

RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES
American Begonia Society (ABS)
2024 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, August 22, 2024, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. No late entries will be accepted without the approval of the Show Chair.
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. Show Entry cards 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 N: 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. 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.
24. Only entries receiving first place in their class may be considered for division trophies.
25. All begonia entries must receive 93 points or more to be eligible for division trophies. Entries must receive 95 points or more to be eligible for cultural awards.
26. Only Divisions A through M, O, and Q are eligible to compete for Best of Show.
27. A sweepstakes trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons in all begonia divisions.
28. The “Millie & Ed Thompson Showing is Sharing” award will be awarded to the exhibitor with the largest number of entries.
29. 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.
30. Division L – Terrariums: Any plant in a contained atmosphere must be entered in Division L, O or Q, and must be covered.
31. 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.

32. 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.
33. Division P—Seedlings: All entries must have been grown from seed by the exhibitor.
34. 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.
35. Division R— Commercially grown: Commercial growers are not eligible to compete for the Best in Show.
36. 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.
37. 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.
38. REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS: Exhibits must be removed before 10:00 am on Sunday, August 25, 2024. Exhibitors unable to remove their exhibits by 10:00 am Sunday 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.
39. 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.

2024 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

Thicket

Class	26	Species
	27	Cultivar

DIVISION D - SEMPERFLORENS

Species

Class	28	Semperflorens type
	29	Schmidtiana type

Cultivars

Class	30	Single-flowered
	31	Semi-double/double flower
	32	Variiegated 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

Rhizome jointed at or below soil with erect stems

Class	63	Species
	64	Cultivar

DIVISION EE – RHIZOMATOUS, DISTINCTIVE FOLIAGE

Class 65 Pustular type

Unusual surface and/or coloring

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

DIVISION F - REX CULTORUM

Small-Leaved (under 3" at maturity)

- Class 70 Spiral
- 71 Non-Spiral

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

- Class 72 Spiral
- 73 Non-Spiral

Large-Leaved (6-12" at maturity)

- Class 74 Spiral
- 75 Non-Spiral

Upright Stemmed

- Class 76 Spiral
- 77 Non-Spiral

DIVISION G - TUBEROUS

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

DIVISION GG – TUBEROUS (TUBERHYBRIDA)

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

DIVISION GGG – TUBEROUS (TUBERHYBRIDA) HANGING BASKET

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

DIVISION H - TRAILING-SCANDENT

Class	103	Species
	104	Cultivars

DIVISION I - SPECIES

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

DIVISION J – UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES

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

DIVISION K - HANGING CONTAINERS OR WALL POCKETS

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

DIVISION L - TERRARIUMS (Single Begonia)

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

Distinctive foliage

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

DIVISION L - TERRARIUMS (continued)

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

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

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

DIVISION N - NOVEL CONTAINER

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

DIVISION NN - NOVEL GROWN

Class	157	Totem Pole
	158	Bonsai
	159	Standards
	160	Other

DIVISION O - NOVICE

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

DIVISION P - SEEDLINGS

Class	171	Plants 1 year and under
	172	Plants 1 to 2 years old

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

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

DIVISION R - COMMERCIAL GROWER

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

DIVISION S - NEW INTRODUCTION, COMMERCIAL GROWER

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

DIVISION T- NEW INTRODUCTION, HOBBY GROWER

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

DIVISION U - COLLECTIONS

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

DIVISION V - ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHS OF BEGONIAS

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

DIVISION W – ARTS & CRAFTS

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