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Andy's Streptocarpus 'Listy'

From Church personnel: Please use the Youth Room on our upper level for your meetings until further notice. I'm not sure when the water damage repairs will be completed in Room 3, but will let you know. There will, of course, be no extra charge for using the different space!

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83667560325?pwd=koQ8d2tp5FyQPD9CvekmeV0olaN8E5.1>

Apr. 12th – **No meeting** due to conflicts with other violet shows: Tidewater AV (4/12 & 13) and RAVS (4/4 & 4/6)

May 10th – Zoom webinar meeting :Growing Smithiantha & 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

Happy spring!

We will not be meeting this month due to folks being busy with violet shows.

Richmond AVS had a very successful show and sale this month. Violets are almost non-existent in local greenhouses so visitors appreciated what they could get at the show.

We will meet virtually in May with a webinar program. **May 17th is our sale at Green Spring Gardens.** We will have two large tents as we did last year in case it rains.

Andy has asked members to bring plants to sell, as he will not have as many as usual. People come to buy yard plants, house plants, and hopefully gesneriads. This is one of our major fund raisers for the year so, any help with plants and selling is greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity to promote our society and add to our club funds. It's also a great socializing event for our members! More details will be discussed at the May meeting. Happy spring planting and growing!

- Barbara

Bloomin' Now



Andy's *Saintpaulia* 'Ness' Orange Pekoe
Standard



Andy's *Saintpaulia* 'AE-It's Raining'
Standard Russian



Andy's *Saintpaulia* 'LE-Rosmari'
Standard Russian



Andy's *Saintpaulia* 'Hunter's Cabbage Goddess'
Miniature

Bloomin' Now



Andy's *Saintpaulia* 'Hunter's Chickadee'



Barbara's *Primulina* 'Atsuko'



Andy's *Streptocarpus* 'True Passion'

Andy's *Streptocarpus* 'Sun City'



Bloomin' Now



Primulina 'MB Dark and Stormy'
@millennialplantdr

Mihn's Primulina 'MB Dark and Stormy'



Andy's aeschynanthus. Cutting from Johanna



David's Sinningia defoliata

NCAC Members Exhibits from RAVS Meeting



Bill's *Columnea shiediana*



Kitty's *Sinningia* 'Pink Pipettes'

Photos from the Virginia African Violet Society Show



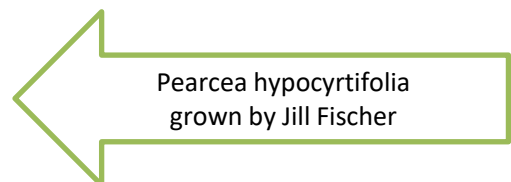
Best in Design by Barbara Stewart



Third Best in Design by Jill Fischer



Second Best in Design by Bill Schmidt



Photos from the Virginia African Violet Society Show continued



Best Plant Arrangement by Barbara Stewart



Best in Class – Cut Flower Arrangement by Sharon Long



Primulina spinulosa
Best other gesneriad
By Kitty Hedgepeth



Sinningia bullata by Jill Fischer

Wishfully Seeking:

Members can ask for gesneriads they would like to grow. Members who have gesneriads to share as cuttings, rhizomes, seeds, young plants and tubers please list those here. So please email Donnabeverin@gmail.com with your requests.

Barb Stewart seeking:

Chrysothemis pulchella 'Black Flamingo'
x *Achimenes* 'Dale's Clownfish'
Primulina brassicoides 'Marble Leaf'

Andy Meier seeking:

Streptocarpus Iced Pink Flamingo

Jill Fischer seeking:

Columnea crassifolia
Gesneria pedicellaris.

David Turley seeking:

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

Maria Valueff seeking:

Columnea midget (She lost hers during vacation)

Bill Schmidt is seeking *Achimenes* 'Glory'

Donna Beverin has to share:

- 1) *Sinningia* sp 'Piraju' (*conspicua* x *eumorpha*?) Mauro's seeds I grew. He is not sure of parentage.
- 2) *Sinningia* seedlings I think are *S. eumorpha*

Special prayers go out to our beloved newsletter editor, webmaster, seed fund organizer and all-round valued member, Donna Beverin as she recovers from her graceful fall this past week.

Donna is recovering well but wasn't able to edit this month's newsletter. We expect Donna to be back to her non-stoppable self soon.

-Andy

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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. Membership runs the calendar year and can be pro-rated.

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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