



PETAL TONES



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Gary Smith and Sarah Hurdell with just a "few" primulinas from Gary's collection, they brought to show us!

President's Message:

I hope everyone is having a good summer so far. Although we are not meeting this month, the show committee is hard at work getting things ready for our show in September. We have plenty of room for some nice show plants, so now is the time to look over your collection and see what plants you can get ready to show. We are also hoping for a good sale of gesneriads, African violets, and companion plants, so keep propagating and save your extra plants for the sale. See show update on page 7.

Barbara

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
Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82968033274?pwd=KVc68b7bbhKSLIN87rBKAzczmUGYW.1>

Meeting ID: 829 6803 3274

Passcode: 957283

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| July 11th | – No meeting. Convention |
| August 8th | – September Show prep' |
| Sept 12th | – Show Ruritian Hall |
| Oct 10th | – Strepts, Part 2 Andy Meier |
| Nov 14 | – Program at church TBA |
| Dec 12 | – Holiday Get Together |



Gary explained that *Primulinas* have dichasial cyme inflorescence: repeatedly forking into two branches. It means a cyme that branches into two lateral side shoots after the terminal flower opens.