

# The Begonia CHATTER

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



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<b>Astro Branch</b> American Begonia Society 13410 Balcrest Drive, Houston, Texas 77070 <b>Next Meeting:</b> December 7, 2025 2:00 PM Official Meeting starts		<b>PLACE:</b> Plants for All Seasons, 21328 State Hwy 249  <b>PROGRAM:</b> Holiday Celebration and Gift Exchange <b>Snack hosts:</b> YOU!	
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President: Kathleen Murphy	Vice President: Jennifer Francois	Treasurer: Ann Stiefel	Secretary: Gloria Hunter

## President's Message

Hi Friends,

While we have many thanks and gratitude for wonderful families, friends and the bounties of this great Nation it is also noted: We survived the Thanksgiving Turkey Overload!

Continuing in the holiday tradition we prepare for our Astro Begonia Christmas Party to be at PFAS Sunday December 7. We will have rotisserie chicken as our main dish and the complements are up to you. Cynthia will have the signup list. Also part of the program will be a gift exchange.

Looking forward to celebrating the Holiday Season with y'all!

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, Cynthia Moody, Kathleen Murphy, Thomas Keepin, Charlyn & Murphy Brown, Sue Botts, Mike & Irene. Guest- Peter Lloyd

Kathleen welcomed everyone and thanked hosts Malcolm, Kathleen and Sue Botts for refreshments.

The minutes were presented and read by Gloria, and approved.

**Announcement** – Rosa will not be present as her husband recently had surgery.

**Treasurer's report** for September and October (due to our picnic) – Beginning balance - \$7,211.64  
Ending balance \$7,316.24. Treasurer report accepted as read.

**Old Business:** Janet commented she still needs seed donations, be on the lookout for those seeds from your begonias. Last workday was Sept 15, 2025. She did receive *B. dregei* from W. Virginia. If you do collect seeds, please bring them to next meeting.

### **New Business:**

Janet led a discussion on upcoming dues- Astro dues are \$5.00, Southwest is \$10.00 and the ABS dues are \$35.00 if you want printed copy and \$25.00 for digital copy, this is for the Begonian magazine also.

Kathleen led discussion to have a back-up for Rosa when needed for help with Chatter

Kathleen discussed the upcoming Christmas Party on Dec. 7th. A sign-up sheet was passed around for food items (potluck). Also, we will do a gift exchange if you would like to participate – any garden related item or plant.

Ann said she would take over responsibility for the Hostess list.

Upcoming Federation meeting on November 14th, 10:00 a.m. at City Rise Church at 4601 Bellaire Blvd. All are welcome.

Kathleen discussed a project for us to work on. Educate & share our love of Begonia's

Still looking for Proven Winner's Space Age Begonias (since we are the Astro branch) such as Black hole begonia's & others. Ann will ask her daughter if she can find and get them for us.

Also look for a place where we could have a plant sale if the need arises.

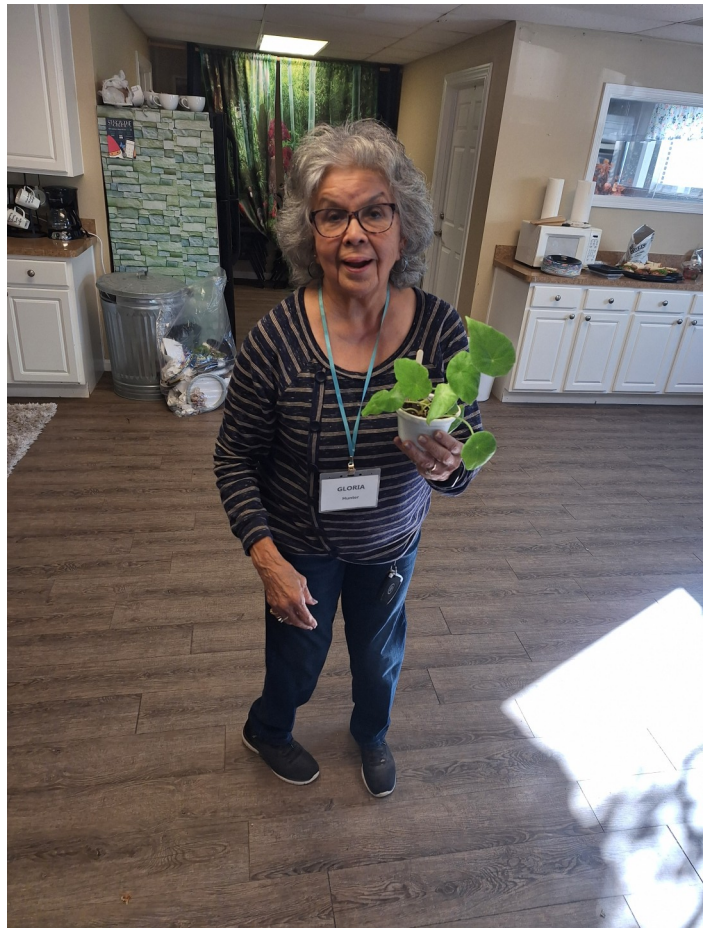
A motion was made to end the meeting, and it was second.

Ann did a program on "Container Begonias."

Meeting adjourned

Gloria Hunter, secretary









*All photos by Peter Lloyd. Thank you  
as always, Peter!*



*Please remember to:*

- 1. Wear your name tag.*
- 2. Bring a side for the feast.*
- 3. Bring a wrapped gift!*