

RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES
American Begonia Society (ABS)
2024 National Show – Southern California

1. The Show Chairman shall have complete charge of all exhibits from the opening to the closing of the Show, and no entries may be removed beforehand without permission of the Show Chairman.
2. No unauthorized person will be allowed in the show area prior to the Show.
3. The Show is limited to members of the American Begonia Society (ABS). Any ABS member who grows begonias for pleasure and by their own effort may enter. All entries must be from their own private collection and must have been owned and grown for at least 180 days prior to the Show.
4. A commercial grower or an employee of a commercial grower may enter plants from their own private collection as a hobby grower only if the plant entries are grown at home and not at the commercial nursery.
5. There is no exhibitor registration fee. Entries may not compete in more than one class but an exhibitor may enter any number of different varieties in any division or class. Any exhibitor may enter more than one plant of the same variety, provided that each plant is entered in a different division. Entries will be accepted on Thursday, August 22, 2024, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. No late entries will be accepted without the approval of the Show Chair.
6. All plant entries, except in the Seedling Division, must be mature plants. For Show purposes, they must be of adequate size and state of development for the particular variety and classification, making a suitable representation of the variety's potential for purposes of judging and for the viewing public.
7. All entries must be checked in with the Classification Committee at the time of registration, and entered according to the schedule or be disqualified. Additional classes may be created at the discretion of the Show Chairman, whose decisions are final.
8. Any exhibitor may enter more than one plant in any one class, provided that each plant is of a different variety. Plants in hanging containers that have hangers must be entered in Division K, O, or R. Hangers must be removed in all other divisions.
9. Only clean, healthy plants will be accepted for entry. All plants are to be groomed prior to entry. Consideration will be given to obvious signs of travel damage.
10. Containers must be clean, neat, and proportionate to the size of the plant. No white, black, or metal nursery cans/pots are permitted. Stakes are to be inconspicuous in size, color and height. No artificial plant material may be entered in any class or division.
11. The Show Classification and Entries Committee shall have the right to exclude, refuse, or remove any diseased, infected, or unsightly exhibits.
12. All plants shall be placed by, or under the direction of, the Placement Committee only.
13. All labels must be removed or pushed down into the soil out of sight. The Classification and Entries Committee will help exhibitors determine the proper name and class if these are unknown to the exhibitor.
14. No artificial plant material may be entered in any plant class or division.

15. The Judging Department shall assume complete charge at the start of judging, and no person will be allowed to interfere with the judges.
16. No exhibitor or judge may change the class of an entry without the consent of the Show Classification and Entries Chairman.
17. Show Entry cards must remain sealed until the Judging Chairman declares all judging complete.
18. The judges shall make awards according to merit only. If the entry is without merit, the judges shall make no award regardless of the number of entries in the class.
19. The judges may only use the point scoring system for begonias as approved by the American Begonia Society. Judges are to follow ABS judging procedures prescribed by the Judging Chairs.
20. Plants will be judged by their appearance at and above the soil line and not by parentage or cultural needs alone.
21. For the "Division N: Novel Grown," category, the plants must actually be growing in the novel container, not set in.
22. For the "Division U: Collections," category, the name of each plant within the collection must be given on entry form.
23. Each class will be judged for first (blue ribbon), second (red ribbon) and third (white ribbon) on merit only. If deemed eligible, Class Commendation Ribbons may be awarded. All blue-ribbon winners in a division will be judged for division trophies.
24. Only entries receiving first place in their class may be considered for division trophies.
25. All begonia entries must receive 93 points or more to be eligible for division trophies. Entries must receive 95 points or more to be eligible for cultural awards.
26. Only Divisions A through M, O, and Q are eligible to compete for Best of Show.
27. A sweepstakes trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons in all begonia divisions.
28. The "Millie & Ed Thompson Showing is Sharing" award will be awarded to the exhibitor with the largest number of entries.
29. The judges' decisions on awards will be final. If the Judging Chairs determines that according to common judging practices, a gross injustice has occurred, it shall be the duty of the Judging Chairs to direct a new team of judges to review the exhibit.
30. Division L – Terrariums: Any plant in a contained atmosphere must be entered in Division L, O or Q, and must be covered.
31. Division R and S—New Introduction by commercial grower: A commercial grower for the purpose of this show is defined as follows: Person(s) who sell plants and derives the majority of their income from the sale of these plants, and/or has an employee who assists in growing his/her begonias.

32. Division T—New introduction by a hobby grower: Entries must be mature plants and are not eligible for entry in any other division. They may not have been in competition in any prior show and are not eligible if released. The hybridizer need not have grown the plant. The grower may enter with hybridizer's permission. If not in bloom, a description of bloom and time of bloom, if known, must accompany the entry. NOTE: A commercial grower or an employee of a commercial grower may enter plants from their own private collection in Division T only if the plant entries are grown at home and not at the commercial nursery.
33. Division P—Seedlings: All entries must have been grown from seed by the exhibitor.
34. Division O—Novice: A grower who is entering an ABS show for the first time or who has never won a blue ribbon in an ABS show.
35. Division R—Commercially grown: Commercial growers are not eligible to compete for the Best in Show.
36. Division V—Artistic Begonia Photographs: Open to anyone. Photos will be judged for artistic merit and not horticulturally. Photos must be matted or presented in a suitable display format.
37. Divisions X—Arts and Crafts: Entries must feature begonias and be the original work of the exhibitor. Artwork must be matted, framed or presented in a suitable display form.
38. REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS: Exhibits may not be removed until the close of the show at 12:00 pm on Sunday, August 25, 2024. All exhibits must be removed after the show closes on Sunday. Exhibitors unable to remove their exhibits at the close of the show may make arrangements with the Show Chairman to have a designated person of their own choice remove the exhibits from the showroom and have them placed in a holding area until final removal from the hotel later on.
39. PLEASE NOTE: The ABS staff and Show Committee will exercise due caution and care in safeguarding exhibits but cannot assume responsibility for any damage or loss. Exhibitors agree to conform to the Show rules and regulations, and are responsible for the care of their own entries. The show chairman will make all decisions except in matters of judging. The decisions of the judges will be final.

**American Begonia Society
2024 National Show Schedule**

DIVISION A - CANE-LIKE SUPERBA

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|-------|---|---------------------------------|
| Class | 1 | Low (generally under 2 ft.) |
| | 2 | Intermediate (generally 2-4 ft) |
| | 3 | Tall (generally over 4 ft) |

DIVISION AA - CANE-LIKE, ALL OTHERS

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| Class | 4 | Mallet types |
| | 5 | Low (generally under 2 ft.) |
| | 6 | Intermediate (generally 2-4 ft) |
| | 7 | Tall (generally over 4 ft) |

DIVISION B - SHRUB-LIKE

Bare Leaved

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|-------|----|-------------------------------------|
| Class | 8 | Small leaved (under 4" at maturity) |
| | 9 | Medium leaved (4-6" at maturity) |
| | 10 | Large leaved (over 6" at maturity) |
| | 11 | Everblooming type |

Hairy Leaved

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| Class | 12 | Felted leaved |
| | 13 | Narrow leaved (generally under 3") |
| | 14 | Wide leaved (generally over 3") |

Distinctive Foliage

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| Class | 15 | Unusual surface and/or coloring |
| | 16 | Listada-like type |
| | 17 | Compact type |

DIVISION C - THICK-STEMMED

Bare Leaved

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|-------|----|-------------------------------------|
| Class | 18 | Small leaved (under 4" at maturity) |
| | 19 | Medium leaved (4-6" at maturity) |
| | 20 | Large leaved (over 6" at maturity) |

Hairy Leaved

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|-------|----|-------------------------------------|
| Class | 21 | Small leaved (under 4" at maturity) |
| | 22 | Medium leaved (4-6" at maturity) |
| | 23 | Large leaved (over 6" at maturity) |

Trunk-Like

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|-------|----|----------|
| Class | 24 | Species |
| | 25 | Cultivar |

Thicket

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| Class | 26 | Species |
| | 27 | Cultivar |

DIVISION D - SEMPERFLORENS

Species

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| Class | 28 | Semperflorens type |
| | 29 | Schmidtiana type |

Cultivars

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| Class | 30 | Single-flowered |
| | 31 | Semi-double/double flower |
| | 32 | Variegated foliage |

DIVISION E - RHIZOMATOUS

Small-Leaved (under 3" at maturity)

- Class 33 Entire/subentire
- 34 Lobed
- 35 Cleft
- 36 Parted
- 37 Compound-leaved
- 38 Crested/Spiral

Medium-Leaved (under 3-6" at maturity)

- Class 39 Entire/subentire
- 40 Lobed
- 41 Cleft
- 42 Parted
- 43 Compound-leaved
- 44 Crested/Spiral

Large-Leaved (6-12" at maturity)

- Class 45 Entire/subentire
- 46 Lobed
- 47 Cleft
- 48 Parted
- 49 Compound-leaved
- 50 Crested/Spiral

Giant-Leaved (over 12" at maturity)

- Class 51 Entire/subentire
- 52 Lobed
- 53 Cleft
- 54 Parted
- 55 Compound-leaved
- 56 Crested/Spiral

Rhizome Erect

- Class 57 Entire/subentire
- 58 Lobed
- 59 Cleft
- 60 Parted
- 61 Compound-leaved
- 62 Crested/Spiral

Rhizome jointed at or below soil with erect stems

- Class 63 Species
- 64 Cultivar

DIVISION EE – RHIZOMATOUS, DISTINCTIVE FOLIAGE

- Class 65 Pustular type

Unusual surface and/or coloring

- Class 66 Small-leaved (under 3")
- 67 Medium-leaved (3-6")
- 68 Large-leaved (6-12")

DIVISION F - REX CULTORUM

Small-Leaved (under 3" at maturity)

- Class 70 Spiral
71 Non-Spiral

Medium-Leaved (under 3-6" at maturity)

- Class 72 Spiral
73 Non-Spiral

Large-Leaved (6-12" at maturity)

- Class 74 Spiral
75 Non-Spiral

Upright Stemmed

- Class 76 Spiral
77 Non-Spiral

DIVISION G - TUBEROUS

- Class 78 Semi-tuberous species
79 Semi-tuberous hybrids (e.g. B. 'Richard Robinson')
80 Species and first generation hybrids (low growing)
81 Species and first generation hybrids (tall growing)
82 Hiemalis and hiemalis-like
83 Chiemantha and chiemantha-like
84 Bulbous (e.g. B. socotrana)
85 Begonia boliviensis hybrids (e.g. B. 'Bonfire')
86 Other

DIVISION GG – TUBEROUS (TUBERHYBRIDA)

- Class 87 Rose Form, single stem
88 Rose Form, multiple stems
89 Camellia form, single stem
90 Camellia form, multiple stems
91 Fimbriata, single stem
92 Fimbriata, multiple stems
93 Picotee, single stem
94 Picotee, multiple stems
95 Marmorata, single stem
96 Marmorata, multiple stems
97 Cristata/Crispa, single stem
98 Cristata/Crispa, multiple stems
99 Other

DIVISION GGG – TUBEROUS (TUBERHYBRIDA) HANGING BASKET

- Class 100 Solid color, any form
101 Picotee, any form
102 Other

DIVISION H - TRAILING-SCANDENT

Class	103	Species
	104	Cultivars

DIVISION I - SPECIES

Class	105	Cane-like
	106	Shrub-like
	107	Thick-stemmed
	108	Semperflorens
	109	Rhizomatous
	110	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	111	Trailing-Scandent

DIVISION J - UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES

Class	112	Cane-like
	113	Shrub-like
	114	Thick-stemmed
	115	Semperflorens
	116	Rhizomatous
	117	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	118	Trailing-Scandent

DIVISION K - HANGING CONTAINERS OR WALL POCKETS

Class	119	Cane-like
	120	Shrub-like
	121	Thick-stemmed
	122	Semperflorens
	123	Rhizomatous
	124	Rex Cultorum
	125	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	126	Trailing-Scandent

DIVISION L - TERRARIUMS (Single Begonia)

Class	127	Cane-like
	128	Shrub-like
	129	Rhizomatous, Small-leaved
	130	Rhizomatous, Medium-leaved
	131	Rhizomatous, Large leaved
	132	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	133	Trailing-Scandent

Distinctive foliage

Class	134	Pustular (imperialis-like)
	135	Unusual surface and/or unusual coloring
	136	Unusual shape and/or habit of growth
	137	Shrub-like
	138	Rex Cultorum, Small-leaved

139 Rex Cultorum, Medium-leaved

DIVISION L - TERRARIUMS (continued)

Class 140 Rex Cultorum, Large leaved
141 Rex Cultorum, Upright Stemmed
142 Tuberos/semi-tuberos
143 Trailing-scandent

DIVISION M – HERITAGE BEGONIAS (OVER 50 YEARS IN CULTIVATION)

Class 144 Cane-like
145 Shrub-like
146 Thick-stemmed
147 Semperflorens
148 Rhizomatous
149 Rex Cultorum
150 Tuberos/semi-tuberos
151 Trailing-Scandent

DIVISION N - NOVEL CONTAINER

Class 152 Dish garden
153 Unique Container
154 Driftwood or bark
155 Rocks
156 Other

DIVISION NN - NOVEL GROWN

Class 157 Totem Pole
158 Bonsai
159 Standards
160 Other

DIVISION O - NOVICE

Class 161 Cane-like
162 Shrub-like
163 Thick-stemmed
164 Semperflorens
165 Rhizomatous
166 Rex Cultorum
167 Tuberos/semi-tuberos
168 Trailing-Scandent
169 Hanging Container
170 Contained Atmosphere

DIVISION P - SEEDLINGS

Class 171 Plants 1 year and under
172 Plants 1 to 2 years old

DIVISION Q - TRAVELING BEGONIAS (IN POTS NO LARGER THAN 4")

Class	173	Cane-like
	174	Shrub-like
	175	Thick-stemmed
	176	Semperflorens
	177	Rhizomatous
	178	Rex Cultorum
	179	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	180	Trailing-Scandent
	181	Contained Atmosphere

DIVISION R - COMMERCIAL GROWER

Class	182	Cane-like
	183	Shrub-like
	184	Thick-stemmed
	185	Semperflorens
	186	Rhizomatous
	187	Rex Cultorum
	188	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	189	Trailing-Scandent
	190	Hanging Containers

DIVISION S - NEW INTRODUCTION, COMMERCIAL GROWER

Class	191	Cane-like
	192	Shrub-like
	193	Thick-stemmed
	194	Semperflorens
	195	Rhizomatous
	196	Rex Cultorum
	197	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	198	Trailing-Scandent

DIVISION T- NEW INTRODUCTION, HOBBY GROWER

Class	199	Cane-like
	200	Shrub-like
	201	Thick-stemmed
	202	Semperflorens
	203	Rhizomatous
	204	Rex Cultorum
	205	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	206	Trailing-Scandent

DIVISION U - COLLECTIONS

Class	207	Three begonias (each from a different Division)
	208	Three begonias (each from a different class, in the same Division)
	209	Unlimited number of begonias (in the same container)

DIVISION V - ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHS OF BEGONIAS

Class	210	Black and White Print
	211	Color Print
	212	Collage
	213	Other

DIVISION W - ARTS & CRAFTS

Class	214	Pen & Ink
	215	Charcoal
	216	Pencil
	217	Colored Pencil
	218	Watercolor
	219	Pastels
	220	Oil
	221	Acrylic
	222	Ceramics
	223	Jewelry
	224	Leaded Glass
	225	Needlework
	226	Other