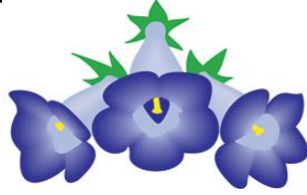


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Kitty's *Saintpaulia* 'Optimara Hawaii II'



Donna's *Achimenes* 'Robert Dressler'

MEETING LOCATION:

Emmanuel United Methodist Church
10755 Scaggsville Road, Laurel, MD 20723

We gather at 10am to get set up, with the meeting beginning at 10:30am. Meet the second Saturday of the month. Calendar yearly dues of \$10 are due in January or whenever joining. Renew by March to keep your Petal Tones subscription.

July 14th: Summer Picnic at Johanna's home at 12:30, with a business meeting at 11:30.

August: No meeting

September 8th: Streptocarpus with Brian Connor

October 13th: Mini Sinningias with Pat Bowling

Editor's Message:

Hello Members! Barb is busy at the National Convention bringing us pictures to follow. The heat and humidity is upon us! July has arrived in all its glory! The summer sinningias are blooming. This year I have a yellow seedling I shall label *Sinningia aggregata* yellow x self seeding. It is very beautiful and holds the yellow without turning white. It has two kinds of flowers with one being the usual type bloom and one that looks like it was hit by a blow dryer!

S. tubiflora is blooming along with *S. 'Carolyn'* and *Sinningia 'Towering Inferno'* is a close third.

Notice our summer meeting dates have changed since Johanna volunteered to host our summer picnic. As we did last year we shall meet with the Potomac Begonia group and enjoy some great food and share our plants on the raffle table. It was so much fun last year! So see you there. Directions will be in the email.





Donna's *Sinningia tubiflora*



Donna's *Xglokohleria* 'Rosea'



Brandon Erikson's hybrid is Best New Gesneriad at the National Convention: *Kohleria* 'Bud's Strawberry Shortcake' All convention photos courtesy Barb Stewart



Bill Price won Best in Show for a rare collection of *Primulinas*



Bill Schmidt. First time at convention! Congratulations Bill! *Saintpaulia* 'Tiny Wood Trail'. Bill not only received a blue ribbon but also the award for the best Old World Gesneriad in bloom (beating out all the other spectacular old world plants such as the *Streptocarpus*).



Titanotrichum oldhamii growing in the greenhouses of Dee and Bob Stewart. They opened up their home for a tour during the convention.



Barb's blue ribbon winner: 'Bottle Garden'



Best rhizomatous plant in flower by Nancy Kast, *Mandirola ichthyostoma*



Jay Sespico's Best Kohleria: *Kohleria species* 'Selby'



Rick Fadden's Best fibrous rooted Gesneriad:
Nemanthus albus



Barb Borleski 's *Sinningia* 'Polka Punch'



Jay Sespico's *Sinningia* 'Ozark Sentimental Journey'

Programs Planned for 2018

January 13th: Designs Basic with Barb Stewart

February 10th: Sinningia seminar Jim Roberts

March 10th: Dog Show and Culture (bring plants in to show how terrible they are and we shall learn how to fix them) with Jim Roberts and Barb Stewart

April 21st: Joy of Growing Summer Sinningias: tubiflora, 'Towering Inferno', 'Butter and Cream', 'Banana's Foster', 'Apricot Bouquet' and 'Carolyn' with Donna (Meeting moved one week later due to the conflict with our NCAC members who are in the Richmond AV show)

May 12th: Propagation Meeting with Jim Roberts

June 9th: Road trip to US Botanic Gardens, DC

July: No meeting, National Convention

Update: Summer Picnic July 14th at Johanna's

August 11th: No Meeting

September 8th: Streptocarpus with Brian Connor

October 13th: Pat Bowling: Mini Sinningias

November 10th: Hybridizing Webinar

December 8th: Holiday Party

Plant of the month 2018

January -	Primulina
February -	Sinningias
March -	“Dog” plants
April -	Episcias
May -	Seedlings & starter plants
June -	None
July -	None
August -	None
September -	Seemannia
October -	Streptocarpus
November -	Nautilocalyx
December -	Aeschynanthus

DON'T FORGET THE RAFFLE TABLE!

At every meeting our members bring extra plants, cuttings, supplies donate them to the raffle table. Tickets for the raffle are only 3 for a dollar and everyone who attends the meeting gets one ticket just for showing up (including guests). Here's what you'll see on the table at a meeting:
Gesneriad plants, rhizomes, tubers, cuttings, seeds, companion and/or garden plants, cuttings and gardening supplies.



Donna's *Sinningia vacariensis*

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The National Capital Area Chapter of the Gesneriad Society welcomes all interested Gesneriad growers. The most familiar Gesneriad is Saintpaulia, more commonly known as the African Violet.

Dues are \$10 per year (email copy of current year's newsletter). Back issues from previous years available on website. Membership runs the calendar year and can be pro-rated.

The international Gesneriad Society is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the study, growing and enjoyment of the gesneriaceae. Membership dues are \$25 /year for individuals and \$26 for a family. Benefits include seed fund of hard-to-find plants, reference materials, yearly convention & cultural webinars.

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Nemanthus albus