

AUSTIN AREA BEGONIA SOCIETY BRANCH
AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY
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Accomplishments:

The Austin Area Begonia Society Branch was in charge of the Plant Sale during the Southwest Region/ABS Get-Together in the Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel in May. Four members from Austin attended the event.

Several blue ribbons were won during the Zilker Garden Festival Plant and Flower Show in March.

Doug Byrom won Best of Show and Best Species with *B. prismatocarpa* in Houston while Lynn Sisney won with the artistic display of a group of begonias.

Doug Byrom also won the Marguerite Vernon Award and Nelda Moore received the Mae Blanton Service Award during the SWR/ABS Get-Together in Houston, TX.

Freda Holley won the Astro Branch Ambassador Award.

Several AABS members encouraged the city officials in Fort Worth to preserve the begonia species collection in the Fort Worth Botanic Garden.

Jim Landers also visited the begonia species collection and purchased some of the begonias for his collection.

Members work in March to enhance the begonia garden in Zilker Botanical Garden. They have joined the Adopt-a-Garden Program.

The branch meets during the 4th Sunday of each month except December.

Begonias were also sold during the Zilker Garden Festival in March and during the fall sale last year held in September. Members worked in growing, selling, and educating the public about begonias.