Beverley Jackson was our hostess for our May Rudy meeting and what a treat it was to see all of her Chinese antiques. Beverley has traveled to China many times and we enjoyed hearing her talk and seeing her museum quality collection of Chinese art and shoes. No one will forget the beautiful Chinese bed that Beverly uses for her dining room. I think this is the first begonia meeting I’ve attended where everyone took turns getting into bed! We had macaroons, chocolate fortune cookies and delicious sandwiches fit for an emperor. Thanks again to our hostess Beverly for a memorable meeting.

Our ABS president Jan Brown attended the meeting and we were very happy to have Fred Ziesenhenne (aka Freddie), join our Rudy group.

Paul Carlisle caught us up on the progress of the big tuberous and we will be visiting his magnificent plants at our next meeting in August.

I recently spoke at the Westchester meeting (my Alma mater), and this group was fun fun fun. They serve the best food out of all the groups where I have given a program.

Speaking of programs, Paul Carlisle is going to be a speaker at the convention and I will act as his Vanna White and turn the tuberous! Paul is going to WoW the convention with his fab tuberous.

Don’t miss our next meeting at Laurel and Paul’s home. This is our Crown Jewel of meetings.

Mike
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Begonia U176 also known as
B. wolnyii—thickstem
Photo by Jan Brown

Plant of the Month
The new American Begonia Society website will be online in a matter of weeks. It’s been slow going, but we think you’ll like the new look and the interesting new and updated information you’ll find.

Our ABS president, Janet Brown, has been working diligently getting information from various sources, writing text, asking members for information and having great ideas about content and the look and feel of the website.

Kingsley Langenberg, RZ branch member, has kindly agreed to be our forum moderator. We’d like to have something that harkens back to the days of Round Robins in addition to regular forum discussions about our wonderful begonias.

You’ll find more of Paul Tsamtsis’ popular Plant of the Month pages. These are very popular on our existing website, and we’ll be adding many more.

If you have any thoughts, ideas or questions, send me an email.

Julie

There will be tips and answers to FAQs from the great hybridizer and grower, Brad Thompson:

“The best cuttings are ones that have never bloomed since they have buds in all their nodes that will eventually grow into new stems and new side growth. Any stem cutting though, that has at least one good bud in the lowest node will be a good cutting.”

“For begonias that are everblooming and hard to get good cuttings from, one tip is to first prune the plant. Then take cuttings from the new growth that comes up.”
Rudolf Ziesenhenne Branch Meeting June 2007 at Beverley Jackson’s home

Our hostess, Beverley Jackson

Beautiful display of tuberous begonias

Paul Carlisle entertains us with fun tuberous facts

Shutterbugs Gary Hunt and Fred Ziesenhenne

Tiny shoes

Exquisite Chinese art

Siblings Mike and Terra share a “bed”

New members Larry Falxa and Ted Plute

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