

# BEGONIA CHATTER



<p><b>Astro Branch</b> <b>American Begonia Society</b> <i>4513 Randwick Drive</i> <i>Houston, Texas 77092-8343</i> <i>(713) 686-8539</i></p>	<p><i>Next Meeting:</i> <b>DATE:</b> April 3, 2022 <b>TIME:</b> 2:00 P.M. <b>PLACE:</b> Plants For All Seasons <b>PROGRAM:</b> Growing Under Lights</p>
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## GROWING UNDER LIGHTS

The April 3, 2022 meeting of the Astro Branch of the American Begonia Society will be held at Plants For All Seasons located at 21328 State Highway 249, Houston, TX. Their telephone number is 281-376-1646. Our Refreshment Host and Hostesses for this meeting will be **Rosa Brennan and Rachael & Aaron Stone.**

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

Our Program this month will be “**Growing Under Lights**” presented by Rachael and Aaron Stone. Rachael and Aaron live in an apartment and grow their begonias and other plants under lights.

They will tell us their secrets to growing beautiful begonias and other plants indoors. Growing indoors in the Houston area works well especially during our extremely hot and humid summers.

We will have our usual drawings and the refreshment hosts will have lots of tasty treats for you to enjoy. If you wish a beverage other than water, feel free to bring it with you.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

B. ‘Rosea Gigantea’  
by Alice M. Clark



## PRUNING, PLANTING AND TRANSPLANTING

### April

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

30<sup>th</sup>

Taurus

Cancer

Scorpio

Capricorn

Pisces

Taurus

### May

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

Taurus

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\*\*\*\***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 2022**)*



B. 'Looking Glass'



B. 'Sofie Cecile'

## Weather Forecast for April 2022

According to the United States Weather Service Houston and Surrounding areas fall in Region 7 of the National Weather Map. Here is what they predict our weather will be for the Month of April.

Our temperatures will be near normal, and our precipitation will be slightly above normal. Our average temperatures should range from 59 degrees in the North to 67 degrees in the South

Our coolest April temperatures will be April 6<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>, Our warmest April will be April 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 26<sup>th</sup>.

The best chance for scattered showers and thunderstorms, a few severe, about April 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be isolated showers and thunderstorms from time to time.

*(This weather forecast for the month of April is from the **Harris Farmer's Almanac 2022**)*

# Astro Branch's March 2022 Meeting

“Controlled Atmospheres”  
by Leora Fuentes



Leora Fuentes



Terrarium plant B. U-012



Raffle plant



Terrarium plants for sale.



B. 'Millie Thompson'



Paying attention during the Business Meeting.



Mel Babb has the floor.



Guest admiring an unusual begonia.



Raffle Plants and Door Prizes.



Refreshment Chair - Mel Babb



Cheryl Lenert: "Oh! Not Again!"