
Are you passionate about begonias?

Our membership includes beginners, intermediates, and professionals in the local San Francisco Bay Area.

We're thrilled to share our knowledge with anyone who loves begonias. Come to one of our meetings to give us a try! We are a 501c3 corporation so all donations and membership fees are tax deductible.

Membership information and forms can be found at <https://sfbegonia.org/membership>.

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SF BEGONIA SOCIETY

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COME JOIN OUR MEETINGS

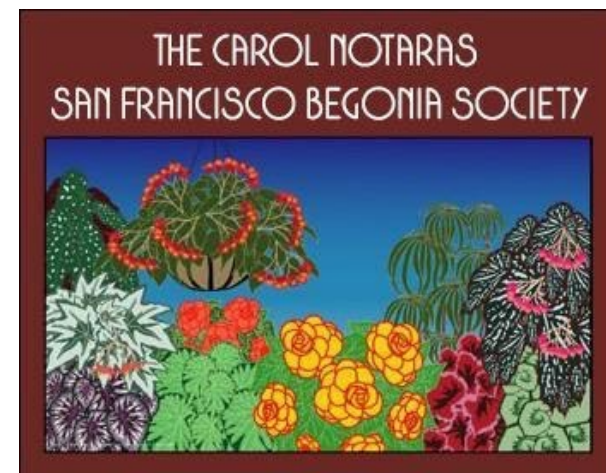
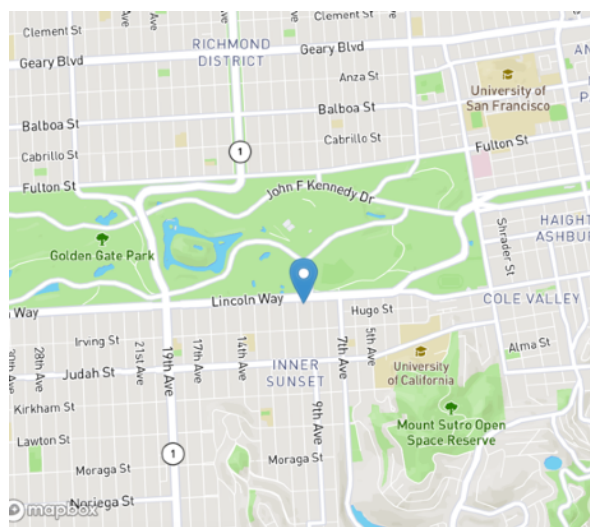
We meet each month (with some exceptions). We enjoy speakers and share plants and information about the great world of growing begonias.

In addition, we have events, participate in shows, and coordinate local garden trips throughout the year.

Monthly Meetings every 1st Wednesday

7:30PM – 9:30PM
SF County Fair Building
1199 9th Avenue @ Lincoln Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94122

Or Zoom as needed



About Us

We are a local group of *Begonia* enthusiasts in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Carol Notaras - SF Begonia Society is a branch of the American Begonia Society (www.begonia.org) and enjoys the benefits of this national organization.

We have dedicated our Chapter to our long-time benefactor, Carol Notaras, for her commitment to ABS and our local chapter over the many years of her participation, and her contributions to our success. She continues to give us guidance on the cultivation and identification of the genus *Begoniaceae*.

Membership Benefits

Begonia Swaps

Throughout the year we are swapping plants and cuttings. Swaps are organized as a special event or during monthly meetings. Ensuring our collections grow, these are always a great time for all!

Local Field Trips

During the year several trips around our area are organized. Generally with begonias in mind, of course! These include trips to nurseries, botanical gardens, wholesale growers, and gardens.

Mentoring Programs

We have mentors for growing Tuberous Begonias, Propagation techniques, Growing Terrariums, Outdoor Begonias, Greenhouse Techniques, Lighting - you name it! We can match you up to a member that is well versed in these areas. Or become a mentor yourself!

American Begonia Society

Membership in the national organization is included in your membership with our branch. A Bi-Monthly publication of *The Begonian*, National Conventions, Educational Events on Zoom are just some of the benefits we enjoy through our National Organization.



Save our Species

In an effort to preserve species Begonias, The Save Our Species (SOS) program of the American Begonia Society was created to encourage its members to adopt one or more species, keep them growing in cultivation, and, by propagation, share them with others so that we do not lose species begonias altogether.

While repopulation of the species in nature may be improbable due to the ever-depleting environments that these plants originate from, hopefully through the efforts of SOS we can make sure that these beautiful begonias never disappear completely.

Most of the species selected by our branch are temperamental, but our members are up for the challenge. We continue our preservation efforts through this program.

Community Projects

We continue to volunteer with several community projects that beautify local public places. In 2021 we started our permanent collection at the Gardens at Lake Merritt in the Vireya House. Begonias are donated and are maintained by members.

In 2022 we hope to restart our San Francisco Community Project. Ask us about these projects!



Begonia Sales

At least once a year we organize an Online and In-Person event to sell our propagated begonias, present demonstrations and workshops on different growing topics and show our plants on display. Proceeds generated are used for expenses that occur throughout the year.