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Saturday, November 16, 2019

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

at the **LGBT Community Center**, 208 West 13th Street (between 7th & 8th Avenues), New York City.

How I Grow

a member panel

For November, GNYGS is pleased to welcome three long-time members who will discuss their home growing conditions and experiences. Tsuh Yang Chen, Brigitte Lifschitz, and Robert Soret will each speak about their past and current indoor setups, and challenges they have overcome in pursuit of horticultural excellence. We hope to glean lots of gesneriological wisdom and humor, and learn from their successes (and perhaps, failures)...

If it's November, it's also our annual **Bake Sale** (see below). We'll also have a judged Little Show, coffee and snacks, and plenty of time to visit with friends old and new. Remember to bring your best plants for the Little Show or for show and tell. Don't miss this meeting!



Bake Sale: Members, it's time for our annual and delicious Bake Sale! This is one of our most important fundraisers of the year, and it's a great opportunity to show off your culinary skills. Don't miss out on bragging rights, so dust up your cookbooks and heirloom recipes, get mixing and rolling the dough, and fire up those ovens! If you are less culinarily-inclined, there's no shame in bringing a store-bought confection. We'll have both a live auction and sale of baked treats -- this is a great opportunity to get something early for Thanksgiving! Get your bidding paddles ready, and see you then!

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The deadline for submissions to the GLOX NEWS is the Saturday two weeks before the chapter meeting. Electronic submissions are encouraged and can be emailed to piabinha@yahoo.com.

President's Message – November 2019

It's the end of Daylight Saving Time, and the days are noticeably shorter. Many gesneriads are slowing down or going dormant, but some sinningias think they are still in Brazil, where it's now springtime, and have come into bloom. The smithianthas and their intergeneric hybrids are also in vigorous growth and showing off lots of colorful blooms. Even seemannias and a few late blooming achimenes have flowers. When you grow gesneriads, there is always something interesting going on in all seasons.

This month, we will be seeing how several of our members have arranged their indoor growing areas. Managing the watering, humidity, and lighting present challenges for those of us who garden year-round indoors. Feel free to ask questions and get ideas for how to solve the problems in your own area.

This month, we will also be featuring the bake sale, a showcase for those members who know how to manage an oven (sadly that doesn't include me). Come prepared to bid on some wonderful edibles for your holiday desserts. If you're not a baker, bring an interesting item that would enhance someone's holiday table.

Don't forget donations of plants, cuttings, tubers and rhizomes for the sales table. New and interesting things are always available as well as some tried and true plants. *Carolyn*

Hospitality: Thanks to the following members who have continually contributed to the hospitality table. In September, thanks to Carolyn for the cookies, and to Carol for the fresh grapes for those of us who enjoy a healthy treat. Thanks in October, once again, to our President, Carolyn, for bringing in the biscotti, also to Zabel for the Pocky treats. All were well appreciated. Please remember that this month we are having the annual bake sale so if you're baking that special recipe why not bring in some samples in for the hospitality table? Everyone will appreciate it and everyone can enjoy your special recipe.

Welcome to our New Members: Sandy Guzik and Sarah Northshields

GloxNews seeks submissions

Members, please send us photos of your best plants, as well as questions, requests and articles. Tell us how you grow your plants or interesting tips you may have. Your editor's email is piabinha@yahoo.com. (**Photos on page 1**, from top: from Paul Susi, *Petrocosmea* 'Imperial Butterflies'; Carolyn Ripps' *Sinningia brasiliensis* blooming at home; and *Smithiantha zebrina*, one of the wonderful offerings at the plant sale in October, photo by Tsuh Yang Chen).

October Little Show report by Michael Riley

Two very nice *Saintpaulia* (African violets) commanded attention at our Little Show last month. Carolyn Ripps showed a very nice hybrid of (get used to it) *Streptocarpus*, subgenus *Streptocarpella*, section *Saintpaulia* ‘Rob’s Calypso Beat’ (if you have not heard, the genus *Saintpaulia* has recently been reduced to a section within *Streptocarpus*, according to new scientific study). This class is for hybrids with a trailing habit. The plant had beautiful two-toned flowers, excellent culture and a very nice presentation for a score of 91 points and a blue ribbon. The judges thought that it should have had many more of those gorgeous flowers on that three-crowned plant with only two of them in flower! Megan Nelson showed a S. ‘Double Black Cherry’ in a class for larger hybrids with a diameter of maximum 8”. This prolific hybrid had double and dark red flowers, which made a very nice showing and received 96 points for a blue ribbon.

Megan also showed a *Sinningia* ‘Gone Salmon Fishing’ that was just starting to flower, with terrific culture and excellent grooming for 91 points and a red ribbon. In competition for the same class was Gary Vellenzer’s *Sinningia* ‘Esther’ in excellent flower and culture to win the blue ribbon in same Class 6.

We also have a new show schedule for the Little Show as approved by the Shows and Judging Chairperson, Arleen Dewell (see attached). Copies will also be available at the Little Show in November. Judges for October were Gary Vellenzer, Francisco Correa Mendoza and Michael Riley. We look forward to seeing your plants in November. (photos below, at left, *Saintpaulia* ‘Rob’s Calypso Beat’, photo by Ed Hittig; *Sinningia* ‘Gone Salmon Fishing’, photo by Tshuh Yang Chen)



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Attention: Next Meeting

November 16, 11 am - 2 pm

Bulletin Board

Mark your calendars Please note the following schedule for our meetings in 2019: *November 16*, and *December 14*, always on the 3rd Saturday of the month (except December 2019).

Plant Sales Many thanks to the all the donors for their donations of plant material to the plant sales table in October: George Axiotakis, Tsuh Yang Chen, Francisco Correa & Michael Riley, Ed Hittig, Brigitte Lifschitz, Megan Nelson, Carolyn Ripps, Al Romano.

Gleanings *Gleanings* is a free monthly e-newsletter from The Gesneriad Society and includes articles and photos selected from chapter newsletters, the journal *Gesneriads*, and original sources. You can subscribe via email or download them from this page: <http://www.gesneriadsociety.org/current-gleanings>.

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.)

Please remember to bring your donations to the *plant sales* table or *raffle* (plants, cuttings, rhizomes/tubers, all pest-free and properly labeled), as well as your beautiful specimens for the *Little Show* and items of interest for *Show and Tell*.

Please contribute to *GloxNews* Send articles, photos, questions, requests 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.