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of the
**Toronto African Violet Society
& Toronto Gesneriad Society**

We're not strangers - only friends you have not met!

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"What is Christmas?

It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace." ~ Agnes M. Pahro



I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,

Just like the ones I used to know,

Where the tree tops glisten

And children listen

To hear sleigh bells in the snow...

~ Irving Berlin

**Christmas
Message is
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You're invited to attend the next meeting on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at the Toronto Botanical Garden 777 Lawrence Avenue East at 2:00 P.M. Garden Hall Please bring a guest

The program will include Holiday Pot Luck Social Election for Executive also Auction, Chinese Raffle, Pot Luck If you help!

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Playback by The Listener

It was a cool November 12th day for our meeting, but that did not deter twenty-four members from attending.

Sue Smith attended to the affairs of the societies. If you haven't renewed your Family membership yet, get it with TGS, as the price is \$24.00. It will go up to \$30.00 on January 1, 2018.

Julie Thompson discussed a couple of Spring Show themes, and then had a vote on them. The clear winner was "Come Together", a popular song title of a 1969 Beatles hit.

Doris Brownlie our Sunshine Girl, said we send out Christmas baskets to our members that no longer can attend our meetings. If you know someone, let Doris know.

We had one nice plant for the mini show, two Judges. We do not have a mini show at our December meeting.

During the break, Arthur Jenkins held a raffle, A lot of nice items. No, Nasrin Jahed was not one of the prizes.

At our December meeting we will have the popular Chinese Auction. It a fun event, and appreciated by all, but as you know, we need member participation.



The program was a "Propagation Workshop" for growing plants for the Spring Show Sales Table. Members were able to get cuttings or starter plants from divided plants. Potting them up and taking them home to grow on.

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The contributors of
the plants were Doris
Brownlie, Julie
Thompson and
Emma Bygott.

**Robert Morgan and
Doris.**



Susan Cheung
ensuring she has the
correct ID for her
cuttings.



Members Update

A warm welcome to our new members

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Mini Show
November 12, 2017

Judges: Doris Brownlie
Louise Cheung



TGS Rules



Top View

Class 1
1st *Petrocosmea minor* **BIS** Marina De Souza



Best in Show
Petrocosmea minor
Marina De Souza



Flower Close up

Christmas Wish



Don MacDonald is looking to purchase a light stand. If you have an extra, send Don an email at: Mac OnaPc <maconapc@gmail.com>

Meeting dates update

Please note date changes to January 14th and Sept 9th

Meeting Dates & Program Details November 23, 2017

The Meetings of the Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society take place at the Toronto Botanical Garden, located at the intersection of Lawrence Avenue and Leslie Street in Toronto, Ontario, at 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Meeting Rooms vary. Please refer to the website of the Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society for full meeting details. Mini-Show entries accepted from 1:45 pm - 2:00 pm for judging (all others for display only).

2018	Program	Location
January 14	AV's - mini's and semi-mini's (Brett Flewelling)	Garden Hall
February 4	Design webinar	Garden Hall
March 11	Prepare for Show - going to convention - how to travel/ pack plants	Garden Hall
April 7&8	Spring show (still two shows side by side once merged) - NO meeting	Floral Hall Studio 1 & 2 & 3
May 6	Primulina & Sinningia - how to start, culture etc.	Studio 1 & 2 & 3
May 12	Spring plant sale	Garden Hall
June 10	Social, Awards & Ugly Duckling/Dog Show	Garden Hall
September 9	TBA	Studio 1 & 2 & 3
September 30	Fall Sale 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Garden Hall
October 14	TBA	Garden Hall
November 11	TBA	Garden Hall
December 9	Holiday Social. Auction, Raffle, Pot Luck	Garden Hall

*Have a healthy, happy, and fun Holiday Season!
and
A Happy New Year!*

Christmas Message

Sue Smith

1st Vice President

It's hard to believe Christmas is just a few short weeks away; although it is a busy time it is also a wonderful time to celebrate the spirit and joy of the season.

On December 10th, we will meet and enjoy our annual holiday pot luck and as such invite you to bring your favourite dish to share at the occasion. A sign-up sheet has been emailed to members where you can indicate what you would like to bring. Your contribution can be sweet, savoury, a traditional dish representing your heritage or a family favourite. Remember to bring a plate and your cutlery for all those delicious dishes.

We will hold an Auction and the ever popular Chinese Raffle, these two events add to the fun of the afternoon. Please bring items for the auction and the raffle, preferably plant related. Perhaps you have extra plants, or a container you are no longer using that could be transformed into a dish garden or a terrarium or glass bowl, taking up space in the basement or garage which would be a welcome addition to the raffle and if it is planted up then it would be great for the auction.

The executive looks forward to seeing you at the December festivities and wishes you a joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Sue



All I want for Christmas is:



“A few years ago I received cuttings from Jude Newman of Minnesota of a Columnea that she thought might be the old hybrid 'Campus Queen'. It proved not to be that hybrid, but was in fact a much more desirable hybrid of unknown origin. I propagated it and distributed it, originally as "Pink Columnea" and later as C. 'Jude', in honor of the person who had preserved it for so many years.

Sadly, I lost my plant through misadventure, and would dearly love to get some pieces of it back. If anyone has a few cuttings to share I'd be very grateful to get them! Unfortunately, I don't have much to trade,

other than some Achimenes rhizomes (including a few from the plant that won "Best Achimenes" at convention in 2016) and a single plant of Streptocarpus 'Rose Scentsation', a cutting from the plant that won Best In Show at that same convention.

If you have some cuttings of Jude to share, give me a call at 905 649 6369; I'll bring the trades to the December social on the 10th.”

Ron Myhr