

SF Begonia Society

So Many Begonias for All



Sept Sale?
Calendar - Sept 12!



Plant Swap Plans
Our next physical meeting!



Troubled Begonias?
Send us your problems

President's Message

We miss our meetings and your camaraderie...

We trust you are all safe and staying healthy. Our thoughts are with you during these strange times and look forward to meeting again in the near future. In keeping up with our canceled meetings we've managed to replace them with

alternatives: Tubers sent to members in April, our May website photo essay in Virtual Meetings and now our first of who knows how many newsletters! Enjoy!

Mia and Rita

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TUBER ISSUES?

See Troubled Begonias

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UPCOMING TRIPS

Several events are being planned.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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Future Field Trips

Members Only! July & August

There are several options depending on the Corona Virus reopening restrictions. It seems that open air opportunities are more feasible than indoor enclosed areas. Our trip to the Conservatory may need postponement for another time, although we will still try to arrange this opportunity for July. In lieu of this our alternate is the possibility of visiting a couple of East Bay Nurseries (depending on stock availability) and/or perhaps visiting the UC Botanical Gardens at Berkeley. It's all up in the air, but if we can - we will!

The August Central Coast Trip is still being planned. Our planned joint event with the Sacramento Begonia Society is still on. Many of us are staying at The Blue Sail Inn, in Los Osos. If you're planning on coming, make your reservations for a 2 night stay. 805.772.2766 Mention "American Begonia Society" for our group pricing. The agenda is available, just request a copy by emailing info@sfbegonia.org.



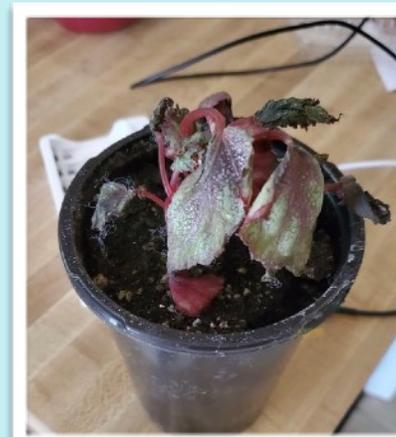
So What if July Meeting is Cancelled?

It appears that indoor meetings in public places won't roll out until mid-August (opening of indoor museums). Your board has discussed Zoom Meetings as an alternative to canceled future meetings. We'll set that up on our next Board Meeting scheduled for June 17th. Anyone interested in attending ANY of our board meetings are always welcome. Just send Jim Kaller or info@sfbegonia.org a request to be included in the Zoom Meeting or Conference Call invite for access. We welcome and NEED your ideas, support, and contributions to making your club the best it can be.

TROUBLED BEGONIAS?

This month let's feature problems with our begonias. Send in your picture to a Post on GroupWorks with an explanation on your problem and let's see if we have any suggestions for you. We'll send these issues around, through a post on GroupWorks so we can all respond and give input.

Several of us have ordered the *expensive* tubers from Blackmore-Langdon. Many of these are sprouted and doing well, some have sprouted but that's all. And a few still appear dormant!! Please send your issues to info@sfbegonia.org WITH PICTURES. Rita will contact the grower and work on getting advice, replacements or refund.



Membership Renewals

Dues are aligned with the ABS renewal date.

If you are unsure when your dues are payable, contact Brian Stephens, Membership Chair. You can contact him through GroupWorks. He will be in touch with any member whose dues are payable and give you options for payment.

SEPTEMBER BEGONIAS 4 SALE

Our Annual Sale is schedule for September 12th and still on the calendar with preliminary plans being considered. We ask that anyone that can, propagate plants for the sale. We'll want them in at least 4" pots to offer to the public for a price to be established. This is a major fund raiser, so your contributions are extremely important to our future success!!

Who Am I? Can you name this Begonia?
Post your answer to the Newsletter Post on
GroupWorks.



Future Plant Swap

We'll have a plant swap at our next physical meeting. More details will follow, but we will be inspecting plants in the future before they enter the room for bug and disease issues in an effort to reduce any exposure to other plants

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