



Gleanings

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This issue includes photos of gesneriads blooming now, Dr. Do Van Truong's photos of gesneriads found in Vietnam, and Janet Carlton's foolproof way to propagate more streptocarpus plants.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor

Julie Mavity-Hudson from Tennessee, USA, sent the photo on the right of *Achimenes antirrhina*. She grew it outside potted in straight ProMix BX. It is watered daily if there is no rain. She says, "For some reason this year it has had only two flowers so far. It is far more compact than it has ever been, presumably because it got so much sun. I will definitely need to replot it next spring."

Julie Mavity-Hudson photo



Gesneriads Blooming Now

Unnamed kohleria hybrid
Mary Schaeffer

Mary Schaeffer photos



Sinningia speciosa 'Pedra Lisa'
Mary Schaeffer



Sinningia 'Arkansas Empress'
Mary Schaeffer



Sinningia 'HCY's Centre Heart'
Mary Schaeffer

Mary Schaeffer photo



Achimenes 'Purple Prince'
Julie Mavity-Hudson

Julie Mavity-Hudson photo

Gesneriads in Vietnam

Dr. Do Van Truong

Do Van Truong holding *Chayamaritia vietnamensis* sp. nov. *Chayamaritia* is a newly created gesneriad genus for a plant discovered on October 31, 2019. Lots more information and photos about Stephen Maciejewski's sixteen day trip to Vietnam in the next issue of *Gesneriads*.



Stephen Maciejewski photo



Anna submontana

The species grows in shady areas of forests on limestone in Hoa Binh province, northern Vietnam. It also occurs in southern China.



Didymocarpus purpureobracteatus

The species was previously regarded as one endemic to China, but recently we have found it in Muong La nature reserve (Son La province) and Xuan Lien natural reserve (Thanh Hoa province). It grows on moist cliffs under montane forests.



Hemiboea cavaleriei var. *paucinervis*

The species grows in shaded areas in montane valleys and forests on calcareous mountains in northern Vietnam and southern China.



Hemiboea malipoensis

This species was previously described from Malipo County, Yunnan Province, China. During our recent expedition of the flora of Dong Van Karst Plateau Geopark, we have also found it in Quan Ba District, Ha Giang Province, northern Vietnam.



Oreocharis caobangensis

The species is endemic to northern Vietnam. It was found on humid soil in the shade, on damp rocks along streams in tropical evergreen forest at an elevation of 1200–1600 m.



Primulina swinglei

The species is widely distributed in north-central Vietnam and southern China. It grows on cliffs in valleys under evergreen forests or limestone forests.

A Foolproof Way to Propagate Streptocarpus

Janet Carlton

People frequently ask for the “best” method of propagating streptocarpus plants from leaves. Several methods are well known, but some are more difficult to perfect and can fail due to rotting of the parent leaf section or developing plantlets. If you’re looking for a relatively foolproof method and don’t need to produce a lot of plantlets, the simplest method I’ve found is to place a healthy leaf or leaf portion base end down into a Solo cup with about ½ inch of water and wait about ten days to three weeks for roots to appear. If algae water is used (sourced from one of your wicking reservoirs), roots develop faster and, according to Dale Martens, are hardier. You can even place the cutting directly into the second hole of your reservoir and wait for the magic to happen! If separate Solo cups are used, they do not need to take up valuable space on your lighted shelves or in bright windows. Simply place them near a window that gets low light until they are ready for potting. Keep an eye on the water level and bring it back to ½ inch as it evaporates. I keep my cups in a plastic humidity container on my desk with the lid off to provide slightly higher humidity and ease of transport.

Rooted parent leaves can be planted directly into three inch pots rather than smaller ones, leaving the parent leaf intact until smaller leaves appear well established. These pots can be wicked and placed on your lighted shelves immediately since roots are already developed. They don’t need the high humidity typically used for starting plants and rotting is not an issue.



Solo cup “nursery” in plastic prop box with leaf cuttings in ½” water. Select healthy medium sized leaves for rooting.



Wide leaves can be trimmed at the base so they fit into the cup.

Roots grow primarily from the midrib area.



Original leaf with roots in 3" pot producing new leaves.



Leaf rooting in second hole of reservoir by the original plant.

Photos by Janet Carlton

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From the editor —

Please continue to send me photos. Your articles would also be greatly appreciated. Hope that you enjoyed the [Virtual Flower Show!](#)

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