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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER, 2016

MEETING: 2 P.M.

November 27, 2016

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

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Transplanting starter plugs into larger
containers

AUSTIN AREA GARDEN COUNCIL
NOV. 8 AND DECEMBER 13
Decorate Christmas trees Nov. 19
10 A.M. until 2:30 P.M.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING NOV 24

MERRY CHRISTMAS SUNDAY 25

NO DECEMBER MEETING
NO NEWSLETTER UNTIL NEXT YEAR
NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 22,
2017

Zilker Garden Festival
MARCH 25-27
HELP SELL BEGONIAS
VOLUNTEER

Begonia 'Silver Mist' is a cane-like or Angel Wing type with large wavy lobed dark green leaves with big silver spots and peachy pink cluster of flowers. It is a superba type.

The photographs of begonias were taken in the Fort Worth Botanic Garden by Nelda Moore.

TRANSPLANTING STARTER PLUGS

At our November 27 meeting, we will be transplanting starter plugs into larger containers. Doug ordered the starter plugs from AG3 nursery. Transplanted begonias will be available for purchase by members. Remaining plants will be raised for selling at the 2017 Zilker Garden Festival or San Antonio Convention. This will be an opportunity for you to add to the variety of begonias you have in your collection!

We also will visit the Begonia Bed and take actions needed to preserve some of the plants and put the bed to sleep for the winter.

For those who didn't attend the September meeting, there will be a limited supply of the handouts from that meeting.

Unfortunately, Rob's Violet Barn wasn't able to provide the terrarium plants at this time so we will reschedule the terrarium construction program for another meeting.

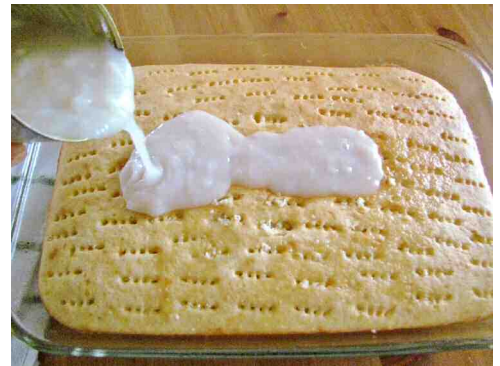
BEGONIA 'SILVER MIST'



NELDA'S COCONUT CAKE

- 1 box of Duncan Hines white cake mix
- 14 ounce package of coconut
- 1 can of Goyas Cream of Coconut
- 1 (8 oz.) tub of Cool Whip
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla

1. Follow directions for preparing the cake mix with the egg whites, water, and Crisco oil.
2. Mix together and add about ½ package of coconut to the batter.
3. Bake in a (13" x9" x 2") Pyrex at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Cake is done when it springs back when touched and also pulls away from sides of baking dish.
4. With a fork punch holes in the cake while it is still warm. Pour the Cream of Coconut over the cake and let it cool.
5. Ice the cake with a mixture of 8 ounces of Cool Whip, one teaspoon of vanilla, and 7 ounces or less of the coconut. Sprinkle some coconut on top of the frosting.
6. Refrigerate the cake.



AWARDS

Last year Don Miller was selected Hybridizer of the Year for all of his work with begonias as well as some other plants that grew for so many so successfully. Not only were they unique, but they attracted the attention of the visitors.

Who will be the Hybridizer of 2017?

Johanna Zinn and Charles Jaros earned the Mae Blanton Service Award in 2016 in Richardson, Texas.

Please e-mail Nelda Moore at joenell6947@gmail.com to tell about someone in the Southwest Region who should be worthy of receiving the Mae Blanton Service Award.

Please submit by April 15 your choice, and the committee will keep it a secret.

Thanking you,
Nelda Moore

**AUSTIN AREA BEGONIA SOCIETY BRANCH OF AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY
MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2016**

Members of the Austin Area Begonia Society Branch and the Alamo Branch of the American Begonia Society drove to the peaceful ranch of Jim and Joan Estes in Lockhart to enjoy a Pot Luck lunch and the beautiful begonias growing in their greenhouse and patio.

Valerie Morris donated a hanging basket of a begonia for a raffle. Arlene Lantz was the winner of this magnificent plant. Other members selected begonias left from the sale or cuttings that they wanted to grow.

Doug Byrom, president of the Austin Branch and treasurer of the Southwest Region/ ABS, welcomed the 24 members informed them that begonias that he will purchase for the festivals will come from HARMONY. He also asked that they peruse the list and offer suggestions for adding other choices such as ferns for the order.

The following members attended: **Joan Ahrens, Doug Byrom, Eric and Irma Challain, Vickey Cole and**

her husband, Betty Dunn, Jim and Joan Estes, Rainee Freeman, Kenneth Fuchs, Jackie Johnson, James Johnson, Sandra Justice, Jim Landers, Arlene Lantz, Leticia L., Valerie Morris, Joe Moore, Nelda Moore, Carol Orozco and her husband, Verlene Schoen, and Lynn Sissney.

Thanks to all who provided the food for an enjoyable gathering in the Estes's home, patio, and greenhouse. They all left excited about the ABS Convention and Get Together being in San Antonio, Texas May 3-7, 2017. The Austin Branch will provide plants and work in the Plant Sale.

Doug asked all to sign the cards that will be sent to Tom Keepin, who has been ill.

The November 27th meeting in Austin will be in the Greene Room. All members will provide a wide-mouthed terrarium and bring money (\$5) for plants. Although the meeting was adjourned at 4 P.M., many lingered to continue to talk and enjoy the great solitude of the countryside.



Hanging basket begonia donated by Valerie Morris for the raffle, won by Arlene Lantz.

COUNCIL NOTES

Members signed the paper provided by the Bonsai Society to accept the exhibit in the Zilker Botanical Garden.

Christmas Trees will be decorated by clubs November 19 from 10-2:30.

Cindy Klemmer is PARD Site Manager and Environmental Conservation Program Manager. Her assistant is Amanda Ross.

Jeff Pavlat is Vice President of Horticulture. All volunteer hours must be submitted when work is completed. Give them to Vickey Cole.

Donna Friedenreich, Vice President of Public Information, announced that the website and Facebook page will publish garden club shows, sales, and events.



Begonia 'Nano' is a rhizomatous perennial that needs good drainage. These plants are growing in the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens in the species area.



Begonia 'Mumtaz' above is a rhizomatous large-leaved begonia from *B. goegoensis* x *B. rajah*.

At left is *B.* 'Morning Mist' from *B. imperialis* x *B.* 'Sir Percy.'



Link to calendar for clubs at Zilker Botanical Garden:

<https://teamup.com/ksc8f9cbc02119dd79>

October 23rd Meeting in Lockhart

