



**NEXT MEETING:**

**November 24 2 P.M.  
Greene Room  
2220 Barton Springs Road  
Austin, Texas 78746**

**Snacks: Mexican Food**

- Cookies**
- Tamales**
- Enchiladas**
- Dip & Chips**
- Mexican chicken**
- Taco salad**

**Program**

**Begonias**

**Happy Thanksgiving  
And  
Merry Christmas**

**December 18  
Remove Ornaments from  
Christmas Tree**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2020  
Return Begonia *paleata*  
and tell  
How you grew it**



*BEGONIA paleata*

*Begonia paleata* also called shrub-like is a low-growing rhizomatous that is prized by collectors. Since it is a challenge plant that will be returned in February 2020, members will take special care in trying to show a healthy plant with red stems and apple green leaves.

Many of the leaves are huge. This species can grow 12 to 18 inches tall. It blooms in late winter and early spring with white flowers. When seeds are collected, they can be planted and grown. Even leaf stems can be propagated.

During the winter this native of the Philippines needs light to enhance the foliage color. Remember that the leaves are thin; therefore, do not expose it to direct sunlight for a long period of time.

Hopefully, all of us can return this species with useful information about success in growing this plant as a prized possession.



AUSTIN AREA BEGONIA SOCIETY BRANCH OF THE  
AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 27, 2019

The Austin Area Begonia Society met in the Greene Room of the Austin Area Garden Center at 2 P.M. on October 27, 2019 with the following present: **Charlotte Boyle, Doug Byrom, Vickey Cole, Elizabeth Crepeau, Betty Dunn, Ken Fuchs, Jim Lander, Nelda Moore, Valerie Morris, Carol Orozco, and Lynn Sissney.**

**Vickey Cole**, president, called the business meeting to order after the delicious snacks. She asked for someone to handle the money from the special sales. Then she was told that she could do that herself since she had been treasurer. Meeting dates are November 24 with Mexican Food, January 26, February 23, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, August 23, September 27, October 25, and November 22. We serve refreshments to AAGC on May 24, 2020.

**Motions:** Doug made a motion to send a donation of \$200 to Fort Worth for bags for the Southwest Region/ABS Get Together April 29-May 7, 2020. Seconded and Passed.

In April this club will sell begonias in the auditorium with the Herb Society in order for our club to raise money.

Doug Byrom made a motion to purchase 300 begonias at \$3 each for the sale. Harmony in Florida will receive the order in October for canes and other types of begonias. Carol will inform the Alamo Branch to determine if they too want to order at this time. Motion passed after the second was made.

**Dues** due in January – Local \$10. Southwest Region – \$10, and ABS – \$25 or digital \$15.

**PROGRAM:**

Valerie Morris cut begonia leaves, dipped the cutting in Rooting Hormone, and planted the section in damp perlite in a clean cat food can. Then she fashioned the "terrarium" with a cut plastic soda water bottle with cap in place. She also used a styrofoam cup containing wet perlite and then placed a plastic soda water bottle around the cutting. The label with the begonia name on the rough side of the stick can also have the date and other information written with a pencil. Doug gave each member a Challenge Begonia to take home, grow it, and return the plant for show and tell in February. Many begonias were for sale at \$5 each.

**Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted, Nelda Moore, Secretary





Begonia 'Aces High'



Begonia 'Peter Piper'

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**SWR/ABS Get Together April 29-May 2**

The Southwest Region/ABS Get Together will be hosted by the Mae Blanton/Dallas Branch April 29-May 2, 2020, in the Holiday Inn Express Downtown. A free hot breakfast will be provided as well as a shuttle that will be used to visit Sundance Square, the Cultural District of three world-famous museums, and the Fort Worth Botanic Garden.

Margaret Hamilton, Director, will provide information about speakers, plant show, plant sale, and tours next year.

Meanwhile, take cuttings from your begonias to root for the sales. As you pinch and shape your plants, continue to turn them and groom them so that they become show plants. Then each member needs to show at least one plant next year.

**DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY**

Dues will fall on the same month when you pay all in January:

Austin Area Begonia Society – \$10  
Southwest Region/ABS – \$10  
American Begonia Society – \$25  
or digital \$15

**North Haven Gardens in Dallas Devastated by Tornado**

Lynn Sissney reported that the 68-year-old North Haven Gardens is rebuilding after a tornado ripped out trees and the front of their building. A Close-out sale was happening during her visit the weekend of November 4<sup>th</sup>.

