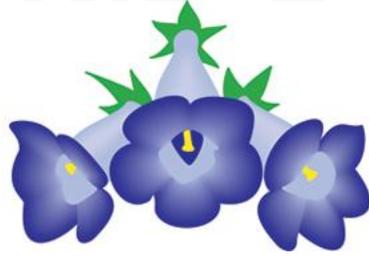


# Petal Tones



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*Titanotrichum oldhamii*

President's message:

The kids are back in school, and while we are still baking in the heat some days I'm starting to notice the cooler nights. This is one of my favorite times of year even if it means I'll be spending more time indoors with the days growing shorter - I have plenty of seed to grow out this year and cuttings to work on. I had to break down my collection and restart a lot to finally rid myself of the dreaded foliar meales and look forward to seeing the plants bounce back and thrive, and much of the seed I have relates to my Sinningia hybridizing projects. Spring should bring many surprises and plants to share!

NCAC meetings are held at [BEHNKES NURSERIES](#)  
11300 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705

Behnkes opens at 8:00am if you would like to browse and shop before the meeting. We gather at 10am to get set up with the meeting beginning at 10:30am. Meet usually the second Saturday of the month. \$10 yearly dues

September 13<sup>th</sup> Drew's educational seminar on plant lighting

October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>: NCAC Plant Show at Behnkes. No meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>. (Behnkes open Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> til 8pm and opening on Sat. Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 7am for us.

November 15<sup>th</sup> Field trip to the Mid Atlantic African Violet Society (MAAVS) Show in Delaware

December 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party celebration

This month's topic will also be something I'll be playing with this winter - lighting. With the variety of plants I've grown it's been a challenge to make everyone happy AND blooming, so I'm excited to hear Barry speak. I've seen him present for the Orchid society and his presentation left me thinking hard and with many ideas to fiddle with that have paid off in plant growth. I can only imagine what changes I'll be making after hearing him speak this time.

Fall is also show season for us, with our show and sale happening next month! I encourage everyone to enter a plant, even if not culturally perfect. I'm aiming for plants that are interesting to see, and hoping some will actually be blooming when I plan them too. More than anything it is the people that have always drawn me to shows... so much to learn, to share, to chat about, to oogle, and even a few plants to buy and see how well they like my conditions. What great fun!

Corey Wickliffe



*Titanotrichum oldhamii* was grown by Johanna Zinn, who planted this specimen in the early summer of 2012 when it produced only vegetation the first year. Johanna also had another *Titanotrichum* plant in a pot that she took in for the winter. That plant hung on until shortly before it could go out for the summer, when she thinks that she let the soil dry out. The one planted in the garden survived, increased in size, and in 2013 produced lots of propagules, but no blooms. This year, 2014, the now larger plant has finally bloomed. Amazingly this plant survived the terrible winter of 2013-2014 to produce beautiful blooms this August!

Bloomin' Now

By Barb Stewart



*Episcia* 'Jim's Canadian Sunset', given to Barb's mother-in-law for Mother's Day 2014



Barb's *Eucadonia* 'Adele'



Barb's *Achimenes* 'Stan's Delight'



Barb's *Achimenes* 'Purple King'



Barb's *Saintpaulia* 'Optimara Dali'

**National Capital Area Chapter of the Gesneriad Society August 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Our August meeting was held in the classroom at Behnkes in Beltsville, MD. Eight members attended, Johanna Zin, Jim Roberts, Barbara Stewart, Barry Woolf, Donna Beverin, Carol Masler, Kitty Hedgepeth, and Harold Belcher.

We enjoyed good food, good company, and conversation as we always do when we get together. We also had four visitors; Joyce, Bruce, Merrill and one whose name I didn't get.

Our speaker was Dr. Jeremy Keene and the topic was "Monopyle and all the others in the room". While I took notes of Dr. Keene's presentation, the condensed power point presentation of his talk e-mailed to the NCAC Members by Jim Roberts does a far better credit to Jeremy's presentation than I ever could. The presentation began at 10:40 A.M. and ended at 11:50. At the conclusion of Dr. Keene's talk, we took a break for refreshments and to conduct the raffle drawing. It was my lucky day. I got exactly the plants I wanted and gave away the rest of my picks.

There were a few talking points before our meeting.

\*Johanna talked about adopting a species and will scan and sent the information to Members.

\*A question was raised about the Brazilian Seed Fund. Is anyone ordering? And, do we want to continue? Yes it will.

We began our business meeting at approximately 12:27 P.M.

Barry gave the Treasurer's Report which was accepted by the Members present. There was no Treasurer's Report as I missed the meeting and no minutes were taken.

The discussion next moved to our upcoming Show and Sale. Barry mentioned that we need an advertising budget. Ken Moore has handled it in the past. I volunteered to reach out to Kathy Jenz who publishes the Washington Gardiner. I contacted her and offered information from our last Show and Sale but it's difficult to get a firm estimate of the cost to publish if there isn't an exact copy of the current information. We may be able to get an announcement in the Washington Gardiner News but it's getting a little late for that.

Jim offered to get some cost data for the Awards Banquet. He currently has the ribbons and awards. Jim has commitments for two speakers at our Show and Sale. One of them, Karen Allen of Fredericksburg, VA, will grow plants and show them as well as provide a talk.

The business meeting concluded at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Harold Belcher

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