

Austin Area Begonia Society Branch *• of the American Begonia Society •*

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NO MEETING IN

LOCAL CLUB VISITS MILLER'S TROPICALS APRIL 27

MAY

The next meeting will be held in the Austin Area Garden Center Auditorium 2220 Barton Springs Road Austin, TX 78746

JUNE 22, 2014
2 P.M.

Please bring your dues and enjoy video program completed by KEN FUCHS, aka 21st Century FUCHS (Fox)

Dues for SWR/ABS are \$10 for Individual and \$15 for Family; Branch \$10

Dues for the American Begonia Society are \$25. Paypal accepted by Membership Chair, Paul Rothstein, 2 Flock Lane, Bella Vista, AR 72714 (He usually sends a reminder.)

SWR/ABS MEETING
MAY 21-24
SHREVEPORT, LA

Miller's Tropicals located four and one-half miles south of HWY 290 in Dripping Springs provided an interesting and educational tour of its greenhouse, a paradise of beauty after worship on April 27. Their cedar sign to the right of Orchid Lane on the east side of Ranch Road 12 invites visitors to their haven, where the couple works during the day as well as during the late evening.

Since the owners had lived in Florida, orchids, ant plant, Begonia, ferns, cacti, bearded wort, plumeria, and many other tropicals receive extra care in this artificial atmosphere that brings out the best in each plant.

A begonia appears at the bottom of this page while a Lady Slipper towers over smaller orchids on another page in this newsletter. Nelda Moore took these photographs, but Ken Fuchs will provide many other pictures.







AUSTIN AREA BEGONIA SOCIETY BRANCH INVOLVED IN SHREVEPORT

The Austin Area Begonia Society Branch will be involved with hospitality and the Plant Sale during the Southwest Region/ American Begonia Society Meeting May 22, 23, and 24 in the Holiday Inn Airport West, in Shreveport, Louisiana. If one goes on the tours, he must arrive on May 21 in order to board the bus at 8:15 A.M. on Thursday.

Joan Estes has been working on registration and many in the area have assisted in the mailings.

Freda Holley is the member who has done a tremendous amount of planning to bring this convention into being.

Plants are needed for the show and the sale. Plan to enter and to sell some of those extra plants.

Doug Byrom is the treasurer, Joan and Jim Estes are Vice Directors, and Nelda Moore is secretary.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Please keep Julie Marcus in your prayers. She is recovering after being in the hospital for a week with a broken rib, lacerated spleen, bruised kidney, and much rest at home after an accident involving a horse.

Prayers for safe travel, safe homes, and good weather in areas that all of us visit as we go from place to place for vacations in the United States. May some of those states have many begonias and other shade plants.

JUST FOR JUDGES OF A PLANT SHOW

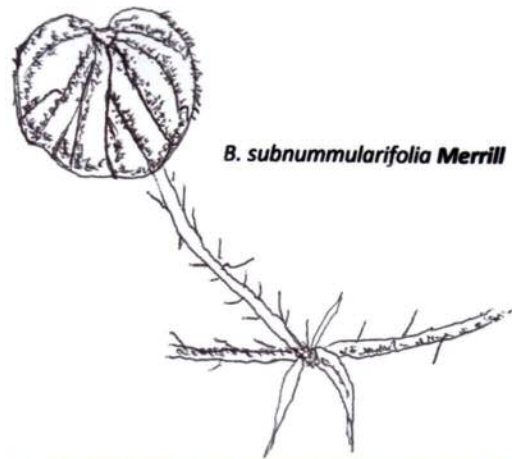
Keep in mind that some young children who attend flower shows are still learning to read. One tiny visitor studied a beautiful floral arrangement and turned to his mother to inform her that he could not understand why the creation received "Horrible Mention!" Or was it the penmanship!



B. French Qulit



B. 'Heckle & Jeckle'



B. subnummularifolia Merrill



B. 'Dainty Lady'

