

# THE BEGONIA LEAF

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## NEWSLETTER

February-March 2007



**NEXT MEETING:** We meet this Tuesday, March 20 at 7:15pm at the Garden and Arts Center.

**PROGRAM:** Kris TONDEE has put together a good propagation program for this month. Bob Hamm, an excellent propagator

and grower, will share techniques and give us an overview of the process. We will then break up into smaller groups and do some hands on propagation. Morris MUELLER will also spend a few minutes going over

growing begonias from seed during Culture Corner. For the Memorial Table, Kris TONDEE will talk about one of California's early horticultural pioneers, Theodosia Burr Shepherd.

**HOSTING:** The month our

hosts will be Sally and Shelly BERLANT.

**HAPPY APRIL BIRTH-DAYS** to Margaret Fisher on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sandy BOYD (4), Eva WENDELL (18), Trish ORTIZ (22), and Leora HENTHORNE (29).

### **BIRTHDAY DINNER REPORT:**

Curtis HOPPER arranged a great and fun evening for those who attended. Our Guest Speaker, Charles Jaros, gave a great talk on some of the new and exciting species available to us in *The Alluring World of Species Begonias*. He also supplied the Plant Table which had a large number of the species he talked about.

### **SPRING PLANT SALE AT THE CENTER:**

Morris MUELLER is coordinating the Branch's participation in the Spring Sale being held the weekend of March 31 and April 1. He will give details and sign up volunteers to help during the sale. Any and all plants and related materials will be gratefully accepted to sell at our booth, particularly in light of our recent five-day freeze. Each Club is assessed a fee by the Center Board and anything we make in sales over that is the our Branch's. Be sure to attend and bring gardening friends with you. This is a great way to find some great plants to start the growing season with.

**ANNUAL SHOW:** Remember that our show dates are August 25 and 26 this year because the National Convention is being

held during the weekend we regularly hold our show in September. Remember to be looking for begonia material to be starting for us to sell at the show.

This meeting we will pick a show theme, so bring along an idea to put into the mix.

**SPECIES CONSERVATION:** Bill Claybaugh of the Astro Branch in Houston is maintaining a list of species that are being grown

around the country. If you wish to be referenced as the keeper of a specific species, let Morris MUELLER know and he will forward the information to Bill. That way, if someone is looking for a plant, you can be called on to share it. Or, more importantly, it could be determined that you are the only person growing a particular species, and it can be distributed to others to keep it from being lost to cultivation.



Here is one of those 'Holy Grail' pictures. This is a yellow-flowered rex that was hybridized in Japan. It was found on the internet, but for some unfortunate reason, has no attribution that can help track down exactly what it is.

Sights at The Joan Coulat - Sacramento Branch  
59th Annual Birthday Dinner  
February 17, 2007  
Piatti Restaurant - Sacramento, California



New member Marilyn STEELE chats with Laddie and Bob PARISH (seated).



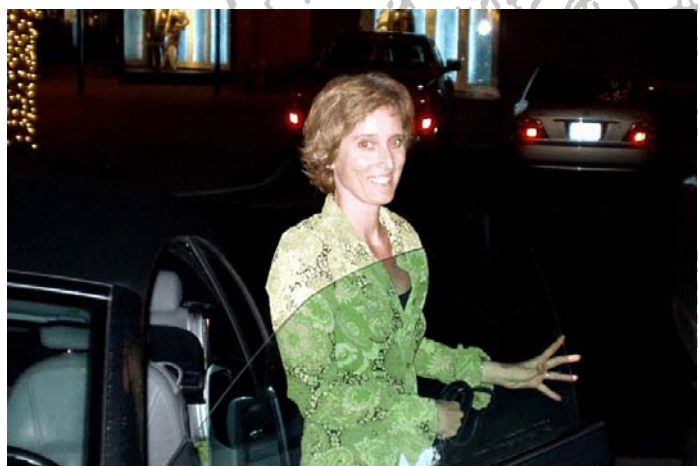
Guest Speaker Charles Jaros (c) talks with Dennis and Sandy BOYD of Chico.



Janel HERNANDEZ shows off her ABS cookie favor as Judy TOURVILLE looks on.



Pat Maley BELKHAM with husband Ernie, journeyed from San Jose. She was a Branch member over a decade ago when she lived in Placerville.



Prospective member Laurie Gray Bounsall arrives from Napa.



Carol NOTARAS (ABS National Treasurer) and husband Peter drove in from San Francisco to attend.