



PETAL TONES



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Janet's bouquet of *Streptocarpus* blooms....if you have to disbud, create a beautiful cut flower vase full of blooms!

MEETING LOCATION:

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

Please No peanut products permitted in the meeting room since the area is a child care room of the church.

At this time the next meeting date is not confirmed pending the situation with the CoVid-19 regulations.

May No Meeting

June 13th : No decision yet.

July : National Convention canceled

August 8th: Meeting on Show/Sale Prep (hopefully)

Sept 11, 12 13th: NCAC's Show and Sale

October 10th:

November 21th:

December 12th: Holiday Party TBA

Bill's message: As of Now our Show is ON....

NCAC Show and Sale

Homestead Gardens

743 W. Central Avenue

Davidsonville, MD 21035

Show: Saturday, September 12: 1-6 PM

Sunday, September 13: 9 AM-3 PM

Sale: Friday, September 11: 1-6 PM

Saturday, September 12: 9 AM – 6 PM

Sunday, September 13: 9 AM – 4 PM

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Letter from the Editor: Hello NCAC members ! I hope everyone is safe and healthy. The spring of 2020 is certainly challenging along with the virus situation. It is mid-May and I have not put my summer Sinningias out back on the deck yet. I am glad I am following my instincts and not just consider myself being lazy or being a procrastinator! Timing is everything and patience is certainly the lesson of the season. I have not planted my tomatoes, peppers, annuals and other seedlings in the ground yet, either. I cannot remember when in my lifetime as a gardener that mid May had temperatures near freezing that warrant covering plants for fear of a killing frost. I am looking forward to warmer temperatures and working outside all day. As of now Bill said Homestead Gardens is still waiting like the rest of us, to see the outcome of this new phase of the Co-vid protocols. Indoor gardening under lights is such a great comfort during this time of self quarantine. I have many containers of seeds and seedlings to keep me busy potting up, as well as repotting my regular plants. I did find the courage to take the knife to my Streptocarpus 'Zlotko' and with Janet's advice created three plants, did not over pot them, and put bags over while they settled into their separate lives and all are alive and doing well. I hope all your plants are doing well and we shall soon be able to meet with one another again and share our many gesneriads we have propped to share. I shall have many starter plants of *Smithiantha multiflora* to share and this year sold my Sinningia tubiflora tubers on Ebay successfully. Take care and hope to see you soon. Donna Beverin