

**RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES**  
**American Begonia Society (ABS)**  
**2016 National Show – Southern California**

1. The Show Chairman shall have complete charge of all exhibits from the opening to the closing of the Show, and no entries may be removed beforehand without permission of the Show Chairman.
2. No unauthorized person will be allowed in the show area prior to the Show.
3. The Show is limited to members of the American Begonia Society (ABS). Any ABS member who grows begonias for pleasure and by their own effort may enter. All entries must be from their own private collection and must have been owned and grown for at least 180 days prior to the Show.
4. A commercial grower or an employee of a commercial grower may enter plants from their own private collection as a hobby grower only if the plant entries are grown at home and not at the commercial nursery.
5. There is no exhibitor registration fee. Entries may not compete in more than one class but an exhibitor may enter any number of different varieties in any division or class. Any exhibitor may enter more than one plant of the same variety, provided that each plant is entered in a different division. Entries will be accepted on Thursday, September 8, 2016, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. No entries can be accepted afterward.
6. All plant entries, except in the Seedling Division, must be mature plants. For Show purposes, they must be of adequate size and state of development for the particular variety and classification, making a suitable representation of the variety's potential for purposes of judging and for the viewing public.
7. All entries must be checked in with the Classification Committee at the time of registration, and entered according to the schedule or be disqualified. Additional classes may be created at the discretion of the Show Chairman, whose decisions are final.
8. Any exhibitor may enter more than one plant in any one class, provided that each plant is of a different variety. Plants in hanging containers that have hangers must be entered in Division K, O, or R. Hangers must be removed in all other divisions.
9. Only clean, healthy plants will be accepted for entry. All plants are to be groomed prior to entry. Consideration will be given to obvious signs of travel damage.
10. Containers must be clean, neat, and proportionate to the size of the plant. No white, black, or metal nursery cans/pots are permitted. Stakes are to be inconspicuous in size, color and height. No artificial plant material may be entered in any class or division.
11. The Show Classification and Entries Committee shall have the right to exclude, refuse, or remove any diseased, infected, or unsightly exhibits.
12. All plants shall be placed by, or under the direction of, the Placement Committee only.
13. All labels must be removed or pushed down into the soil out of sight. The Classification and Entries Committee will help exhibitors determine the proper name and class if these are unknown to the exhibitor.
14. No artificial plant material may be entered in any plant class or division.
15. The Judging Department shall assume complete charge at the start of judging, and no person will be allowed to interfere with the judges.

16. No exhibitor or judge may change the class of an entry without the consent of the Show Classification and Entries Chairman.
17. Entry tags must remain sealed until the Judging Chairman declares all judging complete.
18. The judges shall make awards according to merit only. If the entry is without merit, the judges shall make no award regardless of the number of entries in the class.
19. The judges may only use the point scoring system for begonias as approved by the American Begonia Society. Judges are to follow ABS judging procedures prescribed by the Judging Chairs.
20. Plants will be judged by their appearance at and above the soil line and not by parentage or cultural needs alone.
21. For the “Division M: Novel Grown,” category, the plants must actually be growing in the novel container, not set in.
22. For the “Division U: Collections,” category, the name of each plant within the collection must be given on entry form.
23. Show entry tags must remain sealed until all judging is complete.
24. Each class will be judged for first (blue ribbon), second (red ribbon) and third (white ribbon) on merit only. If deemed eligible, Class Commendation Ribbons may be awarded. All blue ribbon winners in a division will be judged for division trophies.
25. Only entries receiving first place in their class may be considered for division trophies.
26. All begonia entries must receive 93 points to be eligible for division trophies. Entries must receive 95 points or more to be eligible for cultural awards.
27. Only Divisions A through M, O, and Q are eligible to compete for Best of Show.
28. A sweepstakes trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons in all begonia divisions.
29. The “Millie & Ed Thompson Showing is Sharing” award will be awarded to the exhibitor with the largest number of entries.
30. The judges’ decisions on awards will be final. If the Judging Chairs determines that according to common judging practices, a gross injustice has occurred, it shall be the duty of the Judging Chairs to direct a new team of judges to review the exhibit.
31. Division L – Terrariums: Any plant in a contained atmosphere must be entered in Division L, O or Q, and must be covered.
32. Division R and S—New Introduction by commercial grower: A commercial grower for the purpose of this show is defined as follows: Person(s) who sell plants and derives the majority of their income from the sale of these plants, and/or has an employee who assists in growing his/her begonias.

33. Division T—New introduction by a hobby grower: Entries must be mature plants and are not eligible for entry in any other division. They may not have been in competition in any prior show and are not eligible if released. The hybridizer need not have grown the plant. The grower may enter with hybridizer's permission. If not in bloom, a description of bloom and time of bloom, if known, must accompany the entry. NOTE: A commercial grower or an employee of a commercial grower may enter plants from their own private collection in Division T only if the plant entries are grown at home and not at the commercial nursery.
34. Division P—Seedlings: All entries must have been grown from seed by the exhibitor.
35. Division O—Novice: A grower who is entering an ABS show for the first time or who has never won a blue ribbon in an ABS show.
36. Division R— Commercially grown: Commercial growers are not eligible to compete for the Best in Show.
37. Division V—Artistic Begonia Photographs: Open to anyone. Photos will be judged for artistic merit and not horticulturally. Photos must be matted or presented in a suitable display format.
38. Divisions X—Arts and Crafts: Entries must feature begonias and be the original work of the exhibitor. Artwork must be matted, framed or presented in a suitable display form.
39. REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS: Exhibits may not be removed until the close of the show at 12:00 pm on Sunday, September 11, 2016. All exhibits must be removed after the show closes on Sunday. Exhibitors unable to remove their exhibits at the close of the show may make arrangements with the Show Chairman to have a designated person of their own choice remove the exhibits from the showroom and have them placed in a holding area until final removal from the hotel later on.
40. PLEASE NOTE: The ABS staff and Show Committee will exercise due caution and care in safeguarding exhibits but cannot assume responsibility for any damage or loss. Exhibitors agree to conform to the Show rules and regulations, and are responsible for the care of their own entries. The show chairman will make all decisions except in matters of judging. The decisions of the judges will be final.

## 2016 National Show Schedule

### DIVISION A - CANE-LIKE SUPERBA

Class	1	Low (generally under 2 ft.)
	2	Intermediate (generally 2-4 ft)
	3	Tall (generally over 4 ft)

### DIVISION AA - CANE-LIKE, ALL OTHERS

Class	4	Mallet types
	5	Low (generally under 2 ft.)
	6	Intermediate (generally 2-4 ft)
	7	Tall (generally over 4 ft)

### DIVISION B - SHRUB-LIKE

#### Bare Leaved

Class	8	Small leaved (under 4" at maturity)
	9	Medium leaved (4-6" at maturity)
	10	Large leaved (over 6" at maturity)
	11	Everblooming type

#### Hairy Leaved

Class	12	Felted leaved
	13	Narrow leaved (generally under 3")
	14	Wide leaved (generally over 3")

#### Distinctive Foliage

Class	15	Unusual surface and/or coloring
	16	Listada-like type
	17	Compact type

### DIVISION C - THICK-STEMMED

#### Bare Leaved

Class	18	Small leaved (under 4" at maturity)
	19	Medium leaved (4-6" at maturity)
	20	Large leaved (over 6" at maturity)

#### Hairy Leaved

Class	21	Small leaved (under 4" at maturity)
	22	Medium leaved (4-6" at maturity)
	23	Large leaved (over 6" at maturity)

#### Trunk-Like

Class	24	Species
	25	Cultivar

#### Thickset

Class	26	Species
	27	Cultivar

### DIVISION D - SEMPERFLORENS

#### Species

Class	28	Semperflorens Type
	29	Subvillosa type
	30	Single-flowered
	31	Semi-double/double flower
	32	Variegated foliage

### DIVISION E - RHIZOMATOUS

Small-Leaved (under 3" at maturity)

Class	33	Entire/subentire
	34	Lobed
	35	Cleft
	36	Parted
	37	Compound-leaved
	38	Crested/Spiral

Medium-Leaved (under 3-6" at maturity)

Class	39	Entire/subentire
	40	Lobed
	41	Cleft
	42	Parted
	43	Compound-leaved
	44	Crested/Spiral

Large-Leaved (6-12" at maturity)

Class	45	Entire/subentire
	46	Lobed
	47	Cleft
	48	Parted
	49	Compound-leaved
	50	Crested/Spiral

Giant-Leaved (over 12" at maturity)

Class	51	Entire/subentire
	52	Lobed
	53	Cleft
	54	Parted
	55	Compound-leaved
	56	Crested/Spiral

Rhizome Erect

Class	57	Entire/subentire
	58	Lobed
	59	Cleft
	60	Parted
	61	Compound-leaved
	62	Crested/Spiral
	63	Rhizome jointed at or below soil with erect stems

**DIVISION EE – RHIZOMATOUS, DISTINCTIVE FOLIAGE**

Class	64	Pustular type
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Unusual surface and/or coloring

Class	65	Small-leaved (under 3")
	66	Medium-leaved (3-6")
	67	Large-leaved (6-12")
	68	Unusual shape or habit of growth

**DIVISION F - REX CULTORUM**

Small-Leaved (under 3" at maturity)

- Class 69 Spiral  
70 Non-Spiral

Medium-Leaved (under 3-6" at maturity)

- Class 71 Spiral  
72 Non-Spiral

Large-Leaved (6-12" at maturity)

- Class 73 Spiral  
74 Non-Spiral

Upright Stemmed

- Class 75 Spiral  
76 Non-Spiral

**DIVISION G - TUBEROUS**

- Class 77 Semi-tuberous species  
78 Semi-tuberous hybrids (e.g. B. 'Richard Robinson')  
79 Species and first generation hybrids (low growing)  
80 Species and first generation hybrids (tall growing)  
81 Hiemalis and hiemalis-like  
82 Chiemantha and chiemantha-like  
83 Bulbous (e.g. B. socotrana)  
84 Begonia boliviensis hybrids (e.g. B. 'Bonfire')  
85 Other

**DIVISION GG – TUBEROUS (TUBERHYBRIDA)**

- Class 86 Rose Form, single stem  
87 Rose Form, multiple stem  
88 Camellia form, single stem  
89 Camellia form, multiple stem  
90 Fimbriata, single stem  
91 Fimbriata, multiple stem  
92 Picotee, single stem  
93 Picotee, multiple stem  
94 Marmorata, single stem  
95 Marmorata, multiple stem  
96 Cristata/Crispa, single stem  
97 Cristata/Crispa, multiple stem  
98 Other

**DIVISION GGG – TUBEROUS (TUBERHYBRIDA) HANGING BASKET**

- Class 99 Solid color, any form  
100 Picotee, any form  
101 Other

**DIVISION H - TRAILING-SCANDENT**

Class	102	Species
	103	Cultivars

#### **DIVISION I - SPECIES**

Class	104	Cane-like
	105	Shrub-like
	106	Thick-stemmed
	107	Semperflorens
	108	Rhizomatous
	109	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	110	Trailing-Scandent

#### **DIVISION J – UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES**

Class	111	Cane-like
	112	Shrub-like
	113	Thick-stemmed
	114	Semperflorens
	115	Rhizomatous
	116	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	117	Trailing-Scandent

#### **DIVISION K - HANGING CONTAINERS OR WALL POCKETS**

Class	118	Cane-like
	119	Shrub-like
	120	Thick-stemmed
	121	Semperflorens
	122	Rhizomatous
	123	Rex Cultorum
	124	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	125	Trailing-Scandent

#### **DIVISION L - TERRARIUMS (Single Begonia)**

Class	126	Cane-like
	127	Shrub-like
	128	Rhizomatous, Small-leaved
	129	Rhizomatous, Medium-leaved
	130	Rhizomatous, Large leaved
	131	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	132	Trailing-Scandent

#### Distinctive foliage

Class	133	Pustular (imperialis-like)
	134	Unusual surface and/or unusual coloring
	135	Unusual shape and/or habit of growth
	136	Shrub-like
	137	Rex Cultorum, Small-leaved
	138	Rex Cultorum, Medium-leaved

#### **DIVISION L - TERRARIUMS (continued)**

- Class 139 Rex Cultorum, Large leaved
- 140 Rex Cultorum, Upright Stemmed
- 141 Tuberos/semi-tuberous
- 142 Trailing-scandent

**DIVISION M – HERITAGE BEGONIAS (OVER 50 YEARS IN CULTIVATION)**

- Class 143 Cane-like
- 144 Shrub-like
- 145 Thick-stemmed
- 146 Semperflorens
- 147 Rhizomatous
- 148 Rex Cultorum
- 149 Tuberos/semi-tuberous
- 150 Trailing-Scandent

**DIVISION N - NOVEL CONTAINER**

- Class 151 Dish garden
- 152 Unique Container
- 153 Driftwood or bark
- 154 Rocks
- 155 Other

**DIVISION NN - NOVEL GROWN**

- Class 156 Totem Pole
- 157 Bonsai
- 158 Standards
- 159 Other

**DIVISION O - NOVICE**

- Class 160 Cane-like
- 161 Shrub-like
- 162 Thick-stemmed
- 163 Semperflorens
- 164 Rhizomatous
- 165 Rex Cultorum
- 166 Tuberos/semi-tuberous
- 167 Trailing-Scandent
- 168 Hanging Container
- 169 Contained Atmosphere

**DIVISION P - SEEDLINGS**

- Class 170 Plants 1 year and under
- 171 Plants 1 to 2 years old

**DIVISION Q - TRAVELING BEGONIAS (IN POTS NO LARGER THAN 4")**

Class	172	Cane-like
	173	Shrub-like
	174	Thick-stemmed
	175	Semperflorens
	176	Rhizomatous
	177	Rex Cultorum
	178	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	179	Trailing-Scandent
	180	Contained Atmosphere

**DIVISION R - COMMERCIAL GROWER**

Class	181	Cane-like
	182	Shrub-like
	183	Thick-stemmed
	184	Semperflorens
	185	Rhizomatous
	186	Rex Cultorum
	187	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	188	Trailing-Scandent
	189	Hanging Containers

**DIVISION S - NEW INTRODUCTION, COMMERCIAL GROWER**

Class	190	Cane-like
	191	Shrub-like
	192	Thick-stemmed
	193	Semperflorens
	194	Rhizomatous
	195	Rex Cultorum
	196	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	197	Trailing-Scandent

**DIVISION T- NEW INTRODUCTION, HOBBY GROWER**

Class	198	Cane-like
	199	Shrub-like
	200	Thick-stemmed
	201	Semperflorens
	202	Rhizomatous
	203	Rex Cultorum
	204	Tuberous/semi-tuberous
	205	Trailing-Scandent

**DIVISION U - COLLECTIONS**

Class	206	Three begonias (each from a different Division)
	207	Three begonias (each from a different class, in the same Division)
	208	Unlimited number of begonias (in the same container)

**DIVISION V - ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHS OF BEGONIAS**

Class	209	Black and White Print
	210	Color Print
	211	Collage
	212	Other

**DIVISION W – ARTS & CRAFTS**

Class	213	Pen & Ink
	214	Charcoal
	215	Pencil
	216	Colored Pencil
	217	Watercolor
	218	Pastels
	219	Oil
	220	Acrylic
	221	Ceramics
	222	Jewelry
	223	Leaded Glass
	224	Needlework
	225	Other