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NEXT MEETING

Sunday, April 27 2 P.M.

Zilker Botanical Garden Center
2022 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78746

BEGONIA RENDEZVOUS



**THE 2025 ABS NATIONAL CONVENTION
& SWR GET-TOGETHER
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

The 2025 American Begonia Society National Convention and Southwest Region Get Together will be held in Houston, Texas 77070 May 15 through the 17th in the Hilton Garden Inn, Northwest/Willowbrook at 7979 Willow Chase Boulevard. The Group Code "AMS" when booking will give you a special rate.

At the reception have fun greeting and plant swapping as you trade begonia cuttings. Seminars are offered for the next three days. Then the education continues as you visit the ABS National Judges plant show and Awards Banquet. This convention commemorates the 45th Anniversary of the Astro Branch Charter.

For Room reservations call 832 912 1000. Use Group : AMS

A MESSAGE FROM DOUG

Greetings,

We had an awesome sale at Tillery Street Nursery, March 22 & 23. I want to thank everyone that came out and helped make this another successful event. The club made a profit of \$188. More importantly we introduced begonias to a lot of folks and had 38 people sign up to receive our newsletter.

I also would like to let you know about upcoming events. First of all our program for the April meeting will be on terrariums. I was planning on having this program in June but have changed it to April for two reasons. First there seems to be a lot of interest in terrariums with our newer members and several that we talked to at Tillery. The second reason is the program in June will be on how to bonsai begonias. We will have (at cost) the plants and supplies you will need to build a terrarium if you wish to. Feel free to bring your own container or purchase one from us. If anyone would like to show how you build terrariums just let me know. Always interested in different ways.

In May the Houston Branch will host the American Begonia Society/Southwest Region convention the 14th thru the 17th. Our program that month will be on succulents. Charlotte Boyle has arranged to have someone from the Succulent Society give this program.

In June we will have the bonsai program. Begonia *dregei* is the best to bonsai. Ones grown from seed are best because they produce a caudex. To have enough I have ordered from Rob's Violet Barn and Steve's Leaves. They will have to grow them for us. The ones from Steve's Leaves will be from seed but I'm not sure about the ones from Rob's. We will just have to make do. The best news is that Don Miller will be giving this program.

Also in June we will be participating in the plant sale with the Austin Garden Society again. We will provide more info on that at the next meeting.

The next three months look to be very busy. We hope to see you at the next meeting.

