

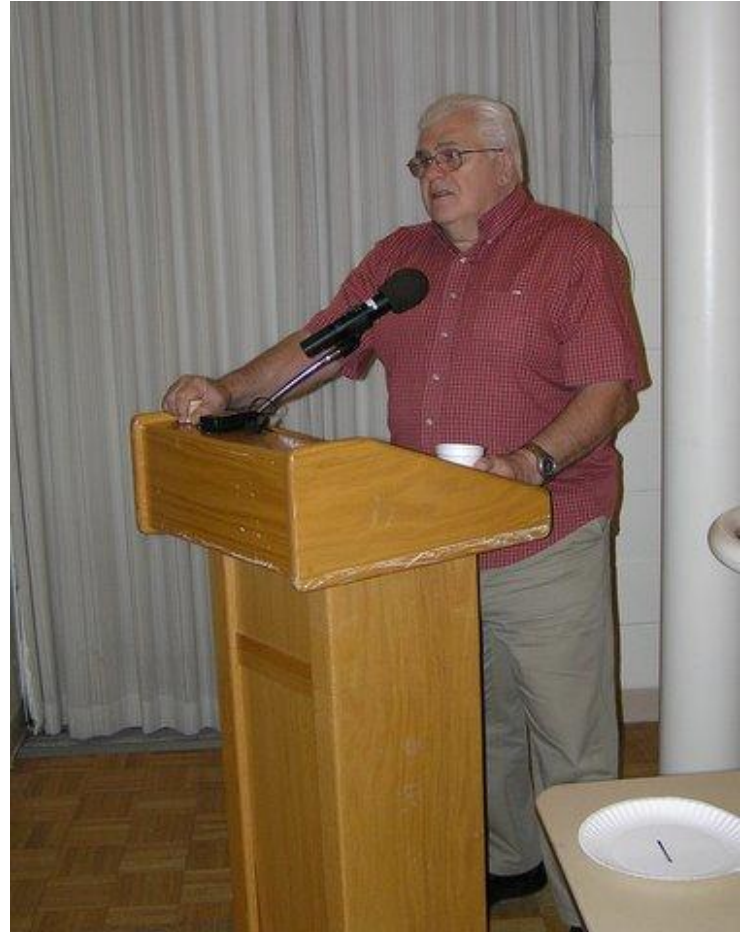


October 19, 2010

**Annual Auction – October 19, 2010, 7:30 PM
Gesneriads, Companion Plants and Supplies**

Auctioneer Maurice Marietti will conduct a sale of donated plants and supplies as well as entertain the audience. This is our major fund raiser. Pass the word to fellow gardeners and plant societies. There will not be a Show-N- Tell. Bring any sale plants or cuttings for the Auction or sales table.

There are 50 lots from non-members and over 35 from members. With the additional entries at the meeting we will be well over 80 lots. We will need to combine some lots to make it manageable. There are some very nice and special donations in the lots I picked up.



Our Auctioneer Maurice from last year.

Refreshments: Dessert: Nancy Trexler and Nancy Bruhns

Beverage: Judy Huber

President’s Message

I need to correct the statement I made in the last newsletter that attendance was down at the Vancouver Convention. On the contrary it had the fourth highest attendance of recent conventions which is quite a fete considering the Convention was on the West Coast and in Canada. The Canadian attendance was outstanding. My apologies to those who worked hard to make it a great Convention. Most of us are doing the annual dance, bringing our

non-hardy plants indoors. Many of my Gesneriads stay indoors due to a lack of protected areas outside; protected that is from squirrels and the sun. But there are many more plants still out there than I put out in late Spring. Finding the best spot indoors for each plant is a task. Not bringing insects indoors is very difficult. Everything indoors and out was treated with a 3 in 1 spray that takes care of insects, mites and fungus. Only some Episcias objected by wilting. Also, I put down ant



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killer granules on the ground outside where plants are located and pets are not. I don't like wholesale spraying of plants, but identifying the problem and finding the right cure is very time consuming and often ineffective. Due to Stephen's efforts, once again PHS has included a Gesneriad in a challenge class at the Philadelphia 2011 Flower Show, *Streptocarpus* 'Purple Martin'. Also, these streps were in great shape. I look forward to growing mine to show quality. I haven't had the best experiences with streps, but am learning.

Charlene Marietti gives us an update on the 2011 International Gesneriad Convention later in this newsletter. Everything is in on schedule except the logo for the theme of the Convention and it looks like that will finally materialize. We owe a lot to Charlene for taking on this responsibility. Chairing a Convention is an awesome task in spite of all the help she gets from volunteers.

There are many things that we as members of the hosting chapter can do. Growing and entering show

quality plants is at the top of the list. You can get experience by entering plants in the Philadelphia Flower Show in March and help the chapter maintain its second place reputation. We have scheduled five meetings on propagating and raising plants for the Plant Sale. This raises money for the Chapter to help offset our Convention costs. Five packets of the seeds we received from the seed fund need growers. We need to get them planted while they are still fresh. They are:

- *Sinningia musciola* (light) was sp, "Rio das Pedras
- *Sinningia speciosa* compact hybrid mix
- *Sinningia speciosa* Charles Lawn hybrid mix
- *Sinningia speciosa* hybrid slipper mix
- *Achimenes erecta* 'Tiny Red'

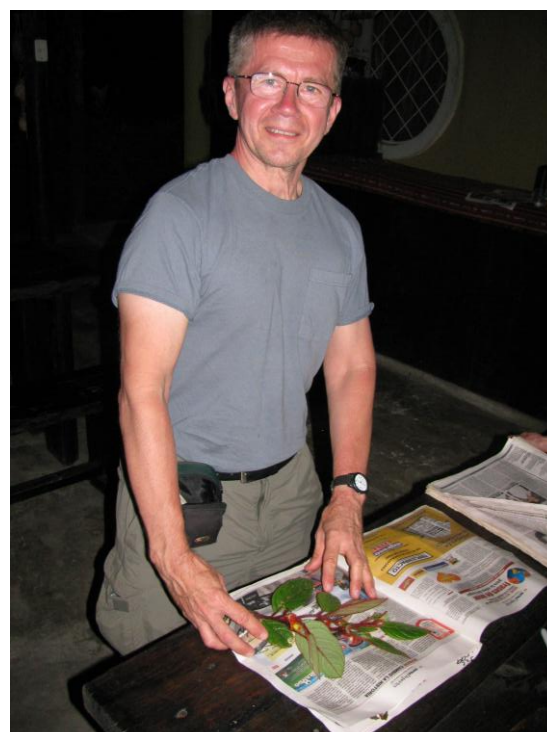
Please see me if interested. We have had experiences with starting all of these. Charlene reports that all but a few chairs have been appointed, but there will be many volunteer positions available as we get closer to the Convention.

Last Meeting – Sept. 2010 Plant Hunting in Ecuador By Stephen Maciejewski

Stephen Maciejewski gave a wonderful presentation about his gesneriad collecting trip to Ecuador with a group of GS members. In May 2009, he spent 12 days in the South America jungles on the Gesneriad Research Expedition trip. He found what is believed to be a new species.



Columnea maciejewski ???



Stephen pressing his discovery



September 2010 Show-N-Tell



Chrysothemis pulchella – Stephen Maciejewski



Sinningia Scentsation – Judy Smith



Cass Cross White – Betsy Gottshall



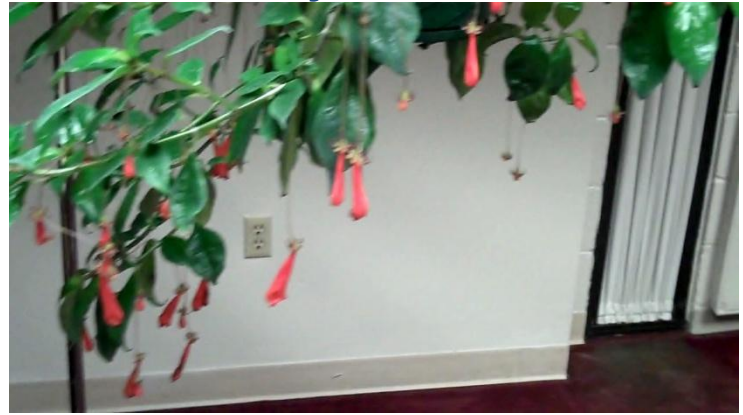
Cass Cross – Betsy Gottshall



Chirita Stardust – M. Cass



Chirita tamiana – Betsy Branson



Id card was lost



Chirita tamiana varigated – Russ Strover



Achimenantha Inferno – Betsy Branson



Cass Cross White – Betsy Gottshall



Congratulations to Challenge Plants Winners

Charles Land Mix



Sinningia speciosa - Betsy Branson

All Other Seeds



Smithiantha multiflora - Betsy Gottshall

Philadelphia ♥ Gesneriads

If you haven't already marked your calendars, do it now. We're in count-down mode! You won't want to miss the International Gesneriad Convention 2011 July 5 to 9 in Philadelphia.

In just 9 months, Liberty Bell will host the event at the Loews Hotel in downtown Philadelphia. It's going to be fun--but we've got work to do to show the world just how great the Philadelphia chapter is.

Special people, special roles
As you can see below, many people--both in Liberty Bell and from other chapters across the U.S. and Canada--have stepped forward to make this event a success. Please consider adding your name to the list.

We are particularly in need of someone in the Philadelphia area to help with the volunteers committee. The committee has a chair: Lee Linnett from the National Capital Area Chapter has graciously stepped forward to serve as chair. Please consider lending a hand with this critical committee.

Liberty Bell Committee Chairs

Local Convention Chair	Charlene Marietti
Artwork/Pamphlet & Packet	Lynn Cook/TroyRay
Hospitality	Maurice Marietti

Publicity	Judith Smith
Speakers	Paul Kroll
Special Events, Transportation	Stephen
Maciejewski	
Table Favors	Quentin Schlieder
Treasurer	Betsy Gottshall
Volunteer Coordinator	Lee Linnett
Volunteer Co-Coordinator/LBGS	<i>Will you consider</i>
<i>putting your name here?</i>	
Plant Sales	Gary Hunter
(CoChair)	
Plant Sales	Mary Schaeffer
(CoChair)	
Plant Sales	Dell Sherk
Flower Show	Russ Strover
(CoChr)	
Flower Show	Brian Connor
(CoChr)	
Judges / Clerks	Doris Brownlie
Artistic + Show Schedule	Jill Fischer
Artistic + Show Schedule	Karyn Cichocki
Classification / Inspection 1	Vincent Woo
Classification / Inspection 2	Bill Price
Artistic Reservations	Karyn Cichocki
Educational / Commercial	Elizabeth Farley
Entries	Beverley Williams
Entries	Emma Bygott



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Staging / Placement
Plant Maintenance
Awards

Bayard Saraduke
Wasson, William
Jo Anne Martinez

Have an idea on how to make this the best gesneriad ever? Let us know! Tell us at the upcoming meeting, email me at cwmarietti@comcast.net, or telephone me at 856-983-6101.

See you at on Tuesday, October 19!

Announcements

Liberty Bell Gesneriad Society - 2010/2011 Schedule

- September 21, 2010 Plant Hunting in Ecuador, Stephen Maciejewski and Challenge Plant Show
- October 19, 2010 Plant Auction – Maurice Marietti
- November 16, 2010 How to Prepare for a Plant Sale, Quentin C. Schlieder, Jr & Gary Hunter
- December 14, 2010 Cuttings Workshop and Holiday Festivities
- January 18, 2011 Seed Workshop, Russ Stover
- February 15, 2011 Baker’s Dozen, Members
- March 15, 2011 Philadelphia Flower Show Recap – Stephen Maciejewski
- April 19, 2011 Propagation of member plants workshop – Betsy Gottshall
- May 24, 2011 Review of the 2010 Vancouver International Gesneriad Convention
- June 21, 2011 2011 Gesneriad Society Convention Preparation
- July 5 – July 9, 2011 2011 International Gesneriad Convention at Lowe’s Hotel in Philadelphia

Meetings are held usually on third Tuesdays September through June and start at 7:30 PM. They are held at Cathedral Village Retirement Community, 600 East Cathedral Road, Philadelphia, PA. 19128. Contact Russ Stover: rstrover@gmail.com or 215 869-0150, <http://www.libertybellgesneriads.org>.

Paper copies of the schedule will be available at Meetings.

Program Leaders

We need someone to volunteer to lead the December Cuttings Workshop. Also, the May review of the 2010 Convention involves presenting photos on the DVD provided by the Gesneriad Society and we are in need of someone to present this program.

Officers and Board

- Russell Stover President
- Stephen Maciejewski Past President
- William Wasson Vice President
- Treasurer: Betsy Gottshall
- Secretary: Judith Smith
- Convention Chair: Charlene Marietti
- Board Members: Lynn Cook
- Tom Finnigan
- Brandon Huber

Location

Meetings are held at Cathedral Village Retirement Community, 600 East Cathedral Road, Philadelphia, PA. 19128. It is located in the Andorra section of Roxborough, diagonally across from the Andorra Shopping Center where Ridge and Henry Avenues merge at Cathedral Road.

Members may park on the church side of the driveway before the entrance, or anywhere in the rear after drop off.

Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

Web Site

<http://www.libertybellgesneriads.org>.

