

PETAL TONES



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Bill Schmidt's *Alsobia dianthafolia*

Saturday, December 14th our Holiday Party and Meeting will be held at Johanna Zinn's home at 11:00 am. Details will accompany the email delivering this issue of Petal Tones.

November 9th No meeting due to MAAVS show

December 14th Holiday luncheon and meeting hosted by Johanna Zinn

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"



Johanna's *Seemannia nematanthodes* 'Evita'

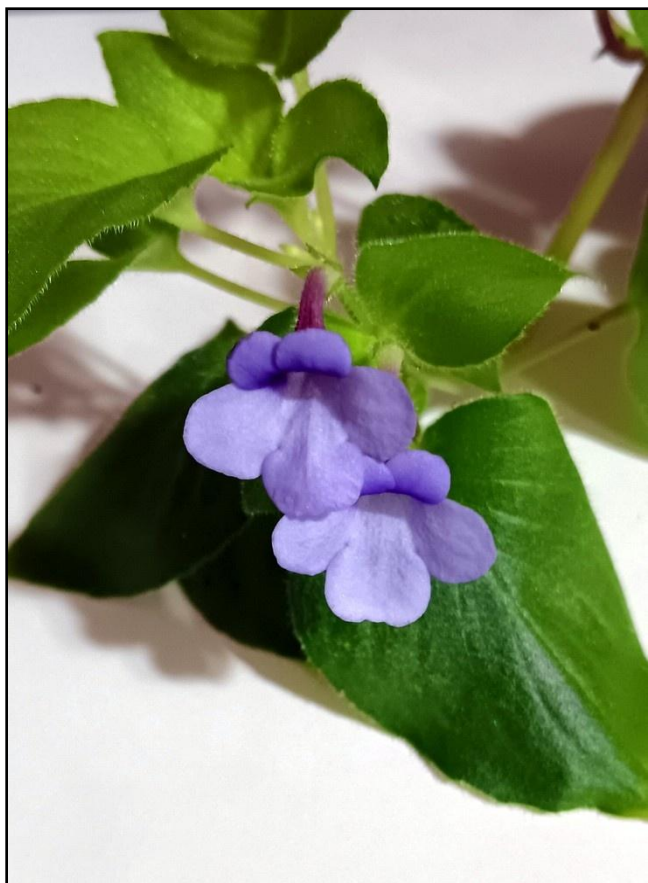
President's message:

We have no meeting this month, as some of us will be attending the annual Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society convention in York, Pa. With this warm weather, I still have houseplants out in the yard. They have survived night temperatures in the mid 30's. Ferns and summer Sinningias handle the cold well. Inside, I have seedlings galore which I hope to have potted up for our December meeting. More seeds will be planted soon. Happy growing!

Barbara Stewart



Maria's *Gloximannia* 'She's Dancing' is still blooming outdoors!



Barb S. *Microchirita* *Involucrata*



Johanna's *Seemannia* 'Evita'

Bloomin' Now



Barb S. *Streptocarpus* seedling 'Blue Stars'



Kitty's *Sinningia* 'Thad's Party Dress'



Barb S. *Sinningia* 'Country Tiger'



Barb S. *Achimenes* 'Peach Glow'



Barb S. Autumn display



David Turley: "Upon returning from a two week overseas trip, it was time to attend to the plants. I opened the terrarium that houses *Nautilocalyx pemphidius* along with a few other things, I was hit with a sweet, floral aroma. There are three *N. pemphidius* in the container, and nothing else is blooming. Putting the plant to my nose, the aroma was very distinct. I do not recall noticing this when I grew the plants two decades ago. If I did and have forgotten, that's still just like learning something new, so exciting anyway. I found an article by John Boggan on the Gesneriad Reference web where he noted he had heard the scent reported but had not noticed it himself.

<https://gesneriads.info/articles/fragrant-gesneriads-john-boggan/>

Has anyone noticed this?

In other discoveries after travel, it's amazing how much grooming and cleanup needs to be done after two weeks. I usually attend to plants nearly every day so this was quite noticeable!"

Wishfully Seeking:

Members can ask for gesneriads they would like to grow and share gesneriad plants they have to share with others, as cutting, rhizomes, seeds, etc. So please email Donnabeverin@gmail.com with your requests.

Barb Stewart seeking:

Chrysothemis pulchella 'Black Flamingo'
Petrocosmea (any)

Andy Meier seeking:

Sinningia speciosa (Florist Gloxinia) 'Periodots Darth Vader'
Streptocarpus 'Samantha'
Variegated *Streptocarpus* leaf.

David Turley seeking:

Paradrymonia
Christopheria xantha (was *Episcia*)
Primulina lutea (was *Chirita eburnea*, yellow form)

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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 \$15 per year. You can send your payment to NCAC Treasurer, Andy Meier via PayPal using the email address: ncacotgs-gesneriads@yahoo.com.

Please include a note with your Name, Address, Phone number & email address.

Back issues from previous years available on website.

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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. National membership requests should be sent to: Bob Clark, 1122 E Pike Street, PMB 637, Seattle, WA 98122-3916.

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