



PETAL TONES



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Barb Stewart's *Henckelia ceratoscyphus*

Henckelia are found throughout northeastern and southern India, Sri Lanka, the Himalayas and southeastern Asia. Many species were formerly placed in *Didymocarpus* sect. *Orthoboea* or the genus *Chirita*. In 2013, more species formerly placed in *Henckelia* were moved to *Codonoboea* and *Loxocarpus*.

Henckelia are perennials, typically found growing in cool shady areas of low altitude forests, often on slopes or moist rocks near streams and waterfalls.

Editor's note: Could not find much information about *Henckelia* when doing an internet search.

<http://www.genera-gesneriaceae.at/genera/henckelia.htm>

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=KVc68b7bbbhKSLIN87rBKAzczmUGYW.1>

Meeting ID: 829 6803 3274

Passcode: 957283

- March 14th – Propagation workshop
- April 11th – Streps, Part 1 Andy Meier
- May 9/16th – Green Spring sale
- June 13th – Primulinas Gary Smith
- July 11th – No meeting; picnic?
- August 8th – September Show prep'
- Sept 12th – Mini show at Church
- Oct 10th – Streps, Part 2 Andy Meier
- Nov 14 – Waiting on MAAVS dates
- Dec 12 – Holiday Get Together

President's message:

Well, here we are, going from winter straight into summer. My plants have been struggling with drying out from the winter heat to cooking in record high temperatures for this time of year. I should probably take my seedlings off the heat mat, but I expect we will be turning on the AC this week. The poor things are so confused! Furthermore, some will hopefully be going to new homes after our propagation workshop. On the plus side, I'm hoping to see some more blooms opening on my reluctant Primulinas. Most of them have buds ready to go.

So, round up your extra plants and trim the ones that need grooming, then bring them to share at the propagation workshop. Hope to see you there!

Barbara