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## SOUTHWEST REGION GET-TOGETHER/ ABS BOARD MEETING MAY 21-24 IN SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA



It is time to pack your convention luggage again for the SWR Get-Together/ABS Board Meeting that will be held May 21-24 in the Holiday Inn Airport West, 5555 Financial Plaza 71129 in Shreveport, Louisiana. Do not forget those begonias that you have been grooming for the show Thursday, May 21, from 4-7 p.m., when the entries are accepted.

The tours will begin at 8 A.M., when the tour bus loads and departs at 8:15 A.M. Greenwood Nursery, the American Rose Garden, Norton Art Museum and Gardens, and Libby Glass Factory Outlet will dazzle you for one day while Friday will bring educational seminars by Jane Anderson, Kay Jennings, Lynn Sissney, Martin Delgado, Cheryl Lenert, and Rekha Morris.

The plant sale and show will open at 7 P.M. May 21.

On Saturday at 11:30 A.M. lunch will be in the Atrium followed by the American Begonia Society Board Meeting at 1 P.M. and the Southwest Region Annual Meeting at 2 P.M. The banquet will be from 7 P.M. until 9 P.M.

American Begonia Society Officers include Virginia Jens, President; Charles Jaros, Past President; Mike Flaherty, First Vice President; Martin E. Delgado, Second Vice President; Connie Saenz, Secretary; and Carol Notaras, Treasurer.





**WORK DAY: MARCH 23** Ken Fuchs, Valerie Morris, Jim Landers, Verlene Schoen, Doug Byrom, Nelda Moore, Julie Marcus, Vickey Cole, Liz Caskey, Arlene Lantz, Lynn Sissney. ( Photo by Jackie)

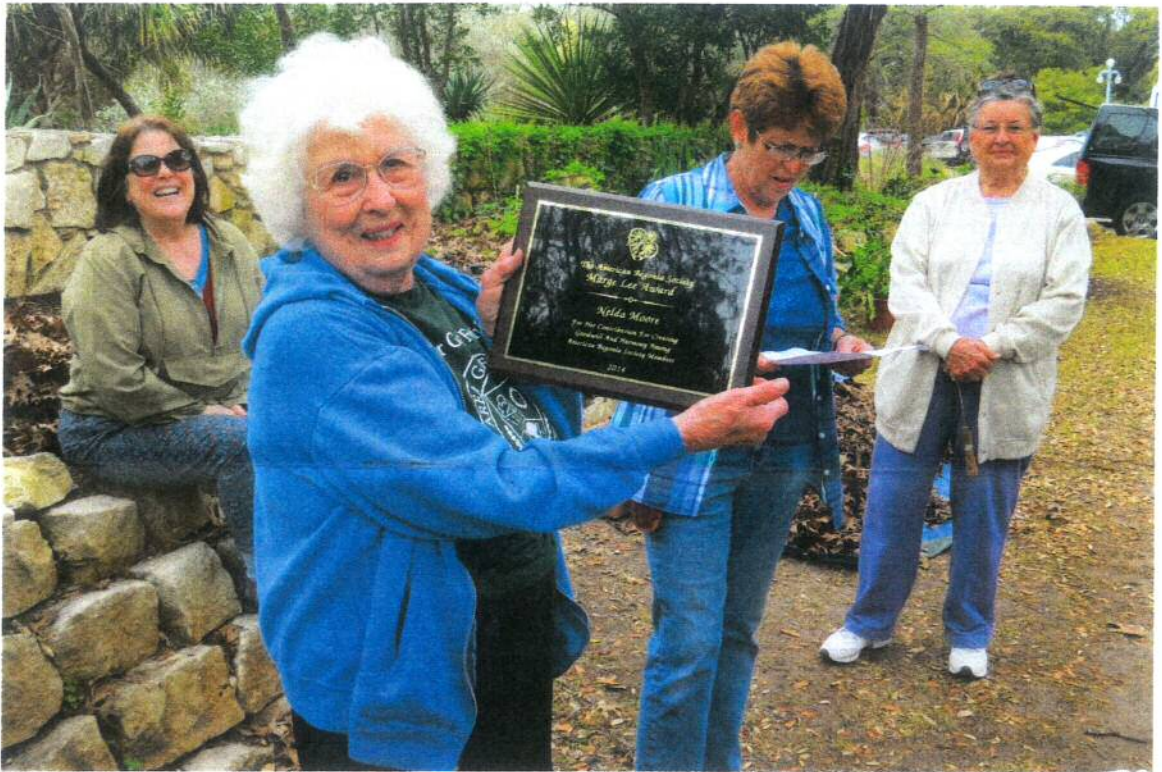


Doug plans the surprise with Valerie while Jackie Johnson talks to Liz and Verlene looks on. Julie Vickey, and Jim continue To rake leaves.



Jim Landers brings the begonias.





**At the American Begonia Society Convention in Florida Nelda Moore was awarded the 2014 Marge Lee Award for her contribution for creating goodwill and harmony among American Begonia Society Members. Doug Byrom surprised her by presenting the award during Work Day in Zilker Botanical Garden. Valerie Morris also has this award which she received during the Austin Convention in 2009.**





#### MEETING:

Sunday, April 27, 2014

The Austin Area Begonia Society will travel to MILLER'S TROPICALS AND GREENHOUSE, 23410 Ranch Road 12, in Dripping Springs 78620. The greenhouse is 23720 Ranch Road 12 located 1/10 mile south of their mailing address. This gravel road is Orchid Lane. It is 4.1 miles from the turn off from HWY 290 to Ranch Road 12. This is south toward Wimberly. If you see a blue and white sign for EVENT CENTER, you have traveled too far.

#### CARPOOL:

Jackie Johnson will be driving a maroon Honda Pilot. She suggests that all of us meet at Target, 5300 S MoPac Expressway or the southwest corner of Hwy 290/71 at about 1 P.M. She noticed that the parking was less crowded by Office Depot so you can find a better parking space at that location. We should leave by 1:30 P.M. Telephone for Miller's Tropicals 512-670-6070

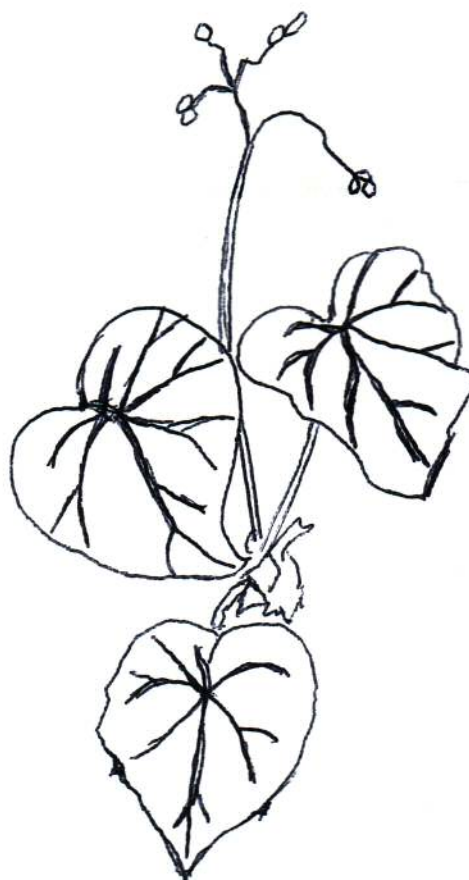
Please attend this April Meeting.

#### HORTICULTURE:

Since many begonias enjoy being outdoors in the shade now, I hope that you did not keep them in the wind. Any young tender growth took such a beating during the hours when the wind knocked down some limbs and even huge trees.

It is time to groom plants for the show that you will be attending in Shreveport. Repot some of them a few days before the show so that the container will be clean, shiny, and

free of soil and debris. Examine even more carefully by looking at the foliage to keep the plants free from insects. Remove any leaves that have a tiny hole or wind burn.



*B. glandulosa*

#### THANK YOU:

Arlene Lantz was shopping at Breed and Co., Inc. when she asked for a donation of begonias for the Work Day. Susan George gave a flat of semperflorens, which are growing in the Zilker Botanical Garden. Thank you to Arlene and Susan for this generous contribution.