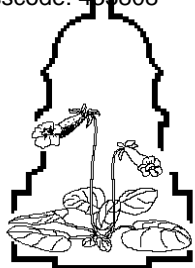


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Zoom Meeting only on Saturday October 8, 2022
10:30am EST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86510568271?pwd=QjNheHdLQVBQWHNEem1uSjVqRHBCQT09>

Meeting ID: 865 1056 8271
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Oct 8th Webinar TBS
Nov 12th Webinar or field trip to MAAVS
Dec 10th Jim Roberts "Grow Gesneriads in Florida"

President's Message:

Fall is here and for those of us who summer our plants outdoors, it's getting to the point where we will have to start bringing them in. Particularly those tuberous Gesneriads like *Sinningia* that enjoy the outdoors. Remember to inspect for pests and take necessary action before taking them in.

Our recent show was fun and it was nice to see many of you. There are upcoming regional plant sales and shows with BAVC and MAAVS, which some of you will participate in. Please support your fellow club members if you can. We will continue to have meetings, though it may be changed to bi-monthly. We will also be proposing a new slate of officers as my time as NCAC President winds down. If you're interested in any of the positions, please let me or any of the officers know. Happy planting this fall and hope to see you at any of the upcoming local shows and sales.

Our next meeting this coming Saturday is by Zoom only due to the fact there is no internet connection at the Church and we shall show a webinar. Jim had to postpone due to the hurricane. Minh



Dena's *Saintpaulia* 'Frosty Frolic' a sport of *S.* 'Frozen in Time'.



Barb's *Sinningia* 'Spanish Skirts'



September Show



Peggy's *Sinningia* is Best in Show!



Bill's Salsa Verde



Bill's Going Green



Minh's Green Heroes



Barbara Borleske's *Primulina* 'Minnie Pearl'

The NCAC (National Capitol Area Chapter of the Gesneriad Society) held a judged show at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Laurel, MD on September 10, 2022. The theme of the show was **Going Green**.

Eight members entered 35 exhibits in Horticulture, 5 in Artistic, and 6 in the Arts.

Sinningia 'Apricot Bouquet' exhibited by Peggy MacDonald won Best-in-Show.

Barbara Borleske won Horticulture Sweepstakes with twelve Blue ribbons.

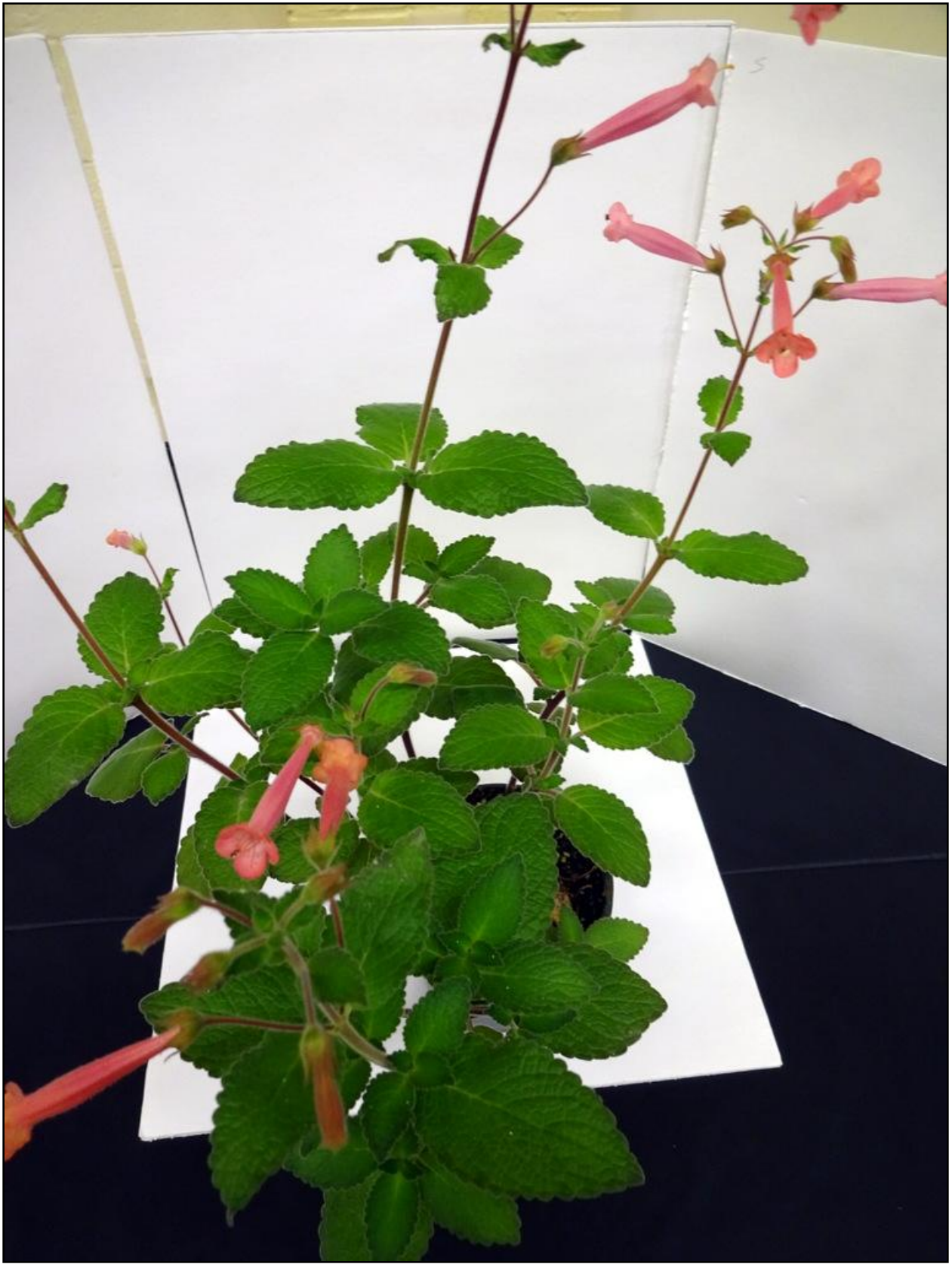
Members attending participated in a Silent Auction for some of the show plants and raffles for plants and cuttings.



Dena Horton's *Primulina dryas* 'Hisako'



Barbara Borleske's *Saintpaulia* 'Mexicali Rose'



Peggy MacDonald's *Sinningia* 'Apricot Bouquet' is the Best in Show winner! Congratulations! If you see any little white specks this plant gives a lot of pollen!



Barb Borleske's *Gloxinia* 'Dragon Song', *Semannia nematanthoides*, *Eucadonia* hybrid #3



Barb Borleske's *Achimenes* 'Salmon Pink'



Saintpaulia section



Horticultural division



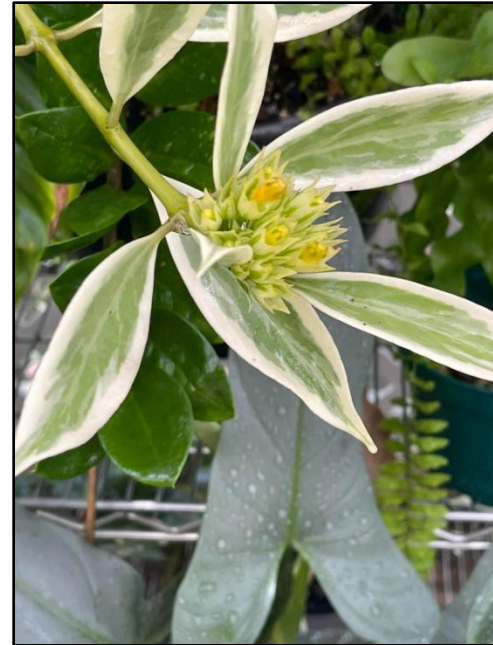
Photography section

Bloomin' Now

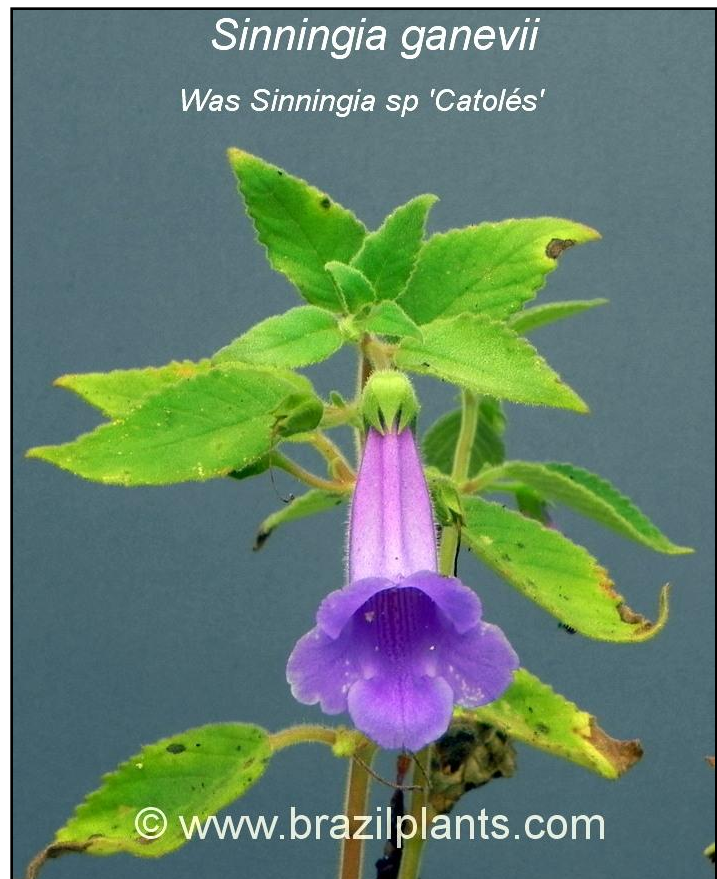
Jim Roberts: "It's that time of year again. *Aeschynanthus* sp. 'Thai' variegated is ready for blooming. The plant spreads close to 5 feet at the moment. All of the stem tips are showing buds. One stem has open flowers.

The pot grows in the shade house on the lanai with the aroids, Nepenthes, Flytraps and miscellaneous other plants. As you can see, a fern has decided to share its pot.

Side note: shared a cutting with a friend last year at this time. No problems rooting it. He also potted up a leaf that had broken off and it sent up a variegated plant."



Jim's: *Aeschynanthus* sp. 'Thai'



Mauro Peixoto: "Two Bay *Sinningias* that finally got an official name"

Bloomin' Now



Dena's *Sinningia* 'Ozark Blue Popcorn'



Judi Crowson's *Streptocarpus* 'Listy'



Alcie's *Sinningia araneosa* x *Sinningia harleyi*



Barb's *Smithiana zebrina* grown from Mauro Peixoto's Brazil Plants seeds. "It has a very interesting blossom with orange on one side and yellow on the other side. The leaves also have some nice veining on them." (Including upper right photo)



Bill's *Smithiantha canarina* just beginning to bloom



Bill's *Streptocarpus* 'Rubin'

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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.

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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.

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

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**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.