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**Saturday, June 15, 2019**

**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

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

## **Gesneriad Hunting in Cuba**

with Dr. John L. Clark

It's our last meeting of the 2018-2019 season, right before our summer break and the Gesneriad Society convention, and we're going out with a bang! Dr. John L. Clark, a renowned specialist on Neotropical gesneriads, will return to give us a presentation on the trip he led last year to Cuba (!) where our intrepid explorers (including many members of our chapter) went in search of rare gesneriads. You remember well what a wonderful and engaging speaker Dr. Clark is, and how able he is to convey complex information so that we can all understand. This is another meeting not to be missed, with lots of great photos and a fascinating educational subject. As usual, we'll have our fantastic plant sales table, judged Little Show, show and tell, education, and camaraderie. Remember to bring your donations to the plant sales as usual, as well as pastries/juice/snacks for the hospitality table. Hope to see you then!

**May meeting:** top, Carolyn Ripps won a blue ribbon in the Little Show with this *Streptocarpus* 'Salmon Sunset'; middle: Megan Nelson also won a blue ribbon with *Sinningia* 'Gone Salmon Fishing' (photos by Tshu Yang Chen).



**Membership Note:** As per the notice previously published in GN, starting July 1, 2019, our membership rates will go up for the year 2019-2020. The new annual rates are as follows:

- Regular \$30   Platinum Regular \$40
- Family \$45   Platinum Family \$60

(Platinum members get priority at the plant sales table.) You can save some money by paying your dues for 2019-2020 before then. Please see Brigitte, Membership chair. at the meeting.

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### PRINTING SCHEDULE AND DEADLINE INFORMATION

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](mailto:piabinha@yahoo.com).

## President's Message – June 2019

This month we have a special guest speaker, Dr. John L. Clark, with whom several of us have taken gesneriad hunting trips. Last August, we were fortunate enough to be able to travel to eastern Cuba in search of some of the fascinating plants that are endemic to that island.

I was not familiar with many of them, which ranged from low shrubs to species as tall as trees. We were fortunate to have several Cuban naturalists traveling with us, which enabled the group to locate some of the island's rare and hidden treasures. While many of the species we saw may not be suitable as New York City houseplants, they are fascinating on their own and broaden our view of the gesneriad family. Dr. Clark is an excellent photographer and an enthusiastic plant hunter, so come and enjoy the show. See you at the meeting. Carolyn



Above, Paul Susi's *Sinningia leucotricha* 'Telemaco Borba' blooming at home. Members, please send your photos to your editor at [piabinha@yahoo.com](mailto:piabinha@yahoo.com).

**From Carol Smith:** Just wanted to share an outcome from the Dog Show. After entering my apparently dying *Dorstenia foetida* as a 'stray dog', I decided to check its roots. By now it had lost the tiny leaves on the top, but was still green. It had been propped in a 3/4" peat block, which still contained all the roots except two tiny ones that had escaped. I cleaned the root ball, separating what was left of the roots, and repotted in the same pot with new soil. It has already regrown top leaves, which I believe will put it out of the dog category soon. Thank you, Dog Show!

## May Little Show report by Gary Vellenzer

We had three entries. Meghan Nelson showed her trailing *Saintpaulia* 'Jersey Rose Trail' in class 25 and received a blue ribbon with 96 points. The judges called it gorgeous. Thanks to Paul Susi for keeping the plant safe and happy for the two weeks after it was exhibited in the Long Island show. It also won a blue ribbon there.

Meghan also received 90 points and a blue ribbon for her *Sinningia* 'Gone Salmon Fishing' in class 3. The judges liked the interesting double flowers well distributed on the main crown, but thought that the secondary crowns (one blooming, one not) produced an off-center impression that interfered with the presentation of this plant as a show specimen.

Carolyn Ripps entered a *Streptocarpus* 'Salmon Sunset' in class 28. The judges liked the flowers but thought that the leaves suggested cultural problems. Still, it received 91 points and a blue ribbon.

Gary Vellenzer, Paul Susi and Carolyn Ripps judged. Thanks to all!



Above at left, Megan Nelson's *Sinningia* 'Gone Salmon Fishing' and *Saintpaulia* 'Jersey Rose Trail'; at right, the plant sales table (photos by Tsh Yang Chen). At left, a prize-winning entry in the Dog Show (photo by Megan Nelson). Hand-made ribbons courtesy of Megan Nelson, doggie biscuits & bow made by Gussie Farrice.

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Society**

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**Attention: Next Meeting**

**June 15, 11 am - 2 pm**

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**Bulletin Board**

**Mark your calendars** Please note the following schedule for our meetings in 2019: *June 15, September 21, October 19, 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 May: Tsuh Yang Chen, Gussie Farrice, Brigitte Lifschitz, Megan Nelson, Carolyn Ripps, Carol Smith.

**Hospitality** Thanks to Gussie and Judith for their well appreciated donations to the snack table last month. It's June so get out your best recipes and do some baking to celebrate summer and sharing with your fellow snack lovers. And, of course, a big THANKS to everyone who generously donated to the club at the coffee table. Please make sure to sign in if you are a donor. Thank you all. (*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](mailto: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](mailto: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.