



Toronto Gesneriad Society

Newsletter

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"Spring is sooner recognized by plants than by men." ~ Chinese Proverb



President's Message

What a wonderful show we had last weekend. Thank you to all the members who participated, volunteering, entering plants, designs, plant sales, hospitality you name it. We couldn't make a big show like this happen if it were not for all of our time and effort working together to make it happen. I cannot wait to see what we bring to the table next year! It was great to partner yet again with our TAVS companions for another successful side by side show. And it is to that end that I wish to speak specifically. Be sure you set aside the time to attend our meeting in May. We will confirm the decision to move forward together with the Toronto African Violet Society as an amalgamated society, bringing together and combining our resources for a strong and vibrant future. Please do make the effort to come out. The reason I say this is a conformational vote is that our current executive were elected with a platform that moved toward amalgamating the societies, so this ratification vote will reaffirm and allow us to move forward with more affirmative actions writing bylaw's and looking toward the future with possible new names for the combined society. Any questions can be emailed directly to me Steve sakerr@gmail.com

For our program in May. Unfortunately Dale was unable to set the time aside being quite sick for a large portion of the winter. In lieu of her talk we will be watching a webinar on Kohleria from the society. Looking forward to seeing you all in May!!



Steve



*****THERE IS NO REGULAR MEETING IN APRIL*****

*****OUR NEXT MEETING IS MAY 7, 2017*****

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Playback by The Listener

The March 12th meeting was attended by thirty-three members. It was a sunny day, but the temperature was about -13° C.

Steve Kerr attended to the affairs of the society. Steve requested members to bring salads and dessert for the Saturday April 1st Judges Lunch.

Julie Thompson sought volunteers for the setup of the showroom. The doors open at 7:00 am.

Show and Tell: Karin Brockmueller showed one of her Saintpaulia hybrids, looking for comments about it's quality. Picture on Page 3.

There was one plant for the Mini-Show. Judge Paul Lee, gave it a 1st and Best in Show. See Page 3.

We had a break and treats. A lot of positive comments on the Date Squares, yummy.

Our program was a presentation by Karyn Cichocki, about her Trip to Ecuador. Karyn entertained and educated us with great photos from the trip and her excellent dialogue.



Many thanks to Karyn for the presentation. She drove from New Jersey, about an 8 hour drive. She also had to drive home with a big storm trailing behind, she made it home safely. Thanks again, Karyn.

See you all at the Spring Show!

Happy Spring and Happy Easter Season!

Gesneriad Mini Show

March 12, 2017

Judge: Paul Lee

1st Kohleria 'Snakeskin'

Audrey Burry-Plunkett



Best in Show
Kohleria 'Snakeskin'
Audrey Burry-Plunkett



Best in Show
Kohleria 'Snakeskin'
Audrey Burry-Plunkett

Show and Tell



Show and Tell
Karin Brockmueller's hybrid of Saintpaulia
'Senk's Snowy Egret' x 'The Madam', both being
trailers



Members Update
A warm welcome to
our new member.

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Please add him to your membership list.

Saturday, April 1st, Setup and Judging



Saturday Setup 8:00 am Morning people



Saturday Setup 8:00 am ritual "Laying of the Sheets"



9:30 am Saturday: Marina De Sousa with TGS Entries Chair, Beverley Williams



9:30 am Saturday: Karin Brockmueller, TAVS Entries Chair



9:30 am Saturday Setup: Gillian Smith "Pinning of the Sheets" ritual - My poor back



Bill Price, Classification Chair and Jackie Mills



Diane Pagé and Pierre LaForest last minute dusting



Judy Zinni preparing an awesome design



Iryna Kalyna with her plants



Steve Kerr - Last minute cleanup



A Family Event: Alla (centre) and Nick Kotova (right) Alla's mother (left) Tamara



Irina Firer and her plants



Deanna Belli is the Judges & Clerks Chair



Doris Brownlie dusting off her plants



TGS Judges Team 1: Marianna Hollerbach, Judy Neimira, Mel Grice, Doris Brownlie, Celia Roberts



Louise Cheung preparing TAVS "Court of Honour"



TGS Judging Team 2: Jim Roberts, Eileen McGrath, Arleen Dewell, Gillian E. Smith, Arthur Jenkins



TGS Judges Team 3: Bruce Williams, Laura Buckner, Michael Erdman, Iryna Kalyna, Robert Hall



TAVS Judging Team 2: Alison Connor, Rita McPhail, Louise Cheung, Paul Kroll, Veronique Clabots



TGS Judges Team 4: Paul Lee, Thomas Vandebussche, Pat Smith, Andrew Norris, Judy Zinni



TAVS Judges Team 3: Marina De Souza, Pierre LaForest, Nasrin Jahed, Jackie Mills, Audrey Burry-Plunkett, Steve Kerr



TAVS Judges Team 1: Liz Porquet, Pat Barnett, Pierre-Luc Frigon, Brett Flewelling, Bill Price



Julie Thompson besides doing everything was the Show Chair For both societies