





Newsletter of the National Capital Area Chapter of the Gesneriad Society

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Sharon Long's Sinningia helleri bloom.

From Church personnel: Please use the Youth Room on our upper level for your meetings until further notice. I'm not sure when the water damage repairs will be completed in Room 3, but will let you 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.

## 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

Mar. 8th – In person Propagation workshop led by Donna Beverin and Barbara Stewart Apr. 12th – No meeting due to conflicts with other violet shows: Tidewater AV (4/12 & 13) and RAVS (4/4 & 4/6)

May 10th –Zoom webinar meeting :Growing Smithiana & Eucodonia: Two Sisters from Mexico

May 17th Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale June 14th – In person & Zoom African Violet species program by Kitty

July 12th – No meeting due to the Gesneriad Society Convention in Parsippany New Jersey Aug 9th – September NCAC Show preparation Sept 13th – NCAC Mini Show at the Church Oct. 11th – In person & Zoom: How Doug Bolt

grows his stunning Streptocarpus Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – Zoom business meeting

Dec. 13th - Holiday luncheon and meeting

President's Message from Barbara Stewart Spring is upon us and it is time for my spring peeper frog (see last issue of PT) to head back home. It has migrated from the plant room to the living room as evidenced by occasional loud croaks. At least I hope it is the same one and not another one. I have taken out all the plants in the area where the sounds are coming from but haven't seen it yet.

Spring is also time for propagating our plants and sharing the extras. Our propagation workshop is always a lot of fun and educational. If you bring something unusual to share, let us know how to best grow it successfully. This will be a hands-on workshop, so feel free to bring your own soil and tools if you want to pot up some babies. We shall have some basic supplies such as baggies, markers, soil and labels. Hope to see you there!