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Begonia 'Norgrove Curl'

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B. 'Norgrove Curl' was hybridised in 1996. Its parentage is B. 'Willow Springs' x B. *glandulosa*. It is rhizomatous with medium ovate leaves that are 5" x 6" on 5" petioles (stems).

This is a compact plant that has green leaves with brown markings and double spiral basal lobes.

The ovate leaves are typical of a cross that has B.

glandulosa as one of the parents. The curl and the colour come from the female parent B. 'Willow Springs'.

The plant was named after our street. (Irene Nuss, a noted Southern California hybridiser of Superba canes named B. 'Regis Way' in the same manner.) I have trouble thinking of names for plants as all the good ones seem to have been used before.

