

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: November 2, 2025, 2025 2:00 PM Official Meeting starts (Board meeting starts at 12:00)	PLACE: Plants for All Seasons, 21328 State Hwy 249 PROGRAM: Winterizing Begonias Snack hosts:
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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!

I certainly can't complain about the weather change, just plain grateful! With this cooling of temperatures we now look to saving our Begonias from nature's unmindful quirks. Is there ever enough space available to secure our plants from all dangerous weather? Let's discuss those options at next meeting.

So sorry I had to miss the picnic at Malcolm's house. Reports received that it was a very fun time as usual.

On my Facebook page I have found a new group of Begonias called the Space Age Begonias grown by Proven Winner. I'm impressed particularly by a Rex called "Black Hole". How appropriate the name of "Space Age" for our Astro Branch! Janet looked up the plant on Proven Winner and they are sold out! Too bad.

Still researching and looking to y'all to assist in forming an idea, implementing the plan for our branch project! I know we can do this!

Looking forward to a blockbuster program Sunday!

Kathleen

Chairs:	Membership Ann Steifel	Seed Fund Janet Carpenter	Webmaster Malcolm McCorquodale	Newsletter National Rep. Rosa Brennan, Editor
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Begonia Meeting – 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, 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, approved with corrections.

Treasurer's report for August– Beginning balance - \$7,276.64 Ending balance \$7,11.64.

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

Ann led discussion about buying CD. Asked for a group or committee to investigate: Rosa & Viola volunteered.

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 Lennart 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 Daisy is the Vice Director out of Dallas.

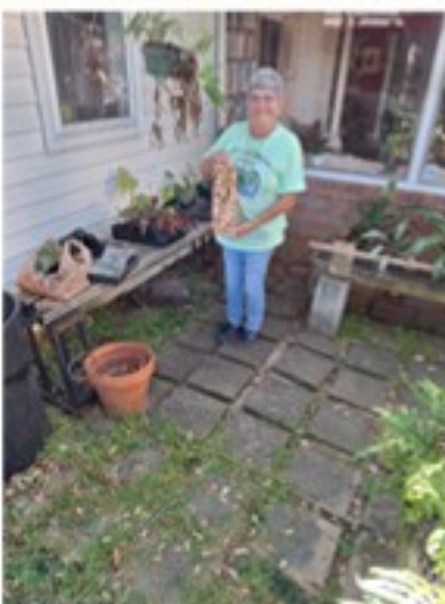
Our next meeting will be on October 5th, at Malcolm's house for our picnic.

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.

Meeting adjourned

Gloria Hunter, secretary





Please remember to:

- 1. Wear your name tag.*
- 2. Bring a donation for the raffle table!*