

**American Begonia Society**  
**2024 ABS National Convention**  
**Seminars**

- Michael Ludwig (Senior ABS Judge and Director, KOLZ Begonia Research Center) - ***“Begonias, Personalities, and Hybridizers in Southern California from the last 50 Years.”***
- Laurel and Paul Carlisle (ABS Members and growers extraordinaire) - ***“Growing Tuberous Begonias.”*** With over 40 years’ experience, the Carlisles will share what Tuberous Begonias need to provide late summer blooms, including their preferred environment, soil and fertilizer, tips on when and how to plant, how to propagate your plants and to ready them for their winter nap.
- Stephen Maciejewski (ABS President and Co-Chair, Conservation Committee) - ***“On the Road Again: 30 Days in China and Vietnam.”***
- Dr. Daike Tian (Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shanghai Chenshan Plant Science Research Center) - ***“Exploring for begonias in northern Vietnam and around the Chinese border.”***
- ***“Student Convention Grant Program,”*** featuring presentations by international student scholars on individual topics of study, made possible by research grants awarded by the ABS.
- Mike Flaherty (President, Rudolf Ziesenhenné (Santa Barbara) Branch) - ***“Begonias In Australia,”*** including photographs of the Australian Convention, tours of begonia growers’ gardens and the huge Ballarat Begonia Festival.
- Al Palacio (Past President, South Bay and Westchester Branches) - ***“Begonias and Terrariums,”*** with fascinating insights, favorite begonias, and helpful tips.
- Glenn Dickerson (Greenhouse Collections Coordinator, Fort Worth Botanic Garden) – ***“Report on the Begonia Collection & Species Bank.”***
- ***“Conservation Committee Seminar,”*** featuring the research and work of international explorers and scholars dedicated to the preservation and protection of begonia.