

The Begonia CHATTER

Newsletter of the Astro Branch
of the American Begonia Society



FOUNDER: THOMAS KEEPIN

Astro Branch American Begonia Society 13410 Balcrest Drive, Houston, Texas 77070 Next Meeting: January 11, 2026 2:00 PM Official Meeting starts	PLACE: Plants for All Seasons, 21328 State Hwy 249 PROGRAM: Seed propagation of <i>Begonia crassicaulis</i> Snack hosts:
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President: Kathleen Murphy	Vice President: Jennifer Francois	Treasurer: Ann Stiefel	Secretary: Gloria Hunter
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President's Message

Happy New Year!

May all the Blessings of the New Year be yours.

January's program will be the seed propagation of *Begonia crassicaulis*.

Bring some covered containers for the seeds , potting medium will be provided.

B. crassicaulis is a thick stemmed begonia from Central America with large lobbed leaves. A true specimen plant !

Looking forward to starting the new year with begonia friends!

Kathleen

Chairs:	Membership Ann Steifel	Seed Fund Janet Carpenter	Webmaster Malcolm McCorquodale	Newsletter National Rep. Rosa Brennan, Editor
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Begonia Meeting & Christmas Celebration – December 7, 2025

Members present – Gloria Hunter, Janet Carpenter, Jennifer Francois, Malcolm McCorquodale, Cynthia Moody, Kathleen Murphy, Thomas Keepin, Charlyn & Murphy Brown, Mike & Irene, Rosa

Guest- Peter Lloyd, John Hunter

Kathleen welcomed everyone (2:50 pm) and thanked all for refreshments.

The minutes were presented & read by Gloria, one correction, in November minutes, change name from Ann to Cynthia. Approved with correction.

Treasurer's report – none given as Ann was not present, but Kathleen announced we have money.

Kathleen announced she had received note from Mel Babb, and she is withdrawing her membership, but may visit from time to time.

Old Business: Janet commented she still needs seed donations, be on the lookout for those seeds from your begonias. In January she will be bringing *B. crassicaulis* seeds for all to plant. Janet is bringing the sand, Cheryl the cups.

Kathleen was asked about Hostess sign-up sheet and Ann will now be handling that list.

New Business:

Next meeting will be on January 11th, as the garden center is closed for the holidays and the meeting room is not available.

Malcolm – no Southwest report

Rosa announced the National Begonia will be in Ft Worth, May 26th – May 30th

Still looking for Proven Winner's Space Age Begonias (since we are the Astro branch) such as Black hole begonia's & others. Ann will ask her daughter if she can find and get them for us.

Kathleen is still asking for a project that we could do to get more people excited about begonia's (maybe do some education programs and help increase membership. Think about it.).

A motion was made to end the meeting, and it was seconded.

Meeting adjourned

Gloria Hunter, secretary



Gloria Hunter



Irene Bragg



Janet Carpenter



John Hunter



John Bragg



Murphy Brown



*All photos by Peter Lloyd and Tom
Keepin. Thank you as always!*

Please remember to:

- 1. Wear your name tag.*
- 2. Bring a donation for the raffle
table.*
- 3. Bring your calendar, your ques-
tions, and your curiosity!*