



*Nematanthus tessmannii*

#### DEDICATION

This special issue of *Selbyana* is dedicated to The Gesneriad Society (formerly the American Gloxinia & Gesneriad Society), which is underwriting and encouraging research and publications on Gesneriaceae at the new Gesneriad Resource Center being established at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. We are indebted to the members of the Gesneriad Society (<http://www.aggs.org/>) and its local chapters; numerous Selby Gardens volunteers; Larry Skog of the National Museum of Natural History; and John R. Clark, now a graduate student at Washington State University, for their untiring help in setting up the Center. Currently, we are working to curate and label the gesneriad collection, greatly expanded by the contributions of Hans Wiehler; identify and distribute type and other specimens; stabilize the Spirit Collection of preserved flowers; raise funds for future work, and compile data on gesneriads at what promises to become the leading center for studies of the Gesneriaceae plant family. (Photo credit: Phil Nelson)

—Wesley E. Higgins, Editor