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BARBARA BRANDEL

"Begonia 5," 12 by 9 inches, acrylic on canvas. "I did six paintings of my begonia plant because it is so beautiful and interesting," Brandel says. "The leaves have green fronts with white dots, and magenta and dark red backs. They are very sculptural and interesting to paint and draw." Website: **barbarabrandelartist.com**

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