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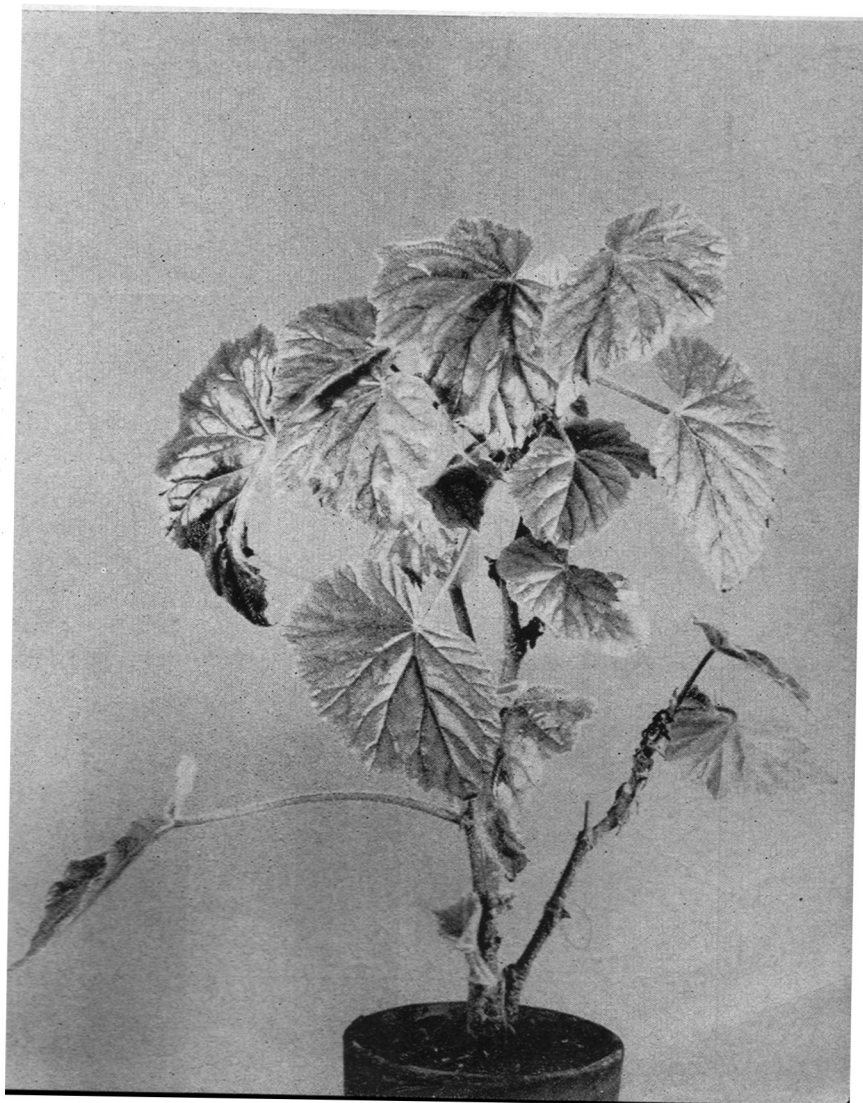
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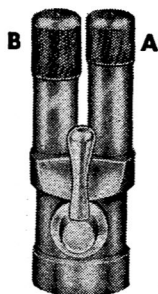


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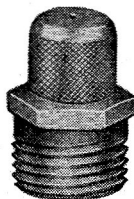


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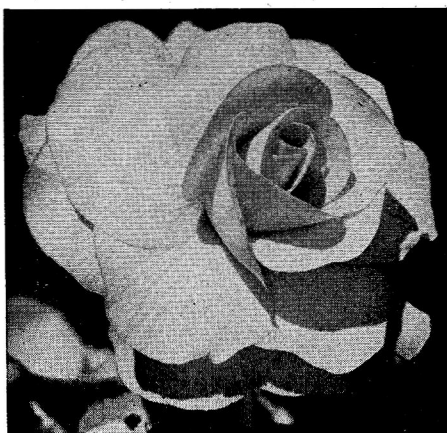
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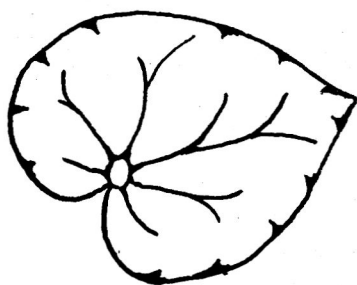
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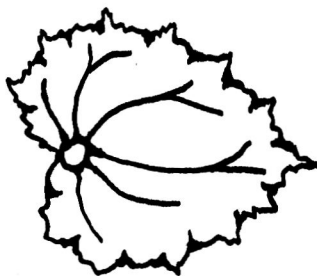
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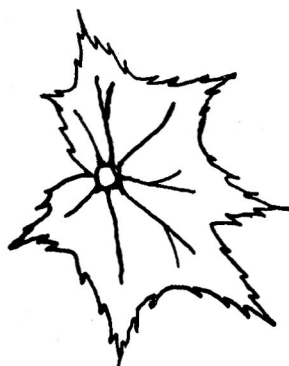
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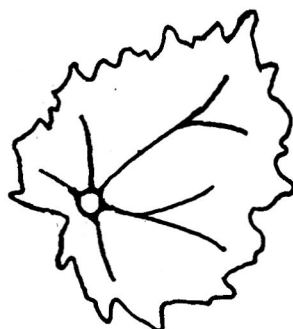
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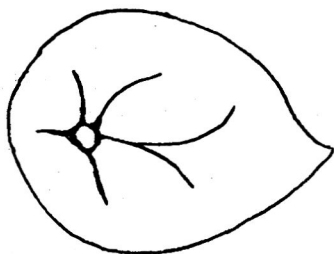
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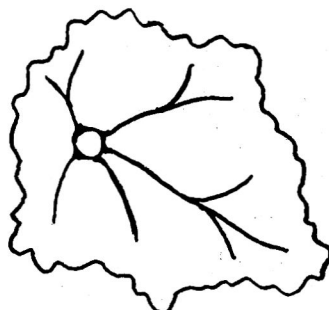
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Ramola

—Dorothy S. Behrends' Drawing

Parents and Children

Slanted Toward the Beginners

By Dorothy S. Behrends

When beginners or would-be begonia growers become sufficiently interested in begonias that they will spend a little time in meeting with others of the same mind to *study* begonias, they are on the path to GREAT enjoyment.

When begonias are *studied*, the great and many differences are seen. That is why begonias are fascinating—the variations in leaves, flowers and habit of growth.

The first topic usually discussed in study groups is the culture, which includes soil mixtures, fertilizers, et cetera. As this subject has been discussed so often, we will take it for granted that each grower has settled on a favorite soil mixture.

The next topic of discussion is usually one particular begonia. If the begonia is a species, the climatic conditions in its native habitat are explained and then a few of the begonias having that particular species as one parent are listed and described as the hybrids.

Repetition is a great teacher. By examining a begonia many times, under various conditions, the peculiarities and distinguishing characteristics are noted.

Study groups, usually meet in the various members' homes and begonias in a member's collection are often the 'begonias to be studied'.

The begonias selected for study vary as much as tastes may vary.

Whenever possible it is extremely helpful to have a specimen (large or small) of each plant under discussion.

The accompanying illustrations merely emphasize certain noticeable characteristics. The comments in a group often bring out important ideas relating to these begonias that are not easily included in drawings.

The following may be considered merely a skeleton that is a starter toward a lively lesson.

Begonia incana and its hybrids

B. incana (or *B. peltata*) . . . found in Mexico, fibrous, stems thick, erect, few branched; leaves heavy, peltate, covered with white tomentum. Flowers white. Prefers to be kept on the dry side, as in its native habitat.

B. 'Red-veined Incana' (*B. incana* x *B. 'ricinifolia'*) the same as *incana* with the exception of red veins and sinus and covered with brown tomentum. (Bower 1937).

B. 'Palomar' (*B. incana* x *'ricinifolia'*) rhizomatous, leaves heavy, ovate-pointed, glossy light green, covered with white tomentum. Flowers pale pink. (Bower 1937).

B. 'Ramola' (*B. incana* x *B. 'ricinifolia'*) rhizomes thick; leaves large, orbicular, peltate, fleshy, glossy dark green; brown tomentum. Flowers white. (Bower 1937).

B. 'Tamo' (*B. incana* x *B. Mazae*) fibrous; tall; young leaves dark red, dark green surface and dark red underside at maturity, edges blanket stitched, slightly cupped; petiole and stem smooth. Undersides of leaves sparsely covered with brown tomentum. (Turner 1950).

B. Mazae . . . fibrous stalk and petioles light green dotted with red specks; leaves ovate-pointed, dark red undersides, black-green surface on young leaves; paling at maturity, red-brown margins with darker brown irregular marks. Surface has a chatoyant (satiny sheen) quality at all times. This is the most remarkable characteristic found in a begonia, for many years. It has been used as a parent plant by many hybridizers, since its introduction by R. Ziesenhenné in 1947.

B. 'ricinifolia', a hybrid; large, rhizomatous; leaves bronzy to light green (depending on the conditions under which it is grown), palmately lobed, lacinated; will grow quite large under ideal conditions. Stems (petioles) sparsely hairy; profuse blooming habit, winter, pink flowers borne well above the foliage. A popular begonia often listed as the castor-bean begonia.

Pronunciations of the above begonia names are listed for your convenience.

incana . . . in-kay-nah

peltata . . . pell-tay-tah

Palomar . . . pal-o-mar

Ramola . . . rah-mo-lah

ricinifolia . . . rih-sin-ih-fo-lia

Tamo . . . tah-mo

Further information as to descriptions may be found on page 261 of the December 1951 *BEGONIAN*.



Begonia Sequoia

By Gladys C. Nolan, Glendale Branch

Photography by Gladys C. Nolan

Begonia 'Sequoia' is a new introduction from Mrs. Susie Zug of San Dimas, California, which has such quality as to cause begonia growers who have seen it to exclaim with delight and tingle with a desire to add it to their collections.

This fine rhizomatous plant is a hybrid of *B. speculata* by an unnamed *B. rex cultorum*, having the luxuriant growth, flowering, and leaf texture of the seed parent, *B. speculata* (commonly known as the grape-leaf begonia), the exotic colorings of a *B. rex-cultorum*, plus the happy faculty of being a prolific bloomer, sending up long-stemmed clusters of coral-pink flowers well above the burnished copper and silver of its foliage. It makes rapid and sturdy growth, is persistent in its flowering habit, blooming well while still a small plant, and is easily shaped into a beautiful, well rounded show plant in a short time.

The accompanying photograph will give the reader some idea of its growth tendencies, but it would be impossible to reproduce the metallic texture of the foliage or the delicate, exquisitely colored blossoms, which are larger than the seed parents. The

pictured plant has been grown out-of-doors in California and has proved hardy in a protected area.



Begonia r. c. 'Sir Percy', described in the February issue.



A corner in the Zug Garden

SEQUOIA, the name given it, seemed to express its rich quality and charm, associating it with the spiritual beauty of the redwoods. This will prove a fine house plant

for our Eastern members and also of value to florists, who propagate the best and the unusual for their trade.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Begonia Duchartrei

By Marie Minter

In 1892 Mr. Bruant crossed the two species—*B. echinosepala* x *B. Scharffiana*—to give us a large-leaved hairy fibrous which is still popular in our shade gardens today.

One might confuse this particular plant from the picture with that of *B. Scharffii*, but pictures are misleading. The leaves are shaped very similar to *B. Scharffii*, but there the resemblance ends. The leaves of *B. 'Duchartrei'* are more pointed and the foliage is a light green. The backs of the leaves are also light green and the under red color is confined to the veins.

The entire plant is white hairy and the leaves are larger than *B. Scharffii*. I can see very little resemblance in any way to *B. Scharffiana*, and I'm wondering if the confusion in the naming of *B. Scharffiana* and *B. Scharffii* didn't also confuse the originator of this particular hybrid. However, the record stands as he first put it down.

There are two colors of flowers on this particular cross. In the Rosecroft catalog of 1938 I find a record of the 'Pink Duchartrei.' The original cross had very large white flowers on long stems. The 'Pink Duchartrei' differs in having the blooms carried more erectly and in larger clusters.

To add still further to the mix-up on this plant, we also have a record that William

Grant of San Diego produced a seedling of *B. 'Duchartrei'* with smaller, more pointed, darker green leaves. The under side was jade green with ribs and veins purple. Blooms are large, white, tinted clusters, very floriferous. This plant will grow to 8' tall. We still call this plant *B. 'Grant's Duchartrei.'*

CONVENTION DUEL!



Challenged to a duel to the finish, contestants Art Mann and Cal Trowbridge are practicing with various weapons for the ice cream-eating debacle.

More "Light" on Window Culture

By Elsa Fort, Merchantville, N. J.

When one looks at the map of the World, the first thought would be, "Why the Eastern Coast of the United States is further south and should be warmer than England, which is so much nearer the North Pole", but the Gulf Stream must be considered in the effect it has upon the climate of England. However, Begonias usually are very accommodating in adapting themselves to various conditions of climate. In New Jersey we have many dark days when the sun does not shine, altho we do not have the fogs of England. But the lack of sun in either case is identical in the growing of Begonias.

For a window without sun, if the temperature is rather cool, say about 58 to 68, any of the Rex Begonias will thrive and the colors in the leaves be more brilliant. Of course most fibrous Begonias require some sun for bloom, but the Rhizomatous varieties will bloom in a window with good light and no direct sunshine. *B. erythrophylla*, *B. erythrophylla belix*, *B. crestabruchi* and *B. Bunchii* will do better without direct sunshine and, when they are just about ready to burst into bloom, move them to sunshine for brighter color. The begonias bearing red leaves, such as *B. 'Joe Hayden'*, *B. frutescens*, *B. 'Vedderi'*, *B. 'Dorothy Grant'* and other fibrous root red-leaved begonias, will all have brighter leaves when grown in a north or northeast window.

When begonias are grown in windows without direct sunlight, they require less water, so do not get as "leggy" as when given an abundance of water. Lack of sunshine is not always a cause of legginess, but an over-abundance of water. Seems the plant is trying to float when it is too wet and soggy at the root. When watering be sure to pour off all excess water in the saucer after the plant has had time to absorb needed moisture, and by all means do not over-

water, rather underwater in an exposure without sunshine.

If it is possible, try to move the Begonias grown in a north exposure to get some sunshine once a week; give them a whole day in the sun, and in that way the leaves will not turn yellow.

If one has sufficient space in a sunny window to put in a table back of the sills, the colored leaved begonias, together with the rhizomatous types, can be grown, thereby receiving filtered sunshine, leaving the front nearest to the window for the flowering types which require sunshine for perfect bloom, such as the cane and hirsute and *semperflorens*. Fortunately for us here in New Jersey many of the red-leaved begonias are summer bloomers and give their perfection of bloom out of doors in the summer months, and are just growing during the winter short days and still give their beauty of colored foliage. When one has beautiful colors in the foliage one is not so anxious to have the added glory of bloom.

Of course, if grown in a south or west window, more moisture is required, but in many instances this may be overcome with the use of a larger pot or glazed pots with good drainage facilities.

Most all begonias resent too much water around the roots and too much wind over the tops. A window should not be opened on them on a very windy day, especially if the buds are being formed, and that is the time to carefully water, using room temperature water, rain water if possible; and bud setting time is the best time to study the habits of begonias.

Begonias are the most versatile, adaptable house plants one can possess, and amply repay one for the effort spent to bring out their real glory of beauty, whether on foliage or bloom.

In answer to a query from England about window-gardening with begonias—Editor.

SHOWS

SACRAMENTO BRANCH

The all begonia show which Sacramento Branch held with Mrs. Leonard Flannigan as chairman attracted about one thousand visitors although the hours were from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. only and competed with another garden club show for attention. These visitors registered to be eligible for the door prize—a big 'Feastii' begonia. 35 other cities were represented from New York, Virginia,

Arizona and Oklahoma as well as California.

The purpose of our show was to acquaint the public with the many varieties of begonias grown by our members. From the many interested visitors we hope by this project to increase our membership with people who are real lovers of begonias. In other words, it was a membership drive. Copies of The Begonian were given to people whom we deemed really interested.

25 or more begonias in each classification

of fibrous, rhizomatous and rex, as well as a table of lovely miniatures and another of semperflorens were displayed. A few huge, blooming tuberous begonias were also shown through the courtesy of Lagomarsino Bros. Nursery.

A propagating table was conducted by our experts, Bob Gunther and Mel Newfield, which attracted much interest.

The Plant Sales table was under direction of Mrs. Nelson Elliott, who, with her committee, sold \$86.00 worth of fine begonias. We were fortunate to have Mrs. Emma Carleton, A.B.S. Nomenclature Committee member, as our guest; she aided us in naming and correcting those plants which were misnamed.

The most interesting feature of the Show was eight Miniature Gardens made by our members. We were very proud of them as none of us had ever tried our hands at

this before. We were inspired by Louise Schwerdtfeger's very fine article. The visitors voted for their favorite by ballot and First Award went to Mrs. Leonard Flannigan. Other classes were non-competitive.

Congratulations to President J. C. Roberts, Chairman Frances Flannigan, and the committee and thanks to *all* the hard-working members.

Ruthanne Williams

WELLESLEY COLLEGE

Mr. William J. Jennings, an A.B.S. member and member of the Botany Department of Wellesley College, Massachusetts, writes that their entry in the March show of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society received a first prize and Silver Medal.

He used palms, maidenhair and holly ferns for fillers and accents and tufa rock for wall and red tile for patio. Red brick lined the walk of gray-blue stone. Sawdust filled between the potted plants with some peat over the surface. He painted the fence and slat roof a maroon color.

As the cash award was \$550 and the expenses about \$150, it was a financial success as well.

Note the excellent labels for the various begonias, etc.

Congratulations to Mr. Jennings and his staff. Wellesley must be very proud of this exhibition.



Mrs. Leonard Flannigan's winner



Detail of Wellesley's winner at the March Massachusetts Horticultural Society Show

—Courtesy of William J. Jennings

MORE SHOWS MIAMI BRANCH

The Second Annual Begonia Show was sponsored by the Miami Begonia Society and was made a great success by President Gene Ennemoser and his efficient committees. To the show came hundreds of visitors, many out-of-state, who were flower lovers or who were growers of begonias. From the new and surprised visitors, "fantastic", "what" and "how" were the words; from the eager, ordinary grower, "I want one"; from the experts, "Yes, I grow that," with satisfied smiles.

The exhibitors ranged from amateurs to experts, the exhibits from semperflorens through the rex and tuberous classifications and on beyond them to ferns, saintpaulias and companion shade plants. The space in the big room and porch of Simpson Memorial Garden Center was ample for beautiful banking and comfortable aisles for such a display.

The rex group greeted you from the door. Of course, that group was a riot of colorful patterns,—patterns that might have been painted by a fairy brush, with magic silvers, bronzes, greens and blended shades of red. If a designer could only half-copy the leaf shapes, colors and textures of the specimens seen in the odd, the hairy and the rhizomatous groups his fortune would be made! To many of the visitors the surprises left them as excited as a first circus! The writer observed that, on the porch, a sudden pause of shocked admiration and sheer joy came upon many when they first saw the late afternoon sun's rays come through the cane stemmed group. This group supported great clusters of translucent beauty that gave the impression of a show in wax, shading from white through pink, peach, rose, red and orange. That last view was unforgettable and was an inspiration to the least able grower to go home and start growing begonias! The many successful growers went home with their prized ribbons

By Mrs. J. K. Williams

TEXAS STATE BRANCH

E. Weaver of Port Arthur, Texas, writes that the members voted to enter a display in the Federation of Garden Clubs Spring Flower Show and that their display was awarded the blue ribbon for an educational exhibit.—A very worthwhile undertaking and we are proud of their blue ribbon too. The more educational exhibits, the more people will learn to know and love our begonias.

NEW ENGLAND

Mrs. George Greenlaw of Concord, Mass., is one of our most enthusiastic begonia growers and has a great many of the new varieties. Many came from Mr. Ziesenhenne.

Mrs. Greenlaw had a fine large exhibit of begonias and other houseplants at the recent spring flower show held at Boston. This is a large and beautiful show. This exhibit took second place. She, you remember, was the chairman of the Houseplant Show last fall and is well known in horticultural circles, as is Mr. Greenlaw, who grows over a thousand rose bushes and was President of the New England Rose Society two years ago.

Mrs. Catherine M. Sheehan.

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Of course, if you have a definite program scheduled you would insert those details. Additional hints accompany the mat. So write Mrs. Powell now for yours.

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Founders' Month Tribute

The American Begonia Society began in the hearts of a few people and in the enthusiasm of Herbert P. Dyckman of Long Beach, who enjoyed flowers and flower shows in general and begonias in particular back in the days of "The Depression." Exhibiting his plants and encouraging a group of his friends in his own hobby, he invited them to informal meetings which soon took shape under the name of "The California Begonia Society." But in visiting southern growers such as Alfred D. Robinson, Eva Kenworthy Gray and Mrs. Cardoza Sloan and on hearing from Mrs. Bessie Buxton in New England, who had a correspondence circle on begonias with enthusiasts across the continent, a widened scope was perceived, and the name was changed to The American Begonia Society. It was so incorporated in 1940. Meanwhile first the Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch in Ventura was formed and then the New England Branch and third the Inglewood Branch, spurred on by Leslie Woodriff. These were followed by others in San Francisco and the East Bay and many more, until today we have a total of 50. Besides branch members we have many hundreds of independent members throughout the country and in foreign lands whom we are happy to be able to serve.

Let us pay tribute to the presidents of the A.B.S., all of whom were voted life members in recognition of their services:

H. Dyckman '32 '33 '41	Clarence A. Hall ... '44
Fred Reidman '34	Arthur E. Nelson ... '45
J. Paul Walker '35	Harold W. Hart ... '46
Dr. M. B. Dunkle '36	George Lawrence ... '47
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Frank Harrison '40	W. E. Walton '50
Ferdinand P. Neels, '42	Frank S. Moore '51

In addition Dr. W. N. Caseley '39 and Mr. J. L. Bailly '43, deceased, are sorely missed.

Let us remember, too, the original seven men who met with Mr. Dyckman; Fred Riedman and J. Paul Walker, past-presidents, too; Roy Berry, deceased, originator of some of the finest strains of rex hybrids in ex-

istence; Clayton M. Kelly, deceased, organizer of the important Research and Seed Fund which bears his name and is so ably forwarded by Mrs. Florence Carrell; Carl Fischer, deceased; R. S. McGaughery and L. G. Wylie.

Let us re-emphasize the honor paid to some of our members by their branches by purchasing Life Memberships and presenting them to:

Mrs. Gonda Hartwell, long-faithful A. B. S. Secretary.

Worth A. Brown, bulb grower and author of "Tuberous Begonias."

Frank Reinelt, prime present day introducer of Vetterle & Reinelt strains of tuberous begonias.

Mrs. Myrtle Shepherd Francis, daughter of the West's first nurserywoman and begonia hybridist, Theodosia Burr Shepherd Mrs. Alice M. Clark, San Diego begonia authority and painter *par excellence*

Rudolf Ziesenhenné, Santa Barbara begonia botanist, prime present day introducer of new species.

Mrs. Christle Geer, San Francisco's Ambassador of Good Will and early day member.

Miss Marjorie May, San Francisco's fairy godmother of the lovely doll given for convention contributions.

But these are just a few of the persons responsible for the A. B. S. as it is today. Reading back issues from the first bulletin mimeographed in 1934, through the depression and war and post-war trials and success we find an ever-marching procession of personalities having a share in building the A.B.S., until today YOU are one of the links in the chains which our hobby has thrown around us—the pleasantest of imprisonments, surely—and today YOU can help to build a bigger and better Society through your initiative, your love of plants and of people. Today YOU are one of the FOUNDERS OF TOMORROW'S A.B.S.

—Stanley Spaulding, Editor

Library Notes

A broken set of Geo. Nicholson's *ILLUSTRATED DICTIONARY of GARDENING* has been purchased for your library and the reference material on Begonias is intact. This will be on hand for the use of members and can be readily mailed on loan since the volume is thin and not too weighty. I only request that members realize these books were published in the early 1890's and are not only valuable for their contents but also for their antiquity. We probably have no botanical reference work that is so pro-

fusely illustrated as the Nicholson Dictionary.

Your librarian may obtain some old fern books with colored plates and would like some response from the membership as to whether they would be interested in this purchase. Many will sell for less than \$2.00 and while old, they contain valuable information as well as the color plates. May I hear from you?

Gladys C. Nolan, Librarian.

1952 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

of the

A. B. S. National Show — City College of San Francisco

August 30th, 31st and September 1st

		CASH AWARDS		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Division A—B. Semperflorens-cultorum				
Class	1. Bedding begonias, single flowered.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
	2. Bedding begonias, double flowered.....	3	2	1
	3. Distinctive hybrids and mutants of semperflorens.....	3	2	1
	4. Hanging baskets specimen of Class 1, 2, 3.....	3	2	1
	5. Wall pockets specimen of Class 1, 2, 3.....	3	2	1
	6. A group of 6, specimen plants of Class 1, 2, 3, minimum 3 varieties.....	5	3	2
Division B—Cane-Stemmed Begonia Group				
Class	7. Tree types, species or varieties, such as: <i>B. lucerna</i> , <i>B. Pres. Carnot</i> , <i>B. luxurians</i> , etc.....	5	3	2
	8. Intermediate types, such as: <i>B. argenteaguttata</i> , <i>B. preussen</i> , etc.....	3	2	1
	9. Low growing types, such as: <i>B. medora</i> , <i>B. Jinnie May</i> , etc.....	3	2	1
	10. Varieties other than embraced in Class 7, 8, 9.....	3	2	1
	11. Hanging baskets with specimen plants of climbing or scandent types, such as: <i>B. Marjorie Daw</i> , <i>Limminghei</i> , etc.....	5	3	2
	12. Wall pockets, climbing or scandent, specimen.....	3	2	1
	13. Group of 6, specimen plants, Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, minimum 3 varieties.....	8	5	3
Division C—Hairy Begonia Group				
Class	14. Hairy begonias, such as: <i>B. Scharffi</i> , <i>B. Morgana</i> , <i>B. Nelly Bly</i> , etc.....	5	3	2
	15. Sparsely hairy begonias, such as: <i>B. braemar</i> , <i>B.</i> <i>Dorothy Grant</i> , etc.....	5	3	2
	16. Distinctive, unusual or odd foliage, erect, such as: <i>B.</i> <i>Mrs. Fred Scripps</i> , <i>B. Mme. Lionnet</i> , <i>B. venosa</i> , <i>B. deliciosa</i> , etc.....	5	3	2
	17. Hanging baskets, specimen plant Class 14, 15.....	5	3	2
	18. Wall pockets, specimen plant Class 14, 15.....	3	2	1
	19. Other varieties not embraced in Classes 14, 15, 16.....	3	2	1
	20. Group of 6, specimen plants, of Classes 14, 15, 16 minimum 3 varieties.....	8	5	3
Division D—Rhizomatous Begonia Group				
Class	21. Low-growing small leaved types, such as: <i>B. rotundifolia</i> , <i>B. Schulziana</i> , <i>B. conchaefolia</i> , etc.....	3	2	1
	22. Star types, such as: <i>B. vicinifolia</i> , <i>B. Sunderbruchii</i> , <i>B. nigricans</i> , <i>B. Silver star</i> , etc.....	5	3	2
	23. Spiral and crested types, such as: <i>B. Bunchi</i> , <i>B. erythrophylla belix</i> , etc.....	3	2	1
	24. Hybrids, any other variety, such as: <i>B. erythrophylla</i> , <i>B. Freddie</i> , <i>B. Ricky Minter</i> , etc.....	5	3	2
	25. Distinctive, unusual or odd foliage, such as <i>B. acida</i> , <i>B. crestabruchi</i> , <i>B. fuscomaculata</i> , etc.....	5	3	2
	26. Baskets and wall pockets, specimen, of Classes 21 to 25.....	3	2	1
	27. Group of 6, Classes 21 to 25, minimum 3 varieties.....	8	5	3
Division E—B. rex-cultorum				
Class	28. Large-leaved types, such as: <i>B. r-c Lesoudsii</i> , <i>B. r-c</i> <i>emeraude</i> , <i>B. r-c Cardoza gardens</i> , etc.....	3	2	1
	29. Group of 3, Class 28, 3 varieties.....	8	5	3
	30. Medium and small leaved types, such as <i>B. r-c his</i> <i>majesty</i> , <i>B. r-c glory of st. albans</i> , <i>B. r-c Louise</i> <i>Closson</i> , etc.....	3	2	1
	31. Group of 3, Class 30, 3 varieties.....	8	5	3
	32. Miniature types, straight and spiral leaved, such as: <i>B. r-c Annie Robinson</i> , <i>B. r-c toy</i> , <i>B. r-c butterfly</i> , <i>Roy Berry hybrids</i> , <i>B. r-c cutie</i> , etc.....	3	2	1
	33. Group of 6, 6 varieties of Class 32.....	5	3	2

CASH AWARDS

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34. Helix or spiraled types, such as: B. r-c Countess Louise Erdody, B. r-c curly Closson, B r-c bronze king, etc., 3 plants, 3 varieties.....	5	3	2
35. Upright and branched types, such as: B. r-c vanex, B. r-c Mrs. H. G. Moon, 3 plants, 3 varieties.....	5	3	2
36. Hanging baskets, specimen plant, of Classes 28 to 35 inclusive.....	3	2	1
37. Wall pockets, specimen plant, Classes 28-35.....	3	2	1
Division F—Tuberous-rooted Varieties (other than Tuberhybrida)			
Class 38. Species, such as: <i>B. Sutherlandi</i> , <i>B. Martiana</i> , <i>B. Pearcei</i> , <i>B. Davis</i> , <i>MacBethi</i> , etc.....	3	2	1
39. Hybrids, such as: B. wild rose, <i>lulandi</i> , <i>weltoniensis</i> , etc.....	3	2	1
40. Hanging baskets, specimen, Classes 38 and 39.....	3	2	1
41. Wall pockets, specimen, Classes 38 and 39.....	3	2	1
42. Group of 6, minimum 3 varieties, Classes 38 and 39.....	5	3	2
Division G—B. tuberhybrida			
Class 43. Single forms suggestive of wild rose.....	3	2	1
44. <i>Multiflora</i> and <i>multiflora nana</i> ; low bushy, compact; many flowered, both single and double.....	3	2	1
45. <i>Pendula</i> (syn. <i>Lloydi</i>): drooping type suitable for suspended containers.....	5	3	2
46. <i>Bertini</i> hybrids: flowers fuchsia-like, long and slender; red, pink, etc.....	3	2	1
47. Camellia forms; flowers camellia like.....	3	2	1
48. Carnation forms (<i>fimbriata plena</i>) large double.....	3	2	1
49. <i>Crispa</i> : large, single, petal-margins frilled.....	3	2	1
50. <i>Cristata</i> : large, single, flowers with crestlike outgrowth on petals.....	3	2	1
51. Narcissus forms: large daffodil-like flowers.....	3	2	1
52. Rosebud: rose-like in appearance.....	3	2	1
53. Picotee: any flower types with color mottling on petals.....	3	2	1
54. Ruffled and novelty types as distinguished from <i>fimbriata plena</i> , large blooms.....	3	2	1
55. <i>Lloydi</i> , group of 3, 3 varieties.....	12	8	5
56. Group of 3, 3 varieties, Classes 47 to 54.....	8	5	3
57. Group of 6, 6 varieties, Classes 47 to 54.....	12	8	5
58. Hollyhock or derivatives—3 plants.....	3	2	1
Division H—Tuberous Begonias—Cut Blooms. Perfection of bloom to count.			
Class 59. Begonia blooms, six double, any color.....	3	2	1
60. Begonia blooms, six, from peach to orange.....	3	2	1
61. Begonia blooms, six, from pink to red.....	3	2	1
62. Begonia blooms, six, from white to yellow.....	3	2	1
63. Begonia bloom, one, largest most perfect bloom.....	3	2	1
64. Begonia blooms, 12, any types, any colors.....	5	3	2
Division I—B. Socotrana and Derivatives			
Class 65. <i>B. Socotrana</i> , the only true bulb.....	3	2	1
66. <i>B. hiemalis</i> , such as: B. h. Lucy Clibran, B. h. optimo, B. h. kris kringel, etc.....	3	2	1
67. <i>B. cheimanthus</i> —"Christmas begonia" such as: B. c. Lady Mac, B. c. melior, B. c. Marjory Gibbs.....	3	2	1
Division J—New Begonia Introductions, Hybrids or Crosses. OPEN TO ALL AMATEUR AND COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS (SPECIAL PROVISION FOR THIS DIVISION ONLY) This division not eligible for sweepstakes.			
Class 68. Group of 3 (fibrous, tuberous, rhizomatous) No age limit of plants.....	5	3	2
69. Rex seedlings—(hybrids) Group of 6 rexes, 6 variations, no age limit of plants.....	5	3	2
Division L—Ferns			
Class 70. Upright ferns, such as: Maidenhair, Boston, Roosevelt, etc.....	3	2	1
71. Hanging basket types, such as: Polypodium, Canariensis, etc.....	3	2	1
72. Epiphytic types, such as: Staghorn, Elkhorn, etc.....	3	2	1

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Division M—Saintpaulias				
Class	73. Single crown plants, general foliage, all colors.....	3	2	1
	74. Single crown plants, Dupont, Supremes or Amazons, and Marine types of foliage, all colors.....	3	2	1
	75. Single crown plants, Girl foliage, all colors.....	3	2	1
	76. Single crown plants, all foliages, all colors.....	3	2	1
	77. Multiple crown plants, all foliages, all colors.....	3	2	1
	77A. New introductions, any foliage, any color, 1 to 3 plants.....	3	2	1
Division N—Fuchsias				
Class	78. Bush type, any variety.....	3	2	1
	79. Basket, any variety.....	5	3	2
	80. Group of 3 baskets, 3 varieties.....	10	7	3
	81. 1 Standard, minimum height 4' 6".....	5	3	2
	82. 3 Standards, 3 varieties, minimum height 4' 6".....	10	7	3
	83. 1 Fuchsia grown to form a decorative pattern.....	5	3	2
Division O—Fuchsias—Cut Blooms. Blooms to be displayed in dishes or containers furnished by exhibitor.				
Class	84. Collection of 5 blooms each of 6 single varieties.....	3	2	1
	85. Collection of 5 blooms each of 6 double varieties.....	3	2	1
	86. Collection of 5 blooms each of 12 double varieties.....	5	3	2
	87. 1952 Introductions—5 blooms each, 4 varieties.....	3	2	1
Division P—Educational Exhibits				
Class	88. Educational exhibit consisting of material assembled to promote increased knowledge and appreciation of begonias, such as: Begonias Seedlings, Begonia Illustrations, Literature, Display of related begonias, Begonia cultural techniques. Open to all.			
		\$25 National Board Special Award		
Division Q—Flower Arrangements. (Open to A. B. S. and participating Societies only.)				
Class	89. Compote arrangement featuring tuberous begonias.....	\$3	\$2	\$1
	90. Arrangement in a flat container with not more than 6 tuberous begonias.....	3	2	1
	91. Arrangement with a candle or candles, featuring Rex Begonias leaves.....	3	2	1
	92. Arrangement in black and white with begonias, any type or types.....	3	2	1
	93. Arrangement of any begonias with materials gathered at sea shore, as coral, shells, driftwood, seaweed, etc.....	3	2	1
	94. Arrangement of tuberous begonias and other flowers.....	3	2	1
	95. Arrangement of tuberous begonias in a metal container.....	3	2	1
	96. Arrangement of begonias, any type, blooms and/or foliage, with Fuchsias.....	3	2	1
	97. Arrangement of begonias with fruits, vegetables, gourds, suitable for barbecue.....	3	2	1
	98. Corsages, 3, with 1 of each of the following: a. Tuberous begonia of more than one bloom b. Begonias with other flowers c. Corsage of tuberous begonias and fuchsias.....	5	3	2
Division R—Flower Arrangements. (Open to all—memberships in participating Societies not required.)				
Class	99. Arrangement of tuberous begonias and tropical foliage not less than 6 blooms.....	3	2	1
	100. Arrangement with wood—driftwood, weathered or not, with flowers and succulents.....	3	2	1
	101. Arrangement using multiple containers — any flowers or foliage permitted.....	3	2	1
	102. Arrangement of Fuchsias and other flowers suitable for a dinner table.....	3	2	1
	103. Arrangement of Fuchsias from pinks to purples.....	3	2	1
	104. Corsages, 3, with one each of the following: a. Fuchsias b. Begonias c. Any flowers.....	5	3	2

Show and Entry Rules — Flower Arrangements

Chairman: Mrs. Theresa Ferrero

2259—14th Ave. S. F. 16

Tel. Ov. 1-5964

1. Entries must be submitted to Chairman not later than Aug. 28th, except where there is evidence of unusual circumstances. Early entries will facilitate in providing sufficient space.
2. Arrangements must be completed by 11 a.m. Aug. 30, and judging will commence immediately. Sealed entry cards will be provided for each entry, and will remain sealed until after judging.
3. Arrangements (flower) must be maintained or kept fresh with substitutions, if necessary, for the duration of the show.
4. Show rules will apply to flower arrangements where applicable.

1952 A. B. S. National Show Rules

National Show Chairman:

Mr. Frank Rich, El Monte, Calif.

Flower Show Chairman:

Mr. Arthur Boisser, 2027 31st, San Francisco.

Mr. Irvin Kramer, 231 Acton St., Daly City.

Mr. Harry Swager, 3872 35th Ave. Oakland

1. Competitive entries must be made according to divisions and classes; non-conformity will be subject to disqualification.

2. All competitive entries must be in place by 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug 30th, and judging will commence at 10 a.m. All competitive entries to be shown in Bldg No. 2.

3. All entries will receive sealed entry cards at time of entering plants, allowing same to remain sealed until after judging.

4. The National Flower Show Chairman will assume complete charge at the start of judging, and no person will be allowed to interfere, to offer criticisms, or to distract the decisions of the judges. Only designated officials will be permitted in the show rooms at time of judging.

5. Any Chairman or members of committees engaged in the show preparation are permitted to exhibit and to compete under the same conditions as any other exhibitor, with strict adherence to all show rules.

6. No entry may compete for more than one premium, nor may more than one entry be made in any class. Additional entries in any one class will not be permissible by a 2nd or 3rd member of a family from the same garden.

7. All plants and flowers exhibited in competitive classes must have been grown by the exhibitor or been in his possession for 3 months prior to the Show. This rule does not apply to flower arrangements.

8. All entry blanks must be submitted

on or before Aug. 28th, except where there is evidence of unusual circumstances, to the Chairmen or the Gen. Mgr., Carl F. Meyer. Early entries will facilitate in providing sufficient space.

9. Entry blanks must show names correctly of all plants wherever possible. The nomenclature committee will furnish uniform labels for each plant—thus adding to the educational value of the Show.

10. The management shall have the right to exclude inferior plants. No plant may be removed from the Show except by official permission.

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

12. Judges shall award premiums as in their opinion an entry merits. Whether a group of entries are in competition, or an entry is without competition, it will be in their discretion to award only on the merits, or no award.

13. Trophy awards are limited to A.B.S. members only. Sweepstakes trophy will be awarded by the point system and must contain not less than sixty per cent (60%) of total points won in the Begonia divisions.

14. All shade garden exhibits in the Hall of Flowers must be completed by 10 a.m. All gardens exhibits are non-competitive, and all plant material therein shall be non-competitive.

15. The management reserves the right to group two or more garden exhibits where desirable for conformity, though such grouping will retain the identity of the exhibitors.

16. The show management reserves the right to alter or clarify the rules for the proper conduct of the show in the interests of the A.B.S.

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By Ruthanne Williams

POINT SYSTEM FOR JUDGING BEGONIAS

Fibrous and Rhizomatous Begonia Specimens	
Cultural perfection	50
Foliage	15
Difficulty of cultivation	15
Quantity and quality of flowers.....	15
Correct and suitable labeling	5

100

Rex Begonia Specimen	
Cultural perfection	50
Form	15
Distinction	15
Size of plant	10
Grooming	10

100

Tuberous Begonia Specimen Plant	
Number and size of blooms in proportion to size of plant	40
Distinctness and cleanness of color	15
Healthy foliage	15
Erect flowering stem	15
Quality of flower	15

100

Corsage of Begonia Flowers	
Color Combination	25
Proportion and balance	25
Suitability of occasion	10
Style and grace	25
Distinction and originality	15

100

Cut Flowers—one type and one color	
Color of Flowers	35
Form of flowers	20
Size of flowers	35
Substance and condition	10

100

Begonia Flower Arrangements	
Color combination	25
Proportion and balance	25
Distinction and originality	20
Relation to receptacle	10
Condition	10
Suitable combination of material	10

100

N O W

Cold Facts About Tuberous

Sidney Sampson, Duluth, Minn.

Hanging Basket Begonias do best in greenhouses for me, when planted along the bench edge and allowed to hang down. They attain four feet and 28 inches in width—a solid mass of large four-inch blossoms—from Vetterle and Reinelt two-year old tubers.

Begonia tubers will grow again quickly when the stem is broken off in early plantings by the wind, etc.

I had a hanging basket tuberous begonia that produced several small tubers each year, similar to glad bulblets.

Seedling tuberous begonias grown in poor sandy soil will grow larger tubers than a well-grown seedling in good soil.

To root begonia cuttings, plant in sand or sandy loam; wet the sand, first; next day plant cuttings, pressing sand around firmly. Do not wet foliage while rooting.

Transplant your best double begonia into a pot, and take it into the house. The blossoms will all fall; sometime later, when it blooms again, your male bloom will be single and produce pollen, so you can pollenize.

California—

Timely Tuberous Tips

Glenn W. Motschman

Monthly cultural information on growing the Tuberous Begonia in Southern California.

The Tuberous Begonia bloom is most

beautiful as a corsage or as a cut flower to brighten up your home. Pick fresh flowers the first day the bud is fully opened. The cool of the evening is the best time to cut flowers for use that day or evening. Cut the stem midway between the flower and stalk. Never tear the flower stem from the plant. Allow the stub to wither and fall off.

The flower of the Tuberous Begonia absorbs moisture as well as the rest of the plant, so, holding the flower in the palm of your hand, gently submerge it in cool water for a few moments. Remove and turn the flower over to allow excess moisture to run out;—never shake the flower. The water which remains around the base of the flower will help it stay fresh for many hours. If the flower is to be used as an evening corsage, place it on a flat piece of moistened cotton in the refrigerator until you are ready to wear it.

As a cut flower, select a container that will keep the bloom in a humid atmosphere. A bloom floating in water in a closed container is best, or in a fish bowl or other container having a small opening. The bloom will not last long if only the stem is placed in water, as the amount of water taken up this way is very negligible.

Remember, a hybrid Tuberous Begonia will bloom continuously all summer; so pick them and enjoy their beauty within your home as well as in your garden.



Armchair Explorers

Many letters have been received from Armchair Explorers expressing their wishes for a descriptive seed list every few months so this we plan to do. With such a lot of different kinds of seeds coming in as exchanges from you members, I am certain I could not get it all in my column each month. I am always happy to exchange seeds with you; be sure the seeds are fresh and fertile and are correctly named.

Still available are the complete seed lists as of May of this year. Send a stamped envelope for your copy. The bulbs are now all gone. Will have more *Achimenes* tubers for you this fall. A great many have said that they desire to grow tropicals in their greenhouses as a background to our beloved begonias. Good fortune has made it possible to offer you such choice seed items as hybrid *dracaena* (Called *Ti* in Hawaii—pronounced tea), anthuriums of many kinds, hybrid, flowering crosses and the lovely foliage types, philodendron seeds are to become available very shortly, they and the anthurium seeds are \$1 per packet while most others of the tropical seeds are 50c, and some are 25c. Price of course depends upon the quantity of seed available and its cost to your shipper. Unusually choice hybrid canna, *Heliconia*, *Clerodendron*, the lovely Mexican flame vine (*Senecio Confusus Britten*) are a few more which can be obtained for you Seed Fund members. If you are interested in growing the anthuriums from seed, send in your name—no money is needed until seed is ready to be mailed out. We have a circular letter with all descriptions of the anthurium seed, how to grow and flower them and a chance to ask questions, this letter goes out to all growing this type of seed. I have been very successful with these seeds myself and am very delighted to be able to offer such rare seeds to you.

New begonia seeds in are: Indian begonia from the Lushai Hills; *dichroa* (with orange flowers); Hawaiian "bamboo" begonia; *B. argyrostigma* (tree begonia from India); *B. Allenii* (which includes another unnamed showy begonia); *B. quadrelocularis*; *B. 'Fleecealba'*; *B. cyprea*; *B. Feastii*; Multifloras: Coppergold, Helene Harms; 'Black Star' (Rhizomatous), "Elephant-ear" begonia (Africa). These are 50c per packet. For beginners there is still the mixed 25c

packet to experiment with—a very large packet of seeds really.

Maud Nichols, who helps me with your Seed Fund, and I hope you are planning on attending the San Francisco convention and flower show over Labor Day.

Please forgive me for giving you the wrong steer on philodendron hybrids in the April issue, for I have just had a letter from Mr. Wm. Kirch, and he has beautiful hybrid orchids, etc., but the philodendrons came from Florida. Finally I planted them in large redwood tubs and moved them to the lath house, and thus have made considerable more free space in the glasshouse. Now I'll get busy and plant some begonia seed. I am finding the rhizomatous begonias of new appeal to me since I have gone "tropical-minded." Such a lot of fine kinds of rhizomatous begonia seed has been coming in recently, most of it from members in Florida!

Write me if you want the new seed list, or if you would like to have your name on the anthurium circular-letter. Don't wait; there is only a very limited amount of this rare seed available and when it is gone there won't be more for some time.

Your skipper,

Mrs. Florence Carrell

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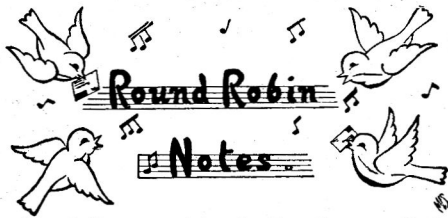


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Pearl Brewer, Atlantic, Ia.—I use a little prepared potting soil with my Sponge Rok or vermiculite for african violet seeds. Seems to me the little plants need some soil for nourishment.

Edna Starbuck, Corunna, Mich.—I put an african violet leaf with no stem in a can with a cover on and now have a fine plant coming from the midrib.

Mrs. Elsie Beer, Syracuse, Neb.—It has been suggested you send for Sphagnum Moss Seed Germination Leaflet No. 234 U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. It's free and gives some ideas for planting seed.

Ena Rhodes, Mechanicsville, Iowa—Overwatering will kill quicker than underwatering.

Mrs. Leora Calmese, Kansas City, Mo.—An old piano stool or bottom of an office chair makes a good foundation for a lazy susan plant stand. Make top of large lid or table top and turn as plants need the light.

Reynolds wrap protects window sills from damp pots, also keeps out the cold.

Dear Members:

Summer is here at last, and with it comes a rainbow of color in our flower gardens. Everyone is busy, gardening, canning, vacationing etc., but I hope you will all spare a few minutes to keep the Robins flying promptly, as you have been doing.

We have had good reports on the many new Robins just started. Members are needed in "House Plant", "Fern" and "Hybridizing" Robins.

Requests have come in for "Organic Gardening," "Greenhouse culture," "Day-lilies," "Cactus and Succulents" Robins. If you are interested in any of these and wish to join, write me. The Robins will be on their way just as soon as the membership quota is complete. We will need directors for these new Robins, so let me know if you are willing to serve.

The "Begonia Hybridizing" Robin is on its way again and very happy with the new director, Louise Schwerdtfeger. A beginner's group is in the making for both Begonia and African Violet hybridizers.

Several "Directors' Robins" have been started in hopes of making your Robins more interesting and in order to gather "Robin Notes" for you. We believe that these compiled "Robin Notes" will be of great assistance to all A.B.S. members.

Sophia Baker, Round Robin Chairman.
2733 South East 35th Place, Portland, Ore.

GARDEN VISITATIONS

The A.B.S. National officers, with the cooperation of the branches of Orange County, Whittier, Riverside, Foothill, El Monte, San Gabriel, Pasadena and Glendale, staged a very enjoyable profitable garden visitation and jitney pot-luck picnic the first Sunday of June. Some beautifully landscaped and interesting gardens were shown to visitors for various sections of Southern California, and the attendance was very good. Everyone expressed enjoyment of the affair, and I wish to extend my appreciation to all members and guests for their cooperation in making this a successful venture.

Plans are being completed for a second visitation—this time staged by the 8 branches on the southwest side of Los Angeles—Long Beach Parent, North Long Beach, South Gate, Hub City, Redondo Area, Inglewood, Santa Monica Bay, and Hollywood. Eight beautiful gardens will be on the list you receive and your 50c ticket will entitle you to visit *all eight*. A jitney pot-lunch picnic will be held at the last garden on this list. We have had much extra printing to be taken care of this year which necessitates raising some money, and that is why the National Board is asking the branches to participate in these affairs. Come and see the beautiful gardens and enjoy greeting your fellow members at the picnic.

Tickets may be obtained at any of the gardens. Mark *July 27th* on your calendar and come to the A.B.S. Garden Visitation and picnic. The chairman for this one is Mr. Glenn Motschman, 9601 Haas Avenue, Los Angeles 47; he will appreciate any help you may be able to offer.

Mrs. Edna L. Korts, General Chairman

New England Tour

Mrs. Fredrick Kingsbury of Brookline, Massachusetts, entertained the branch on May 17th. Her lovely shaded gardens, the sun-lit terrace, and her well arranged greenhouse delighted everyone. It was difficult to believe the greenhouse was new, so very much at home did the plants appear. Members commented on beautiful specimens of *Haageana*, 'Coralline Lucerna,' and a *Templini* of lovely color, all well known old favorites.

The afternoon was spent in a tour of two of the many lovely Brookline estates. Much interest was seen in the greenhouses but on this warm spring day it was the out doors that appealed to most. It was tulip time in New England and the fragrance and charm of the "lilac walk" at the estate of Mr. Edward Dane will be long remembered. At the home of Mrs. Edwin Webster, the perennial gardens on varying levels seemed alive with dancing tulips, and the delightful "white garden" charmed all.

Orpha C. Fox, Secretary

Your Nominating Committee appointed by the National Board, consisting of Chairman Frank Rich and members E.C. Beaufore and Mrs. Dorothy Powell, present the following nominees for office to be voted on by the membership on the cards inserted in this issue. Votes postmarked after the deadline of August 25, 1952, cannot be counted, so get yours in early.

MR. GLENN W. MOTSCHMAN: Well-known in Southern California for his famous tuberous begonias which he annually shows at his well-groomed home gardens and also for his vigorous sponsorship of the Queen—the Tuberous Begonia, Mr. Motschman has been an able National Director of the Inglewood Branch and is also ably assisted by his wife, Dorris, in all Begonia activities, she now being Inglewood's very efficient secretary.

FOR TREASURER

MR. STUART SMITH: Another husband and wife begonia team. Mrs. Smith has served as Ingleswood's Secretary and Stuart as its Treasurer in 1951. After his efficient service in that technical department, he was drafted as Ingleswood's 1952 President, where the A.B.S. is continuing its expansion and increasing its reputation in the third oldest branch.

MRS. RUTHANNE WILLIAMS: For many years no national officer was appointed outside of Southern California because of transportation difficulties among other deterrents. Then Mrs. Williams (Sacramento Branch) was appointed to fill out the term of Mrs. Korts, who had been elected President-Elect. Her husband (John R.) being a railroad man, solved Mrs. Williams' transportation problems and her tremendous energy and enthusiasm for the A.B.S. has made her one of our best Vice-presidents. All branches know her thru her undertaking the mimeographing of board minutes and direct-mailing them to each branch to facilitate relations. Her Sacramento associates know her tremendously valuable activities in their branch.

Rare plant lovers lost a friend with the passing of Charles L. Cass of San Diego. Mr. Cass was born in St. Louis but had lived in San Diego for the past 45 years, corresponding with plant lovers all over the world. He was the last of the early day bromeliad enthusiasts, having imported and hybridized bromeliads for thirty-one years. He was an active member of the Bromeliad Study Group, Ltd., and was secretary of the Alfred D Robinson Branch of the American Begonia Society at the time of his death.

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CONVENTION BULLETIN



Daniel Buckley, Convention Photographer, Plants of Mrs. Carl Meyer Frank Rich, Natl. Show Chairman, inspects San Francisco's candidates for Tuberous Begonia honors

Our good-will traveling ambassador, Mrs. Christle Geer, has just returned home from a visit with the Eastern Branches. She carried with her the personal invitation to Mrs. Bessie Buxton, our famous Begonia authority, to be our Convention Speaker. Mrs. Buxton has graciously accepted, and we are delighted in looking forward to her visit with us. Those of you who use Mrs. Buxton's "*Begonias and How to Grow Them*" know what a rare treat is in store for your visit to this 1952 National Convention in San Francisco.

Your competitive Flower Show Schedule, under Chairman Harry Swager of Southern Alameda County Branch, printed in this issue, merits your close study. You are offered approximately \$870.00 in Prize Money, as well as many trophies and awards. So let's get those plants ready for some grand competition!

How about those beautiful prize-winners from you — the Branches in Southern California? The blue ribbons are there if you can take them home.

AGAIN HATS OFF to the New England Branch — the Grays Harbor Branch at Aberdeen, Washington, — the Portland, Oregon Branch—all of whom are sending specimen plants to represent their Branches and to compete at the Flower Show. They shall also have their personal delegates! That's the National spirit, Branches, to think of our grand hobby in other than a personal way. May each member of every Branch everywhere encourage your Society and its Officers to see that you are represented.

National Show Headquarters, national

meeting Auditorium, and Banquet Hall received a personal inspection tour from President Cal Trowbridge and National Show Chairman Frank Rich. I am sure that they are highly pleased, for here is what will be in store for you:

The theme "Your Shade Garden" will feature spectacular garden exhibits by our Life Member and world famous hybridizer, Frank Reinelt; the likewise famous begonia and hybridizing gardens of the Antonelli Bros.; exhibits by the sponsoring Northern California Branches (the Humboldt, Sacramento, Petaluma, East Bay, Southern Alameda County, and San Francisco Branches); Exhibits by our related Shade Plant groups, the participating Societies:—Fuchsias by the American Fuchsia Society, Gloxinias by the Golden West #1 American Gloxinia Society, African Violets by the American African Violet Society, Ferns by the Orchido Nursery (the fernery specialists), rex and fibrous begonias by the Muriel Waltz gardens of Ross, and complimentary exhibits by the S. F. Golden Gate Park, the S. F. City College Floriculture Dept., and by other leading contributors.

Exhibition Halls will house the competitive plant and flower arrangement show, where you can exhibit yours and likewise see the finest in the United States.

So, if you're still on the well known fence, haven't planned with the boss for your vacation on Aug. 30th thru Sept. 1st, — you had better do so RIGHT NOW.

Your Whitcomb Hotel accommodations? get them in to Lillian Densmore, but *you need not send any money for your reservation*. Be sure to talk to your Branch Secretary for those Banquet tickets.

My personal "thank you" to the following Branches who have so very generously mailed to the Convention Treasurer, Mrs. Hyacinth Smith, their cash contributions to help share the financing of this Convention: The El Monte Community, Foothill, Glendale, Inglewood, Pasadena, Riverside, San Gabriel Valley, Theodosia Burr Shepherd, and Hub City Branches. Those donations are most heart warming to your sponsors.

Carl F. Meyer, General Manager

Much enthusiasm was shown for sending a delegate to the San Francisco Convention accompanied by several specimen New England begonias. A program of "ways and means" was promptly inaugurated with a special sale of plants, foods, or any salable article, at The Merrys, Sunrise Knoll, Needham, Mass., June 14th!

Orpha C. Fox, Secty.

Welcome, New England!

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*Read it backwards!

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

(Visitors are always welcome!)

July 10th

Inglewood: Mr. M. Thompson will speak on Soil."

July 11th

Central Florida: Mr. W. Henningsen will speak on "Fertilizing and Watering"—very important items indeed.

July 15th thru 20th

Santa Barbara: Our Branch will participate in the great Santa Barbara Fair. There are many classifications in the Premium List for begonia entries and those of allied plants, so don't miss this big show. Starts 4:00 p.m. July 15th and then 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. the following days. The theme is "Mucha Agua en Santa Barbara" (Lots of Water in Santa Barbara), celebrating our new great water supplies—as you may remember, water was a very trying subject for the past few drought years here, and we are going to show you what we can do garden-wise, now that the problem is licked. Welcome, all.

July 17th

El Monte: Home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Frosg, 1411 Arcadia Ave., Rosemead.

July 19th, 20th

14TH ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW—SOUTH BAY GARDEN CLUB: Eagles Hall 128 S. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach, Calif. 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the 19th and 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. the 20th.

All amateurs are welcome to enter. No entry fees. No admission charge.

July 20th

New England: 2:30 p.m. Hosts, Mr & Mrs. George W. Greenlaw, Lexington Road, Concord, Mass. Speaker, Mrs. Greenlaw: "Geography and Begonias." Business meeting, plant sale, and picnic supper.

July 20th

Whittier: Annual Pot-luck Picnic and Garden Visitation at Penn Park, 1:00 p.m. Sunday (800 block on East Penn). Bring food, dishes, silver—one and all.

July 23rd

Glendale: Begonias in General"— stressing fertilizing and composting. Jack Bauman of Palos Verdes Begonia Farm will show colored slides.

July 27th

A.B.S. Garden Tour in the Inglewood area. Reserve this date now!

August 1st

Central Florida: Miss H. Winquist will speak on "Planting and Transplanting." Valuable information.

August 2nd, 3rd

Southern Alameda County: 7th ANNUAL BEGONIA AND SHADE PLANT SHOW: Veterans' Memorial Bldg., 737 Main St., Hayward, Calif. Admission free.

August 9th and 10th

San Gabriel Valley: FLOWER SHOW—another big show — no admission charge—Natl. Guard Armory on Huntington Drive, Arcadia, opposite the race track. Other branches and individuals are invited to enter. Contact our secretary for details.

August 16th and 17th

Petaluma: FLOWER SHOW at Kenilworth Park pavilion — begonias, fuchsias, Japanese and other flower arrangements, — many other attractions!

August 30th, 31st

September 1st

1952 Convention—Show at San Francisco. 30th—Riordan High School, afternoon and evening meeting, 6:00—Banquet in the cafeteria, \$2.85 per plate; please send reservations as soon as possible. Excellent caterer.

October 4th, 5th

Missouri: All Begonia Show! Kansas City, Missouri, in the American Legion Building, Linwood & Paseo Streets. Bigger and better.

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BRANCH MEETING DATES AND PLACES

CENTRAL FLORIDA BRANCH

1st Friday, July 11, Aug. 1, 8:00 p.m.
Lounge, Florida Power Co.
Winter Park, Fla.
Mrs. Martha Gibson, Secy.-Treas.
861 Juanita Roéal, Orlando, Fla.

DALLAS COUNTY BRANCH, TEXAS

1st Thursday, July 3, Aug. 7, 7:00 p.m.
Member's Residences
Mrs. Russell B. White, Sec'y.-Treas.
919 N. Clinton St., Dallas 11, Texas

EAST BAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, July 10, 7:45 p.m.
Willard School, Telegraph at Ward
Berkeley
C. F. Jensen, Secy.

3720 Cerrito Ave., Richmond, Calif.

EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, July 17
1411 Arcadia Ave., Rosemead
Jean Cross, Cor. Secy.
1304 Elm, Alhambra, Calif.

FOOTHILL BRANCH

3rd Thursday, July 17, 8:00 p.m.
La Verne Recreation Hall
Mrs. C. W. Hall, Cor. Secy.
358 E. Arrow Hwy., Upland

FORT ELSA BRANCH

1st Saturday, July 5, Aug. 2, 2:30 p.m.
Homes of Members
Miss Lola Price, Secy.

GLENDALE BRANCH

4th Wednesday, July 23, 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 N. Central
Mrs. D. H. Bradley, Cor. Secy.
1301 San Luis Rey Dr., Glendale 8, Calif.

GRAY, EVA KENWORTHY BRANCH

3rd Monday, July 21, 7:30 p.m.
Community House, La Jolla
Tillie Genter, Cor. Secy.
7356 Eads St., La Jolla, Calif.

GRAYS HARBOR BRANCH

2nd Monday, July 14, 8:00 p.m.
(March through November)
Hoquiam Pub. Library, or Messingale &
Rosenear Music Store, Aberdeen, Wash.
Alice Hardman, Secy.
The Flower Studio, Aberdeen, Wash.

GRUENBAUM, MARGARET BRANCH

4th Tuesday, July 22, 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 Friday, July 11, 7:30 p.m.
Member's Residences
Mr. George Knoupf, Secy.-Treas.
2912 Delevan, Kansas City, Kans.

HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

2nd Thursday, July 10, 7:30 p.m.
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.
Mrs. Florence F. Flynn, Cor. Secy.
1319 N. Ogden Dr., Los Angeles 46, Calif.

HOUSTON TEXAS BRANCH

2nd Friday, July 11, 10:00 a.m.
Garden Center, Herman Park
Mrs. E. H. Claggett, Secy.
4415 Austin, Houston, Tex.

HUB CITY BRANCH

COMPTON-LYNWOOD

3rd Monday, July 21, 7:30 p.m.
Roosevelt High School Cafe
1200 E. Olive, Compton, Calif.
Mrs. Dorothy Sarson, Secy.
1108 E. Glencoe Ave., Compton 1, Calif.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Monday, July 14, 8:00 p.m.
Los Amigos Club, Loleta, Calif.
Miss Margaret Smith, Secy.
P. O. Box 635, Ferndale, Calif.

INGLEWOOD BRANCH

2nd Thursday, July 10, 8:00 p.m.
325 N. Hillcrest, Inglewood, Calif.
Mrs. Dorris Motschman, Secy.
9601 Haas Ave., Los Angeles 47, Calif.

LA MESA BRANCH

2nd Monday, July 14, 7:30 p.m.
Porter Park, University & La Mesa Blvd.
Mrs. G. W. McManus, Secy.
7313 Princeton Ave., La Mesa, Calif.

LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

2nd Tuesday, July 8, 7:30 p.m.
Colonial Hall, 10th and Locust
Mrs. W. Cox, Secy.
3592 Lewis Ave., Long Beach 7, Calif.

MIAMI FLORIDA BRANCH

4th Tuesday, July 22, 8:00 p.m.
Simpson Memorial Garden Center
Miss Elizabeth S. Hall, Secy.
2572 Trapp Ave., Miami 35, Fla.

MISSOURI BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, July 15, 1:00 p.m.
American Legion Bldg., Linwood & Paseo
Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. Mary Wood, Secy.
626 W. Charles, Independence, Mo.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH

Mrs. Lester H. Fox, Secy.
170 Marsh Hill Road, Dracut, 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 14, 7:30 p.m.
Houghton Park Club House
Harding & Atlantic, N. Long Beach
Mrs. Beatrice White, Secy.
1411 Poppy St., Long Beach, Calif.

ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

1st Thursday, July 3, Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Farm Bureau Hall, 353 S. Main St., Orange
Mrs. Evie Darden, Secy.-Treas.
6701 S. Fee Ana St., Rt. 3, Anaheim, Calif.

PASADENA BRANCH

3rd Monday, July 21, 7:30 p.m.
Mrs. Lois Williams, Secy.-Treas.
1674 Monte Vista St., Pasadena 4, Calif.

PETALUMA BRANCH

3rd Friday, July 18, 8:00 p.m.
Dania Hall, 19 Main St.
Mrs. Hazel Chappell, Secy.
222 Bodega Ave., Petaluma, Calif.

PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

2nd Friday, July 11, Members Homes
Mrs. Robert York, Secy.
3311 Fremont St., Camden, N. J.

PORTLAND OREGON BRANCH

4th Friday, July 25, 8:00 p.m.
Journal Bldg. Aud., Front & Yamhill Sts.
Mrs. George Venner, Secy.
7604 S. E. Tolman, Portland 6, Oregon

RAYTOWN MISSOURI BRANCH

4th Tuesday, July 22, 7:30 p.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. Mildred Schorr, Secy.-Treas.
7708 Sni-A-Bar Terrace, Kansas City, Mo.

REDONDO BEACH AREA

4th Friday, July 25, 8:00 p.m.
2308 Rockefeller, Redondo Beach, Calif.
Mrs. Arline Stoddard, Secy.
522 S. Guadalupe Ave., Redondo Beach, Calif.

RIVERSIDE BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, July 9, 7:30 p.m.
Member's Residence
Mrs. Arline Porter, Secy.
4106 Adams, Riverside, Calif.

ROBINSON, ALFRED D. BRANCH

4th Friday, July 25, 10:00 a.m.
Homes of Members
Mr. Charles Cass, Secy.
2229 Erie St., San Diego 10, Calif.

SACRAMENTO BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, July 15, 8:00 p.m.
Garden Center, McKinley Park
Mrs. W. M. Kelso, Secy.
1848 Markham Way, Sacramento, Calif.

SALEM OREGON BRANCH

1st Tuesday, July 1, Aug. 5
The Chapel, 685 Winter St., Salem
Mrs. Dan Scharf, Secy.
3460 N. Lancaster Dr., Salem, Ore.

SAN DIEGO BRANCH

4th Monday, July 28
Hard of Hearing Hall, Herbert & University
Mrs. Thomas Hofmann, Secy.
2327 33rd St., San Diego 4, Calif.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BRANCH

2nd Monday, July 14
Homes of Members
Mrs. Nel Schoenbrom, Secy.
18635 Calvert St., Reseda, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

1st Wednesday, July 2, Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m.
1641 Taraval St.
Mrs. Anne Mitchell, Secy.

2370 18th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH

4th Wednesday, July 23, 8:00 p.m.
Masonic Temple, 506 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, Calif.

Mrs. Cynthia Slater, Secy.

2317 Whitney Dr., Alhambra, Calif.

SANTA BARBARA BRANCH

2nd Thursday, July 14, 7:30 p.m.
Girl Scout Clubhouse, 1838 San Andres St.
Mrs. Ada Schaefer, Secy.

1103 W. Micheltorena St., Santa Barbara, Calif.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BRANCH

1st Tuesday, July 1, Aug. 5, 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 11, 7:30 p.m.
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 7th St. Entrance
Santa Monica

Mrs. S. S. Gross, Secy.

1116 S. Carmelina Ave., Los Angeles 49, Calif.

SEATTLE BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, July 15, 7:45 p.m.
University of Washington Arboretum
Clubhouse

Mrs. Paul Deiro, Secy.

4618 13th Ave. South, Seattle 8, Wash.

SHEPHERD, THEODOSIA BURR BR.

1st Tuesday, July 1, Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m.
Alice Bartlett C. H., 902 E. Main, Ventura
Mr. Bernard Woods, Secy.

575 Evergreen Dr., Ventura, Calif.

SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, July 17, 6:30 p.m.
Cafeteria, High School, Hayward, Calif.
Mrs. Dorothy Bayliss, Cor. Secy.

26706 Monte Vista Dr., Hayward, Calif.

SOUTHGATE BRANCH

4th Tuesday, July 22, 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 25, 7:30 p.m.

Members' Homes

Mrs. D. W. Briggs, Secy.-Treas.

2349 13th St., Port Arthur, Texas

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, July 9, 11:00 a.m.

Homes of Members

Mrs. Walter H. Kirch, Secy.

Clearview Rd., Glenshaw, Pa.

WESTERN RESERVE BRANCH

CLEVELAND, OHIO

4th Wednesday, Aug. 27, 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 22, 7:30 p.m.

Union High School, Room 19

Lindley Ave. Entrance, Whittier, Calif.

Carolyn Spitz, Secy.

7721 Vanport Ave., Whittier, Calif.

WILLIAM PENN BRANCH, PA.

3rd Tuesday, July 15, 2:00 p.m.

Homes of Members

Mrs. I. H. Ward Hinkson, Secy.

Wallingford, Pa.

Meeting called to order at 7:45; Salute to the Flag and Statement of Aims and Purposes of the Society led by Past President Moore. Minutes of March Board meeting read and approved as read.

President welcomed the Body and urged continued attendance when possible.

Board members present—Messrs. Trowbridge, Moore, Terrell, Small, Spaulding; Mesdames Schwerdtfeger, Nolan, Powell, Spaulding, Slocum, Hartwell; Branches represented—San Gabriel Valley, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Inglewood, Hollywood, South Gate, Hub City, Redondo Beach Area, Glendale, Foothill, North Long Beach, Parent Branch, Whittier, El Monte, Santa Monica, Riverside.

Reports of Editor, Acting Business Manager, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, read and approved as read.

Publicity Director Mrs. Powell reported Carl Meyers, General Manager for the Convention, had sent her 4 photographs of Begonias grown in the Bay Area which she would later use in some publicity for the Convention; had sent some publicity to 8 or 10 national magazines and would follow this up from time to time as she received additional information from Mr. Meyers.

Public Relations Director Mrs. Schwerdtfeger reported new branch at Raytown, Mo. Finding their Constitution and By-Laws in perfect order, moved that they be welcomed into the Society. Asked permission to forward to the Missouri Branch their Charter, which they had not as yet received. SO ORDERED.

Motion by Mrs. Schwerdtfeger—"I move that we accept the Constitutional Amendment requested by Hub City Branch." SO ORDERED.

Librarian Gladys Nolan asked for back numbers of the Begonian—prior to 1949—to complete files. If any members have some of back numbers not in use, they will be much appreciated by the Librarian.

Slide Librarian Mr. Terrell reported quite a demand for the slides for branch programs. "We need slides of all except the tuberous; have on hand now 3 good sets of tuberous; have orders for slides as far ahead as July, Nov. and Dec.

After reading bids for needed supplies and printing necessary, Past President Moore was authorized to proceed, and, on motion, Treasurer was authorized to issue check to cover. Supplies sufficient for approximately two years. SO ORDERED.

President Trowbridge, in the absence of President-Elect Mrs. Korts, spoke on the Garden Tour project; urged hearty support; passed out printed schedules to Branch Representatives to take back to their branches. This is a vitally important matter and it is earnestly hoped that each branch will support the Garden Tours.

Nominating Committee will report at the May meeting.

President Trowbridge read letter from Carl Meyer re Annual Convention and Flower Show. Full schedules and plans will appear in the Begonian from time to time. Asked Branch Representatives to urge their branch to get their reservations in early and if possible not later than July 15th. Also reminded everyone of the educational exhibits for the forthcoming Convention—\$25.00 cash award to be given to the winner. This is a worth-while project surely.

BRANCH REPORTS

EL MONTE—Mr. Hegg last speaker; shade plants and slides. Pot-luck dinner June 8th at the home of Mrs. Jean Cross.

FOOTHILL BRANCH—Mrs. Gillingwaters; Mrs. Houdyshell our next speaker; talk and pictures; "some of us will go to the Convention". Come to our meeting Fri. eve.; pot luck (jitney).

GLENDAL—Mrs. Kerlin; Mr. Motschman our last speaker; very interesting meeting; 7 new members; 80 begonia plants on our tables, also other allied plants. Festival for May 28th.

HOLLYWOOD — Mr. Beaufore, Mrs. Louise Schwerdtfeger gave a most interesting talk. The Hollywood Begonia Society and the Fuchsia Society are merging; too much to carry on and we feel one meeting is enough.

Many other good reports.

President Trowbridge asked for suggestions leading toward an Advertising Manager. Do you have someone in mind? If so, tell the President.

Respectfully submitted,

GONDA HARTWELL,

Secretary, A.B.S.

CONDENSED MINUTES meeting National Board, American Begonia Society held in Los Angeles, Calif., April 28th, 1952, President Trowbridge presiding.

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Timely Garden Tips

By Gladys Nolan,

excerpt from Glendale Branch bulletin

Warmer days need closer attention to the
moisture needed by our potted begonias.
Check pots for proper dampness in middle
of the day, since a pot that seems moist
enough in the morning may be completely
dry by noon. Be sure that the drainage
is prompt, and, if not, it may be in order
to shake the plant out of the pot and add

more shad. Better to repot than to lose a
good plant due to improper drainage. Start
weekly feedings to fibrous and tuberous
begonias with liquid manure in a weak
solution, since a little food often is more
beneficial than a larger dose once a month.
Do not feed rhizomatous until the resting
period is over and new growth has begun.
Watch closely at this time of the year
for the leaf eating pests which disfigure
a plant in a short time—spray for preven-
tion with a good insecticide at least every
other week to be on the safe side.

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