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**NEXT MEETING:**

**Sunday, September 23**  
**2220 Barton Springs Road**  
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**2 P.M.**  
**Pot Luck**

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B. 'Raspberry' (photo by Siti Fatimah - FB)

**AUSTIN AREA BEGONIA SOCIETY TO HOST  
SOUTHWEST REGION/ ABS MAY 1-5  
IN WYNDHAM GARDEN AUSTIN**

The Wyndham Garden located at 3401 South IH 35 will serve as headquarters for the Southwest Region/American Begonia Society Get Together May 1-5, 2019, in Austin, TX 78741.

The hotel has been renovated recently to include Starbucks and a food bar. The 210 rooms are clean and comfortable and include 20 poolside casita suites. This is a pet friendly smoke free hotel with a restaurant as well as in room dining. Beyond the lobby the pictures that decorate the hotel show Austin's famous musicians.

[www.wyndhamaustin.com](http://www.wyndhamaustin.com)

512-448-2444

**AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY TO MEET SEPTEMBER 3-8  
IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

The 2019 National Begonia Meeting will be held in Marriott Rancho Cordova, 11211 Point East Drive, Rancho Cordova, California 95742.

**ZILKER BEGONIA GARDEN NEEDS ATTENTION**

Vickey Cole, Rainey Freeman, and Nelda Moore toured the begonias after the August meeting, and noticed the changes that the drought had brought throughout the summer with over 14 days of 100 plus temperatures. We decided that we needed to enrich the soil and plant the potted begonias, water the area at least once a week, add more mulch to cool the plants, and add more begonias soon.

Since the entire garden is fenced, it is unlikely that the deer have found these begonias tasty. Other animals may have destroyed some of the plants, but there are so many that are just not there.

**AABS WEBSITE** [http://www.kenfuchs42.net/aabs\\_index.html](http://www.kenfuchs42.net/aabs_index.html)

AUSTIN AREA BEGONIA SOCIETY BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2018

The Austin Area Begonia Society Branch met at 2 P.M. Sunday, August 26, 2018, in the Greene Room of the Austin Area Garden Center, 2220 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78746 with President Doug Byrom presiding. Members present included the following: **Charlotte Boyle, Vickey Cole, Rainee Freeman, Ken Fuchs, Freda Holley, R. L. Holley, Jim Landers, Joe Moore, Nelda Moore, Valerie Morris, Lynn Sissney, and Geneva Townsend.**

The purpose of the meeting was to plan the Southwest Region Get Together that will be held May 1-5, 2019, in the Wyndham Garden located at 3401 South IH 35, Austin, Texas 78741. The rooms are \$99 plus tax per night, but an attendee can upgrade the type of room he wants since some rooms near the fenced swimming pool have parking at the front door with beds and a kitchen-living area leading to the other outside door. One of these beautiful rooms will be used for the Hospitality Room. Doug will be in the next room and will make coffee while Valerie Morris and a group from Houston will also work with hospitality. Freda Holley will seek speakers. Vickey Cole will select trophies for the Plant Show. At least 6 major trophies are needed along with Sweepstakes and others.

For the Plant Sale begonias will be purchased and grown. The order will include some coleus and

hanging baskets. Sometimes rhizomatous begonias seem to sell out before the cane types.

Joan Estes will work with registration. Ken Fuchs has offered to do this if for some reason Joan cannot. Registration fee will probably be \$40 for individual and \$50 for family.

Rainee Freeman will check on places to tour before we decide where and when and order a van or bus.

Nelda Moore will have decorations, name tags, and welcome bags. Rainey will assist with the contents for the bags.

A discussion about Saturday's events included a seminar followed by brunch and the business meetings. Awards will be presented during the banquet.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M. (Needed are the theme, a choice of 3 selections of Entrees from the hotel menu for the banquet, the booklet, getting information in *The Begonian* and *The Leaflet*.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Nelda Moore, Secretary



B. 'barsalouxiae' (Photo by Al Palacio - FB)



B. 'breviramosa' (Photo by Siti Fatimah - FB)

## TRANSPLANTING SEEDLINGS

When your leaves have tiny seedlings reaching for the top of the small container, it is time to transplant them in a larger terrarium or plastic shoebox.

Find a 5-inch x 7-inch x 4-inch container and use 4 parts soilless mix and one part perlite for the new mixture.

Use a toothpick to remove each seedling. Allow the medium from the first container to cling to the roots.

The new medium must be thoroughly wet. Carefully plant the seedlings and label the container with the name of the begonia and the date of planting. After a month, take the lid off the container each day starting with a few hours and then adding more time for hardening the plants. Finally leave the lid off.

Examine the seedlings, which should have 2 leaves above the tiny seedling leaves. Then plant them in 2-inch individual plastic pots and leave them for about one month in the larger container.

Prepare a potting medium of 2 parts sterile soil, one part perlite, one part soilless mix,, and one part sphagnum peat moss. When the plant has developed a good root system, move it to a 3-inch clay pot. Then care for the begonia like any other begonias that you grow by using a tiny bit of fertilizer on the plants for their first feeding.

Now watch them grow.



B. 'Rajah' (Photo by Michael Curtis - FB)

## AWARDS: SOUTHWEST REGION/AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY AWARDS FOR 2019

It is time to nominate a member of the Southwest Region/ABS for the Mae Blanton Award and select the SWR Hybridizer of the Year.

How does one do this? Think about these two awards and their meaning. Then write a letter giving the name of the person and the reasons why this person should receive the award. You may e-mail NELDA MOORE using this address:

[nelda\\_moore8978@outlook.com](mailto:nelda_moore8978@outlook.com) or

Nelda Moore, 607 Westlake Drive, West Lake Hills, Texas 78746-5311

These nominations will be given to a committee for consideration by April 15th. Then the awards will be prepared for the May 1-5 Get Together in Austin, Texas.

Thank you for your time in reviewing the names and selecting the best person for the award.

## *THE BEGONIAN* September/October 2018

Do read the tribute to Charles Jaros and the commemoration for Dr. Ching-I Peng.

This time the President's Message is a little different and so very interesting so see if you can name all of Sally Savelle's begonias. September 15 is the deadline for Holiday Greetings that help this publication to be so informative. Notice that there is a category called "Champagne."

Finally there is a plant called Dorstenia that is a companion for begonias that grows for Linda Tamblyn.

Do not miss reading this edition.



B. Rex 'Flamingo Soul' (Photo by Al Palacio - FB)

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THESE PICTURES WERE TAKEN?

Name the city.



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