



# PETAL TONES



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Donna's *Sinningia* 'Anne Crowley' seedling is a blooming machine. Going and going and going! The tuber is very large and most times it create a tuber underneath the main tuber. But just do not want to un-pot and disturb to look right now!

#### President's Message:

It's that time of year to start propagating gesneriads. While the west coast is getting hit with a blizzard, spring has sprung here in the east. This month we are meeting again in person for our annual propagation workshop. Many plants take a rest during the winter months and propagation is often difficult this time of year, but now is the time to get new plants going for the warmer seasons ahead. Bill will be coordinating the workshop, so be sure to read his message. For those who attended in January, the church has assured me there will be heat. (However, you might want to come prepared just in case.) If you can't come, at least join us via Zoom. See you there!  
Barbara

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am is an In-person meeting at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church and is also a Zoom meeting for those who cannot attend in person.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81429489432?pwd=M0dsdHVkQjBVQ3NuU1JPVWlUVyVtZz09>

March 9, 2024 Propagation workshop:  
All members hands-on workshop

April 13, 2024 How to Grow Gesneriads in  
Terrariums by Johanna Zinn

May 18, 2024 Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale

June 8, 2024 Choosing and Growing Show  
Plants or Kitty: Underwater  
Gesneriad Design workshop

July 2024 No meeting Gesneriad Society  
Convention in St. Louis, Missouri

National Capital Area Chapter  
of the Gesneriad Society (NCAC)  
Emmanuel United Methodist Church  
10755 Scaggsville Road, Laurel, MD 20723

Attention: The Church is a "NUT FREE ZONE" due to children with allergies, so do not bring any food items that include nuts or peanuts. The area is a day care.

#### Message from Bill:

The propagation workshop for our upcoming meeting will be an opportunity to add some diversity to both your gesneriad collection and the methods you use to increase it. Members are encouraged to bring, starter plants, cuttings, tubers, rhizomes, and seeds from their personal collection to share. Some members have agreed to supply the basic materials needed for this hands-on workshop, but everyone is asked to bring their own tools. Of course, if you prefer to use your own pots, soil, etc. you are welcome to do that. Be sure to bring something to protect your new treasures as you carry them home. To make sure everyone has a fair shot at the plant material, we will have three rounds of raffle selection to start things off. Because this will replace our usual raffle, participating members will be asked to make a donation.  
Looking forward to seeing you at this always enjoyable activity.