



Toronto Gesneriad Society

Newsletter

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

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"Of all the wonders of nature, a tree in summer is perhaps the most remarkable; with the possible exception of a moose singing "Embraceable You" in spats." ~ Woody Allen

President's Message

Well, I hope with the increase in temperature you are enjoying the gardens both inside and out! I know at this time of year my light shelves are a bustle of activity as my own plants seem to grow and blossom much more than at any other time of the year. If you have difficulty to propagate plants early summer is a great time to set leaves or cuttings as for some reason I have found it to be the fastest time to make new plants!!

June is our annual awards banquet and potluck in celebration of everything that has happened over the past year and so I look forward to seeing many of you come out as we celebrate our spring show awards as well.

Canada is celebrating 150 years young this year and what better way to celebrate our wonderfully multicultural nation than by bringing in a dish that represents the nation where one or more of your ancestors came from. My mother came directly from Scotland, but

I promise I won't make you eat any Haggis!!!

Don't forget to bring your Garden related items and plants in for our Chinese raffle and auction. I already have waiting a brand new table top light garden for someone to try out for the auction!!! Bring in your items and your wallet for this ever popular event!!!

Finally I want to encourage you to email me with any ideas for meeting topics for next year. Please email anyone on the executive and let us know what you liked, and what you would like to see more of for next year. sakerr@gmail.com

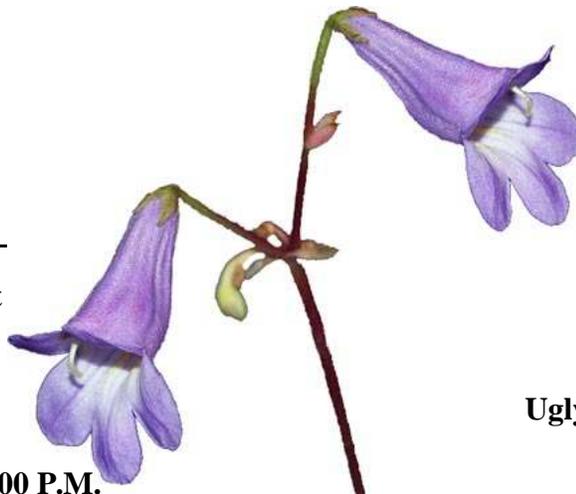
See you all for our celebration 60 and 40 years of African Violets and Gesneriads in Toronto!!

Steve

*Primulina 'Loki' - 2 weeks
after the May 13th Sale*



**You're invited to attend the next
TGS meeting on
Sunday, June 11, 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
A Social Event
Spring Show Awards
Ugly Duckling Show/Dog Show
Chinese Raffle, Auction
Show & Tell
Picture Day!**

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Playback by The Listener

It was a nice Spring day for our May 7th meeting. President Steve Kerr welcomed twenty-nine members to our Societies meeting.

Doris Brownlie read a very nice note from Paul Kroll, thanking us for our Spring Show.

Show and Tell: Arthur Jenkins had 2 Saintpaulia plants that he had questions on growing them. They were answered by our members; Karin Brockmueller had a bottle terrarium that some of the plants were getting quite big and she had to replant; Paul Lee had a Petrocosmea that had some Grandchildren damage, but it will recover.

Vote: The question was - "Shall we move forward to create By-Laws for the proposed merger." - The vote was by ballot and results are as follows. A number of our members are members of both societies.

	TAVS	TGS	Total
Yes	15	19	34
No	4	2	6

Your Executive will move forward to prepare the new By-Laws. We had a nice refreshment table and it was enjoyed by all.

The program was a Gesneriad Society Webinar "Fun with Kohlerias", it was interesting, educational and fun. We all learned something.

The June program will include the Ugly Duckling Show for Gesneriads and a Dog Show for African Violets. So bring as many sorrowful-looking plants as you can find. Don't be afraid to bring those dreadful looking plants, you may win an award for them! You may even find out how to make your plant perform the way you want it to perform.

Please, NO insect infested plants.



This month's meeting is June 11, 2017 and our last meeting until September 10th. We wish to make this a social event, as well as conducting our normal activities, so bring an item, sweet or savory, we are also suggesting an ethnic theme.

Picture Day!

Mini Show

May 7, 2017

Judge: Paul Lee

Streptocarpus 'Heartland's Baby Kisses' **BIS**

Steve Kerr

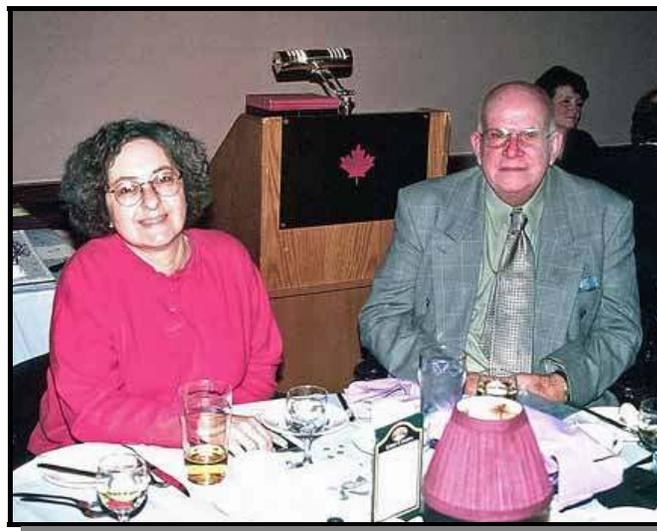


Best in Show
Streptocarpus 'Heartland's Baby Kisses'
Steve Kerr



*Have a Happy,
Healthy, Safe
and Fun Summer!*

Carol Ann Bonner



Carol Ann Bonner and Monte Watler
at our Silver Anniversary Banquet in 2002

Julie Mavity-Hudson posted this on May 18, 2017

Many of you knew Carol Ann Bonner. I have the sad duty of reporting that she died this morning (May 18, 2017) after a long illness. Before she became unresponsive she dictated this note:

"I've put off emailing people in the Gesneriad Society til late because so many are more important to me than I can easily express at any time, much less in my deteriorating state of mental acuity. I've already left it too late to say what I feel, but I will try:

You have enriched my life like the beauty of a slowly unfurling sinningia bud - how do you put that into words? You don't. More than that, it's not just the beauty, it's the expectation, it's the joy. Knowing that you have friends everywhere; and not just friends, but good friends, all over the world. Thank you for being my friends."



The Ugly Duckling Show



The Coveted Ugly Duck Award

This program was started in 2002, and is continuing this year, under the jurisdiction of Beverley Williams. It is like a "dawg show" that other societies hold where everyone has fun with plants that have not performed as well as the growers would have liked. At the same time we realize that, like an ugly duckling, even a poorly grown specimen has the potential of turning into a swan.

Bring your worst plant, most misshapen plant, the plant that you despair over and vie for the coveted award of "Best Ugly Duckling in Show". We will mock critique your plant and give advice on how to change your ugly duckling into a swan.

Bring as many sorrowful-looking plants as you can find. Don't be afraid to bring those dreadful looking plants, you may win an award for them! You may even find out how to make your plant perform the way you want it to perform.

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Toronto Gesneriad Society Ugly Duckling Show Schedule

Classes:

Class 1. Duck Weed.

A gesneriad that has grown in a spindly, asymmetrical or off centered fashion.

Class 2. Duck Pond.

A gesneriad most in need of grooming.

Class 3. Duck Feather.

A gesneriad with yellowed, chlorotic, leaves.

Class 4. Just Ducky.

A gesneriad in the most inappropriate pot: under potted, over potted or in a tacky pot.

Class 5. Cooked Duck.

An almost dead gesneriad.

Class 6. Duck Fantasy.

For the adventurous and the artistic. A design of predominantly gesneriad material, which interprets the ugly duckling theme. Tongue in cheek is good.

Rules:

1. The judges will be appointed by the person who runs the club's monthly mini show.
2. The judges' decisions are final.
3. The exhibitor must have personally grown the plants for at least three months.
4. The exhibitor must be a member of the Toronto Gesneriad Society.
5. All plants must be disease and insect free.
6. The judges will choose the Best Ugly Duckling in each class (here-by called BUDIC) by using whatever system of judging that they wish to use.
7. The members present at the meeting will vote for the Best Ugly Duckling in Show (here-by called BUDIS) from all the BUDIC's that were chosen by the judges by a show of hands. Both artistic and horticultural classes are eligible to win the BUDIS trophy.

The idea is above all to have fun and to perhaps learn from others how to better grow plants.