

The Begonia CHATTER

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



FOUNDER: THOMAS KEEPIN

Astro Branch American Begonia Society 13410 Balcrest Drive, Houston, Texas 77070 Next Meeting: October 5, 2025 12:00 noon	PLACE: Home of Malcolm McCorquodale 2905 Drexel Drive Houston, Texas 77027 PROGRAM: Annual Picnic Snack hosts: Potluck
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President: Kathleen Murphy	Vice President: Jennifer Francois	Treasurer: Ann Stiefel	Secretary: Gloria Hunter
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President's Message

Hi all Begonia lovers!

Well, I think the temperatures are coming down to a comfortable level at last, at least at night. It makes it so more enjoyable to work or just enjoy some coffee outside in the garden in the morning.

I am looking forward to our picnic at Malcolm's house Sunday. Be sure to check the picnic time change. Bring a surprise to exchange, and especially a dish to share!

I spent some time this month checking for projects and hope you'll share your ideas about how we can better serve our mission as Begonia "missionaries". We've talked of plant sales, but we have to have plants. We've talked also of finding a grower as our last resource dried up. These are some ideas floating around. What are your thoughts?

See you Sunday,
Kathleen

Chairs:	Membership Ann Steifel	Seed Fund Janet Carpenter	Webmaster Malcolm McCorquodale	Newsletter Editor, National Rep. Rosa Brennan
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Begonia Meeting Notes – September 7, 2025

Members present – Gloria Hunter, Janet Carpenter, Jennifer Francois, Ann Stiefel, Dehlia Mullins, Malcolm McCorquodale, Gail Warren, Cynthia Moody, Kathleen Murphy, Thomas Keepin, Charlyn & Murphy Brown, Tony & Donna Robert, Sue Botts, Viola Risinger, Rosa Brennan, and Sandy Roden.

Guest- Peter Lloyd

Kathleen welcomed everyone and thanked hostesses Delia Mullins, Sandy Roden, and Sue Botts for refreshments.

The minutes presented by Gloria, 2 corrections were noted (Cynthia did not attend and Sandy is a member), approved with corrections.

Treasurer's report for August– Beginning balance - \$x.xx Ending balance \$x.xx [Amounts redacted].

Old Business: Janet commented she still needs seed donations, be on the lookout for those seeds from your Begonias. Next seed date is September 15th.

Ann led discussion about buying a CD or other investment. Asked for a group or committee to investigate. Viola and Rosa volunteered to help come up possible projects and how to budget and fund them.

New Business:

Kathleen commented that we have a treasury that needs not to be idle and asked the members to present for consideration a project(s) that will further our mission. That mission includes the education and propagation of our wonderful begonias. Members were asked to think about projects. All ideas will be collected, discussed, and put to a vote.

Our next meeting will be our yearly picnic, October 5th at Malcolm's house at noon. A sign-up sheet was passed around for this potluck event. Malcolm address is as follows:

2905 Drexel Dr 77027 (close to Central Market). Bring a chair just in case we need them.

Janet announced that Cheryl Lennert broke her ankle, and I believe in a boot now.

Malcolm is now the Southwest Region Director, Rosa is the Branch Director, Gloria is the secretary, and Jessica Dazey is the Vice Director out of Dallas.

Our next meeting will be on October 5th, at Malcolm's house for our picnic.

A motion was made to end the meeting, and it was second.

Program – Begonia Dog Show – members brought in begonia's that needed some TLC.

—Gloria Hunter, Secretary



Viola and Janet



Tony, Donna, Rosa, Tom, and Kathleen



Ann



Tom, Janet, Gloria, Gail, and Murphy



Charlyn



Malcolm



Jennifer



Viola



Gloria and Sue



Cynthia



Rosa



Jennifer, Tom, Tony



Tony and Viola



Sandy



All meeting photos by Peter Lloyd.



Gloria brought her *Begonia rex* to the July 6th meeting when everyone brought their favorite begonias. Her rex flowers and she was kind enough to share the photos of them with us.

Please remember to:

- 1. Wear your name tag.*
- 2. Bring your food or drink item.*
- 3. Bring a plant-related, wrapped gift to exchange.*
- 4. Bring a folding chair, if possible.*

Please remember to:

- 1. Wear your name tag.*
- 2. Bring your begonias to show.*
- 3. Bring a cutting to share.*
- 4. Bring a donation for the raffle table!*