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# American Begonia Society Convention

by HAROLD W. HART  
Glendale, Calif.

• The American Begonian Society will hold its annual convention in the city of Glendale, California, Saturday, November 7, 1942. Headquarters will be at the Tuesday Afternoon Club located at 400 North Central. All business sessions as well as the Begonia Show and Banquet will be held in this building.

The Tuesday Afternoon club has excellent accommodations for a convention. There is a splendid lounging room, a very fine room with ornamental sky lights for the Begonia Show, a good hall for the Banquet, and plenty of room for business sessions. There is also free parking space for visiting delegates who wish to park their automobiles.

The Glendale Branch of the American Begonia Society is planning a very fine convention. Every one within possible traveling distance who is interested in Begonias and the American Begonia Society should make a point to attend and enjoy the convention and see Begonias at their best. Every one attending the convention should bring a prize Begonia for the Begonia Show. Each delegate is allowed to enter just one plant. Further information regarding the Begonia Show will appear elsewhere in this issue of the Begonian.

The Banquet will be something to look forward to. It will be held in the evening and Frank Reinelt of Velerle and Reinelt of Capitola who is universally known for his work in hybridizing of Tuberous Begonias and the Pacific strain Delphinium, will be the speaker. More details as to the Banquet will appear in the next issue.

Reservations for the Banquet will be \$1.00 each. The Glendale Branch is underwriting part of the expense of the Banquet in order to have a good dinner and keep the price down to \$1.00. You should make your reservations as soon as possible. You may do so through your local Society or by mail to Harold W. Hart, 1314 Dorothy Drive, Glendale, Calif.

An interesting part of the convention will be Garden Visitations in the morning. Members of the Glendale Branch will show visiting delegates a few of

the local gardens. Registration will begin at 9:00 in the morning. Every one attending should try to register early and enjoy a full day in Glendale.

NOTES: The convention committee thinks the Inglewood Branch is quite all right; they donated the proceeds of their September plant sale which amounted to \$25.00 to the Convention Committee to go towards the Convention expenses. This is a very generous gesture and the Committee wholeheartedly thanks them. Inglewood who had the National Convention in 1941 knows that there are a lot of expenses connected with the convention.

At the August meeting of the Glendale Society, Dr. Lauder of the San Gabriel Valley Branch purchased the first two tickets for the Banquet. He gave \$5.00 and said to keep the change. The Convention Committee wishes to thank Dr. Lauder and states that the extra \$3.00 will go toward convention expenses.

The Inglewood Branch evidently started something when they donated the proceeds of their September plant sale to the Convention Committee, for the Hollywood Branch decided they also wanted to do something and they voted at their September meeting to give \$10.00. The Convention Committee wishes to say thanks and that although funds from Branches have not been solicited they are glad to accept the money and hope to use it wisely for a successful convention. If any money is left over, Glendale will give it to the Branch holding the convention next year.

San Gabriel Branch voted at last meeting to donate the next proceeds of September Plant Sale to the Convention Fund. The growth of membership to 97 within the last few months promises fine things for the future of this group.

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by JESSIE POOLE  
Glendale, Calif.

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Point system for judging as arranged by Rudolph Ziesenne, and published in "The Begonian" for September, 1941, will be used.

## SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

### Class 1. Begonias, Fibrous-rooted.

- a. Bedding or Semperflorens:  
Westport Beauty, Schmidtiana, Tausendschoen, and other varieties of this type.
- b. Tall-growing, or Tree-form:  
Corallina Delucerna, Coccinea (rubra), Mrs. Wallow, and other varieties of this type.
- c. Intermediate Growth:  
Preussen, Digswelliana, Medora and other varieties of this type.
- d. Low-growing Branching Type:  
Corbeille Defeu (Bertha de Chateau Rocher), Perle Lorraine (Bertha Vonlothingen), Glossy Begonia (nitida), and other varieties of this type.
- e. Climbing or Scandent:  
B. glaucophylla, glabra, Marjorie Daw, and other varieties of this type.

### Class 2. Begonias, Rhizomatous—Rex.

- a. Large or medium leaves:  
magnifica, rajah, Black Knight, and other varieties of this type.
- b. Small leaves:  
Illustrata, imperialis, smaragdina, and other varieties of this type.
- c. Helix or spiral type:  
Countess Louise Erdody, Curl Closson, and other varieties of this type.
- d. Discolor or Branching:  
Bertha McGregor, Abel Carriere, Mrs. Moon, and other varieties of this type.

Thick stemmed or Procumbent type.

- a. "Star" Begonia Type:  
Ricinifolia, Sunderbrucki, nigricans and other varieties of this type.
- b. Helix or Spiral and Crested forms.  
warszewiczi (conchaefolia) or Shell Begonia, Bunchi, manicata cristata, and other varieties of this type.
- c. Other Rhizomatous Types:  
manicata, manicata aureo-maculata, Feasti, and other varieties of this type.

### Class 3. Begonias, Tuberos-rooted.

- a. Hybrids: Camellia flowered, Lloydii, and other varieties of this type.
- b. Species:  
pearcei, boliviensis, davisii, dregei, No. 1041, and others of this type.

### Class 4. Begonias, Odd or Rare types.

- a. gogoensis, Calla Lily, peltifolia (peltata), dichroa, cathayana, and others of this type.

NOTE: Schedule of premiums will be in November issue of "The Begonian." Under present plans, the purchase of each ticket to the banquet will entitle the purchaser to enter one plant in the competition. This plan will be explained in full next month.

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## PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

### 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

#### Purpose

This Society shall be conducted on a non-profit basis, and its purpose shall be to stimulate interest in begonias and shade loving plants; to encourage the introduction and development of new types of begonias and related plants; to gather and publish information in regard to the kinds, propagation and culture of begonias and other shade loving plants; and to issue a bulletin which shall be mailed to all members in good standing.

### ARTICLE III

#### Membership

Memberships in this Society shall consist of two classes: Memberships-at-Large and Memberships through affiliation with any recognized Branch Society.

Any person interested in the purpose of this Society may make application for membership, accompanied by the regular dues, either to the Membership Secretary direct or to any recognized Branch. Memberships-at-Large shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Officers

The Officers of this Society shall be President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Editor and/or Business Manager, Research Director, Nomenclature Director, Public Relations Director, three (3) Directors-at-Large, and one Representative Director from each recognized Branch Society, and shall be members in good standing.

Commercial growers or dealers shall not be eligible to hold any elective office in the Society.

The President-Elect, the Treasurer and one (1) Director-at-Large shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Society; the President-Elect shall serve one year as President-Elect, one year as President and one year as Past Presi-

dent; the Treasurer shall serve one year and the Director-at-Large shall serve for three years.

A Representative Director shall be elected annually by each Branch.

All remaining officers shall be appointed annually by the President subject to the approval of the Board by a majority vote.

### ARTICLE V

#### Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of this Society and shall be the administrative and executive body of the Society.

### ARTICLE VI

#### Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting of the Society, to be held in November of each year at a time and place to be designated annually by the Board of Directors. By a two-third vote of the Directors present, this date may be changed.

### ARTICLE VII

#### Branch Societies

Branch Societies may be organized by any group of seven or more members of this Society who wish to affiliate themselves to forward the work of this Society; and upon approval of the Board of Directors shall be issued a Charter. Upon approval of the majority of the Board of Directors, the Charter of any Branch may be suspended and, after due hearing before said Board, upon action of a majority of the Board may be withdrawn.

### ARTICLE VIII

#### Dues

The dues of this Society shall be one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) annually payable in advance. Members in arrears thirty days may be dropped from the membership and their copy of the official publication discontinued. Membership covers the immediate family, except that only one member may receive the official publication and exercise the right of vote, unless additional dues are paid. Memberships shall run one year from the date paid.

### ARTICLE IX

#### Amendments

This constitution may be amended by

a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, provided that each member of the Society shall have been informed in writing or through the official publication, of the proposed amendment at least ten days previous to the annual meeting or special meeting.

## PROPOSED BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I

#### 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 President-Elect shall serve in the absence of the President.

Directors-at-Large shall serve as Vice-Presidents in the order of their seniority.

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 monies only on the order of the Board of Directors; shall prepare an annual budget; and shall file bond in such surety company and in such sum as the Board of Directors may determine.

The Membership Secretary shall receive all dues which shall be deposited immediately with the Treasurer; keep an accurate roster of the membership of the Society; and inform the Business Manager of all changes in membership and have charge of the mailing list of the official publication; of the mailing and selling of back numbers of the official publication, and of the sale and distribution of all other special bulletins and directories.

The Editor shall have charge of the Publications Department; shall edit the official publication and all other publications of the Society and shall cooperate with the Directors of other departments. 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 official publication; shall

act as Purchasing Agent for the Society; and shall file bond in such surety company and in such sum as the Board of Directors may determine.

The Research Director shall have charge of the Research Department; of the importation 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, propagation, 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 official publication and all other publications of the Society.

Nomenclature Director shall have charge of determining and establishing correct names and 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 the Public Relations Department; of publicising all activities of the Society; contacting prospective members; promoting and assisting in the formation of new Branch Societies.

### ARTICLE II

#### Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times a year and/or monthly on call of the President or in his absence, by the President Elect, the time and place to be published in the official publication. The Board of Directors shall be the administrative and executive body of this Society; shall transact all business of the Society between annual meetings; arrange for the annual meeting, any special meetings, and any special elections; establish and appoint such special committees as may be necessary to transact the work of this Society or any of its departments; 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 good of this Society.

### ARTICLE III

#### Departments and Committees

The activities of the Society shall be

divided into departments and committees under the charge of officers, elected or appointed for such department or committee.

The Department Directors may recommend the appointment of such special officers, assistants, or specialists as may be necessary to properly conduct their department.

Each Department Director shall make a report at the annual meeting and such other reports as may be required by the Board of Directors.

The funds of each department, and of the Special Seed Fund, shall be kept separately by the Treasurer, and each department shall operate under the general budget adopted by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Elections

The President shall appoint, not later than July of each year, a Nominating Committee of three, who shall be Presidents of Branch Societies. This Committee shall report at the September meeting of the Board of Directors, at least two nominations for each office to be filled at the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made by a petition signed by at least fourteen active members, if made and delivered to the Secretary on or before the first day of September. An official ballot shall be sent out with the October issue of the official bulletin and shall contain the names of all nominees.

Members of Branch Societies shall cast their ballots at the first meeting of the Branch Society succeeding the mailing of the ballots, the result of such balloting shall be mailed immediately to the Secretary of the Society.

Eligible voters not affiliated with any branch may mail their ballots to the Secretary of the Society at least ten days prior to the annual meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a detailed record of the ballots and make due report in writing at the annual meeting.

The fiscal year shall start on November the first.

The newly elected officers, together with those still in office, shall meet at the annual meeting, or as soon after as practicable, to select the appointive officers.

Vacancies among the officers, elective

or appointive, shall be filled by appointment by the President.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Quorum

Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum for the annual meeting or any special meeting.

Seven members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for any Board meeting.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Branch Societies

Any member of this Society may affiliate with any Branch Society, provided he meets the requirements for membership in that branch; a member of one branch may not become an active member of another branch except, that a member of one branch may withdraw and affiliate with another branch provided that both Branch Societies approve.

Each Branch Society must have a Constitution and By-Laws both of which shall be approved by the Board of Directors; it shall require that all members maintain active membership in the American Begonia Society; it must include among its officers a President, a Secretary, 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 it may determine its own activities and meetings, provided that these activities and requirements in no way conflict with the National Constitution and/or By-Laws.

No officer of this Society shall be eligible to hold an elective office in any branch, except that the Representative Director shall be a member of the Board of Directors of this Society, and shall attend meetings of that Board when possible; shall make such reports, recommendations or communications as will further the interest of this Society.

Each Branch Society shall file with the Secretary a copy of its Constitution and By-Laws, and all subsequent amendments.

Each Branch Society shall file with the Membership Secretary, the names and addresses of all new members together with their dues, as received.

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## Shady Corner Bulbs

by Leila Campbell Mathewson  
Pasadena, Calif.

• Finding bulbs that bloom happily in the shady nook of the garden, is like coming upon a striking piece of costume jewelry to set off a favorite dress. It is especially gratifying to have unusual flowers for guests to exclaim over. To all good gardeners, tucking into the soil modest brown bulbs, plump with stored food, has a peculiar fascination. There is the anticipation of beauty to come, a period of waiting when one almost forgets what was planted, then the sudden delight of finding your borders and porches jeweled with delicately tinted buds.

*Vallota purpurea*, the Scarborough Lily, will surprise most of your friends. It is a rather hardy South African, growing well in southern gardens, and a striking pot plant in any climate. The large bulbs send up strong flower stalks, often 3 ft. tall, crowned with terminal umbels of salmon-orange flowers. The florets are funnel-shaped, about 3 inches across, resembling those of the much admired *Clivia*. Narrow, basal leaves, generally 2 feet long appear at the same time as the flowering stalk, and die down in early fall. These are a good green and, after the blooming season is over, give a nice variation of texture to the shady border or group of pot plants. Like most shade plants, it thrives in moist soil. *Vallota* is especially good in the filtered shade of trees, mass shrub plantings, and in groups along pools.

Another South African shade lover, even less well known, is the *Schizostylis*, or Kafir Lily. Like *Vallota*, it may be grown outdoors in the warmer climates and is a beautiful pot plant anywhere. The name is from the Greek, meaning to cut and style, in allusion to the thread-like segments of the style. *Schizostylis* belongs to the Iris family. Var. Mrs. Hegerty has clear pink lily-flowers, about 2 inches across, rising to a height of 1 to 2 feet. Narrow, grass-like leaves appear before the flower stalk. This delightful lily should be more in cultivation than it is. The easy propagation is by root stock division in the early spring. After flowering in the fall, the thick, fleshy root stocks should be dried and stored until March. The plants need partial shade and plenty of water during the growing period, to produce their loveliest blooms.

## Plantly Speaking — On the Shady Side

JOHN S. VOSBURG, Hollywood, Calif.

• It may be a rank grower, but it can easily be controlled, and for all its faults, *Ajuga reptans*, Carpet Bugle, is very useful as a carpenter. (If one may use that word, for it grows with its leaf rosettes closely attached to each other.) I have found it very practical here in Southern California even as a ground cover under our Pepper and Eucalyptus trees. Those of you who have had experience, know that these trees rob so much of the soil's good, that growing anything else is a problem.

*Ajuga reptans* increases in much the same manner as the strawberry. It forms deep green, dense mats that will take a lot of abuse. It has two faults, however, easily corrected by running the lawn mower over the area at the right time. One is that the flower stalks may become quite shabby after flowering; the other is that the old foliage matures and turns somewhat brown in the Fall. Mowing in mid-September and removing the old foliage induces fresh young growth that remains evergreen here through the Winter.

The deep blue flowers bloom in long succession on the little mint-like spikes of about six to twelve inches high. There are white-flowered and purple-flowered varieties and variegated forms of this Bugle Weed, as it is still sometimes called. Charming as the flowers are, the foliage is the chief asset. The most demanding requirement is the right amount of water, not an exorbitant supply, but the right amount, keeps that lush appearance that makes it so useful and attractive.

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### ARTICLE VII Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-third vote of the Board of Directors, or by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

#### BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

J. L. BAILY, Chrm.      Jessie A. Poole  
Clarence Hall      E. C. Tyler.

Submitted for Board approval  
Sept. 13, 1942.

## BEGONIA ARTHUR MALLET

Question: I have lost three plants of Begonia Arthur Mallet in the last year. It seems that I can't keep them growing. The florist said "keep them warm and out of a draft" but still they drop their leaves, with not a sign of disease or insects I even use rain water which has given me very satisfactory results with the fifty varieties of other Begonias I am growing but this one, yet, with all the bother, I want to keep this last plant I have of Arthur Mallet; the color is so attractive I have had much help from the Begonian for three years, and look for a little help now—please.

Answer: By Annie C. Robinson. B. Arthur Mallet needs a rest after blooming. We grow it out-of-doors in the summer, and take in indoors for the Winter, but we believe all things need a rest once in awhile, so do not worry when the new leaves are smaller and the old ones turn yellow then drop off. We do not try to stimulate it into new growth until it again shows an urge to grow, giving it only enough water to keep it from drying out. When it starts new growth then give it new soil and more water. It will thank you for the rest and the change by being more beautiful than ever.

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## News Notes From The ABS Library

by E. CROWDER, Moneta, Calif.

• Mrs. Annie C. Robinson has donated an out-of-print and rare pamphlet to the association library. "The Philippine Species of Begonia," by E. D. Merrill, 1911, is a study of fifty-nine varieties of begonias found in the Philippines. Botanical exploration since this pamphlet was published has increased the number of species known to be native to the islands but the student will find an excellent description of the species listed. There are no illustrations with the text.

"How to Grow Tuberous Begonias," by Norvell Gillespie of the Sunset Magazine staff was written especially for the western amateur. It gives tips and information which the more experienced grower might also find useful. Propagation, culture and pests are covered briefly. A good handbook for those who read and run. The booklet is dedicated to THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY. It may be secured through the ABS Library.

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# GOLD & GARDENS

# The San Francisco Fall Flower Show

by HARRY F. O'DONNELL  
San Francisco, Calif.

• Each year the San Francisco Fall Flower Show is held in the Rotunda of the City Hall, Civic Centre, in San Francisco, and is predominantly a Dahlia show.

Last year, the San Francisco Branch of The American Begonia Society, entered this show for the first time and was so well received that it was resolved to double our space for this year.

The Show is over, but the memory lingers on, not only in the hearts of those who participated but in the minds of some thirty thousand who attended the two-day exhibition held September 2nd and 3rd, 1942.

The Begonia exhibit of the S. F. Branch and members was one of the focal points of the show and aroused the comment of not only the public but of the Dahlia Society itself, who sponsored the show. Our exhibit was a table arrangement covering forty square feet of Rex, Fibrous, and potted and cut Tuberos Begonias. This entry took second place in competition with all Garden Clubs.

Grouped about the main exhibit were individual tables of William Moxon, Dr. Mervyn Hirschfeld, Messrs. Wm. Logsdon, Wm. Sharp, Harry F. O'Donnell, Al Stettler, L. Tivoll and Mr. Sheppard with those of Miss M. May, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Allyn and Mrs. B. Scagen. There was also a separated table on Begonia culture. Many First and Second prizes were awarded these individual exhibits. The Show Committee consisting of Oliver Kerlein (Chairman) Miss M. May, Ira Allyn and Wm Sharp with assistants worked hard and assiduously to put on one of the best Begonia arrangement exhibits to be seen in any flower show so far.

Yes, the flower show is over, but the memory lingers on. It crystalized, bloomed and faded away, but will bloom again, we hope, next year, for we believe there is a great message in the beauty of flowers.

# The City of Oakland The Begonia Center Of the STATE?

• The East Bay Branch, Secretary, Mr. Goodnow tells us that the meetings of this Branch are to be held in the greenhouse which was erected last year in the Oakland Lakeside Park especially for the famous Spring Flower Show. This might of necessity be a permanent meeting place since the City Park Department has given the branch leave to house the members' collection of 125 varieties of Begonias in the greenhouse, with perpetual care, at no cost to the Branch members. They are now planning to purchase other varieties of Begonias to add to this collection. Through this very considerable support, the East Bay Branch is hoping to make the City of Oakland the Begonia centre of the State of Calif. We cannot imagine any Branch without envy of this good fortune, but we do wish them all success and happiness, in their ambitious venture.

• It is hoped that the many enthusiastic members of Palomar Branch, including Vista, Escondido and Fallbrook, will evolve some way of keeping in touch with each other while working for victory. Organizations of this kind are particularly valuable and so much that is beneficial can be accomplished together in the spirit of gardening that is difficult to achieve individually.

• Question: How should I care for Tuberos Begonias after they are finished blooming?

Answer by Frank Reinelt: Either where space is needed before the Begonias have finished their growing season or in cold regions were danger of freezing is prevalent, the plants may be lifted with a large clump of soil, the foliage stripped from the stems and then placed in a cool dry place where they will slowly ripen. When the stems have fallen away and the soil has become thoroughly dry they can be shaken out of the dirt and stored away. In that manner the tubers will not suffer any setback.

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# Inglewood Branch To Be Honored With Talk By The National President

• The Inglewood Branch of the ABS will celebrate its Fourth Anniversary at the October meeting. They are to have as speaker on this occasion, the President of the American Begonia Society, Mr. Ferd Neels, who will speak on the care of Tuberous Begonias at this time, looking forward to next year's display.

After the business and speaker's hour, the ladies will serve light refreshments in honor of the occasion.

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## TO ALL SECRETARIES AND PRESIDENTS OF AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY BRANCHES

• Please begin to call for 1943 subscriptions at each meeting and any other opportunity which may present itself. The Holidays will be very busy, extra work on all sides may be averted by being forehanded. Members everywhere, won't you please cooperate? This is asked of you by Mrs. Harry Harker, Membership Chairman.

New subscribers to The Begonian have to go short of May and April issues, therefore, some of them may prefer to pay ten cents for each of the remaining months of 1942 and send 1943 subscription along with that. On the other hand, the lack of these two issues detracts not a whit from the abundant value in the remaining issues for \$1.00.

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• We respectfully remind EVERYONE that money for dues, renewals, cultural Bulletins, correction of addresses, or failure to receive the Begonian and anything pertaining to membership should be addressed to Mrs. Harker. See first page.

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• Due to unavoidable lack of space, the third installment of "Lathhouse Construction" by Alfred D. Robinson will be published in the next issue with more to follow. — Editor.

# Branch News

Riverside Branch will meet at the home of Mrs. C. S. May, First and Mulberry, Riverside, with Mesdames Gall and Mansperger as co-hostesses. Each month the program will include the study of a shade-loving plant. Cyclamen will be the subject this month. A group of plants is purchased then resold to members to boost the finances.

**Hollywood Branch.** The September meeting was so interesting that it has been requested Mr. H. Britton-Logan be asked to return to continue the talk on Fertilizer substitutes and follow through to fertilization of divers potted plants. Mr. Harold Hart brought a wonderful array of giant fancy-leaved Caladiums, some of which Mrs. Hazel Drummond fashioned into very beautiful arrangements for the home. Mr. Hart told about his pet hobby of Caladium culture, in which he seems to excel anyone we know of. Both these fine speakers will appear in print in The Begonian soon, that everyone may read what they have to say. A treat is in store for everyone who attends the October meeting. Mr. Lovell Swisher, famous flower fancier and producer of some of the finest in the horticultural field. His subject will be: "Epidendrons and Other Exotics."

**The Herbert P. Dyckman Branch** proudly advises us that the Dinner and Plant Sale held in August netted them the sum of \$34.73 which they turned over to the War Relief Station.

**The San Gabriel Valley Branch** is resuming evening meetings with the setting of the third Friday evening of the month as time in which most of the members can be present. The place will remain the American Legion Hall.

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**Need we remind everyone who lives near enough to attend the Annual Meeting of The American Begonia Society in Glendale on November 7th, 1942, that it will be a particularly worth-while day, and we ask you to make plans as well as reservations in good time, that no one be unduly rushed—these very busy days.**

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• Branch members able to report Speaker's talk high lights—please send to Editor.

# INGLEWOOD BRANCH OF THE ABS EXHIBITS AT SHOW

by A MEMBER

ON a moment's notice, under the able supervision of Chairman Schmidt, the members of the Begonia Society arranged a beautiful courtesy display of Begonias at the Eleventh Annual Show presented by the Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society.

With the American Flag in the background, Mr. Neels, member of the Inglewood Branch and National President, assisted by the entire committee, built a large "V" of Begonias with the National trophy placed in the center of the display. The Tuberous Begonias filled the center while the Rex Begonias formed the "V" with the fibrous Begonias in the background. This display was worked out on steps built against thirty feet of wall space. Above the exhibit was placed the large Staghorn Fern, *Platycerium Grande*, of Mr. George McDowell.

The plants were so arranged as to give the members the opportunity to enter their plants as specimen or group exhibits under Division III, BEGONIA SECTION of the show.

Two independent exhibits of Begonias were placed in the show by members of the Society. Messrs. Minehart and Marshall exhibited their gorgeous fibrous begonias, while Mr. Toms exhibited a large table of his Rex Begonias. There were many begonias placed in the Centinella Garden Club display.

The award for the most artistic exhibit of begonias went to the Inglewood Branch of the ABS, with second ribbon going to Messrs. Minehart and Marshall. Many of the members were proud possessors of plants with first and second ribbons on them. The Sweepstakes ribbon, for the most points won by any one exhibitor was given to the Chairman, Mr. Schmidt, to be awarded to that lucky member at the next meeting, at which time the Certificates of Award of the American Begonia Society will also be presented.

The judges of the show for the Begonia Section were Mrs. Lucy Graham, Mrs. Rose Hescocock, and Mr. George McDowell. Many new friends were made for the Society, through this very successful show.

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• How splendid that we do not all like the same things! Yet there are several fundamental things that we should ALL enjoy, such as—let us say—music, flowers, including all forms of color; babies, fine animals, all beautiful products of nature or man or the Almighty. In visiting flower shows one is enthused anew by the eager and appreciative crowds who mill into grounds and buildings embellished with the best flowers of the day; stand in line patiently and suffer discomforts gladly, in order to see what is now being produced in the flower and vegetable kingdom. A great satisfaction is thus imparted to the majority of onlookers and participators.

Arriving home from such a show it is strangely shocking to receive letters from two far apart hobbyists who declare they have utterly failed to arouse interest in flowers in their respective communities, in fact, one is decided to sell her pet collection of lovely plants in order to go forward by raising—PIGS. Let us wish this one fame, and fortune, too, that ultimately will revert to production of flowers so lovely, that her original dream will be fulfilled. By then, that community may be ready to go forward also.

The wheels must go round and round, preferably forwards, or they rust. Not so? Who says it does not depend on us to keep them turning?

The Editor

• Much may be gleaned by reading the advertisements in this bulletin.

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Begonia Duchess of Windsor is fine for baskets if pinched to induce bushiness. The flowers are so abundant that young plants headed back several times look like a Christmas Begonia. The flower clusters hang in a drooping fashion as in the Coccinea (rubra) with a strong resemblance to the same Begonia. B. Duchess of Windsor (semperflorens x Coccinea var. Pink rubra) was named in honor of and by permission of Her Grace the Duchess of Windsor.

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# Meeting Dates and Speakers

It would be much appreciated if the Secretaries of the Branches would send meeting data to reach the Editor **NOT LATER THAN THE TENTH OF THE MONTH.**

**Note:** The American Begonia Society Board will meet Sunday, Oct. 10th, 2 p.m., at Auditorium Jim Dandy Market, Crenshaw Blvd. and 84th Place, Inglewood, Calif.

## ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

Thursday, October 1st  
College Hall, Santa Ana J. C.  
917 N. Maine St., Santa Ana, Calif.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Secy.

## INGLEWOOD BRANCH

Friday, October 2nd, 8:00 p.m.  
Auditorium Jim Dandy Market  
Crenshaw Blvd. and 84th Place  
Inglewood, Calif.  
Mrs. R. R. White, Secretary  
937 Harding Ave., Venice, Calif.  
Speaker: Ferd P. Neels

## BELLFLOWER BRANCH

Tuesday, October 6th, 8:00 p.m.  
Rumpus Room in rear of 950 Maple St.  
Bellflower, Calif.  
Mrs. L. D. Thalheimer, Secy.-Treas.,  
222 S. Woodruff St., Bellflower, Calif.

## SANTA BARBARA BRANCH

Tuesday, October 6th  
Mrs. Thelma Sommerfield, Secy.,  
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## THEODOSIA BURR SHEPHERD BRANCH

Tuesday, October 6th  
American Legion Hall,  
North California St., Ventura, Calif.  
Mrs. Olive Hamilton, Secy.-Treas.,  
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## RIVERSIDE BRANCH

Tuesday, October 6th  
Home of Mrs. C. S. May,  
First Street & Mulberry, Riverside, Calif.  
Mrs. Harriet E. Meyer, Secy.-Treas.,  
4219 Sunnyside Dr., Riverside, Calif.

## SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

Wednesday, October 7th, 8:00 p.m.  
1060 Francisco St.,  
Harry F. O'Donnell, Secy.-Treas.,  
1575 31st Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

## DOMINGUEZ BRANCH

Wednesday, October 7th  
Dominguez Community Church,  
21503 Prospect at Adams  
Mrs. R. L. Warren, Secy.  
21718 So. Alameda, Long Beach

## HERBERT DYCKMAN BRANCH

Friday, October 9th  
Home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Ailman,  
4404 Greenbrier Rd., Lakewood Village, Calif.  
Mrs. Charlotte Sisson, Secy.-Treas.  
6025 Gundry Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

## NEW ENGLAND BRANCH

Sunday, October 11th, 2:30 p.m.  
Mrs. B. W. Skinner, Secy.-Treas.,  
54 Essex St., Lynnfield Centre, Mass.

## SAN DIEGO BRANCH

Monday, October 12th, 7:30 p.m.  
4037 39th Street, San Diego  
Mrs. Edwin F. Barker, Secy.-Treas.,  
4561 El Cerrito Dr., San Diego, Calif.

## EAST BAY BRANCH

Monday, October 12th, 8:00 p.m.  
Greenhouse, Lakeside Park  
Dick G. Goodnow, Secy.-Treas.,  
2116 Derby Street, Berkeley, Calif.

## NORTH LONG BEACH BRANCH

Monday, October 12th, 7:30 p.m.  
5660 Atlantic Blvd., Long Beach, Calif.  
Mrs. H. A. Cuyler, Secy.-Treas.  
5676 Olive Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

## PASADENA BRANCH

Tuesday, October 13th, 7:30 p.m.  
Pasadena Library, Walnut and Garfield  
Samuel R. Works, Secy.,  
71 N. San Gabriel, Pasadena, Calif.

## PHILOBEGONIA CLUB BRANCH

Wednesday, October 14th, 10:00 a.m.  
Mrs. Albert H. Gere, Secy.-Treas.,  
362 Brokway Merion, Pa.

## HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

Wednesday, October 14th, 7:30 p.m.  
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Mrs. Helen Ehret, Secy.,  
7507 Lexington Ave., Hollywood, Calif.  
Speaker: Lovell Swisher  
Subject: Epidendrons

## LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

Wednesday, October 14th, 7:30 p.m.  
Odd Fellows Temple  
728 Elm, Long Beach, Calif.  
Mrs. Ethel G. Arubuckle, Secy.-Treas.,  
5932 Seville Ave., Huntington Park, Calif.

## VICTORY BRANCH

Thursday, October 15th  
11228 Atlantic Ave.  
Mrs. Clara Moore, Secy.-Treas.,  
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## SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH

Friday, October 16th, 7:30 p.m.  
American Legion Hall, 716 N. 1st Ave., Arcadia  
Mrs. N. H. Powell, Secretary  
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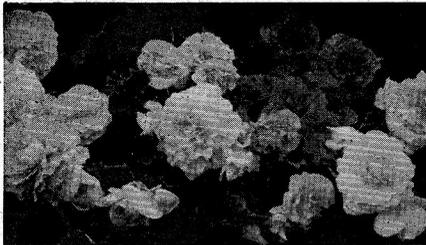
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