



# BEGONIA SOCIETY NEWS

DELAWARE VALLEY BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY  
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## NOVEMBER MEETING AND PROGRAM – BEGONIAS, INC.

Charles Jaros, a past president of the ABS, a judge, an expert grower, and an entertaining knowledgeable speaker will present the program at our meeting. He will be speaking locally at a Garden Club of America conference and has graciously offered to present a program to us as well.



Additionally, he will be bringing lots of begonias with him when he drives north and plans to sell them at our meeting. Bring money!

**NOVEMBER MEETING**  
**Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015**

**Meadowbrook Farm**  
**Nursery**  
Pennock house

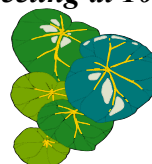
1633 Washington Lane  
Meadowbrook, PA 19046

215-887-5900

[www.meadowbrookfarm.org](http://www.meadowbrookfarm.org)

Directions – From Rte. 611 (Old York Road) head east on The Fairway and go .6 mi. Turn left on Rydal Road and go .1 mile to traffic light at Susquehanna Road. At this intersection Rydal Rd. becomes Valley Road. Proceed .4 mile on Valley Rd. to Washington Lane and turn left. Meadowbrook Farm will be .7 mile on the right.

**Refreshments at 9:30 AM**  
**Meeting at 10:00 AM**



**Debby Kendall**

**REFRESHMENTS**  
**Helene Stephenson**

**Nancy Trexler**

## PLEASE HELP US AGAIN!!

The set-up and refreshment committee need your help at each meeting. At the end of the meeting, please help by stacking your chair in the back of the room and putting coffee cups, etc. into the trash receptacles that are provided. This will expedite cleanup and get the room back into shape for the next group. We are hoping that someone will volunteer to head up this committee in order to spread the committee assignments among more of our members.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please note the change in the meeting schedule. In order to hear the former National Begonia President, Charles Jaros, we had to change our meeting to the second Saturday in November and the location to Meadowbrook Farm. He will give an interesting power point presentation entitled Begonias, Inc.

For those who didn't the May/June Pennsylvania Gardener, the following are their recommendations: "Wax Begonia (*Semperflorens*) make a bedding comeback, Angel Wing and Trailing Begonias go vertical, Whopper Red with Bronze Leaf, Santa Cruz Sunset, Begonia x tuberhybrida Baby Wing Pink, Begonia Fireworks, Rex Begonia offer raised textures on leaves. Begonia plants span the spectrum of light from morning sun to dimming shadows." (Photographs will be sent in a separate message. – *the editor*).

*Dave Hower*

## SEPTEMBER SHOW RESULTS

### **Class 1A: Cane stem flowering**

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Linda Dawn* Debby Evans

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: *Unknown* Nikki Taussig

### **Class 1B: Cane stem non-flowering**

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Unknown* Lois Keil

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Sophie Cecile* Russ Strover

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Unknown* Michael & Heather Ascher

### **Class 2A: Shrub like flowering**

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Orange Rubra* Helene Stephenson

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Thurstonii* Thora Williams

### **Class 2B: Shrub like non-flowering**

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Schmidtiana* Debby Evans

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Thurstonii* Lois Keil

### **Class 3A: Trailing-scandent flowering**

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Orange Rubra* Tony Ashton

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Diene* Tony Ashton

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Dark Elegance* David Messer

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Diene* Helene Stephenson

### **Class 3B: Trailing-scandent non-flowering**

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *B species* Tony Ashton

### **Class 4: Rhizomatous Small**

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Little Darling* Ed McFarland

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Brad Thompson* Michael & Heather Ascher

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Guinevere* Michael & Heather Ascher

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *unknown* Mary Ann Thomas

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### **Class 4: Rhizomatous Medium**

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Phoe's Cleo* Lois Keil

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Erythrophylla Helix* Russ Strover

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Palomar Prince* Russ Strover

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Little Brother Montgomery* Debby Evans

Honorable Mention:

*Black Chamois* Ed MacFarland

*Crestabunchii* Tony Ashton

*Velloziana* Debby Evans

*Giddy* Debby Evans

*Challenger* Christina VanWyk

### **Class4: Rhizomatous Large**

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Wilmauma* Denise Conklin

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Black Chamois* Ed MacFarland

Challenge plant: *Gryphon*

**Class4: Rhizomatous hanging**

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Little Darling* Denise Conklin

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Brown Derby* Denise Conklin

3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Tiger Kitten* Denise Conklin

1<sup>st</sup> place: Russ Strover

**Class 6B: Collection Grown in a contained environment**

1<sup>st</sup> place: *Rajah* Debby Evans

2<sup>nd</sup> place: *River Nile, Listada, Twisted Sister, Marmaduke, Little Darling*  
Ed McFarland



The judges hard at work during the show

**SHOW AND TELL / PLANT CLINIC - ONGOING**

Please remember sign up to bring an interesting plant that you may have for Show and Tell. This year we plan to have this as a regular feature of our meetings. Please contact Stephen Ripper to sign up to present at a meeting. (srips@verizon.net or 215-804-7796)

If you have a 'non-show-quality' plant that you don't understand and need help with, bring it along and we'll try to figure it out for you. Remember, **bugs** are not welcome.

**SOS - SAVE OUR SPECIES – repeat announcement**

As a follow-up to her presentation on species begonias, Johanna Zinn of ABS is interested in a list of species begonias that members of the Delaware Valley Branch are growing. Please send this to Dave Messer at dmesserpr@comcast.net. This can include any plants presently grown from seed or purchased, but should only include species begonias (e.g. *B. prismatocarpa*) but not hybrid named varieties (e.g. *B. 'Burning Bush'*)

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We hope that you will take a few minutes to go through your collection and make a list of any species that you are currently growing. When in doubt, write the name down or bring in a picture and we will help you to identify your species. We would like to be able to submit a list to Johanna soon.

*Dave Messer*

## MEETING MINUTES

### **Regular Meeting, September 5, Huntingdon Valley Library**

Meeting opened at 10:05 am by President David Hower, who introduced new members: Denise Dunn, and Sharon and Bill Fullerton, and guest Judy Schiffer.

### **Plant Show**

Judging was carried out on an open basis as an educational experience. Congratulations to the winners, who will be listed separately in the Newsletter.

### **Challenge Plant**

Members were offered B. 'Autumn Embers' from Peace Tree Farm as a challenge plant, with judging to be held next spring.

### **Auction**

Steve Ripper auctioned several large begonias that had been donated by Denise Conklin.

This was followed by the usual raffle.

### **Next Meeting**

Note the date: Saturday, November 14, 10am at Meadowbrook – a special presentation by ABS Past President Charles Jaros.

*Dave Messer*

## TRIPOD WEBSITE

Our website, <http://begoniasociety.tripod.com/>, is a good means to locate new members, but we need DVB members help in supporting it by visiting the site. I'm asking for suggestions how to improve it. There is also a page where it is possible to announce garden club meetings and events so send any copy to me (wiener1@verizon.net). I'm looking forward to your comments.

*Bernie Wiener*

## CALENDAR FOR 2015 - 2016

**Please** put these future dates on your personal calendar for planning purposes. Details and additions will follow as they become available. Having these dates on your calendar will prevent you from missing future meetings if you don't receive the newsletter for some reason. Meeting dates are in bold. Other dates of interest are not.

**January 9, 2016** – Annual Meeting – Huntingdon Valley Library

**February 6th** – Huntingdon Valley Library

March 5 – 13, Philadelphia International Flower Show

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Huntingdon Valley Library

**June 4<sup>th</sup>** at Meadowbrook Farm – spring picnic and challenge plant show

2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
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Many, but not all of you, are due to renew your membership for next year in November. To avoid confusion I will send the renewal notice to you as a separate message. If you don't receive a message from me, then you are not responsible for paying dues during November. Lois and I will be set up to collect dues at the November meeting. Look for us at a table set up in the front hall of the Pennock House.

*Debby Evans, Membership Secretary*