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Barb Stewart: "Sinningia 'SRG's Fuerwerk' - Not anything like 'Fuerwerk' but still an interesting blossom."

Message from Andy Meier: "Members, if you cannot attend the Green Spring Garden Day sale, please bring plants to the meeting this Saturday, May 9th, as donations to the sale. I shall take them to be sold with proceeds to go to NCAC at the Green spring sale on May 16th. Our tent will be next to the Potomac Begonia Group again and the event is a lot of fun. We answer questions about the plants for sale and attract new members. Plus, you can walk around and find plant treasures to take home! Please join us for this event!"

Spring Garden Day Plant Sale

4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, VA, 22312

Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Free

Green Spring Gardens' community-favorite plant sale. Annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, & houseplants.

<https://www.friendsofgreenspring.org/programs-a-events/spring-garden-day>

**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

In person meeting at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82968033274?pwd=KVc68b7bbbhKSLIN87rBKAzcmUGYW.1>

Meeting ID: 829 6803 3274

Passcode: 957283

- May 9th - Streptocarpus Part 1 Andy Meier
- May 16th - Green Spring Garden sale
- June 13th - Primulinas Gary Smith
- July 11th - No meeting; picnic?
- August 8th - September Show preparation
- Sept 12th - Mini show at Church
- Oct 10th - Streptocarpus Part 2 Andy Meier
- Nov 14 - Program at church TBA
- Dec 12 - Holiday Get Together

President's Message:

This has been a busy spring for plant shows and sales. After two African violet shows, I have refreshed my collection with new violets and gesneriads.

I have potted up more seedlings of gesneriads and also yard plants that I grew from my new adventure into "winter sowing". Look for lots of goodies on the raffle table this month.

I'm also excited to see some dormant plants popping up with new growth. Houseplants need to head outside so I can have shelf space for new plants and seedlings.

Summer Sinningias are already outside. Hopefully we have had our last cold snap and can really get into spring. This month Andy will share how he grows his beautiful Streptocarpus and I shall have lots of Strep' seedlings to share. Hope to see you there.

Barbara