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**NEXT MEETING:**

**JULY 24 2 P.M.**

**GREENE ROOM**

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(includes pictures taken  
at meetings)

Please submit news to  
Nelda Moore by the 15th  
of the month.

Meeting on July 24 will  
include report of the  
Nominating Committee.

**60<sup>th</sup> ZILKER GARDEN  
FESTIVAL  
March 25-27, 2017**

**VALERIE MORRIS HOSTESS FOR JUNE MEETING**

Valerie Morris greeted members of the Austin Area Begonia Society Branch of the American Begonia Society at 2 P.M. in her lovely home located at 802 Great Britain in South Austin where all who attended enjoyed delicious food and their work in the Greenhouses. It was a fun day and many stayed later than usual on June 26.

**Betty Dunn, Jim Estes, Joan Estes, Ken Fuchs, Jackie Johnson, Jim Landers, Arlene Lantz, Valerie Morris, Carol Orozco, Lynn Sissney, and Verlene Schoen** planted and placed the begonias in small ponds before taking them back in the greenhouses.

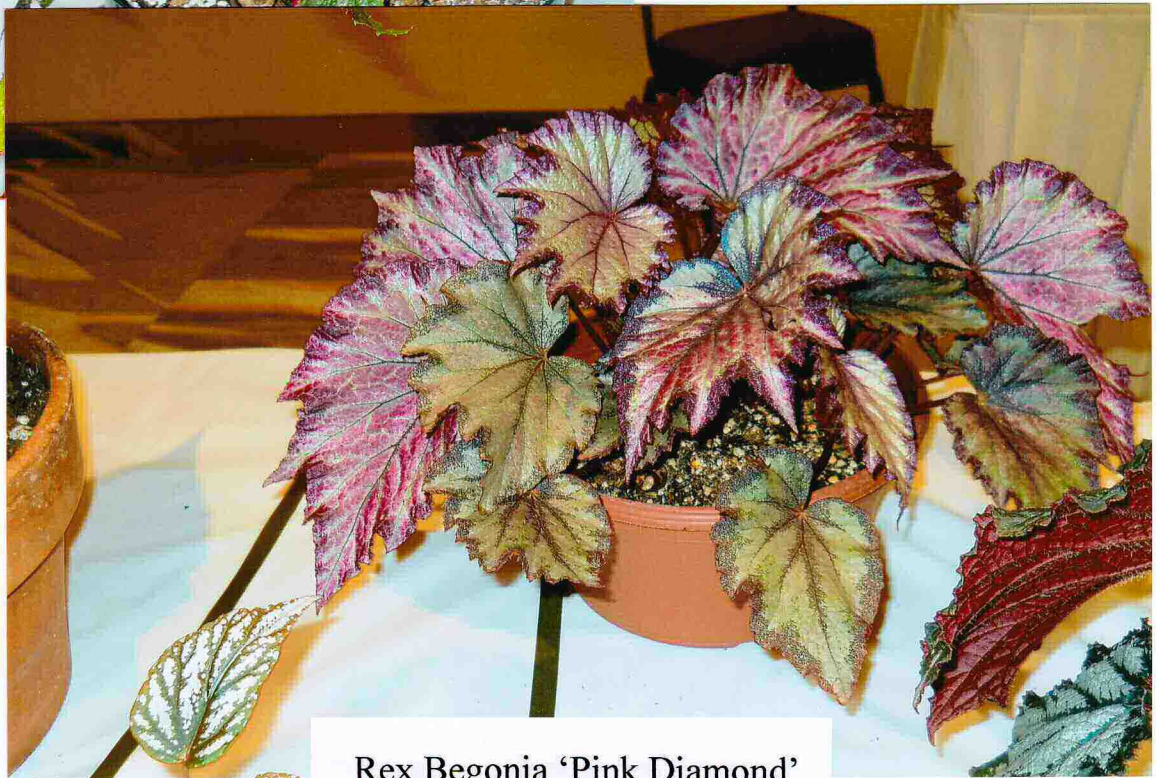
The next meeting will be at Zilker Botanical Garden at 2 P.M. At the May meeting, with Doug's help, we seeded little closed containers with begonia seeds. Please bring your containers to the July 24 meeting, and Doug will instruct us on what to do next with our seedlings. Doug will have all the supplies we need.







CANE-LIKE DIVISION AA  
Flower Show in Richardson  
Begonia 'Bobbie Price'  
By Carol Orozco



Rex Begonia 'Pink Diamond'  
By Carol Orozco



BEST OF SHOW  
*B. echinosepala* var. *elongatifolia*  
 By Doug Byrom

During the 2016 Southwest Region Get-Together May 5-7 in Richardson there were 120 entries and 18 exhibitors. In addition to Doug Byrom winning Best of Show Leora Fuentes with 8 blue ribbons won Sweepstakes as well as capturing the Thompson's Showing is Sharing with 28 entries. Begonia 'Mrs. Miller' exhibited by the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens received the Kay Tucker Award for Best Cane. The Best Southwest Region Hybrid was Begonia 'Don Miller' shown by Cindy Moran. It was also selected the Peoples' Choice Award. Dr. Rekha Morris Award for Best Species

sponsored by the Austin Area Begonia Society Branch was given to *B. lyman smithii* exhibited by Leora Fuentes.

The Southwest Region Fund Drive reached \$8,000; therefore, the total value is \$16,000 with one half going to the American Begonia Society to keep the National Organization financially strong. The other \$8,000 plus \$1,280 from the Southwest Region Get-Together will serve the Fort Worth Botanical Society for maintaining the largest begonia collection in North America.



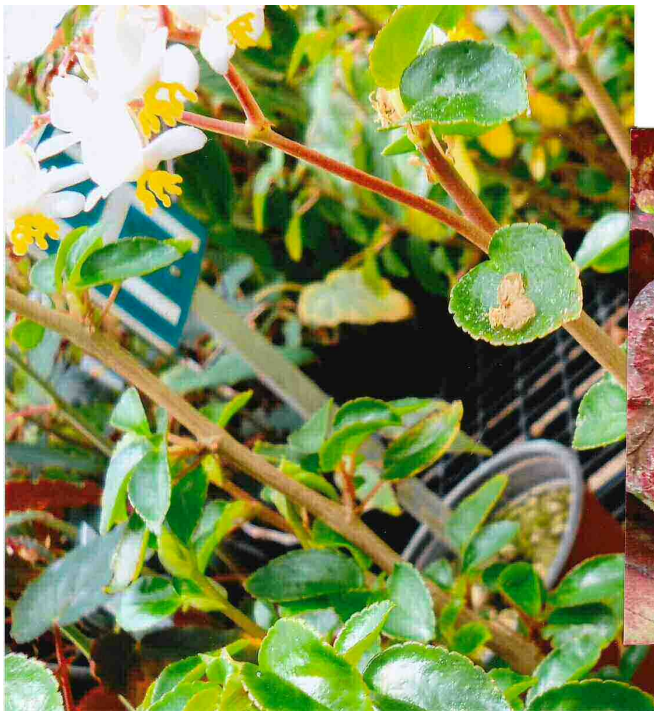


The above picture taken by Nelda Moore during the tour of the Begonia House in the Fort Worth Botanic Garden shows these beautiful begonias from the Begoniaceae family. *Begonia epipsila* is a native of Brazil.

*Begonia guadensis*

The small cane with lovely green foliage on the left of the page is a native of Central America.

The begonia on the right with spiraled leaves in shades of reds, apple greens, and silvers is a Rex growing in the Species Bank. It is *Begonia* ‘**confetti**’.





REPOTTING BEGONIAS  
AT VALERIE MORRIS' HOME



Begonia fashionistas