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## Sidewalk Tuberos Begonia Lane

● By way of a few words of greeting this month, what better motto could I choose than "Where there's a will there's a way?" Not just a makeshift way, mind you, but a planned and well considered way.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Cochrun of Ventura, California—wanted to grow Tuberos Begonias but they had no available space since they live in an apartment house built up to the sidewalk with just a nice entrance garden in front facing the hot West—so they figured a smart way about.

The rear of the apartment house had

By THE EDITOR MARIA WILKES  
Los Angeles, Calif.

the usual sidewalk two and a half feet from the rear wall. The usual fire escape steps to the second story and the usual refuse outlets are all there (though not in evidence) but here's the difference.

A quick-growing hedge was planted on the edge of the very near property line and this is kept well trimmed but allowed to reach up well over six feet in height. Can you visualize the shade and protection this hedge throws on the East

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O. A. Cochrun,  
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side of the wall in the morning? The Cochruns then planted a Boxwood hedge on the house side of the alley sidewalk to hide the trestle on which a wide, deep and strong box was built with uprights going on up about seven feet in the air to hold aloft a muslin canopy to shield the plants in the box from the heat of the noon sun. You can see this canopy in the accompanying picture of the "Begonia Lane" if I tell you of it, but you might not realize it is there if you were not told. I also know that this same canopy reaching down on the south hides the lovely sight of the excellent Tuberosus Begonia hanging baskets beyond, of which more anon.

As many Tuberosus Begonias were

planted in this wide box as could be placed nicely, with some in pots at the back on an elevated shelf. Then they studied how to take very good care of them. It was a lot more than the usual trouble for these nice people to attain their desired Tuberosus Begonia garden, therefore they decided it would pay to do the best they could by it, and the results are surprising, to say the least. The photograph does not begin to do the plants justice, it is being shown to give proof of what may be done—if you want—what you want—and are willing to make way for it.

This picture does not show the size of the enormous plants nor the flowers  
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## Branch News

**Alfred D. Robinson Branch:** We hear indirectly, that Mr. Wm. Ross, of Glendale is to be the speaker at the last meeting to be held at Rosecroft, by this group. After this, the famous place will have passed into a hallowed place in the memory of all good Begonia growers.

**Hollywood Branch:** At the regular meeting this group is planning to hold an intimate show of Begonias in September, at the same time holding the contest for the Tuberous Begonias. Dr. W. O. Drummond will be in charge with a committee who will display the plants to the best advantage.

Miss Charlotte M. Hoak, very well known Horticulturist, Editor, Teacher, writer, will speak on Begonias. Everyone will be sure to enjoy hearing Miss Hoak, as she never fails to bring an endless fund of interesting facts to her audiences. The meeting and show are open and free to all.

The August meeting was truly a gala affair. The attendance was unexpectedly good and the plant sale was big enough to satisfy most of them. The proceeds of this sale were donated to the National Begonia Society for the Annual Convention Fund. The members of the Board of the A. B. S. were there from far and wide. Mr. J. L. Baily, National President, was given the gavel for part of the meeting. Each member of the Board had a special message for the group. One and all enjoyed the splendid talk on Hybridizing for better blooms given by Mr. Clarence Mets of Ventura. He illustrated his talk with live specimen of flowers, both of his special pets (Tuberous Begonias and Petunias) being uppermost as illustrative material. One of the members, Mr. J. C. Muller and his mother, Mrs. Margaret W. Muller donated one hundred special plastic "Perfect" labels for the Alfred D. Robinson Memorial, and they were instrumental in obtaining a gift of another hundred labels from the manufacturers, Howard Hammett Co., Hartford, Conn. Those of us who have used these labels know how "perfect" they are. Dr. Lauder was very happy to receive them. He reported that 45 plants were brought to the Memorial on the day of the recent picnic.

Mrs. W. C. Drummond, gifted President of the Hollywood Branch finished a very fine evening by showing the procedure in the making of corsages, using particularly lovely Tuberous Begonias

which were presented to Mrs. J. L. Baily and Mrs. Clarence Hall. Of course, the refreshments should have been served from the very sumptuous party table Mrs. Drummond had arranged using Tuberous Begonias and white Bouvardia, but since the party was rather large, other serving tables were pressed into service. These visitations by the National Board are occasions not to be missed.

**Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch:** This Branch cancelled its usual annual Flower Show in order to support the Victory Garden Fair, and many of its members did a great deal to make the Fair the tremendous success it was. Some three thousand people visited the three day exhibits in the Junior College Gymnasium. This, according to Mr. Clarence Hall, our President elect, and one of the Chairmen of the Fair, was quite gratifying, considering the restraint placed on travel facilities. Of course, Begonias and their shade companions were shown with great pride. Mr. Frank Reinelt sent some very beautiful Begonia blossoms from Capitola. The long list of workers who put this First Victory Garden Fair reads like a "Who's Who" in the world of Garden Clubs, Women's Clubs and Community Welfare as well as Educational and Business Circles of the County. We regret not being able to see this splendid Fair. Our admiration is sincere for those who find time to do such fine things, considering the many extra duties everyone is carrying.

**Bellflower Branch:** This Branch has been very busy. Four new members this month with 44 now on their books. That sounds like a fine group. On August the third they held their Tuberous Begonia Contest, and Mr. Reinelt will be notified that Ruth Robinson took all honors with some of his very own tubers, which "looked like pictures." Congratulations. On August 8th, they met at the home of Mrs. Anna Hallers' home for a covered-dish supper, after a most interesting tour of gardens.

Their next meeting will be held on September 7th, at the home of Dr. Ruby Otoupalik, 452 Faywood Street, Bellflower.

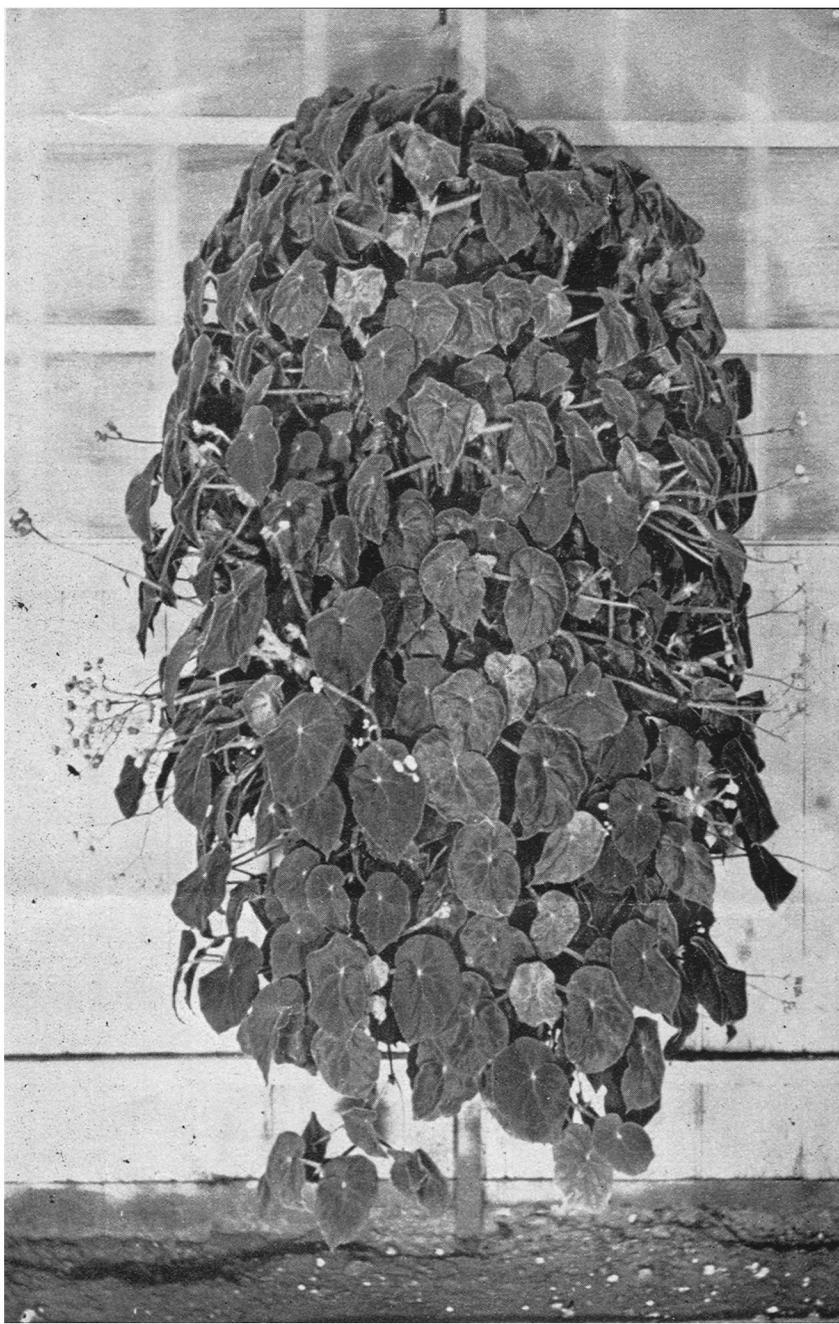
**Riverside Branch:** The September 7th meeting of this group will be held at the home of Mrs. Jessie Topham, 4620 Arlington Ave., Riverside, Calif. A pot-luck

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• Since many are the questions asked about the *Begonia scharffiana* shown in the sun-room of the Nelson home pictured in June, 1943 *Begonian*, the Editor asked Mr. Nelson to take a special picture of this fine plant and give us a little detail as to the treatment of it, so that others might be inspired to go and do likewise. This picture, taken on July 28th, 1943 was the result and the few words from Mr. Nelson will tell how

simple the procedure has been.—The Editor.

• I purchased *Begonia scharffiana* as a small plant in the Summer of 1937, and repotted it in a 12-inch clay hanging basket about 1939 and have not repotted it since. It would be a tremendous task to do that now, as it measures 78 inches from the top leaf to the bottom leaf, with a spread of 57 inches including ex-  
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# National Board Meeting

By C. H. LAUDER, M. D.  
Arcadia, Calif.

• The National Board Meeting of the American Begonia Society was held at the usual place on the evening of August 9th, 1943. Glendale, Hollywood, Inglewood, Long Beach, San Diego and San Gabriel were represented.

Mr. Hall, president elect, presided in the absence of Mr. Baily who was busy attending another meeting. (If it wasn't Begonias it must have been Orchids.)

The reports from the Treasurer, Editor, Librarian, and the Membership secretary and the seed fund chairman were given and approved. New memberships are being received in good numbers and from distant areas such as New York, Washington, D. C., Wisconsin and Ohio. The treasury showed a larger balance at this time than last year.

The Public Relation director reported some new branches in the offing. Some of the other branches showed rejuvenation.

A printed list of the Begonias at the Robinson Memorial which had been corrected by our Nomenclature Chairman, Mrs. Krauss, was handed out to those who were present. A number of new plants have been added to the collection since this list was compiled.

Mr. Nelson, president of the society of San Gabriel Branch reported that the plans for the 1943 Convention were nearly complete and that a number of cash prizes in addition to ribbons would be awarded. There was a discussion regarding a grand prize to be offered by the National Society, to be given annually beginning in 1944.

A discussion regarding advertising of the Begonia Society in other garden magazines occupied considerable time. It was decided to let the rest of the flower lovers over the United States know the enjoyment of belonging to our organization. There was further discussion of sending Begonia seeds to all new members on payment of their membership fee to the Society.

Mrs. Woods, Nomenclature Chairman, of the Rex Begonia Division and Mr. and Mrs. Eaker were present. Mr. Eaker is president of the San Diego Branch.

We have dinner at Clark Hotel.

# 11th Annual Meeting Of the ABS

By R. N. WEAVER  
Convention Chairman, Glendora, Calif.

• We are all looking forward to the Annual Convention to be held in the Civic Auditorium, 630 So. Tyler Ave., El Monte, California on October 2nd, 1943. Our Convention Chairmen announce that all arrangements are complete and we anticipate a most successful and interesting time. We are more than grateful for the splendid cooperation we are receiving from the various Branches. While funds have not been solicited, we have been and are pleased to accept the donations sent to us, and we shall endeavour to use the money wisely for the benefit of all.

We would appreciate receiving your reservation for the Banquet not later than Sept. 15th., which will facilitate matters for the harassed Banquet Committee. The evening banquet at 6:30 o'clock will be well worth the price of \$1.25.

Our Program Chairman, Mr. A. E. Nelson, has secured four very fine speakers for this occasion. Mr. Roy Berry will speak on "Miniature Rex Begonias," Mrs. E. M. Fewkes on "Fibrous Begonias," Mr. Frank Reinelt on "Tuberous Begonias" and Mr. Art Longmeier on Exotic and other shade-loving plants. Questions and a round-table discussion will follow the speakers.

Information regarding the Begonia Show will appear elsewhere in this issue of The Begonian. Mr. J. L. Baily, our National President, will open the business meeting at 2 p. m. All members are requested to be present, as many important matters will come before the meeting. Our Banquet Chairman, Mrs. Davis of El Monte, has informed us that the El Monte Woman's Club will furnish sandwiches and coffee during the lunch hour for a nominal charge. Please make your reservations for this and the banquet as soon as possible through your local Branch or by mail to our ticket Chairman, Mr. Ralph C. Davis, 1023 Ferris Road, El Monte, Calif., or R. N. Weaver, 234 N. Michigan Ave., Glendora, Calif.

Out of County members and guests who wish to remain overnight, please contact Mr. Dan B. White of 404 E. Foothill Blvd., Azusa, Calif., and make reservations as soon as possible.

# Neely Gaddis

By ALICE M. CLARK  
San Diego, Calif.

• Neely Gaddis is but one of the products of our honorary director Eva Kenworthy Gray, whose master-hand has given us so many excellent new Begonia varieties. Named for a cousin of Mrs. Gray, it made its bow around 1925 so it has had time to prove its reliability and ranks as an outstanding plant of the fibrous type.

At the very first glance, the pure white flowers, its most distinctive feature, make a universal appeal. It is the bride of the hairy group, even as *nitida*, variety *odorata alba*, holds the same place among the smooth-leaf fibrous. The all-white hairs that pucker the large blossoms, (single petals are over an inch wide,) give a halo effect to the cluster and make the bright, gold centers seem veiled in modesty. The flower stalk is about the same length as Pink Neely Gaddis, a branch of which was shown in our April magazine. It is twelve or more inches long, although not apparent in the drawing, quite hairy and a bit lighter shade of red than its pink sister.

The flower clusters and individual blooms of the two are almost identical in size, although I am inclined to think that the bloom stalk of Mrs. Gray's plant is more upright. Both have the characteristic auxiliary leaf in the axil of the flower panicle. It seems as though these white flowers are more puffed and puckered than any others, closely resembling giant popcorn, an illusion furthered by the orange stamen.

The leaves of the plant in the sketch are six to eight inches long and look smoother and flatter than those of Pink Neely Gaddis, which has a few drawstrings near the center, causing it to be somewhat wrinkled and cupped.

The leaf color of Neely Gaddis is a deep gray-green on top, with less yellow in it than Miss Bower's plant. The red beneath seems a trifle darker, too. These distinctions are based on plants grown under different conditions, so they may not be correct. I had the misfortune to lose my pet plant of Neely Gaddis and a new small one also "upped and died," (page Mr. Neels,) so my drawing was made from a beautiful specimen borrowed from a member of the A. D. R. Branch. It would appear that the variety is a bit brittle as a lovely long branch broke right off in my hand! Of course,



## NEELY GADDIS

MY plants bend without breaking—conditions in gardens vary so! Well, perhaps my friend will forgive me if I give her a cutting of the pink relative. There was another fine branch which should come up on the lower right side of the drawing which, time being what it is today, had to suffer an eclipse, so our sketch is rather unbalanced.

As far as I have been able to judge, Neely Gaddis, like its parent, *Viaude*, does not grow as tall as Pink Neely Gaddis. The latter has completely outgrown its pot since March and has another thick shoot ready to go.

The Neely Gaddis sisters seldom have any female blooms, which are insignificant when they do. On the contrary, *Viaude*, sitting before me, makes a beautiful showing with three large clusters of seed-bearing flowers, like pear blossoms with their five even petals. That shows why *Viaude* has been so successfully used as a parent.

Mrs. Barry who owns the subject of my sketch, says it has been in bloom under her pepper tree almost continuously, except for five or six weeks of rest. Neely Gaddis must be a favorite the country over as it rated in both of the Round Robin popularity contests  
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# War-Time Influences On Begonia Growing As Observed In Southern California In March

by HELEN K. KRAUSS  
Chairman Nomenclature Fibrous Div.  
Wynnewood, Penna.

(Editor's note: Before resuming with the second part of this report, we would like to refer you back to the end of the first part in the August issue, and insert herein the sentence we had to omit for lack of space, with reference to Mr. Roy Berry's development of *Begonias*, in Torrance, Calif.)

**A**NOTHER new *Begonia* of easy culture, brighter in color and more erect in habit than its counterpart, *B. Illustrata*, is a seedling of this and *B. imperialis*. This *Begonia* was originally reported as a seedling of *Speculata* and *imperialis* maculata due to confusion in nomenclature.

In the Los Angeles area we visited the gardens of some of the officers and directors of the *Begonia* Society. The first of these was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Neels where *Begonia octopetala*, two varieties of *micanthera*, *pieta* and *Martiana* tubers had recently been set out. There was a fine specimen of a species known as No. 13 at the New York Botanic Gardens. A true *Marjorie Daw* was growing well on a trellis against a shaded wall of the house. It should be pointed out that the true *Marjorie Daw* has bright red flowers and the leaves are narrower and darker than the pink flowering type which is so frequently sold under that name.

Dr. C. H. Lauder's exotic garden is intriguing. He has only recently become a *Begonia* devotee and is eagerly collecting representatives of that family for the Alfred D. Ronson Memorial. His efforts in behalf of the Memorial are having a telling effect on his choice of new subjects for his private garden which are gradually replacing some of his former pets. A coccinea variety against a lathhouse wall had reached the top of the house and would be considered a specimen anywhere, but when we strolled out to gaze upon his pet *Sapote* tree of enormous size we discovered that we had seen only about one third of the coccinea as most of it had grown through the lath and over the roof.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nelson's glass enclosed terrace and glass protected pergola were well described in the June issue of the *Begonian*. However, we should like to add that the magnificent specimen of *scharffiana* on the terrace (over six feet in height and about three feet or so across) would be an admir-

able companion to the specimen baskets of *foliosa*, *glabra*, *glaucophylla*, *Mme. Fanny Giron*, *sanguinea* and what is generally known as *Alba scandens* suspended from the glass roof of the N. Y. Botanic Gardens.

The gardens of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Flaitz in Ojai are a source of inspiration to any visitor. Mrs. Flaitz is an ardent hybridizer and has developed some magnificent *Rexes*. Ojai and Verna are unusually beautiful in color and form and appear to curl and spiral endlessly. *Tom Gullifer*, *Payette* and *Hunter*, large leaved types, are not as curled but unique in form and most desirable. *Pewter* has the color of new, shiny pewter with dark green veins and has departed from the oblique leaved characteristic of the family by growing two loose curls, curling toward the leaf stem. It suggests a meticulously combed head of hair with a straight part through the center and a single curl on either side curling toward the part.

An opportune circumstance made it possible to drive forty miles over the mountains to Santa Barbara. Getting by the rock slides which obstructed half the road in a number of places was a harrowing experience for one accustomed to the gentle slopes of the East. We suppressed our fears and thought only of what beauty may be awaiting us and we were amply rewarded. At Mr. Rudolph Ziesenhenné's Nursery we found a *Begonia* collection being kept intact for the duration with a minimum of care due to full time occupation in defense work. There were some startlingly beautiful *Calla Lily Begonias* with brilliant red flowers which are far larger and more robust than those we have been familiar with. These are reported to be seedlings developed by Mrs. Elsie Frey. There were also some fine specimens of *Beg. Elsie Frey*, named for the developer, which is the offspring of *B. baumanni* and *glaucophylla*. It was illustrated and described by Mr. Ziesenhenné in the March, 1941, issue of *The Begonian*.

In Mrs. Frey's garden we saw a gem of a miniature, developed by her, named "Little Jewel *Calla*." It is a seedling of *Bijou de Jardin* and *Calla Lily*. Verna



**B. CRESTABRUCHI**

By Helen K. Krauss

type of semperflorens. Although small in size it is sturdy and compact. The white of the Calla Lily has been transmitted to the seedling which appears to remain white even in strong sunlight. The flowers are double red like those of Bijou de jardin. In one part of the garden, against the wall of the house was a twelve-foot luxurians, the large leaves of which suggested the fronds of a palm tree. There was also a fine specimen of involucrata in bud. The flowers of the latter Begonia, when seen in bloom at the New York Botanic Gardens, suggested a brooch of sunburst design studded with pearls with a large pearl accenting the ends of each ray.

Our exuberance reached a climax when we were escorted to a secluded

niche by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lewis, in the Lewis Begonia Gardens at Rivera. Mr. Lewis has developed many Rexes of unusual colors of oriental tones, notably Cairo, which suggests the mellow tones of the once brilliant colors of an oriental rug. His recent effort in crossing a Rex with one of the Dregei or Macbethi tribe has produced the most brilliant Rexes of riotous colors yet seen. The triangular leaf cuttings from the first year's growth looked like a myriad of tropical butterflies hovering over the propagating bed. Three full grown, two-year-old specimens growing in baskets hung on a side wall shall be described in a separate article. Heretofore, Rex Glory of St. Albans stood alone for

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# Fifth National Begonia Show

OF THE

## American Begonia Society

El Monte, California

October 2, 1943

### Schedule of Classes

By G. G. LAWRENCE, Ch.

#### DIVISION A — FIBROUS ROOTED BEGONIAS

##### Class

1. Bedding or Semperflorens; such as Gustav Lind (Westport Beauty), Carmen, Christmas Pink.
2. Tall Growing or Tree form; such as Lucerna (Corallina Delucerna), Coccinea Red (Rubra Red), Floribunda (Multiflora) Rosea.
3. Intermediate Growth; such as Preussen, Lady Waterlow (Digs-welliana), Medora.
4. Low Growing Branching Type; such as Arthur Mallet, nitida, foliosa.
5. Climbing or Scandent when grown upright; such as Marjorie Daw, glabra, glaucophylla (See Division "E" for Hanging Baskets).
6. Semi-Tuberous Types; such as Dregei, Macbethi, Parvifolia.
7. New Seedlings (See Rule No. 3).

#### DIVISION B — RHIZOMATOUS — THICK STEM OR PROCUM- BENT BEGONIAS

##### Class

8. "Star" types; such as Sunderbruchi, nigricans, Ricinifolia.
9. Helix or Spiral and Crested; such as Bunchi, Feasti Helix, manicata crispa.
10. Other Rhizomatous types; such as manicata, Feasti, manicata aureo-maculata.
11. New Seedlings (See Rule No. 3).

#### DIVISION C — RHIZOMATOUS — REX BEGONIAS

12. Large or Medium Leaves; such as magnifica, Rajah, Black Knight.
13. Small Leaves; such as imperialis, imperialis smaragdina, Illustrata.
14. Helix or Spiralled; such as Countess Louise Erdody, Bronze King, Curly Closson.
15. Discolor or Branching; such as Van-Ex, Mrs. Moon, Abel Carriere.
16. New Seedlings (See Rule No. 3).

#### DIVISION D—TUBEROUS ROOTED BEGONIAS

##### Class

17. Hybrids; such as Single type, Double Camellia type, fimbriata plena type.
18. Species; such as pearcei, evansiana, Martiana.
19. New Seedlings (See Rule 3).

#### DIVISION E — HANGING BASKET BEGONIAS

##### Class

20. Tuberous types.
21. All other types.
22. New Seedlings (See Rule No. 3).

#### DIVISION F — ODD OR RARE BEGONIAS

##### Class

23. All; such as gogoensis, Calla Lily, dichroa.

#### DIVISION G — CUT BLOOMS AND FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

##### Class

24. Cut Tuberous Begonia Blooms. No Greenery Permitted.
25. Flower Arrangements, using Begonia blooms and Begonia foliage only, accessories permitted (See Rule No. 4).

### Schedule of Premiums

Ribbons will be given for first, second, third and special in each class; for the best Begonia in each division and in the show.

War Savings Stamps will be awarded as follows:

\$5.00 for the best Begonia in the show, to be selected from the best Begonia in each division.

\$5.00 for the best Begonia in each division.

\$3.00 for the second best Begonia in each division.

\$2.00 for the third best Begonia in each division.

Ten dollars (\$10.00) in cash will be given for the best new seedlings (other than tuberous) in the show, provided the plant is donated to the Alfred D. Robinson Memorial.

Five dollars (\$5.00) in cash will be given for the second best new seedling (other than tuberous) in the show, provided the plant is donated to the Alfred D. Robinson Memorial.

American Begonia Society Certificates will be awarded for meritorious plants.

The Gonda Hartwell Challenge Cup will be awarded for the best Rex Begonia in the show. This is a perpetual cup and will be retained by the winner until two weeks before the next show, at which time it will be returned to the President of the American Begonia Society.

A Sweepstakes Cup will be awarded to the individual winning the most points in the show, based on the following:

- 3 points for each first place
- 2 points for each second place
- 1 point for each third place.

A Sweepstakes Cup will be awarded to the Branch whose members win the most points in the show, based on the above point system. The San Gabriel Valley Branch, as host club, will not be eligible.

### Rules and Regulations

1. There will be no entry fee.
2. All Begonias must have been grown by the exhibitor, for at least three months prior to the show.
3. Entries in new seedling classes — The cross must have been made by the exhibitor, the names of both parents must be given, and the plant must not have been placed on the market.
4. Begonias used in Flower Arrangements (Class 25) need not be grown by the exhibitors.
5. Members of the American Begonia Society, other than those who propagate, grow or sell plants for profit, may make as many entries as desired.
6. All entries must be made according to schedule, by class.
7. All entries must be in place ready for judging by 11:00 a.m. on October 2, 1943. Entries received after 11:00 a.m. will not be judged, but may be exhibited with the entry card marked "Not in Competition."

8. All exhibitors will report to the show headquarters and make out an entry card for each exhibit, which will be placed in a sealed envelope at the time of placing the exhibit, allowing same to remain sealed until after the judging. No other card or label will be permitted.

9. Botanical name, common name, and variety of each Begonia should be given if possible. Errors in naming will not disqualify, but the judges will recognize correctness of naming as telling in favor of an exhibit in a close competition.

10. Premiums will not be awarded unless the exhibit is considered sufficiently meritorious by the judges.

11. The decision of the judges shall be final.

12. No exhibit shall be removed until the close of the banquet.

13. All entries must be removed after the banquet on October 2, 1943.

14. All exhibits are, from the commencement to the close of the show, in charge of the exhibition committee.

15. While the committee will exercise due caution and care in safeguarding exhibits, it can not assume responsibility for injury or loss.

16. Each person who becomes an exhibitor thereby agrees to conform to such rules and regulations as the exhibition committee may make or authorize.

The following point system of judging, which is the standard method adopted by the American Begonia Society for awarding of the American Begonia Society Certificates of Merit, will be used in judging all entries.

### Point System of Judging Begonias

#### Fibrous Begonia Specimen

Cultural perfection	50
Foliage	15
Difficulty of cultivation	15
Quantity and quality of flowers	15
Correct labeling	5
Total	<u>100</u>

#### Specimen Rex Begonia

Cultural perfection	50
Form	15
Distinctiveness	15
Size of plant	10
Rarity	10
Total	<u>100</u>

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### Tuberous Begonia Specimen Plants

Number and size of bloom in proportion to size of plant	40
Distinctness and clearness of color	15
Healthy foliage	15
Erect flowering stem	15
Quality of flower	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>
In double varieties, even formations of flowers (center individual)	10

### Displays of Cut Begonia Flowers

Staging and arrangement	25
Color effect	20
Cultural perfection	30
Quality and suitability of accessories	
Quality and suitability of accessories	20
Correct labeling	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

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## First Alfred D. Robinson Memorial Picnic A Success

By CHARLOTTE M. HOAK,  
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Pasadena, Calif.

• On Sunday, July 18th, a picnic for all the Begonia Branches was held in Lincoln Park, Los Angeles, Calif. In spite of distances and difficulties entailed by tire and gas rationing, eight Branches were represented. We wrote cards for eighty-one and then stopped. Somebody said there were one hundred and twenty-five present. The Long Beach Parent Branch, Glendale, Pasadena, Riverside, San Gabriel, Hollywood, Ventura and Herbert Dyckman Branches were represented. The Conservatory was open from ten until four o'clock so that everybody had a chance to look at the Begonias.

Long Beach brought a substantial contribution of plants, Ventura presented a specimen plant and individual members of different branches brought their donation.

Shortly after noon we all assembled around the picnic tables, and, spreading our lunches, enjoyed a social hour for renewal of old acquaintances and the forming of new ties.

Music was furnished by our youngest Begonian, the gifted little grandson of Samuel Works of Pasadena, who played his accordion, displaying talent and remarkable poise for one so young.

After the luncheon hour we listened to a very instructive talk by J. Paul Walker, an instructor in the Long Beach High School and a past President of the Long Beach Parent Branch. He outlined and traced the American Begonia Society from its small beginnings to its present status. There were enough officers of the National Society along with Presidents to make a fine group picture.

Later the group went to the Conservatory where the Alfred D. Robinson Memorial Exhibit is housed to enjoy the Begonias and plan future constructive work. Meetings such as this are infinitely worth while. Not only are we keeping the memory of a great Begonian alive, but in a time of great stress we are working unitedly on a great hobby which will bolster our spiritual morale. Let's have another get-together with more Branches represented.

## BRANCH NEWS

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supper will be "in order" to celebrate the second Birthday of the Club. It will also be a farewell party for Mrs. Purcell Gall, who is leaving for San Francisco. She will be greatly missed for she has been one of the most active members.

**San Francisco Branch:** The Dahlia Society of California; The Rose, Fuchsia and S. F. Begonia Societies will combine efforts in staging the annual Flower Show for the City and County of San Francisco in the Rotunda of the City Hall, Civic Centre, San Francisco, Calif., on Sept. 2nd and 3rd, 1943. Last year, The San Francisco Begonia Society almost stole the show, and now, of course, this same group is working to achieve the same kind of success this year.

The schedule of prizes has been increased by the Show Committee, which will add a little more zest to the competition. All who are interested are asked to contact the Secretary, Mr. Harry F. O'Donnell, 1573 31st Ave., San Francisco, or call Montrose 3161.

We know the members of this group had a most worth while tour of gardens on August 15th, with the meeting held at the Greer Begonia Gardens, 2544 Ulloa Street, San Francisco.

**Margaret Gruenbaum Branch:** At the July meeting a box lunch was enjoyed by members and guests on the lawn at the home of Mrs. W. E. Jones, Willow Grove, Penna.

"Scrambled or Unscrambled Begonias" was the main feature. Three envelopes were given to each guest and member. Each envelope contained 1 inch squares of paper with a letter of the alphabet on one side and a key number on the other. These letters properly arranged was a Begonia name.

Discussions developed as to the methods used by Mrs. Jones to keep the 75 to 100 varieties of her collection growing so well.

At the June meeting, Mrs. Frank Mather, Vice President, arranged to have a box containing cuttings, rooted cuttings, and some established plants, sent parcel post to Mrs. R. W. Berst, Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Berst advised us that she had forwarded her remittance to California for "The Begonian" This was a follow up from the Flower Grower Magazine.

**North Long Beach Branch:** Sad news has come to us from this Branch. Mrs. (H.A.) Ge...nces Cuyler, Presi-

dent of this Branch, passed away on July 23rd, 1943. Those who knew Mrs. Cuyler will indeed miss her and extend the warmest sympathy to her family, and in the memory of Mrs. Cuyler herself, do all they can to further the making of lovely gardens. Mrs. Mary Crawford, who was Vice President with Mrs. Cuyler, is now President of this Branch. Mrs. Claire Jackson, Secretary, informs us that since the regular place of meeting has been leased to a business firm, the September meeting place has not yet been designated, but that it will be announced in the local papers in good time.

**East Bay Branch:** Mr. Dick Goodnow advises us that the September meeting will be held at the greenhouse in Lakeside Park, at which time the Oakland Park Department will sponsor a Begonia Show. We wish them a happy time and a most successful show.

**Glendale Branch:** We know that Mr. Harold Hart, our National Treasurer, disported himself and his hobby of Caladiums in high style when speaking to his own Begonia Branch. The plant sale proceeds were turned over to the National Convention Fund so July was another occasion to remember but another and yet another are lined up for constant and happy growth by the Program Committee of this fine Branch. August being perfect weather for outdoor meetings, everyone, at the time of this writing, is looking forward to the supper and program in the very fine garden where Rexes of all kinds, ferns and other shade-loving plants are perfectly at home under the natural canopy of lovely trees. We are sorry for those who can-

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# THE NAMING OF HORTICULTURAL VARIETIES

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By DONALD WYMAN

**M**ANY an intelligent plantsman is up against a blank wall when it comes to providing a name for some new plant he thinks he has found. Shall the name be in Latin or in English? Shall it be a botanical variety, a horticultural variety, or a "form"? If it is a hybrid, just what is the correct procedure in order to give it a proper name that will be accepted by horticulturists and botanists alike? There is an ever-increasing tie between the botanist and the practical plantsman, as far as the scientific names of plants are concerned, for both groups have agreed that it is best to follow the International Rules of Botanical Nomenclature, as approved by the International Botanical Congress, Cambridge, England, 1930.

Even though everyone agrees to the International Rules, the naming of new plants is difficult, and in the following discussion it is hoped that the correct procedure for naming new varieties is clearly set forth. (See also *Journal Arnold Arb.* 10:65 1929.)

## Variety

First, it is necessary to understand the concept of a botanical variety. The correct definition would be—A variety is a subdivision of a species composed of individuals differing from other representatives of the species in certain minor characters which are often of geographical significance, and which are usually perpetuated through succeeding generations by seed.

## Form

A form is a subdivision of a species or variety, usually differing in only one character and often appearing sporadically throughout the range of the species; it is usually perpetuated vegetatively but may be perpetuated by seed, in which case only a certain percentage, as a rule, will be identical with the original form and the remainder will revert to the species or variety.

In some cases no clear line between a variety and a form can be drawn. Also, the two terms have been used and are used interchangeably, so that differentiation between the two is often exceedingly difficult. Both the variety and the form as above described should be given a Latin name, and the original published

description should include a short Latin description. The form or the variety may occur again in nature, and if it conforms to the original description, it would be given the same name no matter where or when it occurs.

## Clon

On the other hand, there is a large group of plants which fail to come true from seed. Individuals in this group may be outstanding, and are perpetuated solely by asexual propagation of one kind or another. Such plants may be considered forms or they may be considered clons (formerly spelled clones). A clon is a group of plants composed of individuals reproduced vegetatively from a single plant. Hence, though a form may also be propagated vegetatively (a clon must be), the form may appear again anywhere at anytime and should be given the same name as its predecessor, whereas the clon constitutes a group of plants propagated from a single specimen, and if all the members of this group should happen to die, no plant in the same genus should ever be given the same name again regardless of where or when it occurs.

If the plant is considered a form, it is given a Latin name, and any time in the future that a plant is found conforming to the original description, it takes the same Latin name. In other words, a form name is one given to a group of individuals which may have originated over widely separated areas. A clon name is one given to a single individual and its vegetatively propagated progeny.

If considered a clon, the plant is given a vernacular name—a noun or an adjective used as a noun, in any language, as "Transcendent," "Snow White," "Dolgo," or "Wabiskay." Any plant with such a name must be propagated asexually in a direct line from the one original plant.

## Selecting the New Name

It is evident from the above descriptions of terms that giving Latin names (species, varieties, forms) to plants should be done by individuals who are trained taxonomists. In the past many plantsmen have tried to give Latin names to so-called "new" individuals, but because they did not know the entire group thoroughly nor the literature on the sub-

# YOUR BEGONIA SOCIETY

By FRANK J. LIEDLER  
Long Beach, Calif.

**V**OLUMES might be written in reviewing the history of the American Begonia Society and the story of its growth from a one-man's hobby into an organization of the present proportions, with members all over United States and several foreign countries.

In the Fall of 1931 Mr. Herbert P. Dyckman, a Long Beach, Calif., Begonia lover, exhibited several of his choice plants in the Long Beach Dahlia Show. This exhibit captured the fancy of so many, that Mr. Dyckman finally invited a small group to see his home

ject, such names, in many instances, have been proved worthless and unfortunately continue to clutter up many a nursery catalogue.

Consequently, the amateur should give a horticultural varietal name in English; unless he is certain he has a new species, variety or form, in which case he should get confirmation of his Latin name and Latin description from a trained taxonomist who is in a position to know the literature pertaining to the plant group in question.

If a certain plant is given a varietal name in English, it will always designate that particular clon even though some taxonomist at some future date may, in working over several similar clons, mention their similarity and give a Latin name (variety or form) to the group. This is possible and permissible, but the clon name still remains in use for that particular plant regardless.

Horticultural varietal names in English (i.e., clon names) would be best for most new varieties of Malus appearing that may be worthy of naming. Such names should be simple and to the point whenever possible. "Bob White" is a very good one. "Mr. C. S. Sargent" or "Prof C. S. Sargent" are not. The name might better be "Professor Sargent" or "Charles S. Sargent." The same brevity is needed with the prefix "Mrs." or "Miss." It is far better to give the full name, as "Henrietta White" rather than "Mrs. White" or "Mrs. A. R. White," or "Mrs. Alfred R White" Taking the last two instances as examples, such names are easily confused in making labels and it is never long before such varieties become changed to "Mr Alfred R. White" and finally to "Alfred R. White."

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collection of Begonias. This informal meeting took place in the month of December, 1931. The special guests were Messrs. Roy Berry, L. G. Wylie, R. S. Hunt, C. M. Kelly, Fred Riedman, Roy McGaughery, J. Paul Walker and Carl Fisher, they so greatly enjoyed the accomplishments of this gardener, that another meeting was called for January, 1932 in the home of Mr. Kelly. At the January meeting, the California Begonia Society was organized with Mr. Dyckman, the founder, as President. During the first year some twenty five members affiliated themselves with this Association. Mr. Dyckman was re-elected President for 1933, in which year the membership rose to forty-seven. Meetings were held monthly at the homes of the various members and among the outstanding parties to this endeavour are to be found the names of many of the foremost authorities on Begonias, of which Mr. Alfred D. Robinson and Mrs. Anne C. Robinson lead the list.

The many tours to Rosecroft Gardens  
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## WAR-TIME INFLUENCE ON BEGONIA GROWING

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sheer brilliance but she must now share her throne even though her rivals are not as large as she is. *crestabruchi*, a *manicata crispa* and *Sunderbruchi* seedling, is also a Lewis development but not as well known as it should be. It resembles *manicata crispa* and grows as easily as the well known *Sunderbruchi*. The *crispa* margins are more ruffled than *crispa* and are mauve-hairy, suggesting a feather boa. The rare and difficult species, *griffithi*, was grown to perfection in the glass house. It is too rare and difficult for most of us but *Rex Queen of Hanover* is a good substitute. Although the latter is not as small and velvety, nevertheless the leaves have the same contour and the small new leaves arising from the center have the same rosy hairs giving the appearance of rose velvet.

At Knecht's Patio Gardens in Ventura we saw numerous seedlings of *Dregei* Froebeli crosses with the growing habits of *Dregei*. The size of the leaves varied in the different plants but a few had larger leaves and appeared sturdier than those of the species. Mr. Longmeier of Carpinteria has also developed a sturdy group of larger leaved seedlings somewhat resembling *Macbethi* in appearance and habit. The latter are the progeny of *Macbethi* crossed with *Rex Pacific Sunset*. Most of these new seedlings appear to be of easy culture and because of their robust growth may deservedly become quite popular but every effort should be made to preserve the species, *Dregei* and its variety *Macbethi*.

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on Point Loma, Calif., and the personal interest shown the Association from time to time, have endeared the memory of Mr. Robinson, (now deceased) to all who had the privilege of making his acquaintance. During the pleasant months, tours were made to the gardens of the various members where ideas and experiences were freely exchanged much to the pleasure and benefit of all who attended them.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Robinson, soon the name of the Association was changed to The American Begonia Society, for, as Mr. Robinson stated, "The pleasures of Begonia growing should not be confined to California but should include all Begonia lovers wherever they might be."

Reading in the "Begonia Notes," which was the first official Bulletin of the Society and edited by J. Paul Walker, it is interesting to note that at the "meeting held at the home of President Dyckman, December, 1933, the Secretary was instructed to produce a sample mimeograph sheet (no Magazine) for consideration." (To Be Continued)

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## BRANCH NEWS

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not take the trip to enjoy the experience, at the home and gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ross.

The Inglewood Branch meeting of August was a particularly enjoyable occasion. The attendance was gratifying, being larger than usual, even so, many were the "regulars" who were missing. Mr. George McDowell's talk was helpful and interesting as he always is, with an unending fund of knowledge that seems to be particularly timely. The plants for the Plant sale were lovely and numerous, the tables were crowded to overflowing. Following the plant sale nice refreshments were enjoyed.

September is another month promising a fine meeting. The members are asked to bring not more than three plants each for the Tuberous Begonia Show. The plants are to be judged and the speaker will discuss the various point systems, so that everyone will understand how to choose plants for exhibition.

Plans were made for the Inglewood Branch to enter an exhibit of Begonias in the Victory Garden & Flower Show held in Inglewood August 28th and 29th.

**San Gabriel Branch:** The September meeting will take place at the home of the President and his wife, Mrs. A. E. Nelson, 506 LeRoy Ave., Arcadia, Calif., on September 26th, which will be quite an occasion, especially with Mrs. W. C. Drummond, President of the Hollywood Branch as speaker of the afternoon, and her subject: "Floral Arrangements and Corsage Making." We know it will be a splendid meeting and bemoan the fact we cannot all be there.

## BEGONIA SCHARFFIANA

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tending flowers and 46 inches wide for the leaf portion.

Of course, it is fertilized about every two to four weeks with Pestless Likwid Gro fertilizer, and I want you to note the increase in size since last Fall by comparing it with the photo on page 94 of June 1943 issue of "The Begonian." I certainly hope it will be in good form for the Annual Meeting time for those who will be coming to visit us.

## NEELY GADDIS

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which Mrs. Buxton mentions in her book. Mrs. Gray listed it in her own Begonia Pool but with characteristic modesty, did not credit for it.

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## SIDEWALK TUBEROUS BEGONIA LANE

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measuring seven inches across, of perfect form, substance and color with splendidly luxurious leafage. Of course he has a special way of his own, as we found out from Mr. Cochrun, and we shall let you in on the procedure, in good time for next year's planting. Space is limited and you do not need to know until December for action in January or February. Just be sure to procure some leafmould while you may, some Fish meal—if you can, and some steer manure.

The hanging baskets hanging from yard-arms extended from the back steps were perfectly beautiful in July. Near by, the potting bench was arranged with everything necessary and kept in apple-order. At the back, in the corner, the Cochruns had built a box about four by about two and a half feet by five feet high from scrap lumber covered with white muslin and this they use as a propagating house. Plenty of heat reaches it, but since it is between houses it also gets a cool breeze from the ocean and the plants are well protected from too much heat as also from too much blustering air.

The Cochruns say that never a flower is bothered by passers-by on the sidewalk, they admire and speak freely of their stupefaction at such ingenuity. A Spanish friend has called the Begonia Lane "Jardin Angosto" (narrow garden) which, you may guess, is not displeasing to the Cochruns. They deserve all the praise and more. Look for the promised formula soon. If you saw the plants as we did when we visited the place, you would be on "tip-toe" to have this formula so that you too might have such glorious flowers from those fat brown tubers.

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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 September 2nd Monday) American Begonia Society Board Meeting will take place in of Directors Room, Retail Merchants Credit Assn., 417 So. Hill, Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.

## SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

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1575 31st Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

## DOMINGUEZ BRANCH

Thursday, Sept. 2  
Mrs. R. L. Warren, Secy.  
21718 So. Alameda, Long Beach, Calif.

## ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

Thursday, Sept. 2  
Geo. A. Barrows, Secretary  
1111 Louise St., Santa Ana, Calif.

## PHILOBEGONIA CLUB BRANCH

Mrs. Albert H. Gere, Secy.-Treas.,  
362 Brookway, Merion, Pa.  
Next Meeting: October

## THEODOSIA BURR SHEPHERD BRANCH

Tuesday, Sept. 7th, 7:30 p.m.  
American Legion Hall.  
North California St., Ventura, Calif.  
Mrs. Olive Hamilton, Secy.-Treas.  
515 So. Evergreen Dr., Ventura, Calif.

## RIVERSIDE BRANCH

Tuesday, Sept. 7th, 7:30 p.m.  
Home of Mrs. Jessie Topham  
4620 Arlington Ave.  
Riverside, Calif.  
Mrs. Harriet E. Meyer, Secy.-Treas.,  
4219 Sunnyside Dr., Riverside, Calif.

## BELLFLOWER BRANCH

Tuesday, Sept. 7th, 8:00 p.m.  
Home of Dr. Ruby Otoupalik  
452 Faywood Street, Bellflower, Calif.  
Mrs. L. D. Thalheimer, Secy.-Treas.,  
222 S. Woodruff St., Bellflower, Calif.

## HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

Thursday, Sept. 9th, 7:30 p.m.  
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Mrs. Grant Waldref, Sec.  
1615 No. Genesee, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Speaker: Charlotte M. Hoak  
Subject: "Begonias."

## INGLEWOOD BRANCH

Thursday, Sept. 9th, 8:00 p.m.  
Tuberous Begonia Contest  
Woman's Club of Inglewood  
325 No. Hillcrest, Inglewood, Calif.  
Mrs. Harold S. Clark, Secretary  
1618½ W. 52nd St., Los Angeles, Calif.

## LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

Thursday, Sept. 9th, 7:30 p.m.  
Odd Fellows Temple  
728 Elm, Long Beach, Calif.  
Miss Cecile Block, Secy.-Treas.  
1263 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, Calif.

## HERBERT DYCKMAN BRANCH

Friday, Sept. 10th  
Home of Mrs. Jessie Jenkins,  
3615 Cerritos Ave., Long Beach, Calif.  
Mrs. Rush T. Lewis, Secy.-Treas.  
3733-A California, Long Beach, Calif.

## NORTH LONG BEACH BRANCH

Sunday, Sept. 13th, 12:30 p.m.  
See local papers  
Mrs. Claire Jackson, Secy.,  
6017 Olive Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

## SAN DIEGO BRANCH

Monday, Sept. 13th  
4037 39th Ave., San Diego, Calif.  
Mrs. Edwin F. Barker, Secy.-Treas.,  
4561 El Cerrito Dr., San Diego, Calif.

## VICTORY BRANCH

Thursday, Sept 16th  
11228 Atlantic Ave.  
Mrs. Clara Moore, Secy.-Treas.,  
11275 Duncan Ave., Lynwood, Calif.

## EAST BAY BRANCH

Sunday, September 26th ? 3:00 p.m.  
Lakeside Park Greenhouse  
Begonia Show  
Dick G. Goodnow, Secy.-Treas.,  
2519 Milvia Street, Berkeley, Calif.

## EVA KENWORTHY GRAY BRANCH

Monday, Sept. 20th  
Mrs. Henry O. Colt, Secy.-Treas.,  
7221 Olivetas, La Jolla, Calif.

## ALFRED D. ROBINSON BRANCH

Friday, Sept. 24th, 7:30 p.m.  
Home of Mrs. John G. Clark,  
3026 Freeman St., San Diego, Calif.  
Mrs. George S. Graves, Secy.-Treas.  
2922 Evergreen St., San Diego, Calif.

## SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH

Sunday, Sept. 26th, 2 p.m.  
Home of Arthur E. Nelson  
506 LeRov Ave., Arcadia, Calif.  
Mrs. N. H. Powell, Secretary  
419 South Ynez Ave.  
Monterey Park, Calif.  
Speaker: Mrs. W. C. Drummond  
Subject: "Floral Arrangements and Corsages"

## GLENDALE BRANCH

Tuesday, Sept. 28th  
379 No Brand Blvd., Glendale, Calif.  
Mrs. C. C. Cook, Secretary,  
1345 Virginia Ave., Glendale, Calif.

## MARGARET GRUENBAUM BRANCH

Tuesday, Sept. 28th  
Mrs. Alfred Boysen, Sec'y  
25 Tyson Ave., Glenside, Pa.

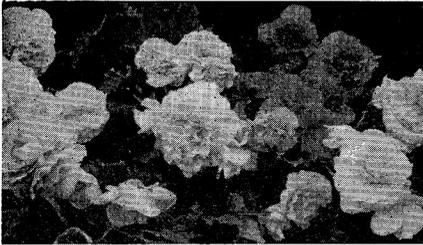
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Irregular Meetings  
Thelma Sommerfield, Secy.,  
210 E. Anapamu, Santa Barbara, Calif.

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