

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22**

Trip to Fort Worth  
Botanic Garden Begonia  
Species Bank  
3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard  
Fort Worth, TX

**Sunday, August 26**  
**2 P.M.**

Meeting:  
Greene Room  
Zilker Botanical  
Garden  
2220 Barton Springs Road  
Austin, 78746

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**  
**10 A.M. – Noon**

Hostess for MGCC  
9 A.M.  
Sandwiches, fruit, and cookies for  
30 members  
You are invited to stay  
for the meeting.

**TRIP TO FORT WORTH BOTANIC GARDEN  
BEGONIA SPECIES BANK AUGUST 22**

On Wednesday, August 22, members of the Austin Area Begonia Society Branch will tour the largest begonia collection in North America when they arrive at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden located at 3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard in Fort Worth, Texas.

The garden opens at 8 A.M. and closes at 4 P.M.

If you are planning to travel with the group, please send an email to Doug Byrom very soon or at least by August 18<sup>th</sup>. You may telephone him at 512-237-0390. [dougbyrom@gmail.com](mailto:dougbyrom@gmail.com)

Do not forget to take a paper and pencil to write the names of any of the begonias that you want to grow from leaves that will be sent to you.

**AUSTIN AREA BEGONIA SOCIETY WILL HOST THE  
SOUTHWEST REGION GET TOGETHER IN 2019.**

The Austin Area Begonia Society Branch of the American Begonia Society will host the Southwest Region Get Together May 1-4, 2019 in the Wyndham Garden Austin located at 3401 South IH 35 in Austin 78741.



Bobbie Price, Volunteer at the Species Bank

## HORTICULTURE

Although the weather has been a blast out of the winter furnace, the begonias in the shade have really been growing well. The rain water that is collected and used on these begonias has kept them very happy and upright. Many continue to bloom, which provides a ray of sunshine in our lives.

In the outside garden begonias have not done well, but they are growing as best they can despite being the food and water that the deer love. This editor purchases plants for the hummingbirds so that they have real nectar while they are flying elsewhere. The deer eat the flowers of all that grow in pots and in the landscape.

Nevertheless, water the begonias, add a small amount of fertilizer, and check them for insects.

Terrariums are beautiful, and the leaves are bringing up new plants. Even the African violet leaf is producing a new plant.

Remember that all of us are growing plants for the convention that we will be hosting in May of 2019.

## CARING THOUGHTS

For all members that have been under the weather or who have been in the hospital, may you find comfort in knowing that our prayers are for your recovery.

Picture of American platycerum:

I found this picture taken by Roy Vail in August 1997 or 1998. It is *Platycerum Andium* (American staghorn) on a Quinilla tree near Pico, San Martin, Peru.



Terrarium Collection at the Species Bank

