

BEGONIA CHATTER



Astro Branch American Begonia Society <i>4513 Randwick Drive</i> <i>Houston, Texas 77092-8343</i> <i>(713) 686-8539</i>	<i>Next Meeting:</i> DATE: November 7, 2021 TIME: 2:00 P.M. PLACE: Plants For All Seasons PROGRAM: Propagating with Gloria and Gail
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PROPAGATING WITH GLORIA AND GAIL

The November meeting of the Astro Branch of the American Begonia Society will be held at **Plants For All Seasons** located at 21328 State Highway 249 (on the feeder road). Their telephone number is **281-376-1646**.

We have the meeting room from 12:00 to 4:00 P.M. All are welcome to come early to help set up for the meeting or shop for more beautiful plants for your home or garden.

Our program this month is **Propagation with Gloria and Gail**. Gloria and Gail will show and talk about how they propagate cuttings. Gloria will show us how to pot up seedlings. This is a get your hands dirty type of program as you will have the opportunity to pot up rooted cuttings to take home.

Our refreshment Hostesses for this meeting will be **Ann Steifel and Diana Bukey**.

Members are invited to bring a plant or plant related item for the Door Prize Table. We will also have our usual Raffle drawing.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.



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PRUNING, PLANTING AND TRANSPLANTING

November

4 th & 5 th	Scorpio
8 th & 9 th	Capricorn
13 th & 14 th	Pisces
17 th , 18 th & 19 th	Taurus
22 nd , 23 rd & 24 th	Cancer

December

2 nd & 3 rd	Scorpio
6 th & 7 th	Capricorn
10 th & 11 th	Pisces
15 th & 16 th	Taurus
20 th & 21 st	Cancer
29 th & 30 th	Scorpio

******Planting and Transplanting** are best done in Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces with Cancer being the best.

******Best Pruning** for quick growth is first in Taurus and then in Capricorn.

(This "Pruning, Planting and Transplanting Guide was taken from the Harris Farmer's Almanac 2021)



B. 'Madam Queen'

Meet the Astro's In Charge Of The American Begonia Society Seed Fund



(l to r.) Cheryl Lenert, Kathleen Murphy, Janet Carpenter & Tom Keepin



An example of the seeds they sort into envelopes for storage and future mailings.



photo by Julie Vanderwilt

Begonia 'Corbeille de Feu'

by Morris Mueller

This hybrid was created over a century ago in 1891 by Victor Lemoine in France. It is a cross of *B. semperflorens* and *B. fuchsioides* var. *miniata*. Lemoine also created other hybrids which are still available today including *B. 'Rosea Gigantea'* and *B. 'Argenteo-guttata.'*

He has another hybrid, *B. 'Bertha de Chateau Rocher,'* for which he used *B. 'Corbeille de Feu'* as the pollen parent. Some writers say that looks so much like *B. 'Corbeille de Feu'* that it might as well be *B. 'Corbeille de Feu.'*

Other hybrids using *B. 'Corbeille de Feu.'* are *B. 'Rosie Murphiski'* and *B. 'Helen W. King'* both created in 1920 by Alfred D. Robinson, and *B. 'Annan*

Pride' created in Australia in 2000 by Ross Bolwell.

Ed and Millie Thompson in their book ***BEGONIAS: The Complete Reference Guide*** classify it as shrub-like, bare-leaved, small leaved. Its flowers are variously described as red, orange, or coral pink. It blooms intermittently with large numbers of flowers.

It must be an easy plant to grow given the length of time it has been in cultivation.

Like most begonias it prefers semi-shade, a porous, easy-draining mix, and has no other special requirements. Its thin stems make staking a must. Or it can be grown very successfully as a hanging basket plant.



Joan Coulat - Sacramento Branch, American Begonia Society, June 2006

ASTRO'S ANNUAL FALL PICNIC AT THE HOME OF TOM KEEPIN



Gloria Hunter



Kathleen Murphy



Malcolm McCorquodale



Door Prize table



Fall Picnic attendees



Jennifer Francois