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11am-2pm at the LGBT Community Center

208 West 13th Street, New York, NY

How to Set up and Maintain Terraria

Many gesneriads come from humid tropical rainforests and are eminently suited for terrarium conditions. As a matter of fact, many species require the extra humidity provided by enclosed environments. Our own George Axiotakis will give a presentation on how to set up and maintain a terrarium at home. Come learn all about growing plants in terraria and avoiding the pitfalls of doing so.

As always, we'll have a fantastic plant sale, a judged Little Show, education, refreshments and camaraderie. Please join us for this wonderful meeting. Remember to bring your donations to the sales table, auction and hospitality. Hope to see you then!



From top: Tsh Yang's *Kohleria* 'An's Nagging Macaws', which was auctioned off at the April meeting; Carolyn's *Columnnea* 'Orange Sherbert', and **at left,** Carolyn's *Streptocarpus* 'Party Girl', both blooming at home.

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President's Message – May 2022

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to last month's Propagation Meeting – particularly to our Programs Chair and VP Gary Vellenzer, who brought supplies and ably captained the distribution of plant materials among the tables. I hope that your cuttings are rooting well – maybe we'll see some prop meeting "grads" on a future Little Show table!

I'm struck once again by the incredible wealth of knowledge that our GNYGS members bring to each meeting. When we've all been seeing each other each month (barring a global pandemic!) for so long, it's possible to lose sight of the incredible expertise our members have. I know we lament "the good old days", when seventy-five or more attendees would pack into meetings and the great horticulturalists of the past were still with us.

But here we are, still persisting, still growing and propagating and discussing these fascinating plants. Our members come to each meeting with specimens to sell, to enter in the show, or just to show off. More importantly, they bring with them their unique gesneriad knowledge – available free of charge, if you ask and listen.

It's different from "the good old days", but then, our current era has its own advantages. Facebook and Zoom allow us to connect with growers from all around the world. New discoveries in systematics and ecology give us a deeper understanding of the relationships among the Gesneriaceae, and of our plants' place in the natural world. We have more access than ever to gesneriad resources – including the expertise of our fellow growers. There is still so much out there to learn.

I hope you'll join us at this month's meeting, where we'll have a chance to learn about the history of terrariums – with special consideration for terrarium-friendly gesneriads – from GNYGS's own George Axiotakis. George has a great presentation ready for us, with lots of photos. I'm looking forward to it, and I hope to see you there too.

Megan

From our Members



It's **Sinningia** time! Clockwise from top left: Carolyn's *Sinningia* hybrid of *leucotricha* x *macropoda* is blooming again – she has several plants of this cross, all slightly different; another *S. leucotricha* hybrid from Carolyn; a double-calyx hybrid of *S. cardinalis*, also from Carolyn; and Michael's *Sinningia defoliata* is in bloom. This unusual species often blooms on a bare tuber (thus its name) but as you can see, sometimes it's so happy, it blooms while still in leaf. Congrats to our excellent growers! (Members, please send your photos to your editor at piabinha@yahoo.com)

Hospitality by Al Romano

Special Thanks to Eunice for the well enjoyed donuts that she brought and "donated" (OMG... Sorry about that ...lol!) to our refreshment table. Everyone enjoyed this very welcome treat. Again, as per my note from last month, please give me any suggestions you think that everyone would enjoy and improve our hospitality table.

Plant Sales Many thanks to the donors of plant material to the plant sale in April: Amy, Carol, Michael and Tsuh Yang.

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Attention: Next Meeting:
May 21, 11am-2pm
(see first page)

Bulletin Board

Please contribute to *GloxNews* Members, please send articles, photos, questions, requests for plants/information and other submissions to your editor at piabinha@yahoo.com. Deadline is always two weeks before meeting date. Got suggestions, cultural questions or any requests for plants or supplies? Send them along as well. We also need photographers to take pictures at the meetings. Please see your editor at the meeting to volunteer.

Reminder Please check our society's FB page with more regular updates (including recent photos of members' plants and of our meetings) at: <https://www.facebook.com/NYGesneriad>. Please remember to send photos of your plants to your editor at piabinha@yahoo.com to be posted there. (You don't have to join FB to view our photos or posts.)

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