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“Kohleria – The Most Beautiful Weed” by Brandon Erikson
 Brandon will be presenting a version of his convention program on growing Kohlerias. Brandon is known for hybridizing the “Bud’s” series of Kohlerias which many of us grow because they are more compact growing hybrids. He has won numerous awards for his show plants and will discuss growing, propagating, and hybridizing these beautiful gesneriads.

**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

- Feb. 8th – In person & Zoom meeting. Brandon Erikson: “Kohlerias: The Most Beautiful Weed”
- Mar. 8th – In person Propagation workshop led by Donna Beverin and Barbara Stewart
- Apr. 12th – no meeting due to conflicts with other violet shows
- May 10th – In person or Zoom meeting, depending on Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale
- June 14th – In person meeting, program TBD (dog (ugly plants) show or AV species program by Kitty)
- July 12th – No meeting due to the Gesneriad Society Convention in NJ
- Aug 9th – September NCAC Show preparation
- Sept 13th – NCAC Mini Show at the Church
- Oct. 11th – Andy Meier program on Streptocarpus in person and Zoom.
- Nov. 8th – Zoom business meeting, depending on dates of MAAVS convention
- Dec. 13th – Holiday luncheon and meeting



Sharon: *Kohleria* ‘Bud’s Broken Heart’. Johanna’s *Kohleria tubiflora*



Bill’s K. ‘Bud’s Little Pig’

President's Message:

Now that the snow and ice are just about gone, we can again have an in-person meeting. Members who attended the last 2 meetings, when we planned programs for the year, requested a program on Kohlerias. We have a great speaker and expert Kohleria grower joining us this month to inspire us to grow better Kohlerias. If you have extra rhizomes or plants, they would be great to contribute to the raffle. Also, feel free to bring in a Kohleria or other Gesneriad that is growing well for you. We all enjoy learning how others grow beautiful plants. Hope to see you there, or at least on Zoom!

Barbara