



# PETAL TONES



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Jill Fischer's Best in Show 2024: *Aeschynanthus humilis*

It's almost show time again! Hoping that you will bring something to exhibit. We still have openings in Artistic and Arts classes as well as horticulture. Remember to email your entry sheet to Bill Schmidt no later than Wednesday, September 10th! Copies of our show schedule, entry form, awards list, and timeline for next Saturday are attached for your convenience. Please feel free to email me:

[Jill.G.Fischer71@gmail.com](mailto:Jill.G.Fischer71@gmail.com) or Barbara Stewart:

[Bstew771@verizon.net](mailto:Bstew771@verizon.net) if you have any last minute questions or concerns. Please plan to exhibit and attend our show and meeting. Lunch and plant raffle are included too! Please contact Kitty with the food you can bring to share: [eequat@aol.com](mailto:eequat@aol.com).

So far we have:

Barbara S. - brownie bites, tuna or ham salad, slider rolls

Elsbeth (sp ?) - assorted cookies, pasta salad

Dave - potato salad

Bill - marinated carrots

David T. - desert/pastry

Dena - bean salad

Jill - fruit

Kitty - deviled eggs

Jill Fischer, Flower Show Co-Chair with Barbara 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=KVc68b7bbbKSLIN87rBKAzcZmUGYW.1>

Meeting ID: 829 6803 3274

Passcode: 957283

**Sept 13th – NCAC Mini Show at the Church**  
**Barb & Jill will be at the Church at 8:30am**  
**Entries 9:30 – 10:30am .**

Entry sheets should be submitted to Bill  
[Schmidt.wc@verizon.net](mailto:Schmidt.wc@verizon.net) by September 10th

**1.5 hours for judging: Barb, Jill and Bill**

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:

With a slight break in the heat, I have been able to get back to working in the yard. While cleaning out one overgrown garden, I found a *Sinningia speciosa* growing in some old soil I had thrown out. Plants are so resilient! Even though I don't have a name, it appears to be one of my sinningia seedlings. It was a little roughed up, but with nice veining in the leaves, I rescued it and potted it up.

I hope you are planning to enter something in our mini-show. This is a great way to show off our nicest plants in person and learn about growing different gesneriads. We will have a potluck luncheon and the usual raffle table. Just a reminder read the show schedule, sign up for artistic entries, and send Bill your entries list this week. Hope to see you there!

Barb

September 13<sup>th</sup>, NCAC will meet in the Youth Room on the second floor. Through the double doors when you exit the elevator. 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.