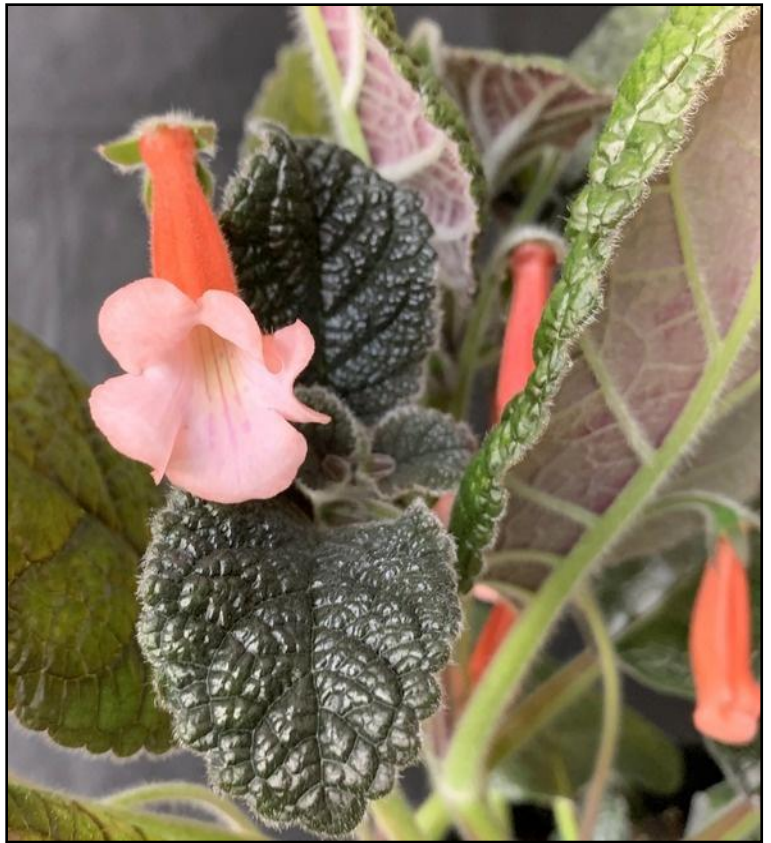


Janet's gorgeous *Streptocarpus* 'Harlequin Lace' reminds us spring will come eventually! She is growing it on her kitchen windowsill.

Bloomin' Now



Donna's *Sinningia* 'Anne Crowley' x self



Close up of *Sinningia* 'Anne Crowley'



Barbara: "A *Saintpaulia* NOID with unusual blossoms I bought recently. This looks a little like a puff fantasy, but may just be a sport issue. It will be interesting to see if this pattern continues on other blossoms."

Jim's pictures of *Sinningia magnifica* during his trip to Brazil. "Spectacular plant to try here in Florida!"



Bloomin' Now



Bill's *Henckelia moonii*



Bill's *Sinningia* 'Anne Crowley'



Bill's *Nautilocalyx* 'Berle Marx'



Donna's *Sinningia bullata*

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The National Capital Area Chapter of the Gesneriad Society welcomes all interested Gesneriad growers. The most familiar Gesneriad is Saintpaulia, more commonly known as the African Violet.

Dues are \$10 per year You can send your payment to NCAC into our Assistant Treasurer, Andy Meier via PayPal using the email address: ncacotgs-gesneriads@yahoo.com. Please include a note with your Name, Address, Phone number & email address.

Back issues from previous years available on website. Membership runs the calendar year and can be pro-rated.

The international Gesneriad Society is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the study, growing and enjoyment of the gesneriaceae. Membership dues are \$25 /year for individuals and \$26 for a family. Benefits include seed fund of hard-to-find plants, reference materials, yearly convention & cultural webinars.

National membership requests should be sent to:

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Membership includes a subscription to the society journal, Gesneriads. You can subscribe on line also.

<http://www.gesneriadsociety.org/>

The Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society and Lakeshore African Violet societies are planning on having their spring shows in 2022. Here is the information:

The Lakeshore African Violet Society of Toronto will be holding their Annual Show & Sale Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 9:00am to 4:00pm St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 61 West Deane Park Drive, Etobicoke, Ontario, M9B 2S1 Free Admission and parking Theme: "Let's Celebrate"

Website: <https://lakeshoreavs.com/>

For more information please contact Beverley Williams Show Chairman

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Or contact Doris Brownlie at T. 905-270-6776

[Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society-Annual show & sale](#)

April 10, 2022 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
777 Lawrence Avenue, East, North York, Ontario, M3C1P2

Toronto African Violet & Gesneriad Society annual show & sale Theme: "Flowers Coast to Coast" Sunday: April 10, 2022 from 9:00am to 4:00pm Admission is \$2 For more information please contact Julie Thompson via e-mail or Brett Flewelling via e-mail or phone (289) 239-8023

FOR IN PERSON MEETINGS ONCE THEY BEGIN:

National Capital Area Chapter of the Gesneriad Society
Emmanuel United Methodist Church
10755 Scaggsville Road, Laurel, MD 20723

Room 3 on the lower level. To protect the preschool from COVID issues, please follow all CDC guidelines, including wearing of masks and wiping down all surfaces at the end of each meeting. We would also ask you to enter the building via the upstairs back Narthex entrance, use the upstairs bathrooms, and not venture into the preschool area. **NO PEANUT PRODUCT ALLOWED!**

January 2022 is our first 'In Person' meeting. The meeting will also be available via Zoom to our members who prefer to stay home and join the meeting.