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NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING:

APRIL 28, 2019 2 P.M.

Austin Area Garden Center
Greene Room

Austin, TX 78746

Pot Luck

Please bring items
for Convention Bags

EVENTS AT ZILKER:

April 11 6:30-9:30 P.M.

STARLIGHT SOCIAL
GARDEN PARTY

Zilker Botanical Garden
Auditorium

BEGONIA GET-TOGETHER

Austin Area Begonia
Society Branch of ABS
APRIL 30 5 P.M.

Hospitality/ Registration
Wyndham Garden Hotel
3401 South IH 35
Austin, TX 78741

MAY 4

Plant Show and Plant Sale
Wyndham Garden Hotel
3401 South IH 35
Austin, TX 78741

**STARLIGHT SOCIAL GARDEN PARTY FUND
RAISING FOR ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN**

The Austin Area Garden Council Conservancy will host the Starlight Social Garden Party in the Austin Area Garden Center Auditorium Thursday, April 11, from 6:30-9:30 P.M. Since this is the main spring fundraiser, tickets are \$100 each. All donations benefit the gardens by purchasing seasonal flowers, mulching, and getting new tools that will be used to enhance the areas.

Members and volunteers continue to work in the gardens with the PARD staff on Wednesdays from 8 A.M. until 11 and on Sundays from 9 A.M. until Noon.

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**BEGONIAS TO BE SOLD TO THE PUBLIC
AT THE WYNDHAM GARDEN HOTEL IN AUSTIN**

The plant show and sale will be held May 4 from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. in the Lake Austin and Lake Travis Rooms in the Wyndham Garden Austin located at 3401 South IH 35 .

These begonias are exotic named varieties that the public can grow even though the landscape or wax begonias are sold in garden centers throughout this area.



Plant Sale in New Orleans, 04-06-2018

AUSTIN AREA BEGONIA SOCIETY BRANCH OF
THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY
Minutes of the March 24, 2019 Meeting

The Austin Area Begonia Society Branch of the American Begonia Society met at 2 P.M. at 607 Westlake Drive in West Lake Hills, TX 78746 on Sunday, March 24, 2019, for lunch and purchase of begonias.

Present were the following: **Charlotte Boyle, Doug Byrom, Vickey Cole, Jim Estes, Joan Estes, Ken Fuchs, Rainee Freeman, Jim Landers, Arlene Lantz, Joe Moore, Nelda Moore, Valerie Morris, Verlene Schoen, and Lynn Sissney.**

President Doug Byrom called the meeting to order and emphasized again that all officers must be members of the American Begonia Society. In fact, all of our branch members should belong to the American Begonia Society.

Joan Estes made a motion that the local branch pay for memberships to ABS.

There was a second and the motion passed. Members then should attend at least 5 meetings and work for the local branch.

Lynn Sissney made a motion that our local fee should be \$35. There was no second.

Jim Estes made a motion to have the total amount for dues ABS, AABS, and the Southwest Region paid at the same time once per year. This can be at Thanksgiving, the last meeting of the year. This motion was seconded and carried.

Vickey Cole collected dues at this meeting.

Vickey Cole made a report from the Austin Area Garden Council Conservancy that will hold the Starlight Social Thursday, April 11, from 6:30 - 9:30 P.M. She suggested that one can volunteer to get in as she did last year. This is a fundraiser to take the place of the Zilker Garden Festival.

Doug Byrom will complete the paper work for the ABS Treasurer Windy Corby. The meeting adjourned to the carport where members selected begonias as their number was called. Three baskets were won by 3 members.

The next meeting was held in the Oak Grove at Zilker on Friday, March 29 to discuss the convention. There were no minutes for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Nelda Moore, Secretary



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of American Begonia Society Officers**

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**TIPS FOR EXAMINING BEGONIAS FOR
PESTS AND DISEASES**

According to Dorothy Patrick in "Tips for Begonia Beginners," she advises growers to check each begonia carefully for plant insects and disease, then provide good air circulation, keep fallen leaves and flowers picked up and out of the pots, don't overcrowd plants, and keep water off the leaves. If you still get mildew, then treat the plant and isolate it from the greenhouse. Do not assume that you must use chemicals on everything. Remember that the bugs can get immune and the treatment will not work later.

When examining the leaves, check the top and the undersides, leaf axils, and stems. If you see white powdery areas, use a fungicide. Small blobs of milkwhite, sticky material called mealy bugs are present so use rubbing alcohol on a Q-tip. For heavy infestation use an insecticide. This can be used for scale that appears as a small, hard usually brown lump.



