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1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

at the **LGBT Community Center**

208 West 13th Street (between 7th & 8th Avenues),
New York, NY (check at reception to confirm
room) Subways: A, C, E, 1, 2, 3, 9 to 14th Street;
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Learning from the experts: Petrocosmea webinar

At our September meeting, we'll be presenting the recent Gesneriad Society webinar on petrocosmeas. Bev Williams, an award-winning grower, has put together an hour-long presentation on these magnificent plants.

Petrocosmeas mainly come from the mountains of southwest China, the area where the mountains actually look like the mountains in Chinese paintings. In the wild, they grow among limestone rocks, in shady, moist and mossy areas, but their succulent leaves are a clue that they need excellent drainage.

We grow petrocosmeas for their symmetrical leaf arrangements, which we can admire all year, but they can be coaxed into bloom, sometimes spectacular bloom. Bev will tell us how to do both. She knows how to do it -- she's got a basement full of blooming petrocosmeas. In this presentation, she shares her secrets for growing these little-understood plants into outstanding specimens.

As a bonus, she also discusses her experiences with LED lighting.

Please join us for this informative and enjoyable presentation. Gary



From the June meeting: top, Gary Vellenzer brought this blooming *Sinningia bullata* and tried to enter it in the Dog Show. It was disqualified for being too well-grown. The mother tuber is on the left, with a side shoot on the right pinned down to another pot to root. Bottom, plant sales. Photos by Tsuh Yang Chen.

Bigger and Better Monthly Raffle We are instituting some changes to our monthly raffle, beginning in September. In the past, raffle items were limited to unusual or particularly attractive plants. To expand the range of prizes, we are requesting donations of other plant-related items, such as containers, books, or even a baked item if you have made more than can fit in your refrigerator. Make a donation, try your luck and support the chapter.

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President's Message – September 2016

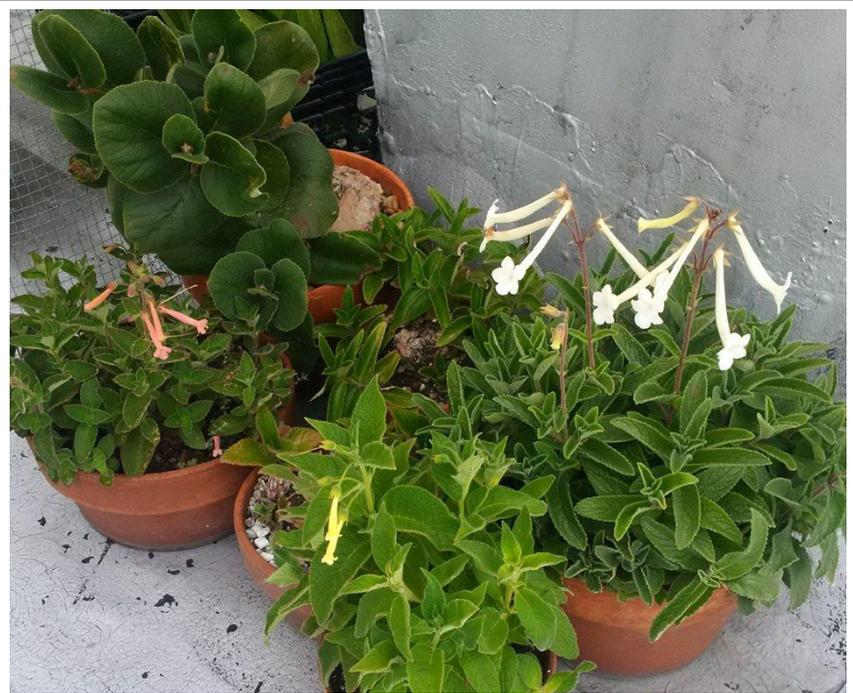
Hello everyone! Welcome to Fall and a new season/year for the Greater New York Gesneriad Society. This past summer went by in a flash for me, and although there were a couple of weeks that we'd all like to forget (that dreadful heat spell) I hope this message finds everyone in good health and excited for a year of great growing, plants and seeing friends at our meetings.

Taking over as president this year, I hope things go as smoothly as they have for the past two years while Gussie was in charge. Let me take this opportunity to thank her for her leadership, dedication, generosity and the help that she gave me over the past two years. Gussie is a true treasure with undying energy and has worked tirelessly for many, many years. Thank you, Gussie!

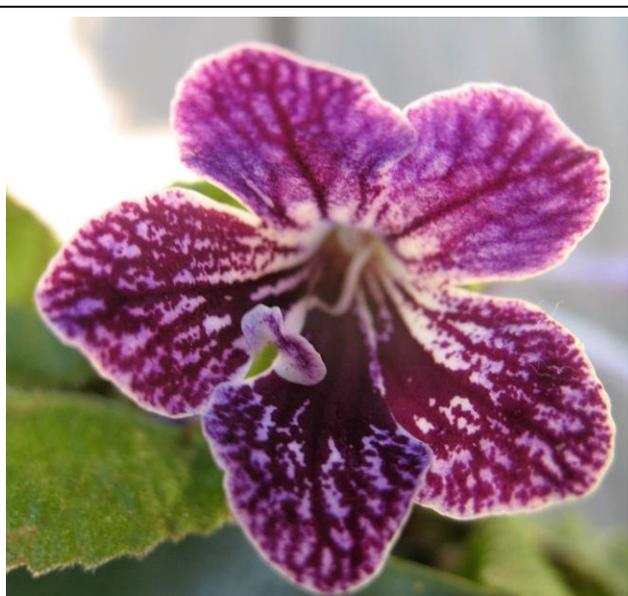
In addition, this is a good opportunity to recognize several others that I've called upon many times to help me out. They are always doing things mostly behind the scenes and have literally saved the day several times to keep this club running so well. Thanks to Michael, Paul, Gary, Tsuh Yang and Carolyn to name a few. Of course there are others that I'm leaving out, but believe me no one is forgotten and I'm hoping everyone will all step up this year and give the club the benefit of your talents and creativity. This obviously is your club and everyone needs to participate.

See you at the meeting!

Al



Members' Corner



It has been a good summer for our members' plants. On page 2, Michael Riley's many Sinningias enjoy the heat wave on his rooftop, including *S. tubiflora*, *S. macrostachya*, *S. sellovii*, *S. aggregata*. On this page, clockwise from bottom left: Michael Riley grew this blooming *Oreocharis auricula*, a Chinese gesneriad, on a stone container and entered it at the Gesneriad Society convention in Nashville, winning a blue ribbon (photo by Ron Myhr); Paul Susi's *Primulina cordata x glandulosa v. yangshuoensis*, a natural hybrid; Carolyn Ripps' *Streptocarpus* 'TJ' and *Streptocarpus* 'Little Kan', blooming at home; and Paul Susi's *Primulina* 'Mid-Autumn Festival'. Please remember to send photos of your beautiful plants to your editor at piabinha@yahoo.com.

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Attention: Next Meeting

September 24, 1-4 pm

Bulletin Board

Mark your calendars Our next meetings are September 24, October 22 and November 26. Stay tuned for the December holiday party date, which we will confirm as soon as the Center gives us a definitive date, as well as dates for 2017.

Membership Dues Reminder A small number of members have not paid their dues for this year. I will be at the meeting and you can pay your dues at that time. I emailed everyone who was in arrears over the summer and, if you don't have email, your mailing label for this issue has "Renew Now!" on the first line.
(*Paul Susi, Membership Secretary*)

Plant Sales Thank you to all donors to the plant sales table in June: Bruce Boyd, Tsuh Yang Chen, Gussie Farrice, Carolyn Ripps, Carol Smith, Robert Soret and Gary Vellenzer.

Hospitality Everybody, please don't forget to bring in some treats for our meeting this month. We all enjoy a little snack every meeting and we would all like to thank Bruce, Zabel, Gussie and Edwin for donating at the last meeting. Coffee will be provided, and please feel free to donate something different other than baked goods if that's your desire. (*Al Romano*)

Ways and Means Dear members, what items would you like to be able to purchase from the Ways and Means table? Please get to me with your wishes and wants and I will look into the possibility of procuring the same. See me at the meeting, call me at (718) 356-7763 or e-mail me at F.Farrice@verizon.net. (*Gussie Farrice*)

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 and other submissions to your editor at piabinha@yahoo.com. Deadline is always two weeks before meeting date. Got cultural questions or any requests for plants or supplies? Send them along as well.