

The Begonia CHATTER

*Newsletter of the Astro Branch
of the American Begonia Society*



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Astro Branch American Begonia Society 13410 Balcrest Drive Houston, Texas 77070	Next Meeting: DATE: November 3, 2024 TIME: 2:00 PM Official Meeting starts (Board meeting starts at 12:30) PLACE: Plants for All Seasons, 21328 State Hwy 249 PROGRAM: <i>Begonia Seeds—Collection, Storage and Sharing</i> Snack hosts: Janet and Sue		
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President: Kathleen Murphy	Vice President: Jennifer Francois	Treasurer: Ann Stiefel	Secretary: Gloria Hunter

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hi Astros Begonia lovers:

Lots of news to share this month. Big, big news is the location and dates of the Southwest Get Together! Now to work on the details. We are asking for help and support from all. There will be committees formed; however, everyone can get donations from local business to fill our “welcome bags” for our out- of-town guests. Framework of the various stations will be outlined and times to be available are being set up and this is also in coordination of our sister branches. All hands on deck! Let the fun begin!!!

Next bit of news is in congratulations to Jennifer Francois for her entry in the Houston Federation Flower Show. Her *Begonia lichenora* won all color ribbons that they had!!! Also, congratulations to Cheryl Lenert for her entry in the design category for winning a Blue Ribbon.

Finally, thanks to Tony Robert’s quick eye—the December meeting has been rescheduled to December 8, 2024.

Board meeting at 12:30. See you Sunday. —Kathleen

**SWR GET-TOGETHER 2025:
MAY 14TH—18TH**

Hilton Garden Inn

**7979 Willow Chase Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77070**

Begonia Seeds—Collection, Storage, and Sharing

This month’s program will be presented by Janet Carpenter, member extraordinaire and American Begonia Society Seed Fund Director. She’ll be learning us about the contributions of The Seed Fund to the preservation of Begonias and she’ll be demonstrating how to collect, store, and ship seeds.

Chairs:	Membership Ann Steifel	Seed Fund Janet Carpenter	Webmaster & Nat’l Rep. Malcolm McCorquodale	Newsletter Rosa Brennan, Editor
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Begonia Meeting – August 4, 2024

Members present Gloria Hunter, Janet Carpenter, Jennifer Francois, Ann Stiefel, Dehlia Mullins, Kathleen Murphy, Malcolm McCorquodale, Tom Keepin, Tony & Donna Robert, Sue Botts, Rosa Brennan, Cynthia Moody, Chery, Irene & Mike.

President Kathleen Murphy called our meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone and thanked hostesses, Tony & Donna and Dehlia for refreshments.

We had 3 guests: Sandy Roden, Marianne Canuaro, and Rosie Haas, who is a member of the League City Begonia Society, which is a satellite group with 22 members. Welcome.

Gloria read the minutes, stand as written.

Treasurer's report for August– Beginning balance - \$ [REDACTED]. Ending balance \$ [REDACTED]

Ann reported that an additional \$100.00 (anonymously) to the Christmas Greeting Fund.

Kathleen said that a donation to ABS was made for publication of the “Holiday Greeting.”

We collected \$80.00 this past month for the raffle, yay!

Seed update – Janet reported that she sent Indonesian seeds to Ft Worth to test germination. No sales for the month.

New Business – Cheryl gave update on the Get-Together, for next year. She received folder with information on the Hilton Garden on 1960 & 249. She is waiting for the proposal for room rates that may be under \$100.00. She liked the layout of the space. Looking at dates at the end of April or early May. Wednesday through Sunday.

Cheryl said she would bring the list of jobs to the next meeting. Also said we needed to start collecting goodies for the gift bags.

Discussion on different jobs and or responsibilities: Hospitality, registration, exhibit signs (assign to Steve Leaves?), programs, Judge's show, list of places to go in and around Houston, places to visit.

The cuttings we received from Fort Worth this time, postage went from \$20.95 to \$75.75. Discussion to make donation to Fort Worth for the postage.

Discussion about November meeting and program on “How to plant Begonia seeds.” Next meeting is on November 3rd and hostesses will be Janet and Sue.

Kathleen asked how our “Don Miller's” we were given to babysit, were doing?

Discussion about December meeting, will it be on Dec. 1st or the 8th?

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. —Gloria Hunter, secretary

PLANTING GUIDE—November 2024

—Tom Keepin



Sign	Day
Scorpio	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 28th,
Capricorn	6th & 7th
Pisces	10th, 11th & 12th
Taurus	15th & 16th
Cancer	19th & 20th



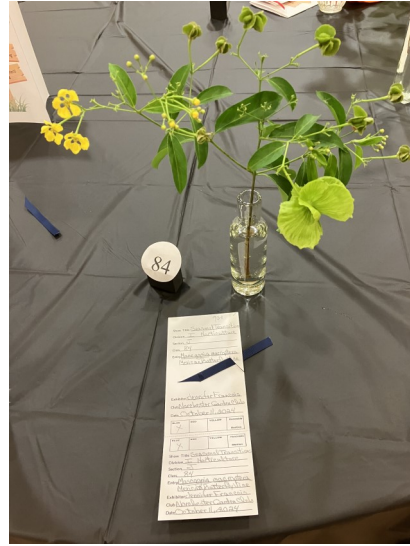
PLEASE REMEMBER, EVERY WEEK:

Wear your name tag.

Bring a donation for the raffle!

**Next meeting after this Sunday:
DECEMBER 8, 2024**

Kathleen suggested that I send these photos to you for inclusion in our newsletter.
B. lichenora did well. . .



... As did the Bleeding Heart Clerodendrum and Mexican Butterfly vine, which were competing against each other.

It was fun to participate and everyone was very envious of the beautiful container for *lichenora*, which was donated by Tom and Peter at one of our Astro meetings.

—Jennifer Francois





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