



# Toronto Gesneriad Society

## Newsletter

*Celebrating  
40 Years*

*We're not strangers - only friends you have not met!  
Growing since 1977*

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*"A health to you, a wealth to you, And the best that life can give to you."  
~ A New Year. William Arthur Ward*



### Vice President's Message

*A excerpt from January 2016*

**Happy New Year Everyone!!**

However you usher in the New Year and whether you make resolutions, set goals or choose a method that suits your particular style, your executive wishes you the best of health, happiness and successful growing in 2017.

*Sue*



You're invited to attend the next  
TGS meeting on  
Sunday, January 8, 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  
"Preparing for Show"  
AVSC 2014 Convention  
Presentation: Stan Sudol  
also  
Mini Show, Sales Table  
Show & Tell, Raffle

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### **Editor's Deadline:**

Three weeks prior to the next meeting.

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## **Playback by The Listener**

It was a snowy day for our meeting, but in spite of that the December 13<sup>th</sup> was well attended. Thirty members from both societies came to enjoy the festivities.

Steve Kerr welcomed everyone and recited a prayer of thanks and peace and friendship.

The Pot Luck table was brimming with sweet and savory items. Many items were ethnic in origin, which made for a special treat for everyone.

When things settled down, Arthur Jenkins performed his Chinese Auction magic and his efforts were well appreciated.

Steve held an auction of many beautiful plants and an arrangement, all were very competitive in the bidding. Thanks, Steve.

The year 2017 is special for our societies. TGS is celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and TAVS is celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I don't know if we can say that we have 100 years of experience together, but if not it will be a great year. Our first exposure to the Anniversaries will be our Spring Show, whose theme will be "Champagne and Caviar" on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations to all for your contribution to the success of our societies.

The program for our January meeting is a mini presentation on "Preparing for Show" and a PP Presentation on the "AVSC 2014 Convention", presentation by Stan Sudol. This was an important time in TAVS history because it was hosted by the hard working members. The efforts by all the volunteers were a huge contribution to the success of this convention. It was then necessary to document the activities and displays for the record, and keep it in our archives. This will be of interest to members of both societies. See you on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

*"The shortest day has passed, and whatever nastiness of weather we may look forward to in January and February, at least we notice that the days are getting longer. Minute by minute they lengthen out. It takes some weeks before we become aware of the change. It is imperceptible even as the growth of a child, as you watch it day by day, until the moment comes when with a start of delighted surprise we realize that we can stay out of doors in a twilight lasting for another quarter of a precious hour."*

~ Vita Sackville-West

**Holiday Pot-Luck Social December 13, 2016**



**Andrew Schram and Ruth Schram**



**Doris Brownlie and Deanna Belli**



**Audrey Burry-Plunkett and Iryna Kalyna**



**Emma Bygott and Louise Cheung**



**Bruce and Beverley Williams**



**Erwin Mertens and Leyla Eghbali**



**Irina Firer and Arthur Jenkins**



**Marina De Souza, Gillian E. Smith and Pat Barnett**



**Lyudmyla Kashuba and Igor Pryidoun**



**Paul Lee and Marion Kerr**



**Karin Brockmueller and Nasrin Jahed**



**Sue and Pat Smith**



Suzie Larouche and Sonja Sinclair



Steve Kerr and Stan Sudol

# TGSTGAS

## Notes



### Members Update

A warm welcome to our new member.

#### Nadia Talent

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### Membership Renewal

It is now 2017, so if you have not renewed your membership to TGS, please do so as soon as you can.

Gillian E. Smith is our Membership Secretary, and her mailing address is on page 2.

**Plant Sales** A big thank you to the donors of plant material to the auction in December.

**Please contribute** to our newsletter: Send articles, photos and other submissions to your editor at [stan\\_pat\\_sudol@rogers.com](mailto: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.



### Past Presidents

In the above pictures who were Presidents of TGS?

- Paul Lee - last time 2012
- Patrick Smith - 1992
- Sonja Sinclair -2000
- Sue Smith - 2002
- Suzie Larouche - 2014

And our newest President Steve Kerr - 2017.