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Celebrating 57 Years!

President's Message

Hi All,

It's been a while since I wrote a message to the membership, but, as you know, Donna and I have had some personal problems but things are looking better as I write this. All of us have had problems, I am sure, with this emergency we are in due to COVID-19; I hope everyone is coping and being safe.

Meetings are not going to happen any time soon. We are scheduled for a meeting in June and I was speaking to our VP Claire Schirtzer who has agreed to host a virtual meeting on Zoom. We did one with SSLI and it turned out well. The meeting will be on June 13, 2020 at 12:30 pm ET. Just go on Zoom.us then click on "Join a Meeting" and enter the ID number. When prompted enter the password listed below.

Meanwhile, Be Safe and Be Well!

Joe

Meeting Dates and Programs 2020

June 13, 2020 - Zoom Meeting – 12:30 pm ET
ID **845 2235 9483** Password **Episcia**

Episcia 'Karlyn' – Levente Hajdu

The Long Island Gesneriad Society Presents Its First Virtual Flower Show

The response to the call for plant photos to be used in our first virtual flower show (as a substitute for our annual flower show which did not take place because of COVID-19) has been phenomenal. Thirteen members submitted 66 photos of their plants to be used in the show. There was no formal entry process but I asked Mel to help with classification. A few photos are reproduced here as a teaser for you to check out the complete show. Unless otherwise noted, the exhibitor of each plant is also the photographer.

The slide show can be viewed [here](#). Once you access the file, you can make it full screen. The file has audio.

Photos were submitted by Joe Palagonia, Ray Coyle, Shiyama Vijayendran, Vijay Vijayendran, Levente Hajdu, Rosemary Platz, Cathy Do, Mel Grice, Jill Stern, Steve Huysman, Susan Zhang, and Paul Susi.



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From the Editor

Preparing the Virtual Flower Show was a lot of fun. Thank you all for sending very good and sometimes fantastic photos of your plants. There is a link to an online slide show (in MP4, movie, format) in the article about the show entries.

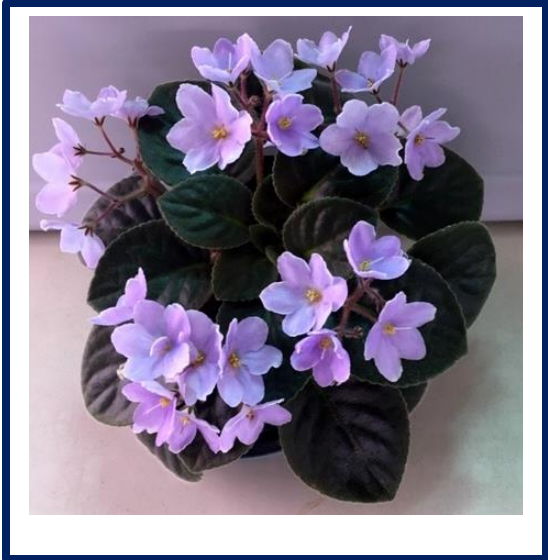
The deadline for the September issue is **August 22, 2020.**

Hoping that everyone is well. Stay safe!



Above: *Sinningia* 'Solstice' – Ray Coyle; Bellow: *Kohleria* 'Dale's Piggly Wiggly' – Rosemary Platz





Clockwise from left: Saintpaulia 'Optimara Martinique' – Joe Palagonia; *Kohleria* 'Silver Feather' – Shiyama Vijayendran; *Primulina* 'Aiko' – Jill Stern; *Sinningia leucotricha* "Telémaco Borba" MP00616 – Paul Susi

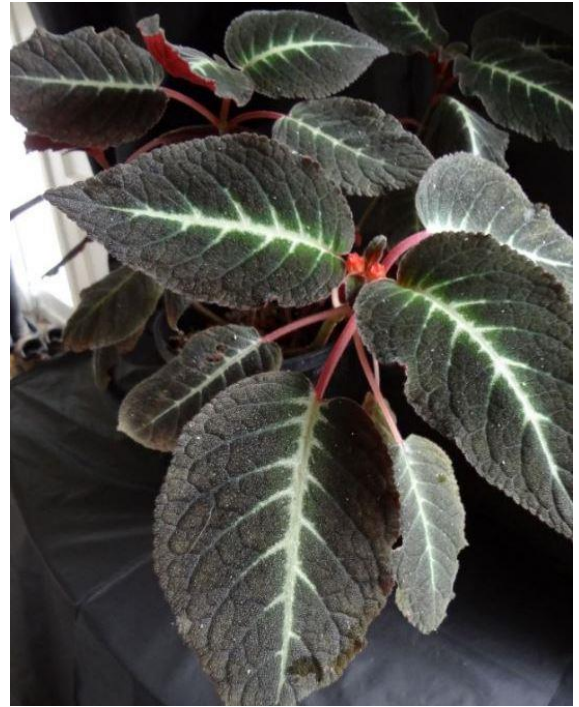


Left: Saintpaulia 'Winnergreen' – Kathy Do; below: *Sinningia* hybrid – Mel Grice





Left: Saintpaulia 'Optimara Little Sapphire' – Stephen Huysman and Susan Zheng; below: *Corytoplectus cutucuen-sis* – Vijay Vijayendran



Dues are Due!

Dues are now due for 2020-2021. You may mail your check to Phyllis (\$12 for email newsletter; \$15 for postal) to her new address in the sidebar on page two.

Birthday Catch Up!

Phyllis Channing

Since we missed a number of meetings, here's wishing a belated Happy Birthday to those members whose birthdays fell between January and May.

January – 14 Ray Annabel, 28 Joe Palagonia

Feb – 4 Rosemary Platz, 9 Mary Kay Shelton,

March – 14 Marge Salomon, 16 Pat Channing, 27 Etienne Jaeckel

April – 9 Ben Paternoster, 21 Stephen Huysman

May – 4 Paul Susi, 10 Susan Zheng, 13 Leve Hajdu, 25 Mary McSweeney

And a Happy Birthday to Jackie Davis, whose birthday is on June 25.