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The Gesneriad Society's 2020 Virtual Flower Show

"Old World Fibrous-Rooted Species and
Hybrids"

Join us again this month, for the third installment of the review of the 2020 Gesneriad Society Virtual Show. This month we'll go over the classes of Old World genera such as *Streptocarpus* (including our old favorites, African violets, *Saintpaulia*), *Primulina*, *Petrocosmea*, and many others. This time, we are lucky to have as guest commentators, Beverly and Bruce Williams, from the Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society, who are longtime directors of the society as well as expert growers of everything gesneriad-related. Our previous two meetings were lots of fun and we always start with a members' show and tell. Don't miss it!



On this page, from top: In March, we had a meeting and plant sales in the park in the West Village, as well as a Zoom meeting (photos by Ed Hittig). At right, *Sinningia speciosa* "Rock Loves Paul", grown by Zabel Meshejian (photo by Sandy Guzik). This is from a series of nice *S. speciosa* hybrids made by Jay Sespico, of Florida.

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President's Message – April 2021

Spring is “busting out all over”. The outdoor plants are leafing out and my Star Magnolia is blooming. What a show on the west windowsill! I have *Sinningia lineata*, *Sinningia cardinalis* ‘Redcoat’, a peloric *Sinningia cardinalis* hybrid, two *Sinningia macropoda* hybrids, and two *Sinningia leucotricha* hybrids in bloom. Wow! Both color forms of *Sinningia speciosa* ‘Cardoso Moreira’, the pink and the purple, are putting up strong shoots, so I hope to get flowers and seed from one or both later in the year. On the light stand, *Sinningia velutina* has been blooming for the first time.

I was happy to be able to join a group of our members at the park in Manhattan last month. We sold quite a few plants, even luring a passerby, who used to be a Gesneriad grower, to shop. It's not like a real meeting, but it was good to see so many people again.

For our next Zoom program, we will be honored to have Bruce and Bev Williams as guest presenters discussing the fibrous rooted Old World plants that they grow so well. Hope to see you there.

Carolyn

(below, *Sinningia velutina*, a newly introduced species from Brazil, grown by Carolyn.)



To join our Zoom meeting:

On the day before the meeting, we will email you a link for the GNYGS Zoom meeting. The email will have a meeting ID and the password you will need to join the meeting. (If you are not on our email list, i.e. only receiving the paper copy, please contact Gary gvelenzer@gmail.com).

From our Members

On the left is Michael Riley's *Sinningia cardinalis*. This old standby has been in cultivation for decades, but today its natural distribution is in a very limited range up on the mountains outside the city of Rio de Janeiro. On the right is *Sinningia bragae*, grown by Tsuh Yang Chen. This species was only discovered in 1993, also near Rio, and grows on rocky cliffs. Both species are highly endangered. Members, remember to send your photos to your editor at piabinha@yahoo.com.



From Gesneriphiles email list



Ron Myhr, of Toronto, shared these photos of his plants of *Sinningia minima* (left) and *Sinningia pusilla* (right). *Sinningia pusilla* has been in cultivation for decades, and is one of the three miniature species found on the Atlantic rainforest near Rio (the other two are *S. concinna* and the recently described *S. muscicola*). These three species have been widely used for hybridization of smaller sinningias in cultivation. *S. minima* is quite an outlier as it is found in the Amazon region, thousands of miles away. Look at the differences between these two species. *S. minima* flowers are also much smaller than the flowers of the other three species.

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Attention: Next Meetings:
April 17 via Zoom
(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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