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**NEWSLETTER**

**AUGUST, 2015**

**MEETING: August 23**

**607 Westlake Drive  
West Lake Hills, TX  
78746**

**2 P.M.**

**POT LUCK**

**512-327-0401**

**Program: Shady Ladies**

**By Betty Dunn**

**Please come to the  
meeting.**

**Next Meeting:**

**September 27, 2015**

**Jim and Joan Estes**

**7620 South Hwy 183**

**LOCKHART, TX 78644**

**512-620-0322**

**The Alamo Branch and  
Austin Area Begonia  
Society will have a joint  
meeting at 2 P.M.**



**AUSTIN AREA  
GARDEN COUNCIL  
September 8, 2015**

**September 26 Fall Plant  
Sale 10-4 Auditorium  
and Greene Room.  
Please attend this event.**

### **BEGONIA *panasoffkee***

This begonia is a red tuberous trailing type with red fuzz on dark green leaves. It is easy to grow, and when it blooms, its flowers are white.

This plant is in a beautiful hanging basket where its oval leaves hang down and show much red even though it has olive green foliage according to some accounts.

MINUTES OF THE AUSTIN AREA BEGONIA SOCIETY BRANCH  
OF THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY  
JULY 26, 2015

The Austin Area Begonia Society Branch met at 2 P.M. Sunday, July 26, 2015, in the home of Joe and Nelda Moore, 607 Westlake Drive, West Lake Hills, TX 78746 with 12 members present for the barbecue dinner: **Vicki Cole, Jim Estes, Joan Estes, Kenneth Fuchs, Jackie Johnson and her husband, Jim Landers, Arlene Lantz, Joe Moore, Nelda Moore, Valerie Morris, Adela Rojas.**

**Jackie Johnson**, president pro tem, called the meeting to order and asked for any unfinished business. Jim and Joan Estes had not been paid for the begonias that had been purchased for Zilker Garden Festival; therefore, Valerie Morris wrote a check to them. The receipt had been given to Lynn Sissney, who was not present due to her being in rehabilitation as a result of a fall at her home that resulted in hip surgery.

Nelda Moore wrote the Southwest Region/ABS reports since she had kept records during the year. Joan Estes is the representative to the National Director.

Jim and Joan Estes will host the September meeting in Lockhart. Valerie Morris telephoned The Alamo Begonia Society so that all of their members can come to the joint meeting and tour Jim's Greenhouse. All attendees will bring a dish of favorite food that they can share.

Jackie introduced Nelda Moore, who described hummingbirds as the acrobatic jewels of the bird world that can fly backwards, forwards, and even upside down. They are found only in the western hemisphere—North and South America and the islands adjacent to these continents. The tiny birds can survive in the cold as well as the warmth of Texas, Arizona, California, and Florida. Most of them live near the equator and Brazil. They do have some enemies that can be spiders with their webs that can catch them in flight as well as praying mantis that can devour a bird even though hummingbirds try to escape death by agitating the insect. Of the 338 species they range in size from *Calypte helena*, the "Bee" hummingbird of Cuba to *Patagona gigas*, an Andean species that is the largest of the family, measuring approximately 8 1/2 inches long.

Members received begonias after the meeting.

The next meeting will be held August 23 at 2 P.M. This will be a Pot Luck before Betty Dunn introduces Shady Ladies.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nelda Moore, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBER ADELA ROJAS, who joined the begonia society on July 26.  
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Johnny Williams



*B. 'Drury'* was hybridized by Connie Bower, who describes this cane-like begonia as a hybrid of *B. sanguinea* by *B. 'Cypraea'*, grown in 1932. This plant may reach 6 feet and its leaves are six inches long by four wide, smooth and glistening. This beautiful begonia is noted for its unusual sheen, as of watered silk, like that of your grandmother's wedding gown.

The red stems have flowers of old ivory, with a faint shade of pink on top of the buds, in addition to the creamy-white hairs. The peduncles are upright at first, then they droop with the weight of the small expanding flowers, which are lacy against the dark foliage that has a thin texture.



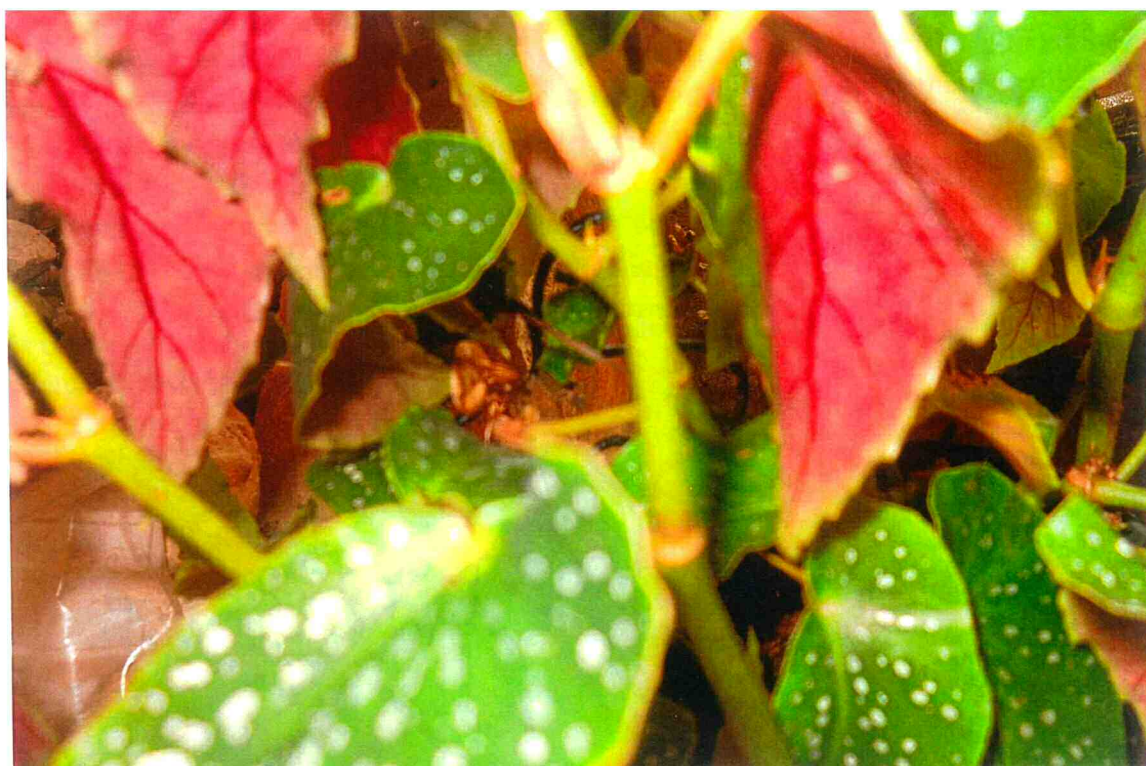
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**Our Deepest Sympathy** is extended to Laura Joseph on the death of L. M. Joseph.

Our prayers are also for Lynn Sissney, who fell in her yard and suffered a broken hip. She is staying with Valerie Morris and taking therapy at the present time. Get well soon.





Begonia 'Brad Thompson'



Begonia 'Steve Hurd'

Keep your begonias clean by removing any dead leaves and debris from the pots. Check the soil for moisture or dampness before watering the plants. Do not overwater.





Barbecued brisket for lunch



Nelda's homemade peach cobbler



Socializing over brisket and cobbler







New AABS member Adela Rojas



Welcome back, Joan and Jim Estes!



The Hummingbird Lady



Nelda demonstrates the hummingbird wheel that she used during her presentation.



Adela Rojas has some new begonias to take home.



Interesting terrarium -- *B. amphioxus* in a lightbulb, created by Kenneth Tham (Facebook)