

The Gesneriad Hybridizers Association

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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

It is with regret that I accept the resignation of Anne Crowley as co-editor of CrossWords. For the past few years, Anne has been instrumental in the continued excellence of this newsletter. Her careful eye for spotting errors and her attention to detail will be sorely missed. Hopefully, she will now have more time to devote to her many other activities in the AGGS and the New England chapter.

In this issue I am pleased to present a comprehensive listing of Columnea hybrids. Judy Becker is to be commended for the time and effort that went into compiling this list.

Response from members in the form of articles, questions and photographs has been good. But I will still need the continued support of everyone in order to make each issue the best it can be.

- Al Wojcik

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Sinningia 'Carefree's

Regina' - Purported cross of a

Sinningia concinna-like

miniature (possibly S. 'Wood

Nympn') with Sinningia

canescens. The resulting

hybrid, named S. 'Carefree's

Regina,' shows a strong

resemblance to S. 'Wood

Nymph,' but has much larger

and deeper colored blooms. The

F2 generation produced plants

much like 'Carefree's Regina,'

although slightly lighter in

color. Below, right, closeup

of a bloom.



G.H.A. MEMBERSHIP POLL

Al Wojcik, Bloomingdale, Ill.

In the last issue of 1983, \underline{CW} printed a membership poll in order to determine what the members of G.H.A. were growing, under what conditions, etc. The editors received 39 completed polls, and the following is a summary of those answers. Many thanks to those who took the time to fill them out. I will be using this information to determine the content of future issues of CW.

1. What are your growing conditions?

Indoors, under lights	34	Greenhouse 10
Outdoors, shade house/ porch/patio	10	Indoors, windows 9

2. Have you ever hybridized gesneriads?

Yes	29	No 1	0

3. If yes, which gesneriads have you worked with?

Sinningia 17	Konleria	2
Saintpaulia 11	Gesneria	2
Columnea 10	Nautilocalyx	
Episcia 6	Achimenes	1
Codonantne 5	Smitniantha	
Aeschynanthus 3	Boea	
Streptocarpus 3	Rnytidophyllum	
Nematanthus 3	Eucodonia	1
Gloxinia 2		

4. What would you like to see in future issues of 'CrossWords'?

Pedigrees of various plants, esp. Episcias ... Basic hybridizing information ... Continued excellence ... Would like Pat Worley to tell us what he's been up to ... A chart of the viability of the seeds of various genera and species ... More material on parentage of hybrids ... More stories on new introductions ... Updated chromosome counts ... Articles on what leading hybridizers are doing ... More info on dominant characteristics of various gesneriads ... Methods of growing more unusual or unknown species ... Information on stabilizing a selected nybrid to come true from seed ... More interviews with hybridizers ... A hybridizing course for beginners ... What are Mike Kartuz and Pat Worley working on? ... More about Episcia hybridizing ... Articles on the use of colchicine ... More discussion of Columnea hybridizing ... Excellent articles on new introductions, like the ones submitted by Frances Batcheller and Jane Crandall ... An updated Sinningia Register ... A listing of the contents of the back issues ...

COLUMNEA HYBRIDS

Judy Becker, Salisbury, Ct.

A few words of explanation:

- Hans Wiehler's classification was used. Some of the plant material has not been described as Columnea, and people should be aware that these intergeneric or inter-sectional crosses are sterile
 - Plants appear in the list only if they have been used in crosses.
- Crosses are listed both ways. Cornell found that reciprocal crosses generally produced the same results.

Aladdin's	Lamn	(Cascadilla	v	erythrophaea)
MIGUULII S	namn	ICascaurrra	Δ	CIA CHITONHOGOL

x qloriosa

= Genie

x hirta v. pilosissima

= Firebird, Orange Sherbert,

Rising Sun

allenii

x crassifolia

= Oneidan

argentea

x hirsuta var. fawcettii

= Glasnevin Prospect

arquta

x Dragon Fire

x qloriosa

x microphylla

x nicaraguensis

= Splendide = Fire Dragon

= Yellow Gold

= Autumn Blaze, Autumn Dawn, Red Emperor

x verecunda Florence Carrell

x Yellow Dragon

= Campus Sunset

= Betty Stoehr, Butterfly, Dart,

Early Bird, Joy

x Trichantha mira

x T. Tigerpaws

= xColtrichantha Mountain Elf

= xColtrichantha Phaser

Autumn Leaves (Pixie x erythrophaea)

x Moonglow

= Eureka, Starburst

xBanksii (schiedeana x oerstediana)

x linearis

= Lyndon Lyon, Milred

(xBanksii x magnifica)

x linearis

= Anna C.

Betty Stochr (arguta x Yellow Dragon)

x Dragon Fire

= Red King

x Oneidan

= Gold Rush, Gold Wing, Miami,

Orange Wing

billbergiana (percrassa)

x Yellow Dragon

= Pixie

bilabiata

x Trichantha tenensis

= xColtrithantha Dark Skies

Bonfire (Fang x erythophaea)

x Trichantha purpureovittata = xColtrichantha Golden Nugget, xColtrichantha Orange Nugget

Brighter Dawn (nicaraguensis x Early Bird, previously listed in CW as (nicaraguensis x Early Bird) x Constant Flame)

x Contant Flame

= Calypso, Multiflora (Granger's Bountiful)

Butterball (Yellow Dragon x Cornellian)

x erythrophaea

= Nelly

x Twiggy

= Yellow Hammer

Cardinal (Yellow Dragon x (C. xVilmoriniana x gloriosa)

x xVilmoriniana

= Red Start

Cascadilla (Ithacan x Harvard Window)

x King Midas

= Robin

x erythrophaea

= Aladdin's Lamp

Cayugan (crassifolia x hirta)

x gloriosa

= Constant Flame

Chanticleer (Yellow Dragon x scandens v. tulae rubra)

x erythrophaea

= Boheme, Cho Cho San, Souer Therese, Tosca, Traviata,

Turandot

Cherokee (Ramadan x Cornellian)

x erythrophaea

= Tomahawk

Chocolate Soldier (Oneidan x Evlo)

x erythrophaea

= Embers

x Twiggy

= Great Horned, Horned

Constant Flame (Cayugan x gloriosa)

x Brighter Dawn

= Calypso, Multiflora (Granger's

Bountiful)

x Mary Ann

= Kaye

Cornellian (verecunda Florence Carrell x crassifolia)

x Ramadan

= Cherokee

x Yellow Dragon

= Butterball

crassifolia

x alleni

= Oneidan

x hirta

= Cayuqan

x nicaraquensis

= Harvard Window

x verecunda Florence Carrell x zebrina Cerro Jefe

= Cornellian

= Giltedge

x Dalbergia perpulchra

= xColbergaria Miami Noon

x Trichantha dissimilis = xColtrithantha Miami Sunrise x Trichantha moorei = Elmiran Dart (Yellow Dragon x arguta) x Trichantha minor = xColtrichantha Little Colonel, (Columnea teuscheri) Pinocchio, Tigridia (Midget) Dennis Adams (urbanii x rutilans) x erythrophaea = Firecracker Dragon Fire (magnifica x gloriosa) x (magnifica x gloriosa) x arguta = Yellow Gold x Betty Stoenr = Red King x Early Bird = Fang, Mia x Multiflora = Waterfall x nicaraquensis = Brighter Dawn, Chippewa, Ontario (Early Bird x Othello) x erythrophaea = Campfire erythrophaea x Butterball = Nelly x Chanticleer = Boheme, Cho Cho San, Souer Therese, Tosca, Traviata, Turandot x Cascadilla = Aladdin's Lamp x Cherokee = Tomahawk x Chocolate Soldier = Embers x Dennis Adams = Firecracker x (Early Bird x Othello) = Campfire x Fang = Bonfire x Gold Spice = Cinnamon Toast x Great Horned = Moonglow x hirta var. mortonii = Wooly Bear = Mirage (somatic mutation) x Magic Lantern = Adark Horse x Moonglow = Inferno x Multiflora = Star Trek x Pixie = Autumn Leaves x (rutilans x erythrophaea) = Cannonball x schiedana = Sundowner x Dalbergaria perpulchra = xColbergaria Orange Fire x Trichantha Tigerpaws = xColtrichantha Wonderlust x Dalbergaria polyantha = xColbergaria Orange Max

Evlo (gloriosa x nicaraquensis)

x Oneidan = Chocolate Soldier x Red King = Red Ball

x Yellow Gold = Flipper, Goldie, Key, Sun Glo

Fang (Early Bird x Dragon Fire)

x erythrophaea = Bonfire

fawcettii

x repens (jamaicensis) = Bill Saylor

flaccida

x Trichantha purpureovittata = xColtrichantha Scarlet O'Hara

Flipper (Evlo x Yellow Gold)

x Yellow Gold = Flash Fire, Twiggy

gallicauda

x nicaraguensis = Susan

glabra

x magnifica = Lemoinei x schiedeana = xKewensis

gloriosa

x arguta = Splendide x Cayuqan = Constant Flame = Ithacan, Othello x lepidocaula x microphylla = Snake Charmer = Evlo

x nicaraguensis

x xVedrariensis = xVilmoriniana

x verecunda Florence Carrell = Orange Princess, Yellow Dragon

x Aladdin's Lamp = Genie

(gloriosa x magnifica)

x (gloriosa x magnifica) = Dragon Fire

(gloriosa x xVilmoriniana)

x Yellow Dragon = Cardinal x Yellow Gold = Orange Fire

Gold Spice (Great Horned x Horned)

= Cinnamon Toast x erythrophaea

Granger's Bountiful (Constant Flame x Brighter Dawn) formerly Multiflora x Moonglow = Galatic Orange, Madam Butterfly, Shalimar, Top Brass

Great Horned (Twiggy x Chocolate Soldier)

x erythrophaea = Moonglow

x Horned = Goldfinch, Gold Spice, Yellow

Bird

x (Twiggy x Yellow Dancer) = Inca Gold

harrisii

x hispida = Glasnevin Promise

Harvard Window (crassifolia x nicaraquensis)

x Ithacan = Cascadilla

hirsuta var. fawcettii

x argentea = Glasnevin Prospect

hirta

x crassifolia = Cayugan
x linearis = Tiogan
x nicaraguensis = Red Arrow
x tulae Flava (scandens var. tulae) = Campus Gem

x zebrina Cerro Jefe = Aflame x Trichantha brenneri = Feuerball

hirta var. mortonii

x erythrophaea = Wooly Bear x Red Spur = Christmas Carol

x Trichantha illepida = xColtrichantha Ottawa

hirta var. pilosissima

x Aladdin's Lamp = Firebird, Orange Sherbert, Rising Sun

x Moonglow = California Gold

hispida

x harrisii = Glasnevin Promise

Horned (Twiggy x Chocolate Soldier)

x Great Horned = Goldfinch, Gold Spice, Yellow

Bird = Sunset

x Sun Glo

Ithacan (gloriosa x lepidocaula)

x Harvard Window = Cascadilla x Joy = Red Spur

x Yellow Dragon = Crimson Banner, Eagles, Golden Showers, King Midas, Orange Banner, Oriole, Scarlet Banner,

Wonderland.

jamaicensis (see repens)

Joy (arguta x Yellow Dragon)

x Ithacan = Red Spur

x Trichantha moorei = xColtrichantha Fanfare x erythrophaea = Mirage (somatic mutation)

King Midas (Ithacan x Yellow Dragon

x Cascadilla = Robin

lepidocaula

x gloriosa = Ithacan, Othello

linearis

x xBanksii = Lyndon Lyon, Mildred

x (xBanksii x magnifica) = Anna C. x hirta = Tiogan x nicaraguensis = Katsura

x scandens var. tulae Flava = V. Covert x xVilmoriniana = Anna C. x Yellow Dragon = Flamingo, Mary Ann, Sea Gull, Sylvia

x Trichantha moorei = xColtrichantha Campus Queen

Magic Lantern (Mary Ann x Robin)

x erythrophaea = Adark Horse

maculata Turrialba

x Trichantha brenneri = xColtrichantha Fireworks x Trichantha tenensis = xColtrichantha Firetongue

magnifica

x glabra = Lemoinei

x schiedeana = xVedrariensis

(magnifica x gloriosa)

x (magnifica x gloriosa) = Dragon Fire

Mary Ann (Yellow Dragon x linearis)

x Constant Flame = Kaye x ramondii = Ramadan

x Robin = Magic Lantern

<u>microphylla</u>

Moonglow (Great Horned x erythrophaea)

x Autumn Leaves = Eureka, Starburst

x erythrophaea = Inferno

x Granger's Bountiful = Galatic Orange, Madam Butterfly,

Shalimar, Top Brass

x hirta v. pilosissima = California Gold

Multiflora (Granger's Bountiful) (Constant Flame x Brighter Dawn)

nicaraquenis

x arguta = Autumn Blaze, Autumn Dawn, Red

Emperor

x Early Bird = Brighter Dawn, Chippewa, Ontario

x crassifolia = Harvard Window

x gloriosa = Evlo

x Trichantha moorei = xColtrichantha Indian Summer

x gallicauda = Susan

oerstediana

x schiedeana = xBanksii

Oneidan (crassifolia x allenii)

x Betty Stoehr = Gold Rush, Goldwing, Miami,

Orange Wing

x Evlo = Chocolate Soldier

= Christy, Malvina, Paggliacci x zebrina

<u>Orange Fire (xVilmoriniana x gloriosa)</u>

x Yellow Gold = Yellow Dancer

percrassa (see billbergiana)

Pixie (Yellow Dragon x billbergiana)

x erythrophaea = Autumn Leaves

x (Yellow Dancer x Flamingo) = El Dorado

purpusii

x zebrina Cerro Jefe = Red Zebra

x Trichantha purpureovittata = xColtrichantha Boomerang

querceti

x scandens var. tulae (Flava) = Orange Beauty

= xColbergaria Sarasota Sunset x Dalbergaria perpulchra

Ramadan (Mary Ann x raymondii)

x Cornellian = Cherokee

<u>raymo</u>ndii

and the second of the second o x Mary Ann = Ramadan

Red King (Betty Stoehr x Dragon Fire)

= Red Ball x Evlo

Red Spur (Ithacan x Joy)

x hirta var. mortonii = Christmas Carol

repens (jamaicensis)

x fawcettii = Bill Saylor

Robin (King Midas x Cascadilla)

= Magic Lantern x Mary Ann

x Trichantha minor (Columnea teuscheri) = xColtrichantha Elfin

rutilans

x urbanii = Dennis Adams, Red Stripe

(rutilans x erythrophaea)

x erythrophaea = Cannonball

schiedeana

= Sundowner x erythrophaea x glabra = xKewensis = xVedrariensis x magnifica

x oerstediana = xBanksii

scandens var. tulae (Flava) x hirta x hirta x linearis = Campus Gem = V. Covert x nicaraquensis = Onondagan x querceti = Orange Beauty scandans var. tulae Rubra x Yellow Dragon = Chanticleer Stavanger (microphylla x xVedrariensis) x xVedrariensis = Capella, Vega Sun Glo (Evlo x Yellow Gold) x Horned = Sunset Twiggy (Flipper x Yellow Gold) x Butterball = Yellow Hammer x Chocolate Soldier = Great Horned, Horned (Twiggy x Yellow Dancer) x Great Horned = Inca Gold urbanii x rutilans = Dennis Adams, Red Stripe xVedrariensis (schiedana x magnifica) x gloriosa = xVilmoriniana x microphylla = Stavanger x Stavanger = Capella, Vega verecunda Florence Carrell x arquta = Campus Sunset x crassifolia = Cornellian x gloriosa = Orange Princess, Yellow Dragon x Trichantha illepida = xColtrichantha Aurora x Trichantha moorei = xColtrichantha Canary xVilmoriniana (xVedrariensis x gloriosa) x Cardinal = Red Start x linearis = Anna C. (xVilmoriniana x gloriosa) x Yellow Dragon = Cardinal x Yellow Gold = Orange Fire Yellow Dancer (Orange Fire x Yellow Gold) x Yellow Dragon = Alpha x Trichantha minor (Columnea teuscheri) = xColtrichantha Sunny

= El Dorado

(Yellow Dancer x Flamingo)

x Pixie

(Yellow Dancer x Twiggy) = Inca Gold x Great Horned Yellow Dragon (verecunda x gloriosa) = Betty Stoehr, Butterfly, Dart, x arguta Early Bird, Joy = Butterball x Cornellian = Crimson Banner, Eagles, Golden x Ithacan Showers, King Midas, Oriole, Orange Banner, Scarlet Banner, Wonderland = Flamingo, Mary Ann, Sea Gull, x linearis Sylvia = Chanticleer x scandens var. tulae (Rubra) = Cardinal x (xVilmoriniana x gloriosa) = Pixie x billbergiana (percrassa) Yellow Gold (arguta x Dragon Fire) = Orange Zing, Scarlet Touch, x Dragon Fire Sundance, Witchcraft = Flipper, Goldie, Kay, Sun Glo x Evlo = Flash Fire, Twiggy x Flipper = Yellow Dancer x Orange Fire = Orange Fire x (xVilmoriniana x gloriosa) zebrina = Giltedge x crassifolia er a a war carage and Labor F = Aflame x hirta = Christy, Malvina, Pagliacci x Oneidan = Red Zebra x purpusii Dalbergaria aureonitens (Columnea affinis) = xDaltrichantha Campus Favorite x Trichantha sanguinolenta Dalbergaria cruenta = Anew Leaf x polyantha = xDaltrichantha Columbia x Trichantha Tigerpaws Dalbergaria perpulchra = xColbergaria Miami Noon = xColbergaria Orange Fire x Columnea crassifolia x Columnea erythrophaea = xColbergaria Sarasota Sunset x Columnea querceti Dalbergaria polyantha = Serria x Dalbergaria vittata x Trichantha sanguinolenta = xDaltrichantha Domination Feather Ball = xColbergaria Orange Max x Columnea erythrophaea = Anew Leaf x cruenta = Daltrichantha Campus Favorite x Trichantha sanguinolenta

Dalbergaria vittata x polyantha = Serria Trichantha brenneri x Columnea hirta = xColtrichantha Feuerball x Columnea maculata Turrialba = xColtrichantha Fireworks x tenensis = Tiger Paws x Dalbergaria sanguinea = xDaltrichantha Golden Bea Trichantha dissimilis x Columnea crassifolia = xColtrichantha Miami Sunrise Trichantha filifera x pulchra = Cleo Kohm Trichantha illepida x Columnea hirta var. mortonii = xColtrichantha Ottawa x Columnea verecunda Florence Carrell = xColtrichantha Aurora Trichantha mira x Columnea arguta = xColtrichantha Mountain Elf Trichantha minor (Columnea teuscheri) x Columnea Dart = xColtrichantha Little Colonel, Pinocchio, Tigridia (Midget) x Columnea Robin = xColtrichantha Robin x Columnea Yellow Dancer = xColtrichantha Sunny Trichantha moorei x Columnea crassifolia = xColtrichantha Elmiran x Columnea Joy = xColtrichantha Fanfare = xColtrichantha Campus Queen x Columnea linearis x Columnea verecunda Florence Carrell = xColtrichantha Canary x columnea nicaraguensis = xColtrichantha Indian Summer Dalbergaria sanguinea x Trichantha brenneri = xDaltrichantha Golden Bea Trichantha pulchra x Trichantha filifera = Cleo Kohm Trichantha purpureovittata x sanquinolenta = Tigertails x Columnea flaccida = xColtrichantna Scarlet O'Hara x Columnea purpusii = xColtrichantha Boomerang Trichantha sanguinolenta

x purpureovittata = Tigertails

x Dalbergaria polyantha = xDaltrichantha Domination x Dalbergaria aureonitens (affinis) = xDaltrichantha Campus

Favorite

Trichantha Tigerpaws (brenneri x tenensis)

x Columnea erythrophaea

= xColtrichantha Wonderlust

x Dalbergaria cruenta

= XCOLULICIANIA Columbia

x Columnea arguta

= xColtrichantha Phaser

Trichantha tenensis

x brenneri

x Columnea bilabiata

x Columnea maculata Turrialba

= Tigerpaws

= xColtrichantha Dark Skies

= xColtrichantha Firetonque

Trichantha purpureovittata

x Columnea Bonfire

= xColtrichantha Golden Nugget, xColtrichantha Orange Nugget

G.H.A. WANT LIST

Dave Zaitlin, Davis, Calif.

Leong Tuck-Lock in Malaysia has sent a request for seed of Episcia lilacina and its varieties, as well as seed from any species and hybrids Kohleria and Nematanthus. Gesneriads are difficult to find in Malaysia, so let's see if we can help him out. His address is: 24 Jalan Jahore, Canning Garden Estate, IPOH, Perak, West Malaysia.

Not much new has happened here in the world of Sinningias, or any other gesneriads for that matter. A few seedlings are coming along, but with our relatively lightless winter, it is only now that the plants are responding. At present I am in the midst of completing my Ph.D., so my wife and I will be moving from Davis in the next couple months. At least I sincerely hope it is that soon! I have been drying off many of my Sinningias in order that I may send the tubers to my mother, who has a large light garden and a greenhouse. I figure that this is better for them than being in an overheated car during a prolonged cross-country trip.

One thing that I am looking forward to is finally being able to do some real plant breeding with the Sinningias. I think that I will take advantage of the facilities at my parents home, since we will be living in the same town in upstate New York. I would like to try to breed true lines of hybrid diploid Sinningias. If my memory and scant records are correct, I have been indiscriminately crossing the various Sinningia species and hybrids for eight years. It is about time some of my beautiful plants were released for all to grow.

From the sound of things in Leong's letter, it seems that he has great success with many gesneriads, notably the Episcias. He will have hybrid Episcia seed available in October of this year for those who would like it. I am envious of those who live in the warm tropics. There must be nothing they cannot grow! Until next time ...

A QUESTION FOR CROSSWORDS

Margaret Waguespack, Harahan, La.

Has any hybridizing been done with Boea species? I am growing \underline{B} . $\underline{hemslyana}$, \underline{B} . $\underline{hygroscopica}$, and \underline{B} . $\underline{lawesii}$. The plants of \underline{B} . $\underline{lawesii}$ were grown from seeds I brought back from Papua, New Guinea last fall.

Is \underline{B} . $\underline{hygrometrica}$ (hope I got that right) being grown in this country? I understand that there was limited distribution of seed several years ago.

There are supposed to be Boea species with white and with pink flowers. Is there any way we could contact botanical gardens or individuals in Asian countries in order to obtain seeds of these plants?

I contacted the library at the Chicago Botanic Gardens, and they were not able to locate any Asian gardens that work with gesneriads. Perhaps one of our foreign members can help with these questions?

- Al Wojcik

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