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**Next Meeting:**

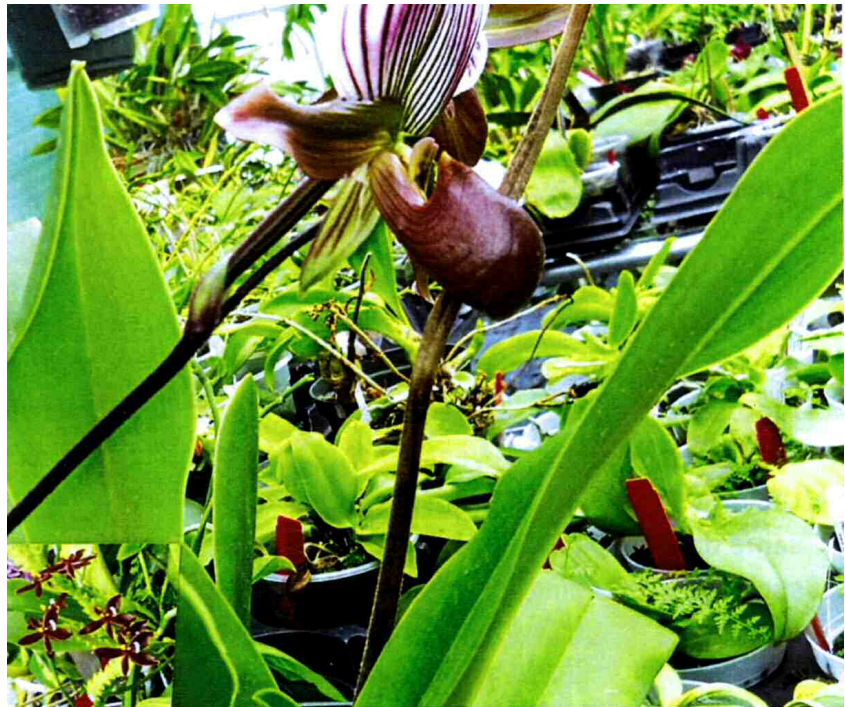
February 24, 2019 2 P.M.  
Austin Area Garden Center  
2220 Barton Springs Road  
Austin, TX 78746  
Greene Room

Austin Area Begonia Society  
Officers

President: Doug Byrom  
Vice President: Valerie Morris  
Secretary: Nelda Moore  
Treasurer: Vickey Cole  
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and Ken Fuchs  
Website: Ken Fuchs  
Membership: Joan Estes  
National Director:  
Wanda Macnair

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Officers

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National Director:  
Wanda Macnair  
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Joan Estes  
Editor of *Begonia Leaflet*:  
Sandy Justice



**SCENE FROM MILLER'S TROPICALS**

Following the all-day Judging School on Wednesday, May 1, Get-Together attendees will travel on Thursday to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and then go to Miller's Tropicals of Texas in Dripping Springs. The photograph was taken a few years ago by Nelda Moore.

On January 27 during the meeting of the Austin Area Begonia Society Branch of the American Begonia Society President Doug Byrom asked that any items that members wanted changed concerning the SWR/ ABS Convention should be brought to his attention during the February meeting.

Since Mr. Byrom visited the Wyndham Garden Hotel located at 3401 South IH 35, he has registered as a guest on line. If for any reason someone can not make reservations, he should telephone 512-744-4833.



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

**AUSTIN AREA BEGONIA SOCIETY BRANCH  
MINUTES OF January 27, 2019**

The following members of the Austin Branch planted tiny begonias in 4-inch pots for the Plant Sale during the convention:

**Deva Brown, Doug Byrom, Vickey Cole, Joan Estes, Jim Estes, Rainey Freeman, Ken Fuchs, Doris Hill, Jim Landers, Arlene Lantz, Nelda Moore, Valerie Morris, Carol Orozco, Verlene Schoen, Lynn Sissney, and Geneva Townsend.**

Each member should enter at least one show plant in the convention. President Byrom noted that a new member of the American Begonia Society can join the Southwest Region this year for free. During this meeting in Austin it is hoped that the same date of expiration will apply for all the societies pertaining to membership. ABS dues are \$25 while SWR are \$10 and AABS are also \$10. The AAGCC dues are listed on the letter sent to those in the Austin Area Garden Council.

Ken Fuchs has sent Garden Happenings from January 26 through April 11 to all members who have e-mail. This is the newsletter compiled by Sally Dickson of the Austin Area Garden Council. Nelda Moore will no longer publish the events on the first page of this newsletter.

Vickey Cole reminded the members that the new stream bed connecting the Taniguchi Garden Ponds that spell AUSTIN were featured on Central Texas Gardener KLRU HD TV on January 26, 27, and 28. David Mahler, Environmental Survey Consulting, and Architect Evan Taniguchi, grandson of the builder, developed this Riparian Stream for the conservancy to enhance the Zilker Botanical Garden as the master plan is slowly becoming a reality for the city.

Thank you to all who brought the delicious food to this meeting, assisted in planting begonias, and listened to Doug who reminded attendees about their duties. He also mentioned that any free items that they find can be used in the goody bags. These can be donations from stores, banks, individuals. Do not forget the Thank You Notes. These wonderful gifts will be handed to Nelda Moore, who is purchasing the bags. Nelda has flashlights, writing

pens, some pencils that are sharpened, sticky notes, and index cards.

The next meeting will be in the Greene Room at 2 P.M. February 24. See all of you then.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nelda Moore, secretary



#### HORTICULTURE

Water the begonias before you fertilize them weekly and weakly. Grow them like Show Plants. Clean the container by using a small amount of vegetable oil and replant the begonia in some good potting soil. Remove dead leaves and flowers while checking the foliage for insects. Continue to do this until you examine the plant to take to the show in May.



The lowest pond of the Taniguchi Garden



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## *B. wollnyi* Herzog

*B. wollnyi* Herzog was discovered in Bolivia in 1909. It is classified as semi-tuberous, and has an irregularly shaped tuber-like formation that appears as a thickening of the stem at the soil level. Another characteristic prevalent among the semi-tuberous begonias is the tapering between the thickened portion and the remainder of the stem above the soil level.

SHOW PLANTS

