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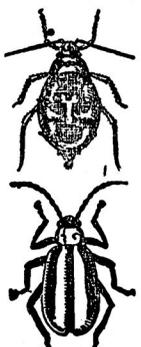
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*Photo by Ben Ramirez*

**LAETIVIRIDES x VIAUDI (ZIESENHENNE)**

## Half Brothers:

### *B. Laetivirides* x *B. Viaudi*

By Louise Schwerdtfeger, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Last year Mr. Ben Ramirez came to a meeting of the Santa Barbara Branch of the A.B.S. as a visitor. He won the door prize, which happened to be one of Mr. Ziesenhenné's hybrids, an unnamed cross of *Begonia laetivirides* x *Begonia 'Viaudi'*.

Mr. Ramirez took his tiny plant home and became interested in its growth, so he joined the Society and attended meetings to learn more about his plant and the others discussed and displayed. He fed his plant regularly every month and turned it from time to time

so it would grow evenly. Then the Santa Barbara Branch had a lecture on grooming plants for shows by Mrs. Jessie Gale of Pasadena, so he trimmed it for the Santa Barbara Show. He took FIRST PRIZE.

At the time the accompanying picture was taken his plant was exactly one year old from the day he received it as a tiny rooted cutting. The whole Branch rejoiced in Mr. Ramirez' success.

Mr. Ziesenhenné's cross has pink flowers.

### *Begonia Alto-Scharff*

By Marie Minter

See photo on next page

While this begonia is far from new to the more serious collectors of begonias, it is still new enough so that it isn't listed in either of the begonia books. As the name implies it is a *B. Scharffiana* cross on the plant known to many as *B. 'Alto da Serra'*.

Mrs. Krauss says the name 'Alto da Serra' should be changed to *B. macrocarpa pubescens* and further research by Mr. Ziesenhenné changes this name again to *B. laetivirides*. (See Q.-Ans. column, May, 1950 *Begonian*). So, whether you buy the plant as *B. 'Alto-Scharff'* or as 'Alto da Serra x *Scharffiana*' cross or '*B. laetivirides* x *B. Scharffiana*' cross, the plant will be the same.

This particular plant inherits characteristics from both the parents. The shape of the leaves is much the same as *B. laetivirides* but they are wider. The leaves on my plant measure two and a half inches wide by seven inches long. The stems arch as they do in the parent plant, which makes this an ideal basket subject.

The texture of the leaves is much the same as *B. Scharffiana* but not quite as heavy. They retain the hairiness of *B. Scharffiana*. The edge of the leaf is serrate, with each point tipped with hair. There is a fine edge of red coloring around the leaf. The veins on the back of the leaf are the same color as the leaf surface but the redness of the veins disappears on the surface.

The flowers are rather two-toned. On the male flower I find two petals, fairly large, that are white tinted pink, with two small petals pure white. There seems to be a red line around the edge of the larger petals. The female flower consists of three large petals, not as large as the male petals, that are tinted pink, with two smaller petals, pure white. The red edge of the petals is not as pronounced as on those of the male.

I rather like this plant for a foreground planting as it never gets too high in the ground. It spreads just enough to make a nice edging to the beds.



*Plant of Fred Schultz*

*Photo by K. Garrison Clarke*

## **ALTO-SCHARFF (LAETIVIRIDES x SCHARFFIANA)**

Woodriff Introduction

### **PIN-UP**

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## Our Cover Picture

# Begonia Parviflora

Courtesy of Paul Epple, Colombia

*Begonia parviflora* is of very large distribution, according to Mr. Paul Epple of Fusagasuga, Colombia, who sent the remarkable cover picture to *The Begonian*. We quote from his accompanying letter: "It is found in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. Also in reference to the . . . (altitudinal) zones, which are so important in the presentation of the Andean flora, this species inhabits a wide range, . . . growing from 500 meters to 2200 meters." He thus infers that it could be grown in the U.S.A. because we have areas of comparative warmth of climate.

He points out a disadvantage to its garden culture is its size. "*Begonia parviflora* grows up to 4 meters (about 13 feet)." It also often has a tall simple trunk of up to two inches diameter.

The picture shows a wild plant which Mr. Epple found in the Department of Narino in the south of Colombia at an altitude of some 700 meters (almost 2300 feet). As it was standing between other shrubs and small trees, "I cut the plant and brought it to the nearby road to take the photo in better conditions. As the reader can observe, the most typical character of this species is the arborescent growth. By cutting off the photographed plant, the inflorescence was damaged and the young Colombian is holding the large trunk, taking the inflorescence in his other hand."

Note the name "*parviflora*"—small flowering: "The small flowers are surely another distinguishing character of the plant. As the reader can see, the inflorescence is wide and very branched. The number of the small white flowers is in the hundreds. The Colombian women of the region tell me that for the white colour these flowers are much used for church decoration. Also the fine fragrance is very prized. For this character the *Begonia parviflora* could be of interest for hybridizing. Another factor of interest for the hybridizer is possibly the high resistance of the foliage to sunlight. *Begonia parviflora* belongs to the flora of the border of the forest and is much exposed to the direct sun-radiation. Of certain interest also would be the size of the leaves, which have a diameter up to 60 centimeters! (almost two feet). Mr. Epple concludes, "For the Begonian hobbyist of Southern California and Florida *Begonia parviflora* could be of especial interest as a possible garden plant."

Efforts are being made by our Seed Fund to secure seed through Mr. Epple.

From "*Begoniaceae*" by Lyman B. Smith and Bernice G. Schubert, reprinted from *FLORA OF PERU* (Field Museum of Nat. Hist.), the technical description indicates the following: It was first described by Poeppig & Endlicher (Nov. Gen. & Sp. 1: 7, pl. 12.) in 1835 and later (as *Begonia micrantha*) by Steudel. It was classified in the Scheidweilera group by Klotzsch in 1855. In 1891 Britton described it as *Begonia myriantha*. Naturally the Poep. & Endl. name takes priority.

This description mentions trunk diameters of close to 10 inches and spreading branches about two feet long; subsymmetrical, palmate leaves "shallowly or deeply 5-7-lobed with lobes sometimes subdivided, cordate at base," up to 2 feet wide and "finely serrate, subglabrous above, ferruginous-tomentose beneath (rusty-fuzzy), especially on the nerves and petioles. The inflorescences are noted as being axillary and terminal, dioecious (bearing separate male and female flowers), many-flowered cymes bearing 4-tepaled staminate flowers about 1/8th to 1/5th inch long and 5-tepaled pistillate flowers about 1/5th inch long. The seed capsules are about 1/3 inch long and a little wider.

The Editor greatly appreciates Mr. Paul Epple's interest in the Society and hopes he will be able to send more information from time to time about the little known flora of this area and the climatic and soil conditions and companion plants of the begonias there. Mr. Rudolf Zieshenne kindly checked the botanical data for *The Begonian*.

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## Personalities in the Begonia World

### Mrs. Florence Carrell

By Mrs. Elsie Frey, Santa Barbara, Calif.

In August, 1936, there was a garden tour of the Begonia Society to Ventura and Santa Barbara. At this time I met Mrs. Florence Carrell.

Although my garden wasn't in the tour, she and her husband came to see it, and we had quite a visit. A correspondence developed from that visit. We would share our knowledge with each letter as we learned new tricks, because we both were rather new at begonia growing.

She was a member of the Seed Fund and was ever so kind to share the seeds with me. She was always searching for new addresses to which we could send for begonia seeds from other countries. Thus when she took over the chairmanship of the Seed Fund, I knew she was just the one for it, as she so enjoyed writing here and there in search of rare begonia seed.

She is doing a wonderful job with it. I have grown many lovely begonias from the seed she has sent out and I am sure many others have. Some of the most beautiful and rare begonias we have come from the seed our "Armchair Explorer" has collected for us.

"Armchair Explorer" makes it sound like an easy task, but I know she has given up many other things to devote her spare time to this. Besides typing and sending letters to many

places for seeds, there is the tedious job of measuring and packeting these tiny seed, labeling them correctly, and mailing them out.

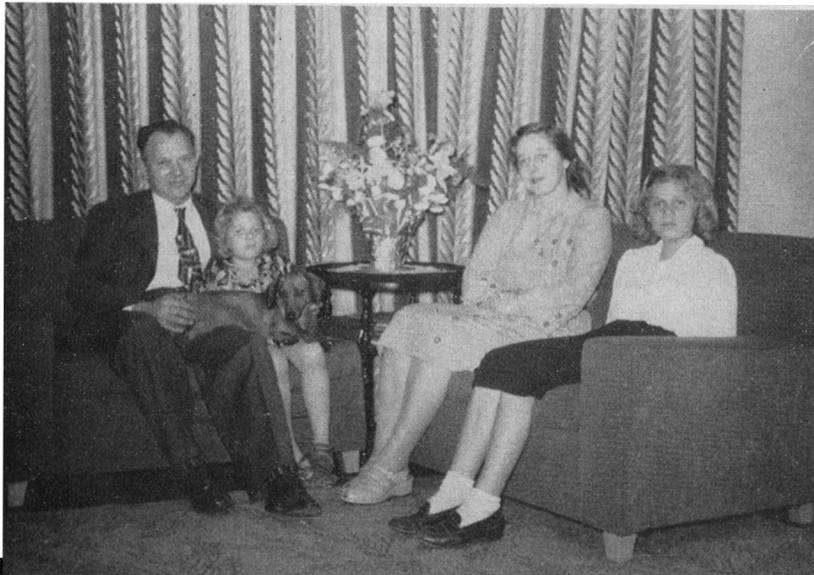
We can be so thankful to her for obtaining all these seeds for us at so little cost. Were we individually to try to get all those seeds, we would find we couldn't and it would cost us a great deal more for what seed we could get. She is indeed to be praised.

Besides doing all this, she has grown many of the seeds and fern spores. She has a very lovely garden to care for. She also loves to play her new organ.

She has a fine family with her husband and two lovely young daughters. Mr. Carrell owns an electric motor rewinding shop, doing strictly industrial work.

As she has been such a willing worker in our Society, I thought it would be nice to name a begonia after her. So here is *Begonia Florence Carrell* . . . a hybrid of *Begonia Limminghei* x *Begonia incarnata*, produced in 1949.

My idea in making this cross was to try to produce an ever-blooming trailer. Out of numerous seedlings I chose this plant because, grown under proper conditions, it is an ever-bloomer. It is truly a trailer, as its shoots, which are many, trail down over the side of



Left to Right: Earl Carrell, Joyce Ann (7), Florence Carrell, Janet (12), and —  
G i n g e r , t h e D a c h s h u n d



Photo by R. V. Iden, Plant of Mary Choate

## BEGONIA FLORENCE CARRELL

the basket and are two feet long, more or less. If given a roomy basket the shoots will be well branched, otherwise one may pinch the tips out. The leaves are Scheeles green 860/1, (RHS chart), smooth, shaped similar to *incarnata* but wider at the base and coming to a point abruptly. The flowers hang in beautiful

clusters, especially the female flowers. The fronts of the flower petals are rhodonite red 002/1, the backs of the petals are rhodonite red 0022/2, and where the light strikes them they are currant red 821/1. These colors are from a plant grown in a lath house. Color will be lighter grown in much shade or glass-house.

### Your Editor

That grand person, Manson Hume, writes that his column has not been reaching those for whom it is designed—the discouraged disabled of the world. This points out something very clearly, does it not? This magazine is not reaching the hands of some of the very people who need it most. One reason, of course, would be money. However, many disabled persons have the price of the magazine but have not heard of it. Here, then, is a

publicity job both national and local. The least we can do is see that people know we exist. The matter of putting *The Begonian* in the hands of disabled persons who are not in a position to subscribe is a matter of charity that must be handled by each member or group of members as seems best. Mr. Hume's column will not appear regularly henceforth but only if he can break into the lives of those for whom he feels so intensely and assist them to a broader, more enjoyable existence. WE CAN HELP.

# New Members -- and Old

## This Is Founders' Month

By the Public Relations Department

The American Begonia Society was organized in Long Beach, California, in January, 1932, by Herbert P. Dyckman and a small group of people who were interested in the growing of begonias. The group at first was known as "The California Begonia Society," but by 1933 people living in other states had joined and it was decided to change the name to "The American Begonia Society." The organization was incorporated in 1940.

While begonias have been stressed both in the meetings and in *The Begonian*, other sheltered garden plants have not been neglected.

The Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch, of Ventura, California, was the first Branch of the Society and was organized in 1937. In 1938 the Eastern Section organized a branch which is now known as the New England Branch under the guidance of author Bessie Buxton. The Society has enjoyed a steady growth, now having forty-eight branches and hundreds of members-at-large throughout the United States and Canada as well as in numerous foreign countries.

The Society is conducted on a non-profit basis by begonia hobbyists and students for the benefit of other such hobbyists and students of begonias "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 regards 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." (Constitution).

The Clayton M. Kelly Research Department was established in 1937 to further our basic knowledge of begonias, "to import and develop new kinds of begonias and allied plants and to keep records of all findings and make this information available to all members of the Society." Each year, through the Seed Fund, seed of begonias and other rare plants is secured from all over the world and distributed at cost. The Hybridizing Division is maintained to record experiments of both professional and amateur hybridizers, results of which are published in *The Begonian*.

The Library contains many books and pamphlets on begonias and sheltered garden plants for circulation (for cost of postage only) to

all members desiring to use them. Many books may be purchased through the Librarian and any difference between wholesale and retail costs is invested in more books for circulation among the membership.

The Slide Library is continually collecting new colored slides for the use of branch meetings and study groups and they are now in constant circulation.

The Speakers' Bureau is now being re-organized to assist such groups in obtaining the best possible lecturers for their programs.

The Nomenclature Department has charge "of determining and establishing correct names and species and establishing varieties of begonias; of approving and registering all newly developed horticultural varieties of begonias; and of publishing the results of the work in *The Begonian*." This coming year should see a great beginning on files to maintain permanent and cumulative records on this gigantic task under Mr. H. M. Butterfield.

The Public Relations Department contacts prospective Branch organizers, issues information and literature pertaining to the Society, and acts as advisor in the formation of new branches. Round Robins are conducted under the guidance of recognized leaders in each field who are responsible to their Chairman and there is one for every degree of skill and scope of interest. Members may easily join by contacting the Round Robin Chairman.

The National Board of Directors meets monthly in Los Angeles, California, and is open to attendance by all members although the officers and representatives themselves are the only ones with a recognized voice in the proceedings. An annual Convention is held each fall for the installation of new officers and other Society matters in which all members have a voice. The National A.B.S. Begonia Show is held in conjunction with the Convention. This year a magnificent spirit of cooperation is evident in the combining of the Santa Monica and Hollywood Branches to sponsor the Show and Convention at Plummer Park in Hollywood, where it was held in 1944. Visit us if you possibly can.

This, then, is your Society, as it was conceived by its founders and enlarged upon by the people whom they inspired and we pay them all grateful tribute at this time.

In a little spanish town -- that grew up;

## Your 1951 Convention and Flower Show

In historic Plummer Park, Hollywood, the 1951 Begonia Show and Convention of the American Begonia Society will be held on September 1st and 2nd in the shadow of romantic Spanish memories.

Dr. W. C. Drummond, attracted by the history of the place, investigated and found that from 1869, when Senora Francisca Perez occupied the land, this early California Rancho was a mecca for distant travelers. In 1871 it was surveyed by the United States as public land and in 1877 Senora Perez deeded it to Eugene R. Plummer, who lived here until his death, May 18, 1943.

Gayest of the Spanish Dons, in 1878 "Captain" Plummer built his residence, which is now a land-mark in the park, being the oldest house remaining in Hollywood. In the front yard the original garden in which he set the roses from Castile has been preserved for posterity. Many of the stately trees were planted and cared for by the Captain, who drove his oxcart several miles to haul water to them in barrels during dry seasons.

"Fiesta Hall" stands on the site of a house which Captain Plummer built at a later date. In the early days for entertainment purposes

he erected a "sala de baile," which became known as the "Old Barn," as succeeding generations danced through three floors. Pioneers today still tell of the Captain's gay fiestas when velvet clad Californios hitched their silver-mounted ponies to the eucalyptus trees and sang old melancholy ballads to dark eyes peering over silken fans.

A natural recreation center for nearly a century, the County of Los Angeles purchased the central acres in 1937 and named it "Plummer Park." The next year the community building was erected. Its "Great Hall" (the auditorium) will seat 300 people, and the "Long Hall," 100. Additional land for parking and recreation has since been purchased and the latest edifice is an auditorium named "Fiesta Hall," seating 500, which will be used for our Saturday evening Convention meeting.

Hollywood Branch has held its meetings in Plummer Park for many years and, with the co-hosts, the Santa Monica Bay Branch, will extend a hearty welcome to all Begonia Society Branches and friends at the forthcoming Convention and Show.

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Any member, whether amateur or commercial grower, may compete for this award, but the exhibit must feature something *pertaining to begonias* which will be of *educational* value. This may include seedlings, illustrations of hybridizing and their results, collections of related plants showing varied characteristics, draw-

ings, old begonia prints, literature, paintings or any other begonia material of an educational nature.

The exhibit shall depend on the interest, imagination and good taste of the entrant and will be judged by all who attend the Show, since a ballot will be given to every person attending and each individual present will vote for the exhibit from which he derives the greatest benefit and interest.

Let us give our members and their guests something worth while which will stimulate interest and broaden our vision.

G. C. N.

# 1951 REVISED FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

## A. B. S. National Show — Plummer Park, Hollywood

(Sponsored by Hollywood and Santa Monica Bay Branches)

### DIVISION A—B. Semperflorens-cultorum

- Class 1. Bedding begonias, single flowered, such as: B. s-c Carmen, B. s-c prima donna, B. s-c apple blossom, etc.  
2. Bedding begonias, double flowered, such as: B. Gustav-Lind, B. geneva beauty. (white, rose, scarlet, etc.)  
3. Distinctive hybrids and mutants of B. *sempflorens-cultorum* and B. *sempflorans*, such as: B. *rosea-gigantea*, B. *corbeille de feu*, B. *calla lily*, etc.  
4. Hanging baskets with specimen plant of Classes 1, 2, or 3.  
5. Wall pockets with specimen plant of Classes 1, 2, or 3.  
6. A group of 6 of classes 1, 2, or 3.

### DIVISION B—Cane-stemmed Begonia Group

- Class 7. Tree types, such as: B. *lucerna*, B. *coccinea* and derivatives (pink, orange, etc.) B. *shasta*, etc.  
8. Intermediate types, such as: B. *argentea-guttata*, B. *preussen*, etc.  
9. Low growing types, such as: B. *medora*, B. *Jinnie May*, etc.  
10. Other varieties not specified.  
11. Hanging baskets with specimen plant of climbing or scandent types, such as: B. *Marjorie Daw*, B. *Limminghei*, B. *scandens*, etc.  
12. Wall pockets, climbing or scandent types, specimen plant.  
13. A group of 6 of classes 7, 8, 9, and 10.

### DIVISION C—Hairy Begonia Group

- Class 14. Hairy begonias, such as: B. *Scharffi*, B. *Morgana*, B. *Nelly Bly*, etc.  
15. Sparsely hairy begonias, such as: B. *braemar*, B. *Dorothy Grant*, etc.  
16. Distinctive, unusual or odd foliage, erect, such as: B. *Mrs. Fred Scripps*, B. *Mme. Lionnet*, B. *venosa*, B. *deliciosa*, etc.  
17. Hanging baskets, specimen plant of Classes 14 or 15.  
18. Wall pockets, specimen plants of Classes 14 or 15.  
19. Other varieties not specified.  
20. Group of 6 of Classes 14, 15, 16, incl.

### DIVISION D—Rhizomatous Begonia Group

- Class 21. Low-growing, small leaved types, such as: B. *rotundifolia*, B. *Schulziana*, B. *conchaefolia*, etc.  
22. Star types, such as: B. *ricinifolia*, B. *Sunderbruchi*, B. *nigricans*, B. *silver star*, etc.  
23. Spiral and crested types, such as: B. *Bunchi*, B. *erythrophylla helix*, etc.  
24. Hybrids, any other variety, such as: B. *erythrophylla*, B. *Freddie*, B. *Ricky Minter*, etc.  
25. Distinctive, unusual or odd foliage, such as: B. *acida*, B. *crestabruchi*, B. *fuscomaculata*, etc.  
26. Other varieties not specified.  
27. Baskets and wall pockets of classes 21 to 26 incl. Specimen plant.  
28. Group of 6 of Classes 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26.

### DIVISION E—B. rex-cultorum

- Class 29. Large-leaved types, such as: B. r-c *Lesoudsii*, B. r-c *Cardoza gardens*, B. r-c *emeraude*, etc.  
30. Medium-leaved types, such as: B. r-c *his majesty*, B. r-c *glory of st. albans*, etc.  
31. Small leaved types, such as: B. r-c *Louise Chretien*, B. r-c *la paloma*.  
32. Miniature types, distinguished from the small leaved types by their short, stubby rhizomes and very small, compact growth, such as: B. r-c *Annie Robinson*, B. r-c *toy*, B. r-c *butterfly*, and the *Roy Berry* miniature plants.  
33. Miniature spiral types, such as: B. r-c *Berry's brown curl*, B. r-c *Berry's gray curl*, B. r-c (*Elsie Frey's*) *cutie*, etc.  
34. Helix or spiraled types, such as: B. r-c *Countess Louise Erdody*, B. r-c *curly Closson*, B. r-c *bronze king*, etc.  
35. Upright and branched types, such as: B. r-c *van-ex*, B. r-c *Mrs. H. G. Moon*, B. r-c *black diamond*.  
36. Hanging baskets, specimen plant of Classes 29 to 35 incl.  
37. Wall pockets, specimen plant of Classes 29 to 35 incl.  
38. Any other variety not specified.

### DIVISION F—Tuberous-Rooted Varieties (Other than Tuberhybrida)

- Class 39. Species, such as: B. *Sutherlandi*, B. *Martiana*, B. *Davisi*, *MacBethi*, etc.  
40. Hybrids, such as: B. *wild rose*, *lulandi*, *weltoniensis*, etc.  
41. Hanging baskets, specimen plant, Classes 39 and 40.  
42. Wall pockets, specimen plant, classes 39 and 40.  
43. Group of 6 classes 39 and 40.

**DIVISION G—B. tuberhybrida**

- Class 44. Single forms, flowers suggestive of the wild rose.  
45. Multiflora and multiflora nana: low bushy, compact; many-flowered, both single and double.  
46. Pendula (syn. Lloydii): drooping type suitable for suspended containers; flowers numerous, both large and small.  
47. Bertini hybrids: flowers fuchsia-like, long and slender; red, pink, etc.  
48. Camellia forms: flowers camellia-like, both single and double.  
49. Carnation form (syn. *fimbriata plena*): large, double, carnation-like flowers.  
50. Crispa: large, single, petal-margins frilled.  
51. Cristata: large, single, flowers with crestlike outgrowth on each petal.  
52. Narcissus forms: large daffodil-like flowers.  
53. Rosebud: similar to preceding except for the rose-like protuberance from the center.

**DIVISION H—B. socotrana and Derivatives**

- Class 54. *B. socotrana*, the only true bulb.  
55. *B. hiemalis*, such as: B. h. Lucy Clibran, B. h. optimo, B. h. kris kringle, etc.  
56. *B. cheimantba* the "Christmas begonia," such as: B. c. Lady Mac, B. c. melior, B. c. Marjory Gibbs. etc.

**DIVISION I—New Begonia Introductions, Hybrids or Crosses**

OPEN TO ALL AMATEUR AND COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS (SPECIAL PROVISION FOR THIS DIVISION ONLY) Plants in this division are not eligible for sweepstakes award.

- Class 57. Seedlings up to 1 year old. (fibrous, tuberous and rhizomatous only)  
58. Mature plants up to 2 years old. (fibrous, tuberous and rhizomatous only).  
59. Mature plants, over 2 years old. (fibrous, tuberous, and rhizomatous only).  
60. Rex seedling 3 years or older. (Rex seedlings take at least 3 years before they attain their true coloring, hence this class).

**DIVISION J—Seed Fund Begonias**

All plants entered must have been grown from seed obtained through the Research Department's Seed Fund.

- Class 61. Seedlings up to 1 year old.  
62. Mature plants over 1 year old.

**DIVISION K—Ferns**

- Class 63. *Adiantum*, syn. Maidenhair.  
64. Any other varieties.  
65. Hanging baskets.  
66. Wall pockets.

**DIVISION L—Saintpaulias**

- Class 67. Single crown plants, general foliage, all colors.  
68. Single crown plants, Dupont, Supremes or Amazons, and Marine types of foliage—all colors.  
69. Single crown plants, Girl foliage, all colors.  
70. Single crown plants, all foliages, all colors.  
71. Multiple crown plants, all foliages, all colors.  
72. New blooming seedlings.

**DIVISION M—Companion Shade Plants**

- Class 73. Fuchsias.  
74. Others not specified.

**DIVISION N—Composite Baskets or Other Containers**

- Class 75. Basket, wall pocket, or other suitable container with two or more varieties of begonias and or other related shade plants.

**DIVISION O—Flower Arrangements**

- Class 76. Begonias predominating, flowers and foliage.  
77. Tuberhybrida blossoms predominating.  
78. Corsages, using begonia flowers or foliage.

**DIVISION P—Educational Exhibits**

79. Educational exhibit consisting of material assembled to promote increased knowledge and appreciation of begonias, such as: Begonia Seedlings, Begonia Illustrations, Begonia Literature, Display of related begonias, Begonia cultural techniques. Amateur or commercial persons will compete together. Ballots cast by persons attending the show will determine the award winner.

CAL TROWBRIDGE

*Chairman Exhibits and Flower Shows, A.B.S.*

## 1951 NATIONAL A.B.S. SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries in competitive exhibits not made according to schedule will be disqualified.
2. The rules and regulations will be rigidly enforced by the show committee.
3. All entries must be made according to schedule, viz., by "class."
4. The judging will commence at 10:00 A. M., Saturday, September 1st, at which time no one but judges and officials will be allowed in the showroom. All entries not in by 9:30 A. M. will be eligible only for non-competitive exhibition.
5. No entry may compete for more than one premium nor may more than one entry be made in any class.
6. All plants and flowers, exhibited in competitive classes, must have been grown by the exhibitor and have been in his or her possession at least three months prior to the show. Note: This rule does not apply to flower arrangements.
7. All plants and flowers must be clearly and correctly named. Errors in naming will not disqualify, but judges will recognize correctness and clearness of names as telling in favor of an exhibit in close competition.
8. All plants in containers will be judged as to proper size and suitability, especially hanging baskets and wall pockets.
9. If sufficient entries are made of such

items as climbing begonias on a trellis, a section will be made to accommodate them.

10. The exhibition committee shall have power to exclude all inferior exhibits or remove any part of any exhibit. No exhibit may be removed by any exhibitor without an official permit from the Exhibition Committee.

11. All exhibits are, from the commencement to the close of the exhibition, in charge of the Show Committee.

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

13. Those wishing to attend to their exhibits will please do so in the early forenoon, before ten o'clock.

14. An amateur gardener is one who individually grows, cultivates, or develops his own exhibit and does not grow plants for profit.

15. There is no entry fee for any exhibit.

16. Any person who becomes an exhibitor thereby agrees to conform to such rules and regulations as the Exhibition Committee may make or authorize.

17. Each person attending the show will be presented with a ballot for voting upon the best educational exhibit entered in Division P. The winner of the Louise Schwerdtfeger Award will be the entrant receiving the most ballots cast up until 3:00 p. m. Sunday, September 2nd.

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# Newest Hiemalis Hybrid

By Dorothy Pierson Barton, Flint, Michigan

A new *hiemalis* hybrid, far superior to the Clibran strain, can now be obtained in the United States from Ben Nielsen of the Nielsen Greenhouses, 1021 Maidenlane, Ann Arbor, Michigan. This hybrid, excelling all other European *hiemalis*, was developed by Baardse around 1931 in Aalsmeer, Holland. To date Mr. Nielsen is the sole grower in this country, having purchased cuttings from Mr. Baardse in 1937.

It has required years of patience and an enduring zest to acclimate this begonia to our country. When, in 1937, Mr. Nielsen purchased a thousand cuttings from the Netherlands, half were lost completely in transit due to drying out. The monetary loss was tremendous considering the price of a dollar apiece for each small three-inch cutting. This would have discouraged many a grower but not one of great fortitude such as Ben Nielsen.

It has taken years of experimentation to learn the basic requirements for acclimating a Netherlands plant to southeastern Michigan. Aalsmeer, southwest of Amsterdam, would be cool, humid and sea level. Ann Arbor, Michigan, is nine hundred feet elevation above sea level and of a different temperature zone. Finally, success has rewarded Mr. Nielsen's vast efforts and he credits coolness, shade (except in winter months, when he increases light by artificial means), careful watering in the pot soil to eliminate any leaf damage, and careful handling.

This hybrid—called 'Baardse Wonder' as near as any specified name is attached to it—is a fibrous begonia with multiflora double camellia flowers and leaves reminiscent of both cheimantha and tuberous formations. The only semblance to a tuberous parentage is a slight hard protuberance on the basal stems near the soil line. The plants start an amazingly rapid growth in early spring after a hibernation period in February and March. This can be kept from complete hibernation by artificial lighting on winter nights. The plants fill large pots to overflowing by June and are blossoming sporadically. The richness of the coloration is superb and by autumn the inflorescences reach three inches in diameter.

When I called on Mr. Nielsen June fourth, he had just picked off all the full bloom on the fifteen hundred large plants to induce sturdier basal growth and increase bloom for the November market. Commercially, Thanks-

giving is the time of greatest value to the grower. At the time I visited, early June, the cuttings will be made to assure him at least five thousand large plants in full mass of bloom in November.

The amateur who purchases this gorgeous *hiemalis* wonder would enjoy blooms all summer, fall and early winter without caring to increase the size as a commercial grower would. If kept cool, around sixty degrees Fahrenheit, with humidity high, these begonias merit highest value as house plants.

Besides the Baardse *hiemalis* now for the first time made available in the United States through the untiring efforts of Mr. Ben Nielsen, he is also raising the newest Norwegian improved cheimanthas—to date only listed as numbers (1 to 5) as to coloration. These Norwegian specimens are a vast improvement in every feature over 'Lady Mac' or 'Melior.'

Soon I hope every begonia collector in our great country can obtain these new hybrids imported by Mr. Nielsen. His valued work can then be fully appreciated by thousands.

(For the readers who do not have the Krauss or Buxton books, cheimantha class of tuberous hybrids stems from crosses between *Begonia socotrana* of Socotra and *Begonia Dregei* of South Africa while the *hiemalis* class stems from crosses between *Begonia socotrana* and the Andean tuberous species and their hybrids which make up the modern tuberous begonia so well known in our gardens. They are also known as the Christmas-flowering and winter-flowering types, respectively.)

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# LEAVENING FOR THE DOUGH

It is true that Branch meetings are originated for the purpose of gathering information and exchanging knowledge of the plants in which we have become so interested. However, there can be no denying that school without play or cake without baking powder to lighten it is a fairly undigestible business. Hence the social hour, the coffee and cakes, the jitney pot-luck dinners, the raffles and Christmas parties! And with such leavening, is it not always easier to part your members from the necessary 'dough' to pay for the meeting place, the prizes, and other expenses of operation?

From the editor's files we take some of the most interesting program notes of recent months.

Perhaps the most original was the Redondo Area's reception for the popular Radio and Television star, "Mirandy." Over 100 "hill-billies" in costume greeted her with the singing of "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain" led by Sam Sault with Carl Marshall at the piano. There followed other folk songs in keeping. After a brief business session Mirandy told an eager audience how to plan and plant a shade garden. She brought many blossoms and leaves from her own shade garden and recommended "heavenly bamboo" (*nandina domestica*), Buford holly, "star jasmine," heathers, ferns, begonias and fuchsias. She also urged everyone, no matter how small the garden, to arrange a cleared area with a few comfortable chairs where the gardener and his friends may sit and enjoy the beauty he is creating. The men, under William Brooks, served baked beans and cornbread and coffee supper, chuck-wagon style. (Naturally the Redondo paper printed a fine story of this event, from which the above was taken, because it was real news.)

Foothill Branch's recent Herbal evening was another in which speaker, program and refreshments blended in perfect harmony. Dorothy Bell of Glendora lectured on "Eat What You Grow in Natural Herbs" to the effect that the big advantage in growing herbs is the lack of pests—a headache to most gardeners. Not only are these plants pest free, but their cultural requirements are simple—water and sunshine. Mr. Edwin O. Williams in reporting this, remarks, "Can you imagine anything more practical than flowers from herbs on your table and in your soup or salad too?" Mrs. Bell's samples from her Green Gate Herb Garden recipes and spiced vinegars whipped up the appetites of all gourmets present and there were herbs in the plant sale. The re-

freshments included Mrs. Bell's recipe of tomato aspic salad. Here again is an harmonious program.

Another program type that keeps the audience wide-awake is one in which something is constructed before their eyes. Good examples of this are those on corsage making or flower arrangement (which had best be left to all-women meetings, however, if the men are to stay awake, unless the latter can be brought into it by such devices as contests for men only with material supplied.) A more general item was the recent meeting of the Texas State Branch (Port Arthur) wherein the president, Mr. E. Weaver, demonstrated the way to make an attractive hanging basket and plant it with a begonia right at the meeting. The completed basket was then given as the door prize. (He also displayed an original container made from fishing poles split in half and varnished.) Along these lines we must also mention the popular "Hat Contest" so well done by the Ventura, Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch, wherein the most amazing creations are made by both sexes and compete for prizes.

Traditional affairs gather much spirit as the years pass. One is the Branch Anniversary Dinner; another, Inglewood's Annual Branch Presidents' Dinner, to which all other branches are especially invited, and where Mr. and Mrs. A. Dellamorte's spaghetti and meat are consumed with gusto; or an annual picnic such as has been the custom of the East Bay Branch as reported last year.

Some branches find it inspiring and most convenient to hold one or more out-of-door meetings or garden tours each year. The New England Branch has been especially successful in this and the Western Pennsylvania's May tour of eight gardens in Sewickley with luncheon at the Allegheny Country Club is another good example. Mrs. Alice M. Clark of the A. D. Robinson Branch states, "I have also wondered if a daytime meeting such as ours would not help some branches to keep on begonias instead of general gardening. Of course, the group has to be kept small, but it is far nicer to be able to meet in gardens. There could be other sections if the group became too large. Daytime meetings have more difficulty in obtaining speakers, but there are usually so many questions to ask in each garden that a speaker is not really necessary."

Many large corporations manufacturing garden supplies now produce moving pictures and slides for use of garden clubs. Many furnish their own lecturers, others, a commentary

to accompany them. The Elsa Fort Branch, the East Bay Branch and others are taking their own slides of group activities and gardens and projecting them once a year, as at a Christmas party. Helen Meyer, Publicity Chairman of Orange County, writes that part of their program in April was a most unusual showing of Mr. V. M. Sutton's pictures taken by his son, a member of the Coast Guard—many from a plane while on duty in the far North, spotting icebergs. While these are a far cry from plant study, they have the value of complete contrast (by which begonias never suffer) and better acquaintance among the membership.

A note from Mrs. Al Schlenner of the Petaluma Branch anent speakers seems pertinent here. Commenting on the talk given by Arthur Boissier about tuberous begonias, she says, "He's a very fine speaker and not the least bit scientific—most of our members prefer a speaker who uses simple words instead of long botanical ones; Mr. Boissier was such a speaker and spoke in detail on tuberous begonias from seed to mature blooming, including soil preparation, pest control, and putting tubers away for the winter." Small study groups will no doubt find much value in a scientific speech, but large mixed groups will benefit far more from the type of talk Mrs. Schlenner describes.

Two amusing notes on refreshments came in. Hollywood's last Christmas program was in high gear combining the lovely talents of Mrs. W. C. Drummond in decorating and the outstanding Los Angeles floral arrangement teacher, Vern Jackson, demonstrating Yuletide arrangements, but it was topped by their annual cake contest in which the ladies outdid all previous performances. Santa Monica Bay Branch served the regular hot coffee in April, but Mrs. Haskell and Mrs. Darnell made turtles of raisins and cloves on prunes that popped up from the bottom of the cups when served as a reminder of April Fool's Day.

Last of all, the work of organizing programs falls too often upon one or two people. Big committees on such important matters will help here. Also we must report Riverside's method. One member was assigned to each meeting at the beginning of the year to arrange that program and that was his individual job; and they do have good programs.

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## 1951 A.B.S. Nominees

At the National Board Meeting held May 28th your Nominating Committee, Bert Slat-ter, Chairman, Anna Marek, and Jack MacLana-han, presented the names of the following to appear on this year's ballot. The report was accepted and no further names added from the floor.

### FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

**MRS. EDNA KORTS:** Mrs. Korts has been an active National Director for the past year, prior to which she has held offices of Presi-dent, National Representative and Show Man-ager, in the Glendale Branch, being highly in-terested, not only in the growing of begonias but in the growth of the Society in numbers and in usefulness.

**MR. E. O. SHERER:** Our alert Treasurer for the past year was prior to that time Presi-dent for two years of the Santa Monica Branch and Vice-President before that. He has also been president of the Santa Monica Garden Club and a life-long gardener whose tuberous begonias are one of his triumphs.

### FOR TREASURER

**MR. WILLIAM HASKELL:** Has been an ef-ficient treasurer for the Santa Monica Bay Branch and also president of the Santa Monica Bay Garden Club. Both he and Mrs. Haskell have been active from the early days of the Santa Monica Branch, not only growing fine rex begonias but many other plants besides.

**MR. LYSLE HACKLER:** President of the Whittier Branch in 1950, he was elected Na-tional Representative for 1951 and has been a faithful attendant at National Board meetings. Besides growing rex, fibrous and a few tuber-ous begonias, he enjoys his fuchsias and has been vice-president of the Whittier Fuchsia Society.

### FOR DIRECTOR (3 YR. TERM)

**MR. R. H. TERRELL:** Past President of the Riverside Branch and for years its National Representative, he has made the long trip be-tween Riverside and Los Angeles faithfully for the National Board monthly meetings. As garden consultant for a Riverside newspaper, he has consistently promoted Begonias and the Society.

**MR. JOE OGDEN:** National Representa-tive for Hub City Branch (Compton, Calif.), he has also been their Flower Show Chairman, arranging excellent exhibits for this young branch. He serves no other flower club and his "better half" is now the branch President after having served as its secretary. Quite a team.



Photo by Ken Garrison Clarke

## B. CALLA LILY -- WESTERN STYLE

By Mrs. Lewis Reese, Bellflower, California

This Begonia s-c. 'Calla Lily' was grown from seed obtained from the A.B.S. Seed Fund in 1948—as Packet No. 25 in the catalogue shown in issue February, 1948, Vol. 15, No. 2.

The seeds were broadcast over a 2½-inch layer of growing medium. The growing medium was composed of 1/3 sand, 1/3 leafmold and 1/3 loam to which I added 1/6 of the bulk of dried sphagnum moss. All ingredients were thoroughly sifted through 1/4-inch mesh wire and placed in a redwood flat. The growing medium was moistened but not soaked before seeds were sown.

The flat was then covered with glass and maintained in a 70°F. temperature until potting. After plants were hardened gradually in the lath house, I soon learned that those receiving the *least amount of water* did the best. I also found that semi-shade with no full sun

exposure at any time will decide the contrast in variegation and deepness in color. But most important of all, in order to have excellent foliage, free from spotting or distortion, I discovered that no water should be sprayed on the foliage except to wash off any dust—and this only on dry warm mornings. Drain all excess water from the foliage. This is important as water will turn edges brown if it remains there too long.

This plant is not a prolific feeder and, if a proper mixture is used in the potting medium, it should require no further feeding during the season and water should be used *sparingly*. The growing medium for this type of potted plant should be the same as that of any fibrous begonia.

To keep this plant over the winter it is best to prune back to within two inches from the surface of the soil. The 'Calla Begonia' may



## Q + A = *Success*

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Question: Where can I get started tubers of such begonias as Helen Harms?

Answer: The only nursery I know that did have a stock of this type of bulb was the Glen Alpine Nursery, Route 1, Box 206, Loomis, California. If the last hard winter hasn't depleted his stock, he will give you a price. Be sure to enclose a stamp, self-addressed envelope for your reply.

Question: What is this formula for fertilizing begonias that uses baking powder and epsom salts?

Answer: I know that throughout the mid-west I have been hearing of some sort of mixture that one uses for watering begonias. How it ever got to be a fertilizer is anyone's guess. Probably someone trying out various mixtures for sand-culture decided to water his plants with it to see what it would do. I do not recommend it. The formula was originally written up in chemical terms that were changed for the laymen's understanding. The recipe I have is one teaspoon of Saltpeter, one teaspoon of Epsom salts, two teaspoons of baking powder (kind which contains no alum), one to four teaspoons of washing ammonia and one gallon of water.

Question: Can formaldehyde be used to kill certain bacteria in the soil used in my flats? I have used various commercial preparations without too much success.

Answer: I understand that the soil in Florida isn't ideal for seedlings. Formaldehyde may be used, but take all precautions possible because it is deadly. Be sure to air the soil for several days before planting in it.

Question: What proportions do I have to use for sterilizing?

Answer: If you can get the liquid formaldehyde, use two and one-half tablespoons of commercial formalin to 12 tablespoons of water. Sprinkle over one bushel of prepared soil, mix thoroughly. Put soil in box covered with something—oil cloth, waxed paper, board—to keep fumes in 24 hours. After that period of time the soil should be stirred for several days to allow the gas to escape; then it may be used. For the formaldehyde dust (15%), bought under a trade name, use 8 ounces to a bushel of soil.

be groomed to shape the following spring, as it is a profuse and fast growing plant in humid atmosphere.

Enter yours in your show!

## Library Notes

Three new books have been added to your library for your summer leisure reading—that is, if you are the kind of gardener who enjoys a garden book instead of a novel—and some of the former are much better reading.

**VOLUME II—THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY—1949-50**, by our historian, Mrs. Rose C. Hixon, is now ready for circulation and interesting reading it should prove to be to our new members.

**IDEAS FOR BUILDING PLANT SHELTERS AND GARDEN WORK CENTERS** compiled from *Sunset Magazine* and published by the Lane Publ. Co. is chuck full of plans for lath and greenhouses for the home workman who enjoys making his own plant shelters whether he needs a small lean-to on the garage or a large shelter for the whole back yard.

The third and enlarged edition of **A TO Z ON FUCHSIAS**, compiled by the California Fuchsia Society, Ltd., and just off the press, has been donated to the Library by Mr. Harry Marshall, representative from the Redondo Area Branch of the Society.

May I repeat that these books belong to the members of the American Begonia Society and are yours on loan for a penny post card request. Borrower pays the postage to and from the Library—2840 Herkimer St., Los Angeles 39, Calif., and the postage is enclosed *when returning the book*. Use and enjoy them all!

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### **AUTOMATIC-WATERING PLANT GLASWICKS**

Watch for my new article on above to appear in an early issue of *The Begonian*.

**JOHN P. TOBERMAN**

P. O. Box 548 — Caldwell Parish  
Columbia, Louisiana



## Armchair Explorers

July Newsletter

Here it is summertime again and we are all busy with our gardens. I lost the large walnut tree that shaded my fern bed and have had to transplant all the ferns to the back yard. I am making a bed of *semperflorens* in their place and in time hope to have a bed of 'calla' begonias or variegated *semperflorens* which I enjoy so much. Here in sunny southern California, where it never rains in the summertime, we have to spend such a lot of time watering. I just about keep the water running someplace in my yard the entire day. Again I spread another layer of steer fertilizer around all the plants and they have well rewarded me for this attention. My *phalaenopsis* (moth orchids) are still in bloom in the glasshouse. They have brought me so much joy that I am ordering 25 more plants from the Philippines. Should any of you want to order some, I will give you the information if you write me.

Recently a letter came from our friend in Mexico, Poncho, and he has found some wild beds of *Achimenes* for us and will gather them this fall. I know this will make you very happy.

Some new kinds of begonia seeds are coming in each week, but I would like to recommend that all beginners try the mixed begonia seeds first before trying the rare expensive kinds—for very good reasons. Usually a first attempt at growing begonias from seed is half failure; the rare seed cannot be replaced and is thus lost to all of us if you fail to get it to grow. But I can guarantee the mixed seed and will continue to send you seed as replacement for what does not grow for you just as long as you will try to grow it and at 25c to 50c per packet depending upon how much seed you want. Grow the easier kinds first and then try the rare kinds.

Now this month I have another "scoop" and it is *B. goegoensis* from Sumatra, which is a low grower with small creeping rhizomes; the leaves are round, quite lined and puckered, dark olive-green with lighter veins; flowers pink. A very rare and outstanding begonia. The seed is \$1 per packet.

We who love our begonias have a tender spot in our hearts for a member who has had hard luck, and I am wondering if some of you can help out our member who was recently flooded out of her home and lost all of her lovely plants. She is Mrs. F. W. Schimel, 122 E. First St., Chaska, Minn. She has been a member of our Seed Fund about as long as I have. Mrs. Schimel is crippled and not able to leave her home so her plants were very precious to her. If you send her a box of cuttings and small plants it will help to make her happy again. I have sent her a good supply of seeds but they do take time.

Two other letters this month were of special interest to me: one from Mrs. Annabell Nocker, West Chestnut Ave., Vineland, N. J., who writes, "Two years ago I purchased a packet of Begonia seeds from the Seed Fund and then was afraid to plant it. I put the seed in a desk drawer and forgot it. It was about 3 months ago that I found the seed and decided to plant it anyway. I wish you could see the beautiful little plants that I have growing from that seed. There are about 150 in all. I thought you might like to know that the seed was still good after being stored for such a long time." From Judge Howard K. Zimmerman of Astoria, Oregon: "Some months ago you sent us some gloxinia seeds. We were astonished at their germination. My wife claims that each of the seeds must have sprouted two or three times. She has many hundreds of little plants which are growing beautifully. Now she is puzzled to know how many of her friends she can give some of them to." This is a sample of the "complaints" I get in the mail, so it is no wonder I keep pegging away trying to get more seed for all you good folks. I am so happy when I hear you are pleased with the seeds I send out.

Our good Editor tells me he is printing in this issue a story about me together with a photo. I know I'll be afraid to read it. Better just take a quick look at the picture so as not to get frightened, and then turn quickly to the July Newsletter. Canary report—24 baby birds as of June 10th. If you want to hear more about my canaries and pets you had better write for a personal letter, as your Editor always cuts out all the interesting parts about my pets!

Oh yes, we have more of the cultural leaflets and new seed lists, also the free seeds, so send a large stamped envelope if you want them.

Cheerio until next month,

Your skipper, Florence Carrell

See article on page 140—Ed.

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## Calendar of Coming Events

(Visitors are always welcome!)

### July 5th

*Orange County Branch:* Mrs. J. W. Jensen of Bellflower will speak on "Rex Begonias and African Violets."

### July 12th

*Inglewood Branch:* Sylvia Leatherman speaks on Begonias.

### July 25th

*Glendale Branch:* Mrs. J. W. Jensen, a specialist on the subject, will address us on the selection and culture of Tuberous Begonias and Mrs. Gladys Nolan will give a Begonia Lesson.

### July 27th

*A. D. Robinson Branch:* At 10:00 a. m. in the Sinjen Garden, 4464 Long Branch Ave., San Diego, we will gather to hear Mr. F. F. Sinjen talk about "Ferns in the Garden."

### July 28th

*New England Branch:* 12 m. Box Lunch. Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Allen, hosts. Coolidge Road, Concord. 2 p. m. Mr. & Mrs. George Greenlaw, hosts. Lexington Road, Concord. Speaker, Mrs. George Hewitt: "Winter Flowering Begonias."

### August 3rd, 4th, 5th

*Ventura: Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch:*

Annual Flower Show, Ventura Junior College Gym, between 2000 and 2300 Poli St. Doors open 1:00 p.m. Friday, 8:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, closing each night at 10:00.

### August 5th

**BEGONIA DAY IN SAN DIEGO:** A Tuberous blossom for every patient in all hospitals!

### August 11th & 12th

*Southern Alameda County Branch:* Sixth Annual Begonia and Shade Plant Show at the Veterans' Memorial Building, 737 Main street, Hayward, California, courtesy of the Memorial Building Commission. Admission is free! **VACATIONERS:** Mark this date and place on your itineraries.

### August 24th

*A. D. Robinson Branch:* 10:00 a. m. Clark Garden, 3030 Homer St., San Diego. Mrs. Annie Robinson, speaker; topic "Streptocarpus and Gloxinias." **THIS IS THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON.**

### August 25th

*New England Branch:* 11:00 a. m. North Street Greenhouses, Danielson, Conn. 12:00 m. box lunch. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Martin, hosts. 2:00 p. m. Speaker, Mrs. E. E. Martin, "Rex Begonias."

### Sept. 1st & 2nd

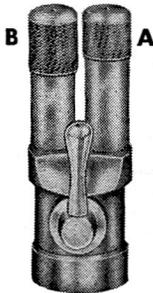
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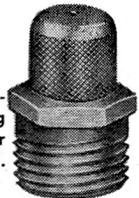


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## Branch Meeting Dates and Places

**BELLFLOWER BRANCH**  
1st Monday, July 2, Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m.  
I.O.O.F. Hall, Ardmore and Palm Sts.  
Audrey Adams, Secy.  
6139 Graywood Ave., Bellflower, Calif.

**CENTRAL FLORIDA BRANCH, ORLANDO, FLA.**  
1st Friday, July 6, Aug. 3  
Member's Homes  
Mr. Ted Wolf, Secy.-Treas.  
Rt. 19, Box 3700, Orlando, Fla.

**DALLAS COUNTY BRANCH, DALLAS, TEXAS**  
1st Thursday, July 5, Aug. 2, 7:00 p.m.  
Member's Residence  
Mrs. Russel B. White, Secy.-Treas.  
919 N. Clinton St., Dallas 11, Texas

**EAST BAY BRANCH**  
2nd Thursday, July 12, 7:45 p.m.  
Willard School, Ward St.  
C. F. Jensen, Secy.  
3720 Cerrito Ave., Richmond, Calif.

**EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH**  
3rd Thursday, July 19, 8:00 p.m.  
Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 804 E. Valley  
Mrs. Gladys Adams, Cor. Secy.  
11215 E. Elliott Ave., El Monte, Calif.

**FOOTHILL BRANCH**  
1st Friday, July 6, Aug. 3, 8:00 p.m.  
Woman's Club House, 1003 Azusa Ave., Azusa  
Gertrude M. Cooper, Cor. Secy.  
340 W. Electric, Glendora, Calif.

**FORT, ELSA BRANCH**  
1st Saturday, July 7, Aug. 4  
Mrs. Marion R. Thompson, Secy.  
129 White Horse Pike, Magnolia, N. J.

**GLENDALE BRANCH**  
4th Wednesday, July 25, 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 N. Central Ave.  
Mrs. D. H. Bradley, Cor. Secy.  
1501 San Luis Rey Dr., Glendale 8, Calif.

**GRAY, EVA KENWORTHY BRANCH**  
3rd Monday, July 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Community House, La Jolla  
Tillie Genter, Cor. Secy.  
7356 Eads St., La Jolla, Calif.

**GRUENBAUM, MARGARET BRANCH**  
4th Tuesday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.  
Home of Members  
Box Lunch 12:30, Program following  
Mrs. Ernest Jones, Secy.  
R.F.D., Willow Grove, Pa.

**HEART OF AMERICA BRANCH**  
2nd Tuesday, July 10, 7:30 p.m.  
Members' Residences  
Mr. Homer Meek, Secy.-Treas.  
1306 N. 28th, Kansas City, Kans.

**HOLLYWOOD BRANCH**  
2nd Thursday, July 12, 7:30 p.m.  
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Mrs. Walter J. Butt, Cor. Secy.  
861 S. Harvard, Los Angeles 5, Calif.

**HUB CITY BRANCH**  
3rd Monday, July 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Roosevelt High School Cafe  
1200 E. Olive, Compton, Calif.  
Mrs. Mildred Ogden, Secy.  
114 East Olive St., Compton 3, Calif.

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY BRANCH**  
2nd Monday, July 9, 8:00 p.m.  
Los Amigos Club, Loleta, Calif.  
Miss Margaret Smith, Secy.  
P. O. Box 635, Ferndale, Calif.

**INGLEWOOD BRANCH**  
2nd Thursday, July 12, 8:00 p.m.  
325 N. Hillcrest, Inglewood, Calif.  
Virginia Smith, Secy.  
1419 W. 104th St. Los Angeles 47, Calif.

**LA MESA BRANCH**  
2nd Monday, July 9, 8:00 p.m.  
Porter Park  
Mrs. C. W. McManus, Secy.  
Rt. 1, Box 1070, La Mesa, Calif.

**LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER**  
3rd Tuesday, July 17, 7:30 p.m.  
2255 Elm St., Long Beach, Calif.  
Mrs. W. Cox, Secy.  
3592 Lewis Ave., Long Beach 7, Calif.

**MIAMI, FLORIDA BRANCH**  
4th Tuesday, July 24, 8:00 p.m.  
Simpson Memorial Garden Center  
Miss Elizabeth S. Hall, Secy.  
2572 Trapp Ave., Miami 35, Fla.

**MISSOURI BRANCH**  
3rd Tuesday, July 17, 12:30 p.m.  
Members' Residences  
Mrs. Mona Ayers, Secy.  
6655 Bellfontaine, Kansas City, Mo.

**NEW ENGLAND BRANCH**  
Mrs. H. H. Buxton, Secy.  
114 Central St., Peabody, Mass.

**NEW YORK SUBURBAN BRANCH**  
Mrs. Dorothy F. Michaelson, Secy.-Treas.  
P. O. Box 818, Denville, N. J.

**NORTH LONG BEACH BRANCH**  
2nd Monday, July 9, 7:30 p.m.  
Houghton Park Club House  
Harding & Atlantic, N. Long Beach  
Mrs. Alberta Logue, Secy.  
6050 Atlantic, Long Beach 5, Calif.

**ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH**  
1st Thursday, July 5, Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m.  
Farm Bureau Hall, 353 S. Main St., Orange  
Mrs. W. L. Everett, Secy.-Treas.  
Rt. 2, Box 146, Orange, Calif.

**PASADENA BRANCH**  
3rd Monday, July 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Casita del Arroyo, 177 S. Arroya Blvd., Pasadena  
Mrs. Harold Benson, Secy.-Treas.  
3180 No. Crestford Dr., Altadena, Calif.

**PETALUMA BRANCH**  
3rd Friday, July 20, 8:00 p.m.  
McKinley Rec. Center, Washington & Vallejo Sts.  
Mrs. Hazel Chappell, Secy.  
222 Bodega Ave., Petaluma, Calif.

**PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH**  
Mrs. Lillian Watts, Secy.  
405 Cotswald Lane, Wynnwood, Pa.

**PORTLAND OREGON BRANCH**  
4th Friday, July 27, 8:00 p.m.  
Journal Bldg. Aud., Front & Yamhill Sts.  
Mrs. George Venner, Secy.  
7604 S. E. Tolman, Portland 6, Oregon

**REDONDO AREA BRANCH**  
4th Friday, July 27, 8:00 p.m.  
2308 Rockefeller  
Redondo Beach, Calif.  
Mrs. Lucy A. Sault, Secy.  
309 E. 220th St., Torrance, Calif.

**RIVERSIDE BRANCH**  
2nd Wednesday, July 11, 7:30 p.m.  
Members' Residences  
Mrs. Zena L. Twomley, Secy.  
7154 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, Calif.

**ROBINSON, ALFRED D. BRANCH**  
4th Friday, July 27, 10:00 a.m.  
Homes of Members  
Mrs. J. J. Howarth, Secy.  
4319 Del Mar Ave., San Diego 7, Calif.

**SACRAMENTO BRANCH**  
3rd Tuesday, July 17, 8:00 p.m.  
Garden Center, McKinley Park  
Mrs. W. J. Holley, Secy.  
2914 V St., Sacramento, Calif.

**SALEM, OREGON BRANCH**  
1st Thursday, July 5, Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m.  
Salem Y.M.C.A.  
Miss Ellen Quail, Secy.  
202 E. Rural Ave., Salem, Ore.

**SAN DIEGO BRANCH**  
4th Monday, July 23  
Hard of Hearing Hall, Herbert & University  
Mrs. Thomas Hofmann, Secy.  
2327 33rd St., San Diego 4, Calif.

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BRANCH**  
2nd Monday, July 9, 7:30 p.m.  
Garden Center, 11134 Weddington, N. Hollywood  
Mrs. Nel Schoenbrom, Secy.  
7961 Balboa Blvd., Van Nuys, Calif.

**SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH**  
1st Wednesday, July 4, Aug. 1, 7:30 p.m.  
1641 Taraval St.  
Mrs. William Meyer, Secy.  
1422 27th Ave., San Francisco 22, Calif.

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**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH**  
4th Wednesday, July 25, 8:00 p.m.  
Masonic Temple, 506 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia  
Mrs. Hazel Snowden, Secy.  
5956 N. Encinta Ave., Temple City, Calif.

**SANTA BARBARA BRANCH**  
2nd Thursday, July 12, 7:30 p.m.  
Rm. 5, Com. Center, 914 Santa Barbara St.  
Mrs. A. M. Manly  
P. P. Box 1319, Santa Barbara, Calif.

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BRANCH**  
1st Tuesday, July 3, Aug. 7, 8:00 p.m.  
V.F.W. Hall, 311 Pacific Ave.  
Miss Hazelle E. Oxley, Secy.  
428 Davis St., Santa Cruz, Calif.

**SANTA MONICA BAY BRANCH**  
2nd Friday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.  
1180 Lincoln Blvd., 7th St. Entrance,  
Santa Monica  
Mrs. Edith King, Secy.  
2627 Corinth Ave., Los Angeles 64, Calif.

**SANTA PAULA BRANCH**  
4th Thursday, July 26, 6:30 p.m.  
Steckel Park  
Mrs. Beryl Ernsberger, Secy.  
6211 Santa Paula St., Santa Paula, Calif.

**SEATTLE BRANCH**  
3rd Tuesday, July 17  
Members' Homes  
Mrs. Thomas Myers, Secy.  
6057-31, N. E., Seattle 5, Washington

**SHEPHERD, THEODOSIA BURR BRANCH**  
1st Tuesday, July 3, Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m.  
Alice Bartlett C. H., 902 E. Main, Ventura, Calif.  
Mr. Orville A. Rogers, Secy.  
126 S. Pacific Ave., Ventura, Calif.

**SO. ALAMEDA COUNTY BRANCH**  
3rd Thursday, July 19, 8:00 p.m.  
Faculty Cafeteria, High School, Hayward, Calif.  
Esther Krabach, Cor. Secy.  
8438 Fairview Lane, Hayward, Calif.

**SOUTHGATE BRANCH**  
4th Tuesday, July 24, 7:30 p.m.  
South Gate Municipal Aud., 4900 Southern  
Mrs. Juanita Pritchard, Secy.  
11150 Duncan Ave., Lynwood, Calif.

**TEXAS STATE BRANCH**  
4th Friday, July 27, 7:30 p.m.  
Members Homes  
Mrs. Fred M. Owens, Secy.-Treas.  
1312 Thomas Blvd., Port Arthur, Texas

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH**  
2nd Wednesday, July 11, 11:00 a.m.  
Homes of Members  
Mrs. John C. Schmucker, Secy.-Treas.  
Box 233, Brownsville, Pa.

**WESTERN RESERVE BRANCH, CLEVELAND, O.**  
4th Wednesday, July 25, 8:00 p.m.  
Garden Center, 10013 Detroit St.  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Mrs. Edward Lobser, Cor. Secy.  
25912 Westlake Rd., Bay Village, Ohio

**WHITTIER BRANCH**  
4th Tuesday, July 24, 7:30 p.m.  
Union High School, Room 19  
Lindley Ave. Entrance, Whittier, Calif.  
Mrs. Gretchen Bauchop, Secy.  
9741 S. Santa Fe Springs Rd., Whittier, Calif.

CONDENSED MINUTES meeting National Board American Begonia Society held in the City Hall, Los Angeles, May 28th, 1951, President Moore presiding.

Present for the meeting Messrs. Moore, Trowbridge, Walton, Sherer, Lorenz, Spaulding, Small, Wiley; Mesdames Kc<sup>ts</sup>, Nolan, Schwerdtfeger, MacLanahan, Spaulding, Choate, Hartwell; Branches represented Glendale, Hollywood, Hub City, Inglewood, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Gabriel Valley, Santa Monica, El Monte, Southgate, Bellflower, Whittier, Pasadena.

Salute to the Flag, and Statement of Aims and Purposes of the Society.

Reading of the Minutes of April meeting dispensed with due to previous publication.

Reports of Treasurer, Editor, Membership Fees and Business Manager read and, on motion, approved as read.

Mr. Trowbridge reported considerable interest among the Northern California branches looking toward the 1952 Convention and Flower Show.

Director Korts reported she had visited four branches during the past month and found them getting along very well.

Mrs. Schwerdtfeger reported no new branches this month but a good lead for a branch at Tracey; Salem Branch drafting new Constitution and By-laws; visitors from Southern Alameda County Branch, Petaluma Branch, Flint, Mich., and Portland Branch. Enjoyed the contacts very much.

Librarian Nolan, besides giving her always interesting report, had two choice news items to tell us—from Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sims back files of the American Fern Journal and from Mrs. Helen K. Krauss "much of the reference material used in compiling her book "Begonias for American Homes & Gardens"; photo reproductions of an invaluable collection of plates from the Curtis Botanical Magazine, monographs from French and German Botanical works and miscellaneous papers from various botanical journals—all of which will be catalogued and filed.

Mr. Wiley for Slide Library reported slides were coming and going all the time. Have added new Rex seedling slides; El Monte next on the list for a slide program. Asked for discussion on making tape recordings to go out with the slides. Consideration of this phase, but no action taken. More about this later.

Trowbridge announced Hollywood and Santa Monica had joined forces and will put on the Convention and Flower Show in Plummer Park, Sept. 1st and 2nd. Watch your Begonian for further information.

Treasurer asked that branches make sure their checks are properly made out and endorsed (if necessary) before sending them in and thus save delays and confusion.

Upon request, Mr. Walton read the changes the committee had made in the "Proposed Constitution and By-laws." Due to newly suggested changes, President Moore asked the Committee to reconvene, work out these points, and again present the Proposed Constitution and By-laws at the next meeting and stated "we will still have time to publish it in the August Begonian to be voted on at the Convention. SO ORDERED.

Nominating Committee, Mr. Slatter, Chairman, handed in its report as follows:

For President Elect—Mr. Sherer, Santa Monica Br.; Mrs. Korts, Glendale Br.

For Treasurer—Mr. Haskell, Santa Monica Br.; Mr. Hackler, Whittier Br.

Director for 3 yrs.—Mr. Terrell, Riverside Br.; Mr. Ogden, Hub City Br.

On motion, report accepted and Committee thanked for their efficient work.

Motion by Mr. Walton, "I now move that since Hollywood and Santa Monica have offered very generously to play host to the National Convention, that we acknowledge their invitation with genuine appreciation and accept with pleasure." SO ORDERED.

Mrs. Schwerdtfeger's offer to place a \$25.00 award for the best Educational Booth in the Show was accepted with gratitude and the thanks of the entire meeting. More about this in the Begonian, also rules and schedules.

All Branch Directors present reported for their branches, but lack of space prevents itemizing. Good attendance and good programs; Mirandy proving a very much sought after speaker; jitney pot-lucks also proving most enjoyable and popular; branch flower shows here and there; and guests are always welcome.

Next meeting June 25th. Try to be present.

Respectfully submitted,

Gonda Hartwell, Secy.

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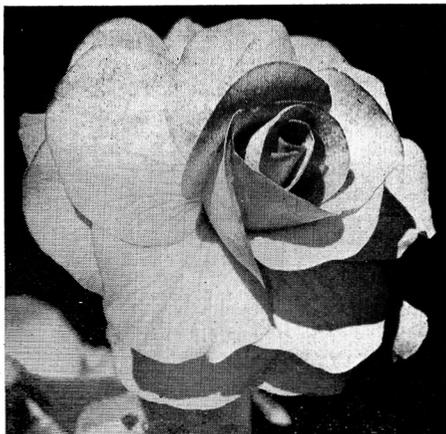
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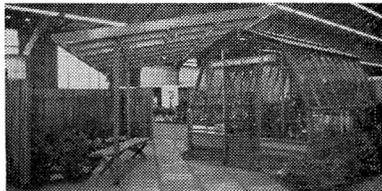
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