



PETAL TONES



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Donna Beverin's *Sinningia* 'Anne Crowley' seedling.
"As soon as it sprouted. I grew it out on the deck in partial sun this year. Grown outdoors the plant stayed very compact and bloomed on every side. I brought it indoors and put on my light stand with LEDs and it has grown enormously with a huge tuber. It looks like a little Christmas tree with ornaments hanging down! See page 10!"

President's Message: Summer is flying by; however, since I have retired from teaching, my summer will not end in mid- August when schools start, so I still have more time to work on my gardens and repot plants. I picked up many new gesneriads at the convention which I plan to propagate and share with the club. We had a great convention, and, as you will see from the photos, our members did well, winning lots of awards. Next month we will all get a chance to show off our best gesneriads at our mini-show. Our program this month will focus on getting ready for the show. Feel free to bring in a plant or two you are considering for show and we will give you some grooming tips. We will discuss the details of the show and answer any questions you may have. Barb Stewart

National Capital Area Chapter of the Gesneriad Society (NCAC)

Emmanuel United Methodist Church
10755 Scaggsville Road, Laurel, MD 20723
Meets second Saturday of each month at 10:30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82968033274?pwd=KVc68b7bbbhKSLIN87rBKAzczmUGYW.1>

Meeting ID: 829 6803 3274

Passcode: 957283

Aug 9th – September NCAC Show preparation
Youth Room

Sept 13th – NCAC Mini Show at the Church

Oct. 11th – In person & Zoom: How Doug Bolt
grows his stunning *Streptocarpus*

Nov. 1st – Zoom business meeting

Dec. 13th – Holiday luncheon and meeting



Barb Stewart's dazzling *Sinningia* 'Carolyn'

August 9th NCAC will meet in the Youth Room on the second floor. Church personnel are not sure when the water damage repairs will be completed in Room 3, but will let us know. There will, of course, be no extra charge for using the different space! Reminder: The Church is a "NUT FREE ZONE" due to children with allergies, so do not bring any food items that include nuts or peanuts.