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NEXT MEETING

Sunday, November 26, 2 P.M.

Zilker Botanical Garden Center
2022 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78746

POTLUCK

PROGRAM:

Planting Begonia Seeds

PLANT SALE

Doug Byrom has received numerous plants from Harmony and plans to have a Black Friday sale for members only. Members will be able to purchase plants at wholesale prices (his cost). He will have begonias, episcias, Peperomias, pipers and African violets to name a few.

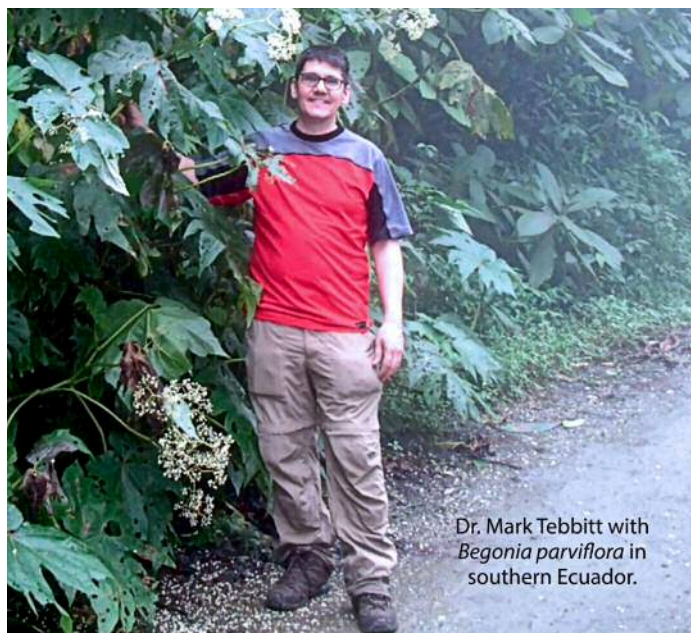
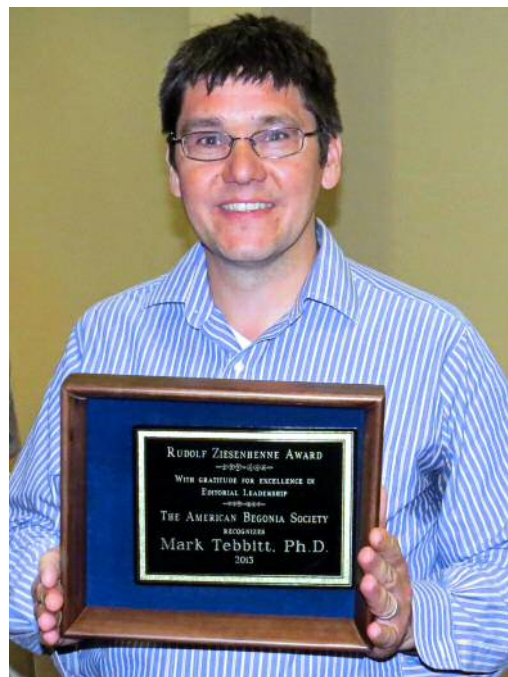


With Thanksgiving Day being on the 23rd, we wish you happiness and thankfulness for all of the many blessings that we enjoy.

DR. MARK C. TEBBITT TO SPEAK IN FORT WORTH

The Dallas Area and the Mae Blanton Branches of the American Begonia Society will host Dr. Mark C. Tebbitt on Friday, January 5, at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden with Open House from 2 until 4 P.M. Dr. Tebbitt, a begonia researcher and author, will speak at 6 P.M. in the Garden Center about Begonia Collecting in the Wild. He serves as professor of biology at Penn West University in California, Pennsylvania, and his most recent work is the monograph "A Revision on *Begonia* Section *Gobenia*,"

which he published with Alvaro Perez. Dr. Tebbitt is also the author of *Begonias: Cultivation, Identification, and Natural History*, a most interesting and detailed work. At the 2013 American Begonia Society Convention in Austin, Dr. Tebbitt received the Rudolf Ziesenhenné Award for Excellence in Editorial Leadership.



Dr. Mark Tebbitt with
Begonia parviflora in
southern Ecuador.

BEGONIAS FOR CENTRAL TEXAS?

The Begonian for November/December describes six new begonias that have been registered and photographed: B. 'Black Magician,' B. 'Hong Zhuang,' B. 'Yi Xi,' B. 'Kimby,' B. 'Lamoon,' and B. 'Mac Daddy.'



B. 'Hong Zhuang'



B. 'Kimby'

Notice that 3 have seed parent Begonia *aconitifolia*, while the pollen parent for B. 'Kimby' is Begonia *dregei* and 'Lamoon' has B. U062. Begonia 'Mac Daddy' has B. *maculate* as the pollen parent. Begonia 'Hong Zhuang' has Begonia *masoniana* as a pollen parent while Begonia 'Yi Xi' has Begonia *maculate* as a seed parent.

Hopefully we can grow these in Central Texas.

Other begonias featured include Begonia 'Sophie Cecile', which was entered by Doug Byrom and named the Best Cane in Show during the American Begonia Society National Convention and the American Begonia Society Meeting (Get Together) in

Tyler, Texas August 26, 2023. Begonia 'Tiny Gem,' B. 'Cachuma,' B. *dregei* (partita variant), *cleopatrae*, *coriacea*, *robusta* are just a few mentioned in this new edition that arrived recently.



B. 'Black Magician'



B. 'Yi Xi'



B. 'Lamoon'



B. 'Mac Daddy'

2023 AABS MEETING IN LOCKHART SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29



HORTICULTURE

Stop fertilizing your begonias and watch for the first freeze when you need to put the begonias in the Greenhouse, cover them, or protect them.

Discard any dead leaves and continue to keep them free of insects. Happiness is a begonia!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!



DOUG BYROM'S SALE PLANTS FROM HARMONY

