



Toronto Gesneriad Society

Newsletter

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"Anyone can make you laugh and anyone can make you cry, but it takes someone special to make you smile with tears in your eyes." ~ Unknown



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Robert Burns (25 January 1759 – 21 July 1796)

As I am completing this newsletter on January 25th, I can't help remembering Robbie Burns, as we share an event. Now, I am not Scottish and I have never had haggis, I still celebrate the day with a turkey sandwich on a baguette.

Robbie was a Scottish poet and lyricist, and among his works is "Auld Lang Syne" which loosely refers to "for the sake of old times" and is still widely sung at the turn of the old year. He is regarded as a pioneer of the Romantic movement, which is an interesting subject as well, and lots of information can be discovered on Wikipedia.

My best wishes to all my friends at TGS and TAVS for a great year. See you all on Feb 5th.

Stan Sudol
Editor



Sinningia seedling 'Darth Vader'
x self - Steve Kerr



You're invited to attend the next
TGS meeting on
Sunday, February 5, 2017
at the
Toronto Botanical Garden
777 Lawrence Avenue East at 2:00 P.M.
Studio 1 & 2 & 3 Please bring a guest

The program will include
Container Gardens
Presentation:
Local members
also
Mini Show, Sales Table
Raffle, Show & Tell

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Playback by The Listener

It was a sunny, but bitterly cold day for our January 8th meeting. We had twenty-two members attending our first meeting of 2017.

President Steve Kerr attended to the affairs of the societies.

Doris Brownlie, Treasurer for TGS and for TAVS, gave a brief financial report for the societies.

The full statement for TGS is included in this newsletter.

Doris is also our Sunshine Girl and had the following to report: Ray Morrison was to undergo some surgery, and we wish him the very best; Eleanor Elston, our 9th President in 1993 and 1994 was taken to a dinner with Doris and is reported to be happy; Marina De Souza was not present at our meeting as she was celebrating her granddaughter's twenty-first birthday.

We had a very nice mini show, thanks to those who brought the plants in. The Judges, Paul Lee and Steve Kerr did their best to critique the plants and select a winner.

The refreshment table was well organized and stocked by this month's volunteers, Suzie Larouche and Iryna Kalyna. Thank you for your efforts.

Steve organized a raffle and it was appreciated by all. Thanks Steve.

Steve had a talk on preparing for show, and a demonstration on disbudding and pinching out unnecessary leaves. Thanks Steve.

Stan Sudol had a PP presentation on the 2014 AVSC Convention held at the Prince Hotel and hosted by TAVS. It was appreciated by the members.

The program for February 5th will include:



Container Gardens

Container Gardens are a big part of our shows design schedule and are a fun way to incorporate gesneriads and violets into a form that can be enjoyed by many people both in and out of our society. Local members will walk you through creating both natural and container gardens so that you too can compete at our spring show!

Mini Show, sales table, Show & Tell and a Raffle, if you help

Gesneriad Mini Show

January 8, 2017

Judges: Paul Lee
Steve Kerr

Class 3
1st *Saintpaulia* 'Rob's Galiwinkin' Steve Kerr

Class 1
1st *Saintpaulia* 'Morgan's Sophronia' Bev Williams



2nd *Saintpaulia* 'Fundy Fog' Bev Williams

Class 2
1st *Saintpaulia* 'Rob's Pal Paul' Bev Williams



February 20

Happy Family Day!

Class 4A

1st *Petrocosmea* 'Keystone's Paul Kroll' BIS
Bev Williams



Best in Show
Petrocosmea 'Keystone's Paul Kroll'
Bev Williams

2nd *Petrocosmea* 'Keystone's Little Rascal'
Bev Williams



Class 4B

1st *Petrocosmea* sp. 'China 2005' Steve Kerr



Notes

Please contribute to our newsletter: Send articles, photos and other submissions to your editor at stan_pat_sudol@rogers.com. Deadline is always three weeks before meeting date. Got cultural questions or any requests for plants or supplies? Send it along as well.

Please remember to bring cuttings, tubers, rhizomes and plants (pest-free and properly labeled) for our plant sales table. Please bring your prize-winning specimens for the Mini Show and other interesting exemplars for Show and Tell.



Class 5

1st ×*Achimenes* 'Northwoods Sunburst'

Steve Kerr



Class 7 Foliage

1st *Kohleria* sp. Ecuador 'Carol Anne'

Steve Kerr



Class 6

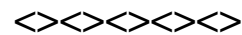
1st *Sinningia* seedling 'Darth Vader' x self

Steve Kerr



Members Update
A warm welcome to
our new member.

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**Happy
Valentine's
Day**

TORONTO GESNERIAD SOCIETY
Annual Statement - 2016

BALANCE December 31, 2015 **\$7,398.73**

	INCOME		DISBURSEMENTS
Memberships	1,464.00	Newsletter	69.10
Money Market	11.71	Rent	2,692.22
Refreshments	69.55	Publicity	369.72
Plant sales	100.75	Jump on Spring	53.00
Projector rental	100.00	Convention Show Award	81.85
Vendors	443.50	Refreshments	29.50
Donations	63.95	Show expenses	562.21
Raffle	206.00	US Memberships	624.58
Auction	227.00	Webinars	40.55
From TAVS for rent	557.66	TGS Membership	250.00
Show income	1199.20		
Jump on Spring	21.50		
Chinese Auction	131.50		
Total	\$4,596.32	Total	\$4,776.28

Brought forward	\$7,398.73
Income	\$4,596.32
Disbursements	\$4,776.28

BALANCE January 8, 2017 **\$7,218.77**

{Money Market: \$4,500.00 + Bank: \$2,583.39 + Petty Cash: \$101.90 + ½ combined petty cash 33.48}

Respectfully Submitted

D M Brownlie

Doris Brownlie
Treasurer

Another simple way to accommodate those hanging baskets

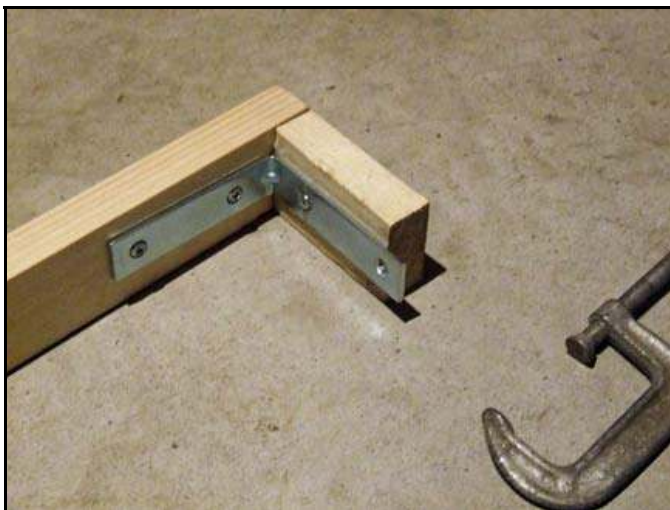
by Paul Lee

I was trying to find a simple and cheap way to make something to hold a hanging basket that would not interfere with the plants on the table below but would allow me to turn the hanging pot to the light on a regular basis.

This is what I came up with,



(see photo's.) I first bought a piece of one inch by two inch pine which was four feet long at a cost of four dollars and I then I bought an L bracket four inches long and four inches high, and finally I found a steel hanger for about three dollars. All that was left was five three quarter inch screws.



First you cut the length of pine to about three feet long and cut another four inches off of the one foot piece of pine, this will make the right angle at the base. Take the L bracket and screw it onto the short piece of wood making the L bracket

flush with the end of the wood. The next step is to screw the L bracket to the long piece of wood, making sure the two pieces are not overlapping.

Place the metal hanger at the top of the long piece of wood and put a screw in the hole at the top, done.



To fix it to your table you will need a small C clamp which you can purchase from a hardware store or even a dollar store.

For a larger hanging pot you may have to cut the upright a little longer to allow for the longer hanger and bigger pot.



I hope you find this of some use.

President's Message

I know that it is coming up on February but I still feel like I should be wishing you a Happy New Year. With all the wet weather we have been having it hasn't felt like winter has truly set in and if you are like me then you too must be bracing for when it finally hits. Memories of polar vortexes are certainly what come to mind! Well even though we haven't been hit with a polar vortex we still have an awful lot coming up this coming season. This coming meeting February 5th in the Studios, Jackie Mills and I are going to put on a presentation all about container gardens. It is our hope that with your new found knowledge you too will put together a container garden or two for our spring show! Also coming up in February is the ever popular Get The Jump On Spring, we have decided to join TAVS this year in putting together a table to promote our society and upcoming show. If you are interested in helping great the public and inviting people to join us please talk to one of our executive members for more information on how you can assist us. Get the Jump On Spring is Saturday February 18th. Even if you can't help out for the full day I am sure our volunteers will be excited to see you there.

Other things to look forward to in the coming months are Karyn Cichocki, a prominent grower from New Jersey will be speaking in March as long as a blizzard doesn't keep her away on a recent trip she made to Equador. Be sure to mark your calendar for this special presentation. Our Spring show will also be a bit different this year as we have invited Jim Roberts a grower from the Washington DC area will come to speak on his vast collection (which numbers in the 1000s!!!) on Sunday afternoon. Also our May will have an additional sale to the public, while our May meeting will feature Dale Martins from Illinois. As you can see we have a lot to look forward to this spring, and I cant wait to build more memories with you! Looking forward to seeing you all Sunday February 5th!!

At our January meeting no one volunteered to make the coffee, if you are able to make coffee for us all to enjoy please email me to let me know at sakerr@gmail.com, all you have to do is come 15-20 minutes early all the instructions are printed out for you to follow and I will bring the milk and the cream.



Winter Garden

"In winter's cold and sparkling snow,
The garden in my mind does grow.
I look outside to blinding white,
And see my tulips blooming bright.
And over there a sweet carnation,
Softly scents my imagination.

On this cold and freezing day,
The Russian sage does gently sway,
And miniature roses perfume the air,
I can see them blooming there.
Though days are short, my vision's clear.
And through the snow, the buds appear.

In my mind, clematis climbs,
And morning glories do entwine.
Woodland phlox and scarlet pinks,
Replace the frost, if I just blink.
My inner eye sees past the snow.
And in my mind, my garden grows."
~ Cheryl Magic-Lady