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Dena's *Kohleria* 'Bud's Strawberry Shortcake'



Donna's (GRW) *Sinningia eumorpha* is highly variable with respect to flower color and pattern. There are varying degrees of lavender/purple shading in the flower, often with purple and sometimes yellow markings in the throat. Several collections of the species have been assigned variety names. Of these, only *S. eumorpha* 'Saltao' has become widely distributed, although seed is available of the others and may become seen more often. At one point *S. eumorpha* was very widely used in hybridizing. It was able to cross with micro-miniature species like *S. pusilla* and *S. concinna*, with the resulting hybrids being the first "miniature Sinningias". Examples include *S. 'Dollbaby'* and *S. 'Cindy'*. These proved to be the gateway to the plethora of miniature Sinningias. we now see in cultivation

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

May 10th – Zoom webinar meeting :Growing
Smithiana & *Eucodonia*: Two Sisters from
Mexico

May 17th Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale

June 14th – In person & Zoom African Violet
species program by Kitty

July 12th – No meeting due to the Gesneriad
Society Convention in Parsippany New Jersey

Aug 9th – September NCAC Show preparation

Sept 13th – NCAC Mini Show at the Church

Oct. 11th – In person & Zoom: How Doug Bolt
grows his stunning *Streptocarpus*

Nov. 1st – Zoom business meeting

Dec. 13th – Holiday luncheon and meeting

President's Message from Barbara Stewart

This month. On the 10th we shall only be meeting via Zoom for an excellent webinar on some closely related rhizomatous gesneriads.

Then we will be at Green Spring Gardens for the spring plant sale on the 17th. We shall be setting up on Friday for the sale on Saturday. Last year we had robust sales despite the rainy weather. Hopefully, there will be more sun this time. In any case, the more the merrier. Any help in the way of plant donations and time will be greatly appreciated. This is a good way to promote our group and the growing of gesneriads as well as a fund raiser for the chapter (and participating members). (This is also my birthday, so there will be cake!)