



Gleanings

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This issue includes photos of gesneriads blooming now, Terri Vicenzi's article on saving a streptocarpus plant with no roots, some photos from The Gesneriad Society's Virtual Flower Show, and an upcoming event.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor



Sinningia 'Kevin Garnett' (on the right) was one of my entries in the Virtual Convention Flower Show. This wonderful hybrid was created by Tim Tuttle. This hybrid has beautiful calyx-double flowers. Click on this [Link](#) for the complete show.

Mel

Mel Grice photo



Gesneriads Blooming Now



Cobananthus calochlamys
Nancy Gilson photo



Achimenes mexicana
Ron Myhr photo

×*Achimenantha* 'Ohio's Punkin'
Mel Grice photo





Achimenes 'Ambroise Verschaffelt' top back and left. *Achimenes* 'Vivid' top front
Ron Myhr photos

"Note the log risers they are on. These are chunks of dead ash trees from our back yard, killed by Emerald Ash Borer. The larvae of the EAB feed in the cambium layer. The insects never get into the wood itself, but leave tunnels just under the bark."

Ron Myhr



Mandirola ichthyostoma
Karyn Cichocki photos

"I was gifted some old seed that originated from the seed fund. The seed of this charming plant was labeled as *Glossoloma ichthyostoma*, which has now been changed to *Mandirola ichthyostoma*. I have it growing in a 3" Oyama pot, which is the type of pot I grow all my rhizomatous plants in. I just staked the taller stems up so the flowers aren't orientated correctly for the upright position."

Karyn Cichocki



Streptocarpus* ‘Dale’s Gingersnaps’ Snaps Back to Life – How to Save a Decapitated *Streptocarpus

Terri Vicenzi

I have been growing *Streptocarpus* ‘Dale’s Gingersnaps’ for a few years now, with the hope that I could exhibit this large and floriferous hybrid in a show this fall. This past March, to my utter dismay, I suddenly found myself holding the plant in one hand, and the potted root ball in the other, an unfortunate break which occurred when I was grooming it. My first thought was that given the size of the plant, it would be impossible to recover, as there was not a single root attached to the leaves. However, I have had good results using Clonex®, a rooting gel, for rooting African violet crowns and small streptocarpus crowns, so I thought I would try it for this more challenging situation. First, I removed all the blooms and cut back many of the long leaves, in order to reduce the stress to the plant. I next applied Clonex® to the base of the plant and potted it up in a very small pot using my normal streptocarpus media, a 50/50 mixture of Pro-Mix and perlite. I bagged the plant and

Streptocarpus ‘Dale’s Gingersnaps’ separated from the root ball.





Clonex® rooting gel

placed it in a cool location with moderate light. As I expected, the plant was severely wilted for a few weeks, but within a couple of months, it had plumped back up and filled the pot with roots. I slowly exposed it to ambient conditions, repotted it into a larger pot, and after a few additional weeks of rest, placed it back on a reservoir. It has been growing well and is just coming back into bloom.

Streptocarpus 'Dale's Gingersnaps'
bagged and ready for recovery



Streptocarpus 'Dale's
Gingersnaps', four months
later

Happily, I was also able to propagate the leaves I had cut, and now I have lots of babies of *Streptocarpus* 'Dale's Gingersnaps' to share.



Propagated leaves of *Streptocarpus* 'Dale's Gingersnaps'

Virtual Flower Show Photos

Click on this [Link](#) for the complete show.



Sinningia 'Stone's Yulia'
Mary Corondan



Sinningia 'Owlsee Red Hot'
Steve Kerr



Primulina lutea
Bobbi Johannsen



Columnea 'Julia' - Jill Fischer

Coming Events

September 10 - 12, 2019 — Davidsonville, MD Flower Show & Plant Sale

National Capitol Area Chapter of the Gesneriad Society
Homestead Gardens, 743 W. Central Avenue, Davidsonville, MD

Show: Saturday, September 11: 1 - 6 PM

Sunday, September 12: 10 AM - 2 PM

Sale: Friday, September 10: 1 - 6 PM

Saturday, September 11: 9 AM - 6 PM

Sunday, September 12: 10 AM - 3 PM

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From the editor —

I am working on repotting my plants since it is too hot in Ohio to spend much time outside.

If you have suggestions, comments, or items for possible inclusion in future issues, please feel free to contact me at melsgrice@gmail.com

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