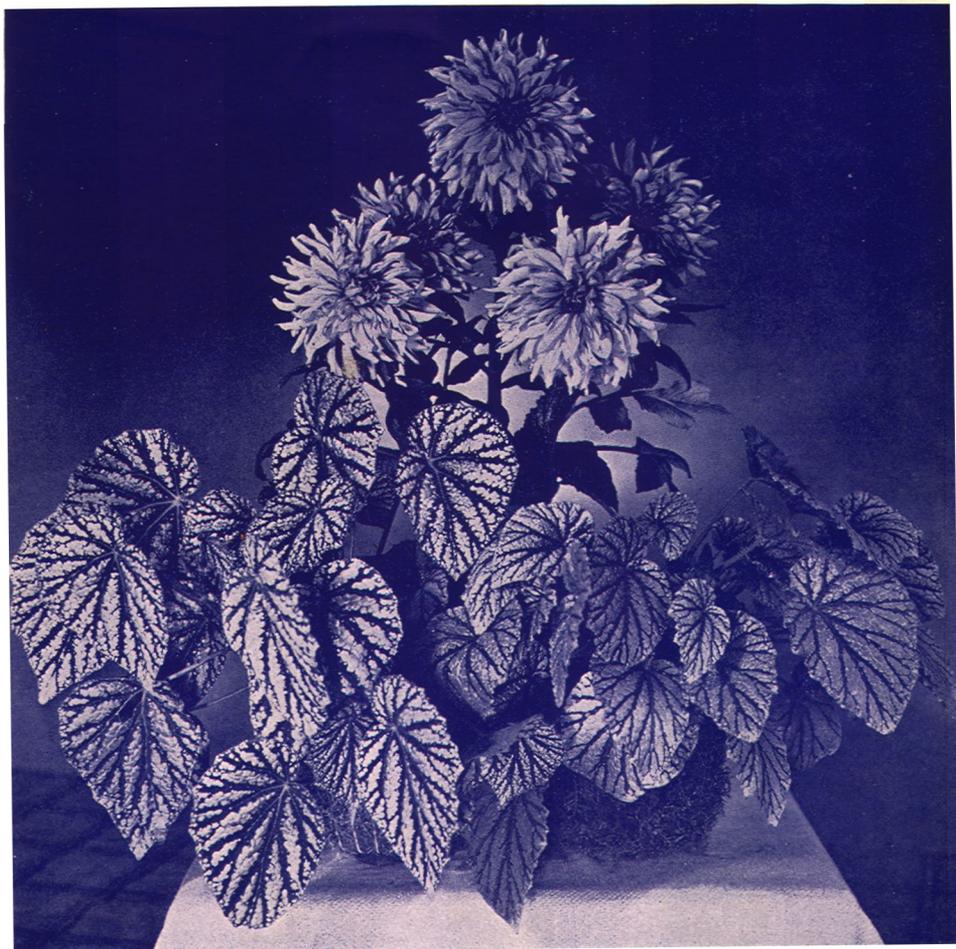


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Commendable Cooperation

Of a definitely symbolic nature is the picture on the cover of this issue of "The Begonian." Portrayed in this way is the close cooperation shown between the American Begonia Society and the Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society. The significance of this move lies in the fact that it is in direct contrast to all the greed and selfishness so avidly present in other world affairs. Quite unique and almost without precedent is this promotion of culture with unselfish motives rather than on a business scale.

This friendly handclasp of these two organizations in the promulgation of leisure time activities in connection with the beautification of homes is indeed an act worthy of commendation!

THE EDITOR

Inglewood Show Gives Promise

● Climaxing a ten year period of steady and rapid growth, the Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society will present their Tenth Annual Flower Show in Inglewood's Hollywood Park grandstand on Saturday afternoon and Sunday, August 23 and 24 — a show that is expected to eclipse all former records.

Some idea of what is expected lies in the early estimate that almost all of the available 40,000 square feet will be in use this year, and that the 12,000 who saw the show last year will increase by several hundred with more extensive publicity for the coming event. The growth of the show can be seen in the setting of an admission charge of ten cents for the first time in the history of the show to allow for added expenditures.

Besides the featured dahlias, the show will have a larger number of other flowers than ever before. The fact that the American Begonia Society is having its convention in Inglewood at show time will bring displays of begonias from various branches as well as individual enthusiasts in the state. Displays are forthcoming from the Southern California Fuchsia Society and the Centinela Garden Club of Inglewood, as well as numerous other invited exhibitors and garden clubs. Even the miscellaneous flower section has been expanded on popular demand, in order to cater to the individual taste of every garden lover.

The ease of parking cars in the huge race track space, the staging of the show on days when everyone can attend, the fact that blooms from all summer plants will be there with authorities to aid amateur garden lovers — all these advantages combine to produce an event which must not be missed!

Inglewood Visitation To Rosecroft

● Members and friends of the Inglewood Branch are planning on taking their annual visitation to Rosecroft Gardens on August 10th.

Be sure to attend!

Royalities Becomes Members!

● The Duke and Dutchess of Windsor have accepted membership in the American Begonia Society.

We are deeply honored in having them as one of us who in this troubled world are finding happiness in working with our shade plants.

Have you started a new branch in your community?

History of Show

● 1000 per cent increase in attendance, 500 per cent increase in floor space, and 550 per cent increase in exhibitors in ten years of existence is the remarkable record the Inglewood's Annual Flower Show.

The first show was staged on a garage floor of 5,000 square feet in 1932, boasting 12 exhibitors and 600 visitors. It has been presented from the start by the Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society, and gradually grew in its early years with financing out of its own members' pockets.

A strange coincidence marked the appointment in 1937 of Stanley Spaulding as show manager, for the same young man just five years before at the age of seventeen had won the sweepstakes trophy in the amateur division of the first show. Mr. Spaulding obtained sponsorship of the 1937 show from the Junior Chamber of Commerce and financing from the City of Inglewood. The show was moved from various garage floors to an increased space in the high school gymnasium.

Two years later, however, this space was found to be yet too small, as the astonishing growth of the show continued. Last year the Hollywood Turf Club allowed the sponsors to present the Ninth Annual Show in their race track grandstand — a unique and beautiful setting. Here over 12,000 people saw a show the length of a city block in size covering 25,000 square feet and participated in by 67 exhibitors. Expectations promise to further this excellent record in the Tenth Annual Flower Show this August.

TEN FERNS OF QUALITY

By George McDowell

● Every lathhouse should have the appearance of a natural shady nook. This is a hard thing to do if you do not use the material that nature has provided. You may use all of the many kinds of shade plants, but it takes a good fern to give your lathhouse or garden that cool, pleasing appearance that is so desirable.

Ferns are not hard to grow and there is a fern for every corner, border or basket. The main requirements of ferns are moisture and good drainage. The soil should contain at least two-thirds of Oak leaf mold, which is moist at all times. On hot summer days sprinkle the foliage of ferns once or twice a day to keep the fronds from becoming dry or burnt. By all means never allow ferns to become dry.

When planting ferns the one thing to watch is the crown. Plant the crown even with the soil or slightly above and never below, as this tends to rot the crown.

The following ferns are listed because they are hardy, yet very attractive. One can obtain them at a very reasonable cost.

For the background I suggest Davallia Platyphila: A fern that will grow eight to ten feet high. The fronds are strong and upright with a gray-green cast. It is a strong grower and makes a very beautiful plant. Nephrodium Molle: A fern which grows to a height of three or four feet, also a strong grower. Cibotium Barametz: A fern of similar growth, which has a finer cut leaf. This fern should be in every lathhouse.

In the lower growing class we have many types to pick from. There is a large class known as terris ferns, some have crested foliage and others have variegated. One having a good fine foliage is Pteris Flaccida. All of the Maidenhair or Adiantum ferns also come in this class. Onyehium Japonica is a good fern with carrot-like foliage. Aspidium Tsussimense is a very hardy, low growing fern. All of the holly ferns or Cyrtomium ferns are very hardy and also pleasing. The crested holly or Cyrtomium Rochfordiaum Cristata is sure to attract the eye of friends.

For baskets, all of the low growing ferns may be used, as may the scandens of trailing ferns such as: Lygodium Scandens is a fine leaf fern of good climbing or trailing habit. Then we have Acrostichium Scandens which is not so well known but a good basket fern. The Polypodium ferns are the best ferns for the basket, giving good shape and having the habit of shooting out through the moss making large balls that are so much wanted today. Polypodium Mandianum and Polypodium Knightii are the best known in this group.

The ferns just mentioned should fill the needs of most of us. There are hundreds more to select from. To keep ferns growing and in good condition it is necessary to fertilize. I use Likwid-Gro B1, using one tablespoon to one gallon of water every two or three weeks. Be sure that your ferns are wet when you use the fertilizer. Never fertilize a dry plant. Water and wait about 2 hours, then fertilize.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By Alfred D. Robinson

MANY old Begonia fans are troubled by what appears to be an organized effort to give old favorites new names, that is, new to the old habitues even if older than those they have borne for half a century.

This present plaint has been precipitated by a report coming from up State that *GLAUCOPHYLLA Scandens* is rightly *Glaucophylla Splendens*. This change or correction (?) I am not prepared to accept as the *Scandens* part is the only descriptive section. Glossarys and dictionaries to which I have access define *Glaucophylla* as fuzzy leaved such as the bloom on a peach, or having a blue cast, which the plant under discussion certainly has not.

Glaucophylla (no *Scandens*) as described in Curtis Botanical Magazine can hardly be our plant as emphasis is placed on white spots in the stem which the author considers a possible indication of its being a hybrid of *Maculata* (*Argyrostigma*). However, a batch of some two hundred that I grew from the only fertile seed I ever obtained were exactly like the parent, except some half dozen, which places the parent as a species with most experts. It is strange if the Curtis description was made from our plant that no mention is made of the white edging to the petals, one of the outstanding features.

These remarks about *Glaucophylla* are

to be taken as merely a sample of what is happening to Begonia nomenclature. There is *ACIDA* which has been *Brazilensis* for Oh! so many years, *DICHOTOMA* which grew well as *Lindleyana* for as long, etc.

Perhaps it is fair to ask why do we name plants? Primarily as a means of identification. There are of course additional motives such as to honor individuals and reward explorers, but to identify is the main one.

Name changes are justified by reference to various published works on the Begonia, mostly quite ancient, which in the light of knowledge of today are subject to doubt as to their authenticity. Take Chambers Encyclopedia (Scotch) which said "There are some three hundred species of Begonia ALL-WITH PINK FLOWERS."

The names and descriptions of Begonias in modern works are taken in great measure from older books, or in the case of those of European origin, from available greenhouse specimens that do not fit those grown under lath in California. They limit our eight to ten foot specimens to two or three feet. Is it not fair to raise the issue of whether it is worthwhile to change names of from twenty to fifty year standing, by which they are popularly, known to satisfy a technicality, and give the name hounds the satisfaction of getting the fox's tail. I doubt it.

BOOK REVIEW

By Lambert Day

● "SCIENCE IN THE GARDEN," has come off the press and contains much useful information for the home gardener.

The aim of the authors has been to give their readers the benefit of the latest scientific developments. It has been presented in a delightful style that makes the reading and understanding of the technical information easy.

The first chapters of the book are devoted to a historical background. The later chapters tell how to prepare seed and garden plots, compost materials, mix your own fertilizers, build an efficient seed germination box, scientific control of pests and much other useful information.

The use of hormones, colchicine, vitamins and hydroponics, is made very clear. The proper storing of pollen so that it may be kept fresh for several months is explained and should be of much benefit to those interested in hybridizing.

One of the authors, Mr. H. Britton Logan and the consultant, Mr. Lloyd Cosper need no introduction as articles by them have appeared in past issues of the Begonian and are members of our society. The other author, Miss Jean-Marie Putnam is a columnist on gardening and has recently published a book entitled, "Gardening for fun in California."

WINTER FLOWERING GLADIOLUS

By A. A. Longmire

TO HAVE gladiolus flower through the winter, they must be handled just a little differently, and this article will explain the correct method.

Bulbs that you desire to "winter Bloom" must be dug or lifted six weeks after the last flowers have been cut. Dig the bulbs, leaving the tops attached and place loose, in a crate or box, storing the container under cover or in shade and where there is free circulation of air.

As soon as the stems have dried back close to the bulbs, cut off the stem, but do not tear or break them off, for in so doing the bulb may be injured. After this has been done, place bulbs in flat boxes, in the shade. Leave the bulbs in this condition for ten weeks. At the end of the ten weeks, clean the bulbs, but do not remove all the covering. The bulbs should then be placed in paper

bags, folding the top down and holding tight with pins or by tying with twine. Put one tablespoon of Naphthalene flakes in each bag of 100 bulbs for treatment against thrips. Leave the bulbs in the treatment for two weeks. This makes from the time of digging and treating, twelve weeks.

After the bulbs have been treated place them in a heavy burlap sack or a tight box and put the container in a dark place, and away from any draft. From ten days to two weeks root action will start, along with top growth, and at this stage they are ready to plant as one would other gladiolus. To plant, spade out a deep trench and place some prepared fertilizer on the bottom of the trench, covering with some soil. Then place bulbs and cover 2½ inches deep. Water after planting by running the water along the row. Stop watering when the rains start.

HELP US GROW — Bring a New Member

PHILADENDRON

By Maude A. Fox

THE Philadendron still holds its own among the rare plants. It is from the tropics and usually a climber. It is a member of the Arum family, and can trace its family tree back to the common wild Ginger.

The Philadendron and those belonging to this species, are the only known plants with natural holes in their leaves. These leaves are dark green of glossy sheen with the holes oftentimes forming regular patterns. Sort of "peek-a-boo" leaves. Another one of its peculiarities are the ariel roots extending down to Mother Earth, sometimes from the top-most part of the climber. Reminds me of an incident told to me by a Civil Engineer from Honolulu. He was constructing a road through a wooden section on the Island. He and his crew, with axes chopped off hundreds of these climbing plants to clear a space for a new road. The tops were left hanging from the trees. The Engineer said it was a sorry sight to see.

So it was with no little surprise the crew in going back to this section a few months later, found the Philadendrons growing merrily on! Ariel roots had grown out of the tops, extending to the ground, forming a new root system. They sorter knew how to take care of themselves, — didn't they?

These plants need sandy loam, and occasional fertilizing, and enjoy a moist temperature. So don't spare the hose on the leaves — they love it. New plants are derived from seeds or stem cuttings. Allow two or three joints to each slip. You won't go wrong with a Philadendron in your shade garden.

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Rosecroft Visitation Huge Success



Mrs. Robinson and Editor

● I cannot find words to express the beauty of the Rosecroft Begonia Gardens or the graciousness and charm of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson. However, I was fortunate enough to have a picture of Mrs. Robinson, which expresses the kindness shown the visitors by Mr. and Mrs. Robinson.

There were about 150 visitors who had the pleasure of hearing one of Mr. Robinsons excellent talks on Begonias, which indeed is a rare treat.

I want to stress the point, to members who have not already visited the gardens, to plan on making their visit real soon.

One woman said to me, "If I had known what beauty existed here and I couldn't have made the trip I simply would have felt terrible."

Another gentleman made the trip from Bahamas islands just to see the Robin-

sons and their garden. Soooooo to members in California and other states, whenever near Southern California make this trip as one of your MUST-DO'S.

The Montalvo Gardens were visited. Mr. and Mrs. Fewks served delightful refreshments and greeted their many friends.

Several lovely gardens in La Jolla were visited, which made the day complete.

● Don't Forget the Membership Drive

Mirandy Speaks:

● A real booster for the garden and flowers is Mirandy, known over KFI as the Hill Billy commentator and using as her subject material, flowers and the garden. She has been giving Begonias and our American Begonia Society much helpful publicity. Listen to her programs every morning 9 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Monday's through Thursday's of each week. Here's wishing her success in her work of educating the American public to become flower and garden minded.

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More About Begonian Van-Ex

By Tristram Coffin Whitaker

● The picture on the cover of the July issue of "The Begonian" of Mr. Roy Berry and his colorful Begonia Van-Ex, prompted the following:

In our greenhouse in Philadelphia, Pa. Begonia Van-Ex behaves quite contrary to its behavior in California. It thrives beautifully during the spring and summer, much the same as Begonia Evansiana. Not withstanding a warm sunny greenhouse, the plants gradually die down in early winter some keeping one or two leaves, then starting new growth in early spring.

I have experimented with top cuttings taken in summer and have found that those taken early will produce plants much like the parent by fall. Those taken in late summer have interested me most. I have discovered that the cuttings taken in the late summer will root, but do not make much if any new growth, and when winter comes gradually die down as do their parents, but here is the interesting part of their culture, as the tops ripen, these late cuttings develop one or more swellings at the ground surface or below and these swellings by spring become small potato like tubers, having brown skin, and are red within. The new growth sprouts from these tubers much as it does in any tuberous variety.

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August Hints

H. P. Dyckman, Nat'l Pres.

● Most important at this time of the year is to keep the atmosphere in your lathhouse humid.

To keep your plants growing remember they depend upon the regularity of their feedings.

Remember the flower show August 23 and 24. Do your grooming now.

The flower Show Chairman is calling for hundreds of plants, so do your part.

Make your reservations now for the Convention Banquet.

A Suggestion For Branch Meetings

by Harry F. O'Donnell, Secy.
San Francisco Branch

● A recent meeting of the San Francisco branch was devoted to flower arrangements featuring Tuberous Begonias. Each member was requested to bring cut blooms of tuberous begonias from their own garden or lathhouse and vie with each other in making flower arrangements.

Some of the exhibits would have won awards at any flower show and demonstrated what could be done with exhibiting these gorgeous flowers. This program really turned out to be a small sized flower show.

Special mention must be given to the exhibits of Dr. and Mrs. Nuttman, Mr. Trier, Miss Paula Schoenholz, Homer Pechart and some huge specimen blooms from the Bungalow Nursery of Mr. and Mrs. Werle.

The next meeting of the San Francisco Branch will be held on the evening of August 6th in the grounds of the Bungalow Nursery where the entire membership will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Werle.

Something New in Grass

● Have you noticed the ever-increasing "Unique" signs on new lawns? Yes sir, even old lawns too. These signs say "Unique Lawns with Unique Grass by the Unique Nursery." They must have something. Phone and see.

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TUBEROUS BEGONIAS

By H. C. Baake

Easy to Plant, Easy to Grow

AS LOVELY as orchids, yet as easily grown as the common garden marigold. Their beautiful flowers are the pride and joy of all who have them in their garden. Having once seen even a single blossom of this gorgeous plant, you will never be satisfied until you have tried your hand at growing them. To many people there is a certain mental hazard connected with their care; they have a fear of not succeeding, which hampers them with the simple care required for perfect blooms. Please do not have this fear, for the few rules required for their care and culture are simple, and need only to be followed carefully to insure success.

The first, and one of the most important steps is to select good tubers. These may be secured from any reliable Nursery. The size of the tuber does not effect the quality of the bloom. It does, however, govern to some extent the time of bloom and size of the plant. Large tubers will be the first to flower, and will also give a larger plant. The life of a tuber is five to seven years.

Start your tubers in the early Spring, February or March, preferably, in flats, using a well rotted Oak Leafmold mixed with a little sand as a starting soil. The tubers should be placed not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch deep with the cup, or hollow side up. Water the flat well then keep it just moist, but not soggy wet, until the plants are up. Keep the flat in a warm, protected spot until the plants are up, and when they have about four good leaves transplant to pots, or to the bed prepared in the garden where they are to remain. The soil for the bed of pot in which you finally intend to grow your tubers should be prepared as follows: 3 parts well rotted oak leafmold, the remaining part to consist of well rotted steer manure, sand and sandy garden soil. When the first flower buds appear, feed lightly with any good commercial fertilizer that has been recommended for acid loving plants. We use the California Liquid Fertilizer, for the most part, and find it very satisfactory.

Protect your plants at all times from the sun during the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. They seem to thrive best under trees, over-hanging shrubs, or in a lath house.

If you intend to grow your plants in pots do not plant in too large a pot to begin with. I would use a four inch pot to start, later transplanting to a seven or eight inch pot, according to the size the plant attains.

One more suggestion, in closing; keep your soil damp at all times, but not soggy wet, and during the warm summer days sprinkle the foliage lightly. If the leaves are droopy due to the heat, you will find they will respond quickly to the foliage sprinkling.

Attention Branch Secretaries!

● Be sure to mail your election returns to Mrs. Liedler (Corresponding Secretary) 5858 California ave., Long Beach, California not later than August 17, 1941.

Votes will be tallied and the results announced at the convention.

Attention!! Ventura Invites!!

●Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch, A. B. S., extends a most cordial invitation to all members of the American Begonia Society to participate in a tour of the gardens of the Ventura members.

A complete list of members who are to exhibit their gardens together with directions on how to arrive there, will be given to the visitors at the home of our president, Mr. C. A. Hall, 485 Jones St., Ventura, or at home of our secretary, Mr. George Fitch, 70 So. Hurst Ave., Ventura.

THE DATE; AUGUST 10, 1941.

THE TIME: As early as you can come, and PLEASE DO COME.

INGLEWOOD WELCOMES

THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY

Third National Convention

in conjunction with
INGLEWOOD FLOWER SHOW

Convention to be held Saturday, August 23, 1941 at 3 P.M. in the Inglewood Women's Club, 325 North Hillcrest Blvd., Inglewood, California.



CONVENTION PROGRAM

Saturday, August 23rd

3:00 P. M. Business meeting called to order by the Vice President, Mr. E. C. Tyler of the Inglewood Branch.

- 1—Presentation of the colors.
- 2—Invocation and memorial to Dr. Farwell, President of Glendale Branch.
- 3—Flag Ceremony.
- 4—Address of welcome by Mayor Darby.
- 5—Introduction of National President, Mr. H. P. Dyckman.
 - a.—Reading of minutes.
 - b.—Treasure's report and correspondence.
 - c.—Old business.
 - d.—New business.
 - e.—Good of the organization.

Recess until 8 P. M.

2nd section of business meeting.

- 1—Called to order by Vice President E. C. Tyler.
- 2—Introduction of Mr. J. Danielson (Master of Ceremonies.)
- 3—Address of welcome by Mayor Darby.
- 4—Introduction of distinguished guests
- 5 — Bids for 1942 convention by branches of A.B.S.
- 6 — Introduction of speaker Mr. R. Ziesenhenne.

GARDEN VISITATION

Sunday, August 24th

Caravans leaving from Inglewood Woman's Club, 325 No. Hillcrest Blvd. at 10:00 A. M. and 2:00 P. M.

- 1—Mrs. Moses — 115 No. Oak Street.
- 2—A. D. McKenzie — 537 Flower Street.
- 3—R. J. Contrell — 604 W. Buckthorn.
- 4—Dr. J. R. Van Gelder — 227 W. Olive.

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NOMENCLATURE DIRECTOR to be Convention Speaker.

Mr. Rudolf Ziesenhenne of Santa Barbara, California to be speaker at banquet. He will give us valuable information in his field of duty.

Dinner will be served promptly at 7:30 P.M. Saturday, August 23, 1941. Please note! The banquet room is limited to 300 guests, so be on time.

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SUMMER CARE OF BEGONIAS IN SOUTH-EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

By Anna Oehrle

HERE in the south-eastern Pennsylvania those of us who live on farms are indeed fortunate if one of our hobbies is raising Begonias. The gardens on these farms have been cultivated for nearly two hundred years and during that time have been kept well fertilized. The soil from these gardens usually will grow fine begonias without preparation or mixture with other materials.

I have growing at this time begonias that were potted in this garden soil five years ago and the only feeding that they have received has been a teaspoonful of bone meal per eight inch pot placed in the top of the pot each August during this time. Some of these begonias have been in bloom most of that time.

I have seen an experiment this year of growing begonias with the cleanings of a chicken house that have been composted for three years without any soil being added. The growth and bloom have been exceptionally good and if they carry over winter would think it as good or better than rich garden soil.

The months of July, August and September are the most important ones in the culture of Begonias for it is the care that they receive during this time that spells success or failure in the winter months. The temperature often soars to the high nineties with a burning south wind. If a circulation of air is provided where the plants are summering care must be taken that this burning wind does not scorch the foliage.

If you wish to fertilize with bone meal the latter part of August is the best time to apply it. Bone meal is not a quick fertilizer nor one that burns. However, if two plants of the same variety are checked one given bone meal and the other not fed a great difference can be noticed at the end of four months time.

Also at this time the plants should be gone over and any straggly or weak branches cut out and either used as slips or discarded.

Spraying thoroughly with cold water

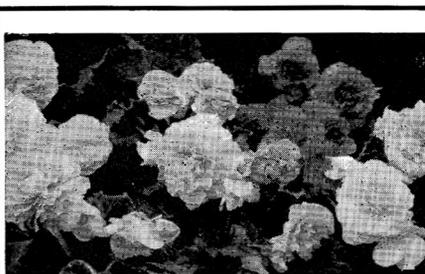
every two weeks will also help to harden and strengthen the plants for the winter, but do not water too often between sprayings.

A well hardened plant will usually produce beautiful foliage and flowers all winter with a minimum of care.

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● These two fine branches will make their visit to Rosecroft Begonia Gardens Tuesday, August 5th. The branches will meet in the garden at 11:00 A. M. and lunch at 12:00 noon.

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Proposed Constitution

The committee appointed to revise the constitution of the A. B. S. have worked very hard to construct a constitution which will meet the requirements and simplify the workings of this fast growing organization.

Their uppermost thought in mind was the interest and welfare of all branches. ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE — THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as the American Begonia Society. The main office of this Society shall be in Long Beach, California.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

This organization shall be conducted on a non-profit basis and its purposes shall be: To stimulate interest in begonias and the sheltered garden; Nomenclature and research; to encourage the introduction and development of new kinds of begonias and related plants. To gather and publish information in regard to the kinds, propagation, and culture of begonias and other plants of the sheltered garden.

ARTICLE III

Members

Any person interested in the purposes of this Society may make application for membership in any branch of the American Begonia Society upon subscribing for **THE BEGONIAN** a magazine published by the American Begonia Society at the regular subscription rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per year payable in advance. If accepted by the branch chosen by the applicant they will become a member and remain so as long as subscription is paid and they continue to uphold the Constitution and dignity of the Society. The subscription to **The Begonian** shall be one dollar (\$1.00) payable in advance for the calendar year. New members accepted after October 1 will be credited with membership for

the ensuing year. New subscribers will be notified where nearest branch is located. Branch Societies may procure names of new subscribers from the National Secretary. Members in arrears by January 15 will be dropped from active membership and their **Begonian** discontinued. Members may be reinstated by paying the full dues for the current year. Membership covers the immediate family, except that only one member may receive **The Begonian** and exercise the right of vote unless additional dues are paid.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

There shall be an annual convention of the Society to be held at a time and place determined by a vote held at the previous annual convention. Said annual convention to be held during the last quarter of each year.

ARTICLE V

Officers

The officers of this Society shall be a President, 1st Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Research Director, Nomenclature Director, Public Relations Director, Business Manager and one Representative Director from each branch Society. The Past President to automatically become a National Director at large for the term of one year. Each state to be a district and have the power to elect a second Vice-President to be their Representative at the annual meeting with the full power of vote for their District. Any state with large enough membership may be divided into more than one District with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Secretary, Editor, Research Director, Nomenclature Director, Public Relations Director and the Business Manager shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors. A Representative Director shall be elected annually by each branch Society. The Representative Director shall be a member of the Board of Directors of this Society and shall attend meetings of that Board when possible. If unable to attend shall make such reports, recommendations or communications as to further the interest of this Society. The Secretary of each Branch Society shall file with the National Sec-

retary a copy of its BY-LAWS and all subsequent amendments. The Treasurer of each Branch Society shall file with the National Treasurer the names and addresses of all new members as received together with their dues. The first of each calendar year a complete list of all members with dues for the year shall be filed with the National Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the officers of the Society and shall meet at least four times a year. They shall be the administrative and executive body of this Society; shall transact all business of the Society between annual conventions; arrange for the annual convention, special meetings and special elections; establish and elect such special officers as may be necessary to transact the work of this Society or any of its departments; establish special committees; approve the establishment of Branch Societies and issue charters to them; adopt an annual budget; elect honorary Directors and make such regulations as may be necessary for the activities of this Society or any of its departments or committees. An executive committee consisting of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Business Manager may transact any routing business between meetings of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

Branch Societies

Branch Societies may be organized by any group of seven or more, who wish to affiliate themselves to forward the work of this Society, provided that such organization is approved by a majority of the Board of Directors present. Each Branch Society must require that all its members maintain active membership in the American Begonia Society; it must include among its officers a President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Representative Director. It may determine its own officers, other than those specified above; it may make additional qualifications for membership; it may determine the manner in which its local activities shall be financed and determine its own activities and meet-

ings. No officer of the National Board shall be eligible to hold any elective office in any Branch Society. Each branch Society must have a charter and abide by the Constitution of American Begonia Society to be eligible to vote and participate in the advantages of the different departments of this Society.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at the annual convention or special meeting called for that purpose, provided that each member of the Society shall have been informed in writing or through the **Begonian** of the proposed amendment at least ten days previous to the annual convention or special meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Duties of Officers

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society or the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties usually pertaining to his office.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all transactions of the Society and of the Board of Directors; shall conduct all necessary correspondence; and shall have charge of the records of the Society.

The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Society; shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements; shall pay out money only on the order of the Board of Directors; shall prepare an annual budget; shall issue all membership cards, keep an accurate record of the membership of the Society, and inform the Business Manager of all changes in membership; and shall file bond in such surety company and in such sum as the Board of Directors may determine.

The Editor shall have charge of the Publications Department; shall edit the **Begonian** and all other publications of the Society; and shall cooperate with the Business Manager and the Directors of the other departments.

The Research Director shall have charge of the importations and development of new kinds of begonias and allied plants; of the administration of the Special Seed Fund; of collecting information relative to the culture, propaga-

tion, and housing of begonias and allied plants; of assembling a library for the use of officers and members of the Society; and shall preserve three copies of each issue of the *Begonian* and all other publications of the Society.

Nomenclature Director shall have charge of determining and establishing correct names for all species and established varieties of begonias; of approving and registering all newly developed horticultural varieties of begonias; and shall cooperate with the Editor in the Publication of the results of his work.

The Public Relations Director shall have charge of publicising all activities of the Society; contacting prospective members; promoting the establishment of Branch Societies; organizing and managing any exhibits or displays ordered by the Board of Directors; and shall have charge of the program and entertainment for the annual convention.

The Business Manager shall act as the business agent for the Board of Directors, and for the Publications Department; shall act as advertising manager for the *Begonian*; have charge of the mailing list for the *Begonian*; of the mailing out of back numbers of the *Begonian*; of the sale and distribution of all other special bulletins and directories; shall act as purchasing agent for the Society; and shall file bond in surety company and in such sum as the Board of Directors may determine.

ARTICLE X

Elections

The President shall appoint a nominating committee of three, who shall be members of the American Begonia Society each of a different branch. The committee shall submit to the Board of Directors at least two nominations for each office; additional nominations may be made by petition signed by at least fourteen active members if made and delivered to the National Secretary at least thirty days previous to the election; all nominations shall be printed in the *Begonian* 60 days previous to the annual convention and election. Each branch shall hold its own annual elections and each member of their branch will cast their vote at the branch meeting held previous to the annual national conven-

tion. The Branch Secretary shall submit the results to the National Secretary before the annual National Convention. Commercial growers or dealers shall not be eligible to hold any office elected by the Society at the annual Convention. Vacancies among the officers shall be filled by the Board of Directors until the next regular annual convention. The official year shall start on January 1st except that the newly elected Editor shall have charge of the preparation of the January issue of the *Begonian*. The newly elected Board of Directors will meet at the annual convention or immediately thereafter, to elect a Secretary, Editor, Research Director, Nomenclature Director, Public Relations Director and a Business Manager.

ARTICLE XI

Quorum

Twenty-five members or delegates shall constitute a quorum for the annual convention or any special meeting. Seven members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII

Enabling Act

This Constitution shall go into effect January 1, 1942 except that at the annual election in 1942 a President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected and that each year thereafter a President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected.

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The Herbert P. Dyckman Branch of the American Begonia Society invites all members of all Branches and their friends to join them in visiting some of the lovely gardens in Long Beach.

Starting at the home of Jessie Jenkins 3615 Cerritos Ave., other addresses will be given, some of the gardens that have never been visited by this group.

We are looking forward to meeting, greeting and shaking hands with members from all the different Branches.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE: AUG. 8th, TIME: 7:00 P.M. UNTIL? STARTING PLACE: 3615 CERRITOS AVE., LONG BEACH. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL. SIGNED, THE COMMITTEE.



Fibrous Begonias

(Continued from July issue)

By Alice Nicklow

CORALLINE LUCERNA (properly called *Corallina de Lucerna*). This is one of the most commonly grown of all fibrous; is very hardy and can be grown outside in full sun; the flowers hang in bunches and are a vivid red. I have espaliered mine inside the lathhouse. The leaves and blossoms are much lighter when grown in a shaded place. Leaves are green with white spots, long, wide and pointed. Mine is now nine feet tall and has every indication of going higher. It can be pruned easily and cuttings root readily.

THURSTONII. I strongly recommend this one for a profusion of bloom during the entire summer and fall. Tall bushy grower. Dull green leaves, red veins on the underside. Mine is now five feet tall, as wide, and one of the most showy in the lathhouse, and has not yet started its spring growth. I keep it cut back some which does not hurt it in the least.

RUBRA ROSEA. Inclined to be a bit

on the straggly side. Light green leaves, some showing faint white spots and some not. Pinching out the centers helps to make it slightly bushier. This would be delightful espaliered. Light pink blossoms.

FRUTESCENS. Smooth green smallish leaves, red underside, hairy. New leaves have a decided red color and stems are red. Makes a wonderful basket type if pinched back.

FISCHER'S RICINIFOLIA. Leaves light green similar to castor bean leaves. Underside veins have red hairs and stems are covered with rings of red hair. Growth is quite large. Will grow outside under protection of trees. Blossoms are pink borne on stems three feet long.

VERSCHAFFELTIANA. Very light green leaves, differs from *Ricinifolia* in that it has smooth stems and trunk and there is the absence of red hairs. Pink blossoms also borne on long stems.

FEASTII. This is one of the best known of basket type fibrous. Leaves are thick olive green, deep red on the underside. Rather round. Blossoms are light pink and small. Rhizomes curl over the sides of pots.

BUNCHII. A sport of *Feastii*. Crested leaves (sometimes called *wirlers*) olive green. Edges decidedly ruffled. Growth is the same as *Feastii*. Rhizomatous.

EVANSIANA. Leaves very light green with red veins, vivid pink blossoms. Drops bulblets which come up by themselves. Very good for color in the lathhouse.

WELTONIENSIS. Light green leaves, red jointed stems. Very pink flowers. Summer bloomer.

FOLIOSA. Small bright green leaves with a faint tinge of red on the stems. Bears small rose colored flowers and resembles the wild rose, which grows profusely around Sequoia. Tall bushy grower, or good in pots.

—Courtesy of Golden Gardens Magazine

(To be continued in Sept. issue)

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By An Eastern Member

MANY of us who are interested in Begonias and living in the East do not have lath houses.

I for one do not. Much to the contrary of most Begonia lovers my plants are kept indoors the year round.

Our home is an old stone farm house and for the past two years I have experimented as to the best place to keep my plants. One room has rather a large bay window, one window facing south, one southwest and one west — consequently, there is hardly any part of the day that we do not have sunshine. A shelf between the windows is long and wide enough to accommodate between 40 and 50 different varieties. At the south window I have my Sutherlandi, Preusen, Mrs. Fred Scripp, Lucendro, Palmata, Haageana and several semi tuberous. As the shelf continues around to the s. w. are a Multiflora Rosea, Washington Street (which by the way did not do anything until I placed it in this position 3 months ago), Dorothy Grant, Loma Alta, Lugano, Dorothy Grant, Palmifolia, Incarnata, several corm type, ulmafolia, acida, etc. Facing the western window are my Fisher variety.

My scheme has been not to use my plants as a collection only, but to make them play a part in the decoration of our home. On a deep window sill—southern exposure—are a manicata, a Manicata Aurea and a Cala Lily Begonia and several African Violets which seem to blend in very beautifully with the lovely leaves of the Begonias.

For the past 2 years I have tried to raise Rex B. but up until a month ago was very unsuccessful. However, I am still trying and now have 6 different varieties which look very promising — these I keep in a northern window and they only have a little sun in the late afternoon.

One reason for my not setting the plants outdoors in summer is — sometimes we have very hot winds and I think it does the plants more harm than good and also when Fall comes and the Begonias have to be housed they almost all drop their leaves and this to me is a great set back for a plant.



Begonia Preusen

I keep feeding the plants regularly with "Barnyard Tea" and firmly believe a drink of vit. B1 every two weeks has helped keep my plants in very good condition. This may seem strange but at the present time (June 27) some plants do not need watering for 2 days — this is due to the house being damp and keeping the shades drawn during the sunny hours. By having the plants scattered about our home I am more able to care for them and have learned many of their likes and dislikes.

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INGLEWOOD BRANCH

Friday, August 1, 8:00 P.M.
 Woman's Club, 325 No. Hillcrest Blvd.
 Mrs. Rose Hescocock, Secretary,
 4209 West 111th St., Inglewood.
 Speaker: Rapella of Hawthorne.
 Subject: Orchids.

HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

Tuesday, August 5, 8:00 P.M.
 Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Bl.
 Mrs. Helen Ehret, Secy.,
 7507 Lexington Ave., Hollywood.
 Speaker: Mrs. C. A. Rodenburg.
 Subject: Fiberous

PALOMAR BRANCH

Tuesday, August 5, 8:00 P.M.
 Vista Inn, Vista, Calif.
 Margaret Rutherford, Secy.-Treas.,
 Route 2, Box 340, Escondido.

THEODOSIA BURR SHEPHERD BR.

Tuesday, August 5, 7:30 P.M.
 American Legion Hall.
 North California St., Ventura.
 George Fitch, Secy.-Treas.,
 70 South Hurst St., Ventura.
 Speaker: George McDowell.
 Subject: Odd and Rare Plants.

HERBERT DYCKMAN BRANCH

Tuesday, August 5, 7:30 P.M.
 Home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dyckman,
 141 W. 53rd Street.
 Mrs. Anna Smith, Secy.-Treas.,
 250 Home St., Long Beach

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 P.M.
 Bungalow Nursery
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 1575 31st Ave., San Francisco

DOMINGUEZ BRANCH

Wednesday, August 6, 7:30 P.M.
 Home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.
 2527 Jackson St., Dominguez.
 Mrs. Clyde Reynolds, Secy.-Treas.
 2635 Jackson St., Dominguez, Calif.
 Speaker: Mrs. Leidler.
 Subject: Fuschias.

ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

Thursday, August 7, 7:30 P.M.
 College Hall, Santa Ana J. C.
 917 No. Maine St., Santa Ana
 Florence Carrell, Secy.-Treas.,
 214 No. Yale, Fullerton

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH

Saturday, August 9, 5:30 P.M.
 Home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sampson,
 67 Maple St., Waltham, Mass.
 Mrs. B. W. Skinner, Secretary,
 54 Essex St., Lynnfield, Mass.
 Speaker: Mr. Earle Sampson.
 Subject: Diadema and Rare Kinds.

PHILADELPHIA & VICINITY BR.

Monday, August 11, 8:00 P.M.
 Green Tree Flower Gardens
 5343 Greene St. Gtn.
 Mrs. Sophia E. Whitaker, Secy.-Treas.
 5343 Greene St., Germantown, Phila., Pa.

PASADENA BRANCH

Wednesday, August 13, 7:30 P.M.
 I.a Casita Del Arroya,
 177 So. Arroya Blvd.
 J. Ellsworth Youtz Jr., Secy.,
 334 W Green, Pasadena.

LONG BEACH PARENT BRANCH

Thursday, August 14, 7:30 P.M.
 Community Hall, 9th and Lime, L.B.
 Mrs. Ethel G. Arbuckle, Secy.-Treas.,
 5932 Seville Ave., Huntington Park.

SANTA BARBARA BRANCH

Thursday, August 14, 7:30 P.M.
 Girl Scouts Headquarters
 1838 San Andres St., Santa Barbara
 Mrs. Louise Schwerdtfeger, Secy.,
 246 W. Alamar Ave., Santa Barbara.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH

Sunday, August 17, 4:00 P.M.
 Oakhurst Gardens, Arcadia.
 512 West Foothill Blvd.
 Mrs. A. N. Hartwell, Secretary,
 1719 Alamosa Ave., Monrovia.
 Speaker: Mr. Lloyd Cosper.
 Subject: Nutrient Feeding.
 Members and guests bring picnic lunch.

EVA KENWORTHY GRAY BRANCH

Monday, August 18, 7:30 P.M.
 Home of Mrs. S. O. Putman,
 1461 Virginia Way, La Jolla.
 Mrs. Henry O. Colt, Secy.-Treas.,
 7221 Olivetas, La Jolla, Calif.
 Speakers: Mrs. A. D. Robinson,
 Miss Katherine Sneve.
 Subject: Discussion on Tubers and Hybrids.

Meeting Dates and Speakers (Continued)

GLENDALE BRANCH

Monday, August 18, 8:00 P.M.
Sparr Heights Community Center,
3311 Downing Avenue, Glendale.
Mrs. M. B. Dewar, Secretary,
709 Milford Ave., Phone Citrus 17517.

NORTH LONG BEACH BRANCH

Thursday, August 21, 8:00 P.M.
1644 East 55th Street, Long Beach.
Mrs. H. A. Cuyler, Secy.-Treas.
5676 Olive Ave., Long Beach

EAST BAY BRANCH

Monday, August 25, 7:30 P.M.
Berkeley Council Chambers.
Geo. Pascoe, Secy.-Treas.,
2125 McGee Ave., Berkeley.

MARGARET GRUENBAUM BR.

Tuesday, August 26, 1:30 P.M.
Home of Mrs. Howard H. Comly,
Hatboro, Pa.
Mrs. Wm. L. Paxson, Secretary,
Willow Grove, Pa.
Speaker: Anna Oehrle.
Subject: Unusual varieties of Begonias.

SYRACUSE BRANCH

Richard C. Atwood, Secy.-Treas.,
1405 East Fayette St.,
Syracuse, N. Y.

PHILOBEGONIA CLUB BRANCH

No meeting in August.
Mrs. Albert H. Gere, Secy.-Treas.,
362 Brookway, Merion, Pa.

● The National Board meeting, which will be in the form of a special pre-convention meeting, will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd B. Blades, 2147 W. Compton Blvd., East of L. A. River, Compton, Calif., on August 4, 1941.

● Note — Calendar listed according to meeting dates, also the name of each speaker.

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