

PETAL TONES



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Barry's *Sinningia cardinalis*



Another red flower on Johanna's *Sinningia* 'Towering Inferno'

NCAC Member Meeting in Person
Saturday, August 13, 2022 10:30am
Emmanuel United Methodist Church
10755 Scaggsville Road, Laurel, MD 20723

Zoom Meeting for those who cannot attend in person:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82366994552?pwd=TG1vZTFHTHNwT3luclFQZXZhbCtzdz09>

Meeting ID: 823 6699 4552
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- Aug 13th Mini Show Preparation
- Sept 10th Mini Show (Raffle & Auction)
- Oct 8th Jim Roberts "Grow Gesneriads in Florida"
- Nov 12th Webinar or field trip to MAAVS
- Dec 10th Holiday Celebration

Going Green

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A Gesneriad Flower Show Sponsored by the
**NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER OF THE
GESNERIAD SOCIETY**

Emmanuel United Methodist Church,
10755 Scaggsville Road
Laurel, MD 20723

Show September 10, 2022 1- 5 PM
Plant Auction and Raffles

Contact Bill Schmidt schmidt.wc@verizon.net

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Alsobia chiapensis: Originally distributed as *Alsobia* sp. 'Chiapas', the species has been formally named *A. chiapensis*. It has been crossed with *A. punctata*, but that seedling is not presently in cultivation. Unlike other species in the genus, *A. chiapensis* is not normally stoloniferous.

It appears that there are at least two similar forms of this species in cultivation. One, has white flowers with few spots on the upper lobes. Others, have more yellow in the flowers, and have some spotting on the upper lobes.

Jim Roberts: "Those who know me from the plant world know that I've done some hybridizing. This is a hybrid that I've been watching for 5 or 6 years now. It's a hybrid of *Alsobia chiapensis* (from Chiapas, Mexico) x *Alsobia baroniae* (from Belize). I have 12 seedlings that I've been watching and this is likely going to be my final choice for registration. It grows a bit more compact than some of the others - although it's still a big plant - and has a good bud count. Haven't finalized a name yet."



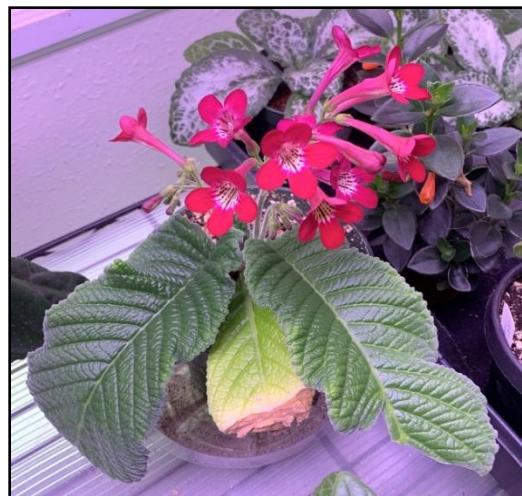
Alsobia chiapensis



Alsobia baroniae

Alsobia baroniae: *Alsobia* sp. RM2010 was acquired by Ron Myhr in Belize in February of 2010, from two different sources. *Alsobia* sp. 2010-1 came from naturalist and ecologist Jan Meerman, a Dutch national who has lived for many years in Belize, and *Alsobia* sp. 2010-2 came from the Belize Botanical Garden. An employee of the BBG had been collecting with Mr. Meerman, and they brought back material from two different sites on the coastal plain not far from Belize City. The plants grow on limestone outcroppings emerging from the coastal plain, and seasonally can be completely deciduous.

Left to its own device, this species grows large and sprawling, with vigorous stolons. The Belize Botanical Garden collection is a bit more stoloniferously vigorous than that from Mr. Meerman.



Alcie's Streptocarpus 'Scarlet Macaw'



Nadya's variegated Strep' she is nursing



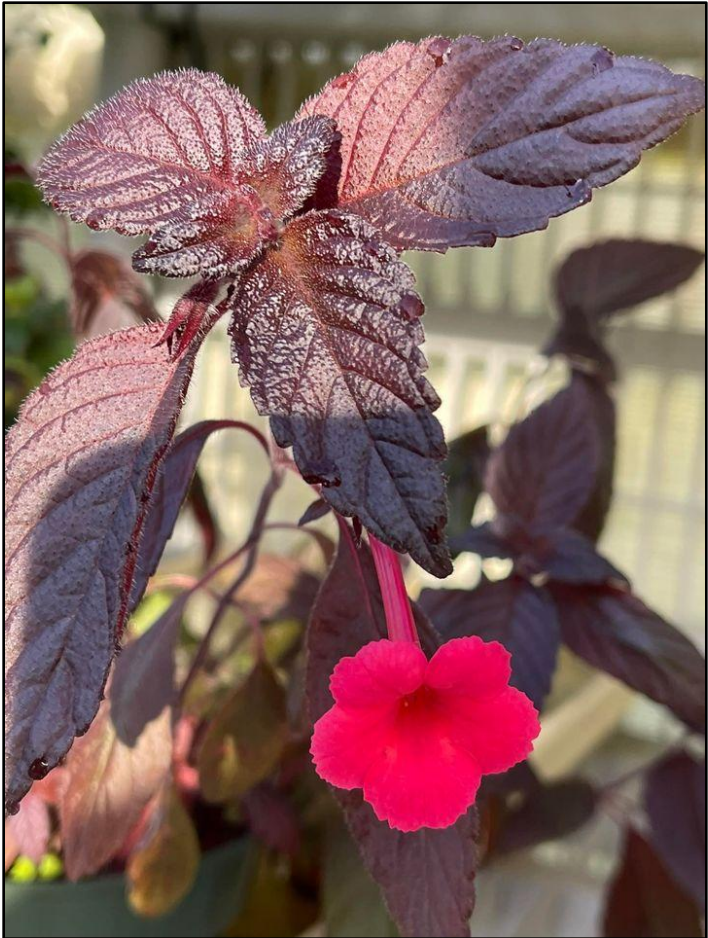
Donna's Sinningia 'YMA'

Interesting!



Posted on Facebook by Dale Martens:

“At the 2022 Gesneriad Society convention, Li Huang entered Streptocarpus 'VaT-Mandarinka' which has one of those color changing flowers with a deep ancestry of the scented species *S. vandeleurii*. It won Best Scented and Best Streptocarpus, Best in Section D Old World Gesneriads in Flower. I think everyone gave the flowers a sniff!”



Jim Roberts: “ Julie Mavity-Hudson shared rhizomes of her hybrid a year ago. It grew and flowered last year but got a late start so I didn't see the potential. Love the dark foliage and brilliant flowers. **Achimenes 'Carol Ann'**. It is growing on the lanai in the Florida heat and humidity. It gets about 4 hours of sun through the lanai screens and then some shade from the plants and shelves above it. Shade from the live oaks in the afternoon.”

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Jim: "Both my *Sinningia* 'Rio 16' (*S. guttata* x *S. helleri* hybridized by Hung Nguyen) and my *S. helleri* are in flower. Thought the comparison would be of interest."



Jim's *S. helleri* Tuber is a gift from Wallace Wells



Ruth Coulson: "*Sinningia stapelioides* only flowers for one short season a year but can put on quite a show. This plant seems to thrive on neglect, which is what it has been given in recent years. It has replied with the best flowering I have had so far. Have to love one that flowers in winter, anyway". Facebook



Barb's *Sinningia* noid, a beautiful shade of purple growing on the mat!



Johanna's *Sinningia* 'Bananas Foster'

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Alcie's unnamed clackamas African violet hybrids



Alcie's *Saintpaulia* Optimara 'EverBeautiful'



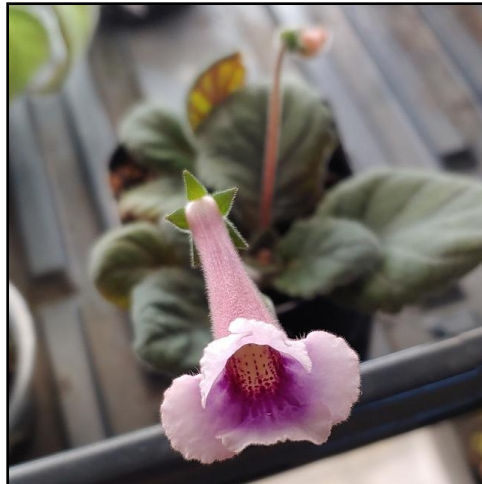
Dena's *Sinningia* 'Country Tiger'. The place she purchased from 20 years ago labeled it with this name but she is not sure seeing pictures that vary.



Dena's *Saintpaulia* 'Green Lace'



Dave's *Sinningia* 'CindyElla'



Dave's *Sinningia* 'Sue Bear'



Dave's *Eucodonia* NOID

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Alcie's display of *Saintpaulia* 'Persian Prince' in a beautiful bowl!



Dave's unnamed *Eucodonia* hybrid

SHOW INFORMATION

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Artistic Division Info:

In September NCAC has a Mini Show at the Church and so Bill would like our artists to have this schedule ahead of time so our artists can plan ahead. More information for the show will become available in August. Editor

DIVISION II ARTISTIC

Gesneriads must predominate. No artificial plant material allowed. Other live and dried material permitted as indicated. Accessories are optional. *Saintpaulia* permitted in all classes. Gesneriads used must be identified on an accompanying card. Only one entry per exhibitor per class. Reservations for entries in the Artistic Sections must be made with Peggy MacDonald, 240-461-6556, bobpeggy_mac@gmail.com by September 7, 2022. Limit of 3 entries per class per person.

SECTION K—Arrangement of Fresh Cut, and/or Dried Gesneriad Material with additional natural cut material permitted. Class 52 "Green Heroes" ...of lanterns, hornets, hulks and turtles, use one or more comic book characters to create a POWERful statement of gesneriads !!! (supply your hero's name) An arrangement of fresh cut, and/or dried gesneriad material. Staged in an 8"H x 8"W x 6"D niche.

Class 53 "Going Green" - A foliage only arrangement that emphasizes the variety (colors, textures, patterns) of gesneriad leaves, and uses a recyclable container and/or materials. An arrangement of fresh cut gesneriad material. Staged in a 12"H x 12"W x 10"D niche.

Class 54 "Salsa Verde" - Spice up your kitchen with a South-of-the-Border arrangement. An arrangement of growing gesneriad material with additional natural cut material permitted. Staged in a 14"H x 11"W x 11"D niche.

SECTION L--Container Planting of Growing Material

Class 55 Terrarium

Class 56 Tray/dish landscape

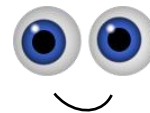
Class 57 Natural Garden—a planting in any natural occurring material (e.g. rock, wood, shell).

SECTION M--Artistic Entry by a Novice

A Novice is anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in the artistic division of a gesneriad show (including AVSA). Only one entry per exhibitor allowed.

Class 58 Artistic entry suitable for any of the classes in Sections K, or L. Exhibitor must identify, on a 3" x 5" card, the name of the class chosen and the plant material used. Exhibitors wishing novice status in Division II may not enter any other Division II classes.

Wishfully Seeking to Grow



Barry Woolf..... *Sinningia* 'Gabriel's Horn' and *Sinningia cardinalis* 'Innocent'
Johanna Zinn.....*Pearcea sprucei* and *Nautilocalyx x pictus* 'Jade'
Kitty Hedgepeth..... *Streptocarpus* 'DS Rediska'
Nadya Warthen-Gibson.....*Streptocarpella*, any species

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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: ncacotqs-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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Seattle, WA 98122-3916.

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

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



Virginia is for Gesneriad Lovers

July 3 to July 8, 2023

The Richmond area convention team invites you to attend The Gesneriad Society's 66th Annual Convention "VIRGINIA IS FOR GESNERIAD LOVERS" to be held July 3-8, 2023, at the Westin Richmond Hotel in the Near West End of town.