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"Gardening is about enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil, getting dirty without feeling guilty, and generally taking the time to soak up a little peace and serenity." ~Lindley Karstens

President's Message

Well April showers they say bring May flowers. I don't know too much about that but I do know that we will have a chance to see some more violets and gesneriads next weekend at the Lakeshore African Violet Societies show, at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 61 W Deane Park Dr, Etobicoke. Head on out next Saturday April 29 from 9-4 to see the show if you are able, there is no admittance fee but donations are appreciated. They will also have a sales area, where I know typically many leaves are offered for sale.

I do hope to see you all out at our next meeting, keep an eye on your inbox late next week for a document outlining some answers to a few questions that have trickled in regarding the

merger vote of the two societies, which will take place at the meeting. We will also enjoy a webinar on growing and showing Kohleria which is bound to enhance our knowledge and growing ability as a society. I hope that you can all make it out.

As always any questions or concerns can be emailed to me directly, or any member of the executive and we will do our best to address them.

See you all at our next meeting May 7th,
Steve



**You're invited to attend the next
TGS meeting on
Sunday, May 7, 2017
at the
Toronto Botanical Garden
777 Lawrence Avenue East at 2:00 P.M.
Garden Hall Please bring a guest**

*Happy
Mothers
Day*



**The program will include
Gesneriad Society Webinar
"Fun with Kohlerias"
also
Mini Show, Sales Table
Raffle, Show & Tell**

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A few more pictures from our show



Section J - Novice - Class 39
Streptocarpus
'Heartland's Auzie Butterfly'
Iryna Kalyna



Section D - Old World
Gesneriads In Flower - Class 26
Streptocarpus
'Dale's Dancing Fairies'
Bruce Williams



Section E - Gesneriads Grown
For Ornamental Qualities Other
Than Flowers - Class 29
Corytoplectus cutucuensis
Bill Price



Section D - Old World
Gesneriads In Flower - Class 25
Streptocarpus 'White Butterfly'
Emma Bygott



Members Update

A warm welcome to
our new members.

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Please add them to your membership list.

Toronto Gesneriad Society
“Champagne and Caviar”
2017 Show Results



Best In Show Horticulture
Best Primulina
Best Variegated Gesneriad
Primulina ‘Cynthia’
Beverley Williams



Best In Arts
Paper Tole 2
Marina De Souza



Best In Artistic
“Memories”
Judy Zinni

Special Awards

Special Prize Name

Best In Arts
 Best In Artistic
 Second Best In Artistic
 Best In Show Horticulture
 Second Best In Show Horticulture
 Best Primulina
 Best Sinningia Hybrid
 Best Variegated Gesneriad

Plant Name

Paper Tole 2
 “Memories”
 “Big Splash”
Primulina ‘Cynthia’
 Primulina Collection
Primulina ‘Cynthia’
Sinningia ‘Deep Purple Dreamin’
Primulina ‘Cynthia’

Exhibitor Name

Marina De Souza
 Judy Zinni
 Deanna Belli
 Beverley Williams
 Beverley Williams
 Beverley Williams
 Deanna Belli
 Beverley Williams

Section Awards

Section Name

Best New World Tuberos Section A
 Best New World Rhizomatous Section B
 Best Old World Gesneriad in Flower Section D
 Best Gesneriad Grown For Foliage Section E
 Best Gesneriad New Gesneriads Section F
 Best Lesser Known Gesneriad Section G
 Best Collection of Gesneriads Section H
 Best Arrangement-Cut Flowers Section K
 Best Arrangement-Growing/Cut Section L
 Best Growing Material in a Planting Section M
 Best Crafts Representing Gesneriads Section O

Plant Name

Sinningia ‘Deep Purple Dreamin’
Kohleria ‘An’s Busy Bee’
Primulina guiliniensis
Primulina ‘Cynthia’
Primulina glandulosa var. *yangshouensis*
Primulina linearicalyx
 Primulina Collection
 “Nibbles”
 “Memories”
 Tray landscape
 Paper Tole 2

Exhibitor Name

Deanna Belli
 Doris Brownlie
 Beverley Williams
 Beverley Williams
 Julie Thompson
 Julie Thompson
 Beverley Williams
 Judy Zinni
 Judy Zinni
 Steve Kerr
 Marina De Souza



Best Sinningia Hybrid
Sinningia 'Deep Purple
 Dreamin'
 Deanna Belli



Second Best In Artistic
 "Big Splash"
 Deanna Belli



Second Best In Show
 Horticulture
 Primulina Collection
 Beverley Williams

Division I - Horticulture

■ - Best in Section

Section & Class

Plant Name

Exhibitor Name

Section A - New World Gesneriads In Flower - Tuberous

01	Sinningia speciosa species or hybrids (peloric or pendant flowers)	1 st <i>Sinningia speciosa</i> 'Pedra Lisa'	Arleen Dewell
03	Other Sinningia hybrids with rosette or upright growth patterns	1 st <i>Sinningia</i> 'Country Crocus'	Beverley Williams
		2 nd <i>Sinningia</i> 'HCY's Blue Dolphin'	Julie Thompson
		3 rd <i>Sinningia</i> 'Peridots Sand Pebbles'	Steve Kerr
		<i>Sinningia</i> 'Prudence Risely'	Doris Brownlie
04	Other Sinningia species or hybrids with largest leaf less than 2.5 cm (1") long	1 st <i>Sinningia</i> 'Deep Purple Dreamin'	Deanna Belli
		2 nd <i>Sinningia</i> 'Lil Georgie'	Beverley Williams
		3 rd <i>Sinningia</i> 'Deep Purple Dreamin'	Marina De Souza

Section B - New World Gesneriads In Flower - Rhizomatous

07	Kohleria	1 st <i>Kohleria</i> 'An's Busy Bee'	Doris Brownlie
		2 nd <i>Kohleria</i> 'Trinidad'	Jackie Mills

Section C - New World Gesneriads In Flower - Fibrous Rooted

10	Alsobia, Episcia	1 st <i>Episcia</i> 'Jim's Pineapple'	Jackie Mills
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Section D - Old World Gesneriads In Flower

17	Petrocosmea	1 st <i>Petrocosmea</i> 'Keystone's Little Rascal'	Steve Kerr
18	Primulina Species	1 st <i>Primulina guilinensis</i>	Beverley Williams
19	Primulina hybrids or named cultivars	1 st <i>Primulina</i> 'Omen'	Beverley Williams
20	Saintpaulia species	1 st <i>Saintpaulia</i> sp. clone <i>grotei</i> 'van Someren'	Audrey Burry-Plunkett
25	Streptocarpus - subgenus Streptocarpella	1 st <i>Streptocarpus</i> 'White Butterfly'	Emma Bygott
26	Streptocarpus - subgenus Streptocarpus	1 st <i>Streptocarpus</i> 'Dale's Dancing Fairies'	Bruce Williams



**Best New World Rhizomatous
Section B
Kohleria 'An's Busy Bee'
Doris Brownlie**



**Best Old World Gesneriad
in Flower Section D
Primulina guilinesis
Beverley Williams**



**Best Gesneriad New Gesneriads
Section F
*Primulina glandulosa var.
yangshouensis*
Julie Thompson**

Section E - Gesneriads Grown For Ornamental Qualities Other Than Flowers

28	Episcia	1 st <i>Episcia</i> 'Red Gator'	Steve Kerr
		2 nd <i>Episcia</i> 'La Solidar bronze'	Doris Brownlie
		3 rd <i>Episcia</i> 'Jim's Magic'	Audrey Burry-Plunkett
29	Gesneriads with variegated foliage	1 st <i>Corytoplectus cutucuensis</i>	Bill Price
		2 nd <i>Sinningia gesneriifolia</i>	Steve Kerr
		3 rd <i>Drymonia chiribogana</i>	Steve Kerr
		HM <i>Columnnea hirta</i> 'Light Prince'	Julie Thompson
30	Gesneriads with variegated foliage	2 nd <i>Episcia</i> 'Pink Smoke'	Beverley Williams
31	Primulina	1 st <i>Primulina linearifolia</i>	Emma Bygott
		2 nd <i>Primulina linearifolia</i>	Steve Kerr
		3 rd <i>Primulina flavimaculata</i>	Paul Lee
31A	Primulina White & Green	1 st <i>Primulina 'Cynthia'</i>	Beverley Williams
		2 nd Primulina 'Cynthia'	Marina De Souza
31B	Primulina Variegated	1 st <i>Primulina sclerophylla</i>	Beverley Williams
		2 nd <i>Primulina</i> 'Loki'	Audrey Burry-Plunkett
		3 rd <i>Primulina</i> 'Destiny'	Doris Brownlie
		HM <i>Primulina</i> 'Omen'	Jackie Mills
31C	Primulina filigree	1 st <i>Primulina ophiopogoides</i>	Steve Kerr
		2 nd <i>Primulina</i> 'Stardust'	Steve Kerr
		3 rd <i>Primulina</i> 'Kitaguni'	Jackie Mills
		<i>Primulina</i> 'Chastity'	Jackie Mills
		<i>Primulina spadiceiformis</i>	Jackie Mills
32	Other gesneriads species or hybrids - ornamental	1 st <i>Henckelia</i> 'Ako Sky'	Steve Kerr
		2 nd <i>Petrocosmea parryorum</i>	Steve Kerr
		3 rd <i>Alsobia</i> 'Cynet'	Jackie Mills

Columnnea citriflora
Columnnea microphylla
Petrocosmea minor
Petrocosmea 'Keystone's Tiny Tim'

Paul Lee
 Beverley Williams
 Jackie Mills
 Steve Kerr

Section F - New Gesneriads

33 New Gesneriads - Plants in flower

2nd *Primulina glandulosa* var. *yangshouensis* Steve Kerr
 3rd *Primulina guilinesis* Steve Kerr

34 New Gesneriads - Plants not in flower

1st *Primulina glandulosa* var. *yangshouensis* Julie Thompson
 2nd *Primulina linearicalyx* Julie Thompson
 3rd *Primulina linearicalyx* Steve Kerr



**Best Lesser Known Gesneriad
 Section G**
Primulina linearicalyx
 Julie Thompson



**Best Arrangement-Cut Flowers
 Section K**
 "Nibbles"
 Judy Zinni



**Best Growing Material in a
 Planting Section M**
 Tray landscape
 Steve Kerr

Section G - Lesser Known Gesneriads

36 Plants not in flower

1st *Primulina linearicalyx* Julie Thompson
 2nd *Centrosolenia densa* Steve Kerr

Section H - Collection Of Gesneriads

37 Plants of a single genus, or plants related through an intergeneric and/or hybrid

1st *Primulina* Collection Beverley Williams
 2nd *Nautilocalyx* Collection Steve Kerr
 3rd *Episcia* Collection Marina De Souza

Section I - Trained or Sculptured Gesneriads

38 Bonsai, topiary, espaliered, or other style

2nd *Primulina ophiopogoides* Steve Kerr

Section J - Novice

39 Novice - Gesneriads in flower

1st *Streptocarpus* 'Heartland's Auzie Butterfly' Iryna Kalyna
 2nd *Primulina tabacum* Iryna Kalyna

Division II - Artistic

Section K - Arrangement of Fresh-Cut and/or Dried Gesneriad Material

41A "Big Splash" Open Container (A beverage glass of your choice)

1st "Big Splash" Deanna Belli
 2nd "Big Splash" Steve Kerr
 3rd "Big Splash" Marina De Souza

41B	"Big Splash" Closed Container (Bubble Bowl)	1 st "Big Splash"	Marina De Souza
42	"Nibbles" 5"H x10"W x 10"D Freestanding Design	1 st "Nibbles" 2 nd "Nibbles"	Judy Zinni Steve Kerr
43	"Black Tie Affair" 12"H x 8"W x 8"D	1 st "Black Tie Affair"	Steve Kerr

Section L - Arrangements of Fresh-Cut, Dried, and/or Growing Gesneriad Material

44	"Memories" Not to exceed 24" in any dimension	1 st "Memories" 2 nd "Memories"	Judy Zinni Steve Kerr
47	"Cheers to Friends" 48"H x 30"W x 30"D	1 st "Cheers to Friends"	Steve Kerr

Section M - Growing Material in a Planting

50	Tray landscape	1 st Tray landscape 2 nd Tray landscape	Steve Kerr Marina De Souza
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Section O Crafts Representing Gesneriads

53	Photography: slides, photographs or digital images in colour or black and white	1 st Photograph	Deanna Belli
54	Crafts such as textiles, needlework, beadwork, collages or papier-mâché	1 st Paper Tole 2 2 nd Cross Stitch 3 rd Paper Tole	Marina De Souza Marina De Souza Marina De Souza
55	Paintings, drawings, carvings	1 st Painting	Marina De Souza



**Section A - New World
Gesneriads In Flower -
Tuberous - Class 01
Sinningia speciosa 'Pedra Lisa'
Arleen Dewell**



**Section C - New World
Gesneriads In Flower - Fibrous
Rooted - Class 10
Episcia 'Jim's Pineapple'
Jackie Mills**



**Section D - Old World
Gesneriads In Flower - Class 20
Saintpaulia sp. clone grotei '
van Someren'
Audrey Burry-Plunkett**

**Sweepstakes
Horticulture: not awarded
Artistic: not awarded
The Arts: not awarded**

Congratulations to all for a wonderful show!

All of the above beautiful photographs were taken by Beverley Williams. Thanks Bev.

2017 Show “Champagne and Caviar” Thank You!

The show has come and gone for another year and everyone’s plants have found their way back to their homes. Along with a few additions no doubt as well. Putting on a show is a huge undertaking and takes many hands to accomplish. It’s hard to convey in words the heartfelt thank you I have to everyone for all the help, no matter how large or small, that people gave to make this a success and I hope everyone knows how much I appreciate the support.

The show is set up and judged all in one day, so the set up time isn’t long and that includes getting the show room tables draped ready to receive the entries. That is a big task and it went well and all was done in good time. Thank you to all who helped in any way to get it done.

Thank you Bev for doing the entries for the TGS show. It is a big job and you do it very well. Thank you Karin for doing the entries for the TAVS show this year, and for doing a good job. I enjoyed working with you. Thank you to Emma for her role in the entries process. We need those doing classification to be sure all entries end up in their correct classes, so I would like to say thank you to those who did just that and they are Doris Brownlie, Bill Price and Arleen Dewell. Thank you Gillian and Bruce for taking on the placement and getting the plants on the table where they belonged. Stan, thank you for all your work on the advertising and posters and postcards you did for us. As always they were beautiful as I knew they would be.

Thank you Deanna for taking charge of the Judges & Clerks and all that went with it. It is a lot of work and you did it well as you always do. I know Doris brought the clerking sheets to you and do appreciate her helping however she could. A big thank you goes to Audrey and Jackie for handling the kitchen and the light lunch that was provided for the judges and clerks and show workers. With you in charge I know it’ll be done beautifully. Thanks to everyone who brought something to add to the lunch.

The shows have their design or artistic section and that needs someone to write the schedule for it and I’d like to say thank you to Paul Kroll, Judy and Steve for writing the TGS artistic schedule. I’d also like to thank Judy for setting up the TGS artistic niches as the designers can’t do their work without them. Thank you Bev for doing your photography for the TGS show and getting a ‘record’ of the winning exhibits. We look forward to seeing them later. We have a clubs sales table and thank you Sue and Patrick for taking charge of it and thanks to everyone who helped man the table and for bringing in donations for sale. Thank you Louise for doing the beautiful Court of Honour for the TAVS show.

The winners earn awards and I’d like to thank Louise for handling the TAVS awards and Doris and Emma for doing the TGS show awards. The awards is a big job and much appreciated.

I would be remiss if I didn’t say thanks to all the exhibitors in both shows for bringing plants and designs as we wouldn’t have a show without them. We did have a beautiful display for the public to come and see. Nicely done!

We had a membership table and show plants sales area near the main door to the show room and I appreciate Doris and anyone who may have helped with setting it up and manning it on Sunday. Thank you Jackie for handling the show plant sales and all who were there in the show room to help in any way that was needed. I want to be sure those who were at the admissions table know they are thanked for their time and help.

The show set up is a big task, but the tear down is also a big undertaking and even though it seems to get done quickly it still takes work and I want to thank all those who helped to do that and those who took home any show properties to store, which is a great help. It went smoothly and many hands do make light work.

Thank you to anyone who helped or contributed in any way to make these two shows happen that I may have inadvertently forgotten. A sincere thank you to you all!

Julie Thompson
Show Chairman