



# Gleanings

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Welcome to the latest issue of **Gleanings!** This issue includes photos from the Philadelphia Flower Show, Gary Hunter talking about *Primulina yungfuensis*, Hung Nguyen's photos of *Sinningia helleri*, and information about the next webinar.

Hope you enjoy **Gleanings!**

Mel Grice, Editor



Hung Nguyen of San Jose, California, USA sent these two photos of *Primulina* 'Piccolo' — a Peter Shalit hybrid.



# Philadelphia Flower Show Photos



Mel Grice photos



*Paliavana plumerioides*  
Lynn Cook & Troy Ray



*Sinningia* 'Prudence Risley'  
Leslie Miller



*Sinningia leucotricha* x *S. lineata*  
Ken Selody



*Sinningia* 'Arkansas Empress'  
Lynn Cook & Troy Ray



*Streptocarpus* hybrid  
Leslie Miller

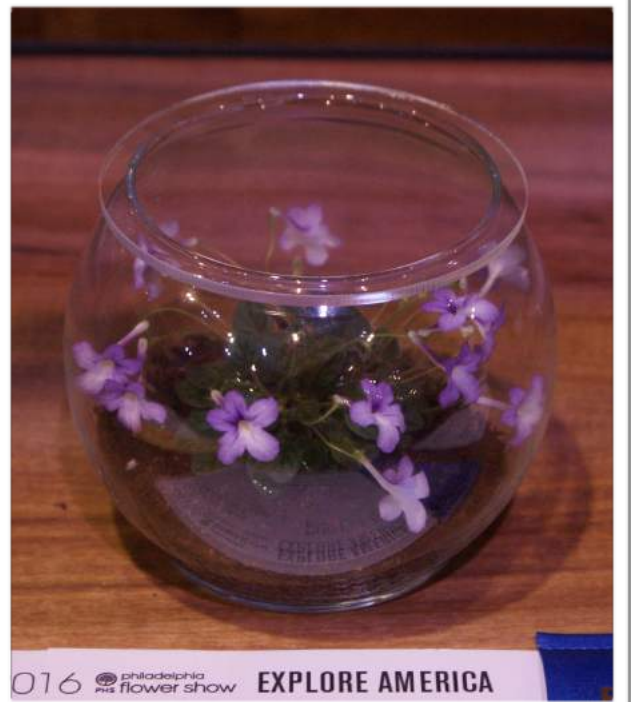


*Primulina medica*  
Russ Strover

Mel Grice photos



*Primulina 'Rachel'*  
Russ Strover



*Sinningia pusilla*  
Russ Strover



*Nematanthus 'Black Magic'*  
Lynn Cook & Troy Ray



*Drymonia strigosa*  
Lynn Cook & Troy Ray



Mel Grice photos



Stephen Maciejewski points to his entry of *Nautilocalyx pictus* 'Jade'



*Sinningia bulbosa*  
Lynn Cook & Troy Ray



*Primulina 'Betty'*  
Benjamin Jacoby



## *Primulina yungfuensis*

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Who needs flowers?

*Primulina yungfuensis* is a distinctively different species of *Primulina*. It has patterned variegation that makes it stand out. So far it has only been shown in gesneriad flower shows by hobbyists who are lucky enough to have one.

I had speculated that it should be spread far and wide even before I had one. I have about 20 small plants now from leaves shared by Arleen Dewell, Jim Roberts, and Drew Norris.

The leaves rooted quickly and produced multiple plantlets. The patterned foliage shows immediately making interesting leaves at any size.

This *Primulina* species could be a commercial foliage plant, unless it has some fatal flaw that is not apparent yet.

From the show plants, we know that it can be grown as a specimen with many leaves before it flowers. It can be a houseplant for your windowsill equivalent to calatheas, aglaonemas, or dieffenbachias, which are grown for their foliage. Maybe a more believable comparison is to the decorative foliage of a mini cyclamen before it is covered by flowers. *Primulinas* survive drought without harm, take sun or shade, and can tolerate hot or cold.

Eventually the blue flowers will show up. But we don't need them for *Primulina yungfuensis* to be a successful indoor plant.

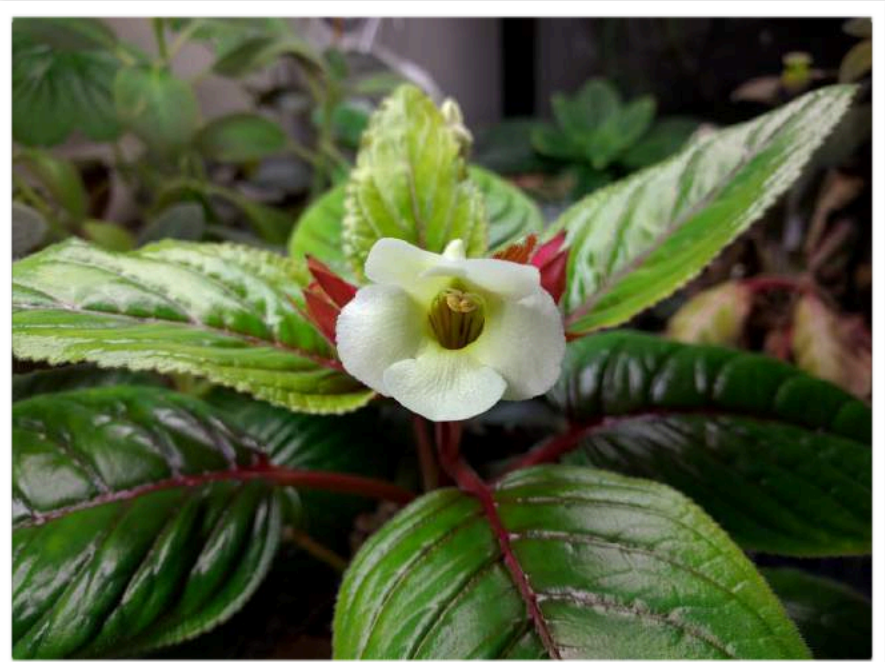


*Primulina yungfuensis*  
Exhibited by Drew Norris  
Jim Roberts photo

# *Sinningia helleri* Rediscovered

See "The *Sinningia helleri* Saga: Rediscovery and Conservation" by Mauro Peixoto and "Finding *Sinningia helleri*" by Dave Zaitlin in ***Gesneriads***, Volume 66, number 2, Second Quarter 2016.

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All photos by Hung Nguyen of plants grown from seed after only four months.







The Delaware African Violet and Gesneriad Society would like to invite you to join us for this year's convention, "Gesneriads in the First State." We are really excited about the programs that have been put together and think you will enjoy them while learning how to grow superior plants from some of the world's leading experts. The event will be held in Wilmington, Delaware, easily accessible by plane (Philadelphia Airport), train (Amtrak and SEPTA), and car (off I-95 in Delaware). Register online: <http://gesneriadsociety.org/conventions/2016-convention-wilmington-delaware/>

## Gesneriad Society Webinar Information

Paul Susi, former President of The Gesneriad Society and one of its most enthusiastic kohleria growers, will share his considerable experience growing these versatile plants in a special webinar scheduled for live viewing on May 24 at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight time as well as "any time" viewing online until August 31. Paul, a blue-ribbon winner at the Philadelphia Convention, will also touch on growing them outside during the summer. More information and registration information is at:

<http://shop.gesneriadsociety.org/collections/frontpage/products/webinar-fun-with-kohlerias>



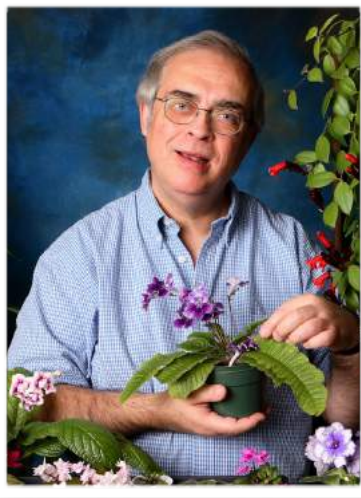
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## Fun with Kohlerias



Paul Susi, former President of The Gesneriad Society





**From the editor —**

I have just returned from the Toronto Gesneriad Society Flower Show and saw many well-grown gesneriads there. Look for photos in the next issue. I also spoke to the Ottawa African Violet Society and participated in the Cincinnati-Dayton AV show in Ohio. So the past few weeks have been a busy time for me.

If you have suggestions, comments, or items for possible inclusion in future issues, please feel free to contact me at [melsgrice@earthlink.net](mailto:melsgrice@earthlink.net)

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