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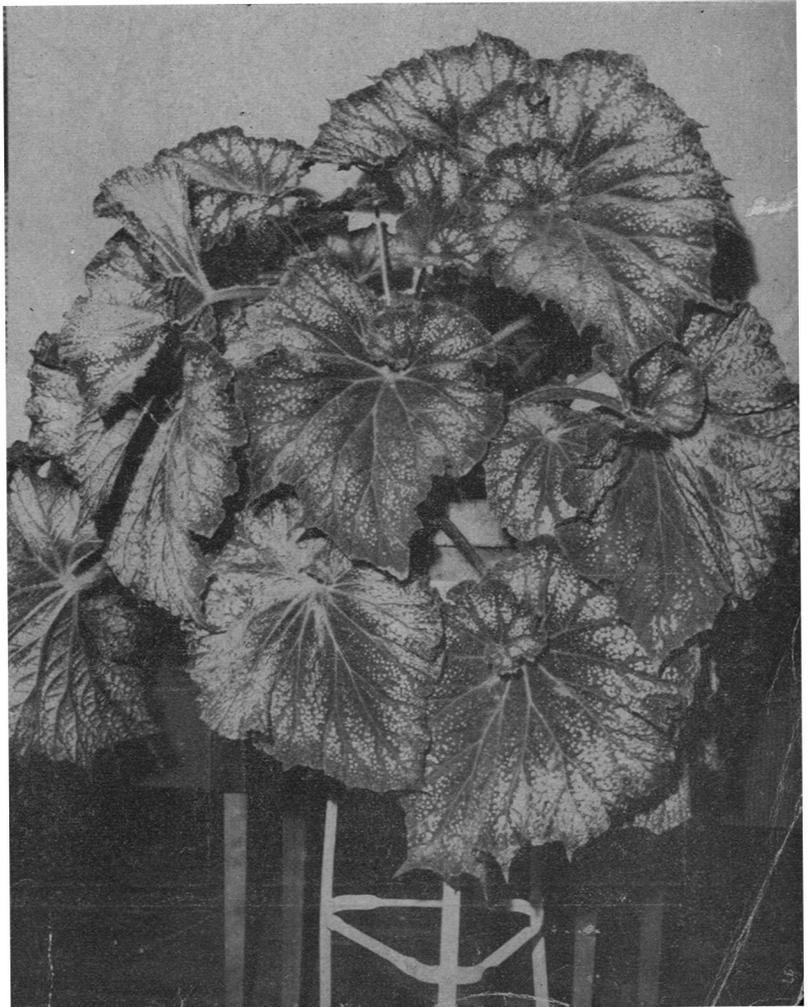


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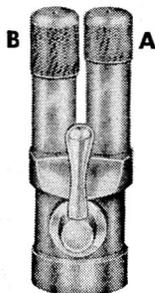
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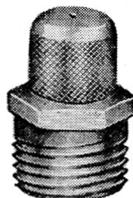
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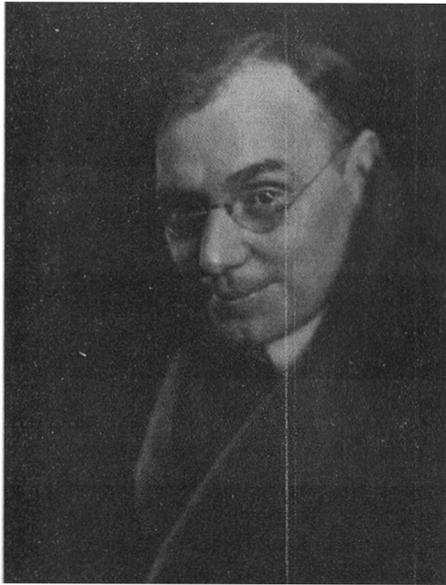
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Botanist, Healer and Friend



—courtesy of Walter Knecht

Dr. Arthur D. Houghton

By Gladys C. Nolan, A.B.S. Librarian

Fifteen years ago this month marked the passing of a splendid horticulturist and botanist, Dr. Arthur D. Houghton, outstanding physician and surgeon of note, civic leader, (having served as a Los Angeles City Councilman), and one of the founders of the American Legion in which he was always

an active and dependable comrade. Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society and founder of the first Pasadena Horticultural Society, it is apparent that his interests in his fellow man were those of service and friendship and his approach to his plant interests varied and definitely scientific. He was

considered an international authority on cacti and grew a large collection at his home in the San Fernando Valley and his work, *The Cactus Book*, one of first written for the amateur grower on the subject, is still in use and demand today.

Well known and admired by many of the pioneer members of our Society and the intimate friend of others, it is not generally known that he prepared a thesis in 1924, for a degree at the University of California, which was a monograph on the Begoniaceae of North America — also one on the Begoniaceae of the Island of Cuba, (1923). His interest, and the great amount of research which he had accomplished, was not public knowledge, since none of the material has ever been published to the writer's knowledge. He planned to prepare a comprehensive work, gathering photos and drawings for this purpose, and we only regret his untimely death made it impossible for more serious students to share his knowledge and interest.

Mr. Ziesenhenné of Santa Barbara has given us the following personal notes from which I quote:

"Dr. Arthur D. Houghton was born in India, where his father was the Viceroy. He attended college in England, graduating with the highest grade ever attained to that time . . . He was truly Lord, and she, Lady Houghton, but they wished to live by our standards in this country so did not use the title here.

"Although written in 1924, 'A Monograph of the Begoniaceae of North America' is still the most comprehensive and authoritative work on begonias of this region. The work was his thesis toward his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of California graduate school. The work was never published, although Mr. Scott Hazelton had considered publishing it as a memorial to his good friend. The pre-publication response was so poor that the project was dropped. Mr. Hazelton did not mind publishing it if he could 'break even', but he did not wish to go into debt financially to print it.

"This monograph is important for its many contributions on the Begoniaceae. Five new sub-genera or sections are proposed and three are emended. Sixteen new species and fifteen new varieties are described. Two new forms are proposed and two new combinations of names are set forth. The monograph is divided as follows:

- Introduction
- History of the Begoniaceae
- Characteristics
 - Vegetative organs
 - Reproductive organs
 - General
- Systematic
 - Key to the Sections
 - Key to the Species

Enumeration and descriptions of the plants

Bibliography.

Most important of all is that the monograph is all written in English.

"The suggestion that the monograph be printed in the *Begonian* is a good one, for the immense amount of work done is not secure, since it has to be published. The new species and sections would be legitimately established for botanical consideration, if they at least were printed. Prior to 1933 the English descriptions were acceptable but today they must be in Latin. It could be referred to the earlier date. Dr. Houghton also wrote a monograph of the *Platyserium* which was not published."

Mr. Walter J. Knecht, another well known member of our Society, residing in Ventura, California, knew Dr. Houghton well, and I would like to quote from his recent letter, which gives us some insight into the personality of Dr. Houghton and the esteem and affection he enjoyed:

"Personally, I would like to say, when you measure a man's worth, it is not what he left in earthly possessions but what he left in your memory as a friend and what he left in spiritual values. The writer of this thesis on Begonias was a great plant lover and scientist, but also a humanitarian, and it has been a great privilege to know him personally. The twinkle in his eyes speaks for his humor, and many will remember his fine talks on horticulture."

As announced at the convention in San Francisco, this monograph has been added to your library through the courtesy of Mr. Rudolf Ziesenhenné, who loaned his photostatic copies to the writer. These have been carefully copied and bound for circulation and, I hope, will prove well worth the effort involved to all serious students. We should be proud of this heritage left to us by a man who still lives in such pleasant memory to those who knew him and we are grateful to Mr. Knecht for his kindness in loaning the accompanying photo of Dr. Houghton to our Editor and to Mr. Ziesenhenné for his splendid cooperation. It has been a pleasure to have this glimpse of a great person.

A HEALTHY GARDEN

The secret of a successful, green, lush, healthy garden is water. Water when you need it and instantly. A water faucet and a more or less permanent hose attached is the solution. These faucets should be within at least 50 feet of each other and even closer, if possible, all over the shade garden. When a "Dry" is spotted—grab the hose and go to work. No dry wilts allowed in your garden then.—*Virginia J. Humbrey, San Gabriel Branch*

Nomenclature

By H. M. Butterfield, Director

(The following includes the main body of the report submitted at a recent session of the A.B.S. National Board, and the suggestions and recommendations herein merit careful reading and consideration—followed by reports in writing to the Board of all ideas and opinions inspired thereby—from not only all branches of the A.B.S. but also all our commercial members and every experienced individual in our ranks.)

1. *Registry of Begonia Names.*—It has been the dream of many begonia fanciers that a system of registration of varietal names could be established by the American Begonia Society. Since one of the essentials for avoiding name duplication is to have a fairly complete list of names in literature, this committee has tried to find and use such a list. Fortunately, Mrs. Bessie Buxton and Mr. Fred J. Bedson have been compiling such a list, and now in my possession in the name of the Society is a copy of the check list of begonia names which the two members of this committee prepared. I understand it includes over 10,000 begonia names mentioned in literature. That work in itself is a great task accomplished. It is now in use by the Nomenclature Committee in checking begonia names proposed to see that the names are not duplicated. New names are being added as we go. Names of new begonia varieties are now being registered with about 50 such names submitted for checking and approval. So the actual work of registering begonia varietal names is under way.

2. *Duplication of Begonia Names.*—Plant breeders in this and other plant specialty societies are well aware that the same name has been applied to more than one variety and that in some cases the same variety has posed under different names. All agree that duplication of either sort leads to confusion and may cause some commercial growers to frown on the accomplishments of an organization, so it is important at the very beginning to secure the cooperation of commercial growers in naming varieties and helping check on the correctness of the names applied. As yet the American Begonia Society has no very practical way to check on the worthiness of a variety or whether or not the plant is correctly named. That is one of the important problems that lies ahead of us.

3. *Merits of a Variety.*—When a name of a new begonia variety is submitted to this committee for registration, we try to learn something about the variety so we will have evidence to show that the new variety is both distinct and worthy. Up to the present we have had to rely on the evidence submitted where some skilled and well-informed grower or growers have made observations. In one case where a grower submitted a name for one of the very ordinary fibrous begonias, we felt that the variety was not worthy and distinct and did not merit acceptance. This sort of trouble will likely face us many times. Other organizations, such as rose growers, camellia growers and others have used test gardens where each variety could be grown and observed to see that it was distinct, worthy, and correctly named. (Since the following was written, the Hybridizing Chairman has established a trial test garden—p. 245, Nov. Begonian.—Ed) As yet, the American Begonia Society has not been able to finance any feasible system of test gardens, although many members have hoped that such test gardens could be established in various parts of the country. Many of us still hope that some way will be found to establish such test gardens in various parts of this country. It will take money, interest on the part of members, and time. I know from my experience with test gardens for dahlias that very difficult problems arise in checking on the worthiness of a new variety grown under conditions far different than those which existed in the original locality. If a plant is not properly cared for at the right time, such neglect will affect its appearance. Organizations have often found it best to turn over the complete care to one skilled person in charge of the test planting so he could be held fully responsible for results. If the test garden is in charge of some organization where every-

thing has to be ordered weeks in advance and all bills approved with a lot of red tape, trouble and inefficiency will likely arise, as in the case of dahlia test gardens. Perhaps commercial growers located in various parts of the country could be found who will be dependable and will grow a new plant correctly and with the rights of the originator kept in mind. I find some fear on the part of originators that a grower, either private or commercial, will propagate a variety and rob the originator of his control. Any system must take into account the desires of the originator and the Society's management and perhaps commercial growers as well, if it is to work. I do not pretend to know all the answers and yet I would strongly recommend that this phase of nomenclature be discussed repeatedly by various interested groups to see if something feasible could be worked out. To date the plans published formerly in the *Begonian* have never borne fruit.

4. *Species Identification*.— This committee has sought the help and advice of one or more persons capable of helping identify species. To date we have been unable to get such a person on our committee. Mr. Ziesenhenné and others have done good work, but Mr. Ziesenhenné will not accept appointment on this committee. Dr. Merrill was approached, but he reported he did not know enough about begonia species to help much in their identification. If you and others have suggestions, possibly we may still find one or more persons to aid in identifying begonia species.

5. *Nomenclature Rules*.— I had strong hopes that the Horticultural Congress held about a year ago in Europe would adopt certain rules of nomenclature which the American Begonia Society could officially accept. (Since then a set of official nomenclature rules has been proposed by them and is now under study.) Many of the acceptable rules will be found listed in the publication, "*Standardized Plant Names*", published in 1942. The editor, however, pointed out several needed revisions and I also suggested several.

6. *Classification of Begonias*.— Closely related to nomenclature is the classification of begonias. Any set of judges will quickly point out the need for better classification at shows and better terminology of class names. We saw this need at the national show in San Francisco and will continue to notice trouble where the problem is neglected. I have repeatedly pointed out the need for describing begonia flower classes in their own terms rather than in terms of another kind of flower where ambiguity still exists. I see no good excuse for calling a tuberous begonia flower in terms of a camellia, rose, daffodil, or any other similar flower name when the term is so indefinite. Camellia fanciers recognize not less than 6 flower types, and the

American Camellia Society recognized 8 flower types. If that is the case, why should the American Begonia Society persist in referring to a camellia-flowered type when such a term is so very indefinite? I tried hard to get Dr. French and other tuberous begonia fanciers to suggest better names to replace these rather indefinite class names but to date have not had any acceptable names suggested. We should continue this search and stand on our own legs in describing begonia flowers.

7. *APPRAISING BEGONIAS IN RELATION TO NOMENCLATURE*.— Worthy new begonias need to be appraised on the basis of some widely accepted point score or score card, and, of course, nothing takes the place of experience when it comes to estimating the worthiness of a variety or species, especially where plants are on display at a flower show. Mrs. Carleton and I spent some time going over the points used in judging and the *Begonian* published our report on score cards. Most agree that a score is only a means to an end and not an end in itself. If the point score helps a person to better appraise the value of a variety or specimen, then it has value. If it hinders more than it helps, then it should be discarded. The National Council of Garden Clubs, in their *Handbook for Flower Shows*, credits the Begonia Society and Mr. Ziesenhenné with score cards and yet Mr. Ziesenhenné does not recognize the score cards listed and I doubt if experienced judges connected with the Begonia Society believe the score cards (i.e. in the above reference) published are very helpful. The score cards used at the national show in San Francisco were far from helpful to me and others, in fact, they actually hindered us in arriving at a fair appraisal. Something much better is needed and I believe that officials of the American Begonia Society should spend some time in working out a list of acceptable point scores for the various classes of plants likely to be exhibited at recognized or sponsored shows.

One of the very difficult classes to adequately appraise at shows is the seedling class. The Nomenclature Committee would like to feel that after seedlings have been judged at several good begonia shows, a few would be so outstanding that they would merit wide recognition. But judging at such shows to date has lacked official score cards that are widely accepted among experienced judges. At San Francisco we had several rex begonia plants entered and it was hard to get these properly appraised so we could be reasonably sure that they were worthy and deserved to be named. I know from wide experience in judging that we need a competent jury to appraise the value of such seedlings, not just at one flower show, but in several places and under various growing conditions, before we can be sure of the exact nature of the seedling.

The Nomenclature Committee should accept as good evidence of merit, winnings at shows where the judging has been done on a sound and competent basis but should ignore any faulty judging or snap judgment by persons not familiar with the plants under consideration. A person might be an excellent judge of tuberous begonia flowers and yet a very poor judge of miniature rex begonias. Is the new seedling really distinct from others already named? In some cases we are sure but in other cases somewhat doubtful. We have a right to ask for extra evidence when in doubt, so persons who submit names for registration without adequate evidence of worthiness and distinction should not expect us to give prompt acceptance. If we are hasty then the registration system will not be respected.

Where either varieties or species of begonias are exhibited under more than one name or where the same plant is known under more than one name, judges will need to be cautious. We need better committees to screen plants being entered and tell the exhibitor what the plant is and where it belongs in the classification. Many exhibitors are anxious to know the proper name but often fail to find any person to tell them. This is not a problem limited to begonia fanciers but is found at all flower shows. Some of the more experienced judges recognize wrong names and may help correct or identify specimens exhibited. If these judges are to help with such identification, they should be given more time, or perhaps qualified persons could be invited and assigned a time when they would do this work properly. It is an idea that some

show managers may wish to consider. The answer has an important bearing on nomenclature and avoiding confusion in begonia names. Juries appointed to help check seedlings and names applied on plants at shows might improve conditions.

Suppose a commercial grower persists in using wrong names or in following questionable practices in naming. If and when our American Begonia Society gets to the place where its opinion is valued, then the organization should have a stamp that would give official approval of names applied in nurseries as well as at shows. The dealer who could show that the name has received the official approval stamp of this Society would be able to present evidence which at present he does not have. The person who did not have this supporting evidence would then find it more difficult to sell a plant under a questionable name. But it will take time to get both the exhibitors and commercial growers to have confidence in the opinion of the American Begonia Society as far as classification and naming of either classes or varieties and species. We have a goal toward which to work and with the full support of members and officers, I think we can go ahead and expect continued progress. If such matters are allowed to drag as they have in the past, we will probably remain stationary or go back in prestige. Sudden changes in names should be avoided but once a name has been shown to be wrong, it should be changed or corrected, not just by one individual, but with the full support of the American Begonia Society, which should act officially when names are shown to be correct and desirable.

Library Notes

Members who have requested reference books on hybridizing will be glad to note that an excellent work, *INTROGRESSIVE HYBRIDIZATION*, by Edgar Anderson has been added to your Library. This is one of the first books in the Wiley Biological Research Series. Dr. Anderson is Geneticist to the Missouri Botanical Gardens, and his contributions in this volume will be of interest to taxonomists, geneticists and practical plant breeders. A special feature of this book is the section which shows how to draw up a detailed taxonomical description of a species, and this should be of great help to those interested in preparing material for our Nomenclature Committee.

SUBTROPICAL GARDENING IN FLORIDA by Nixon Smiley (\$4.00) has been added to the Library shelves for your use. This covers "down-to-earth gardening problems in subtropical Florida, written in everyday language", and I am sure our

Florida, Texas and California members will be delighted with its contents. Gardeners in other areas will enjoy reading of these interesting plant materials which require more humidity and warmth than is probable in their gardens.

GARDENING IN THE SHADE, by Harriet K. Morse (\$5.00) is a very beautifully illustrated volume for all gardeners "who have been baffled in some degree by the handicap of shade." The wealth of plant material suitable for shade conditions is well analyzed, and suitable soil conditions and special cultural practices are explicitly dealt with. I am sure all members who have a shade problem will be delighted with this volume.

Any volume on which a price is quoted may be purchased thru your Library. Good arm chair gardening to you all!

Gladys C. Nolan, Librarian.

Three Valuable But Little Known Bush Begonias

By Eugen Hahn, Kirchheimbolanden, Pfalz, Germany

(Translation by Rudolf Ziesennehenne)

Shortly before the beginning of the last war the firm of Van Houtte in Ghent, Belgium, displayed at flower shows at Ghent three new, valuable bush begonias: 'Axel Lange', 'L. R. Russel' and 'Frau Hoffman'.

Although two—'L. R. Russel' and 'Frau Hoffmann' remind one strongly of the rex-begonias produced by crossing *B. rex* with *B. diadema*, this is not the case. In the production of these new sorts not two but a number of parents were utilized besides the already mentioned *rex*; *B. Griffithi* and 'President Carnot' played a role.

Of these three introductions, 'Axel Lange' shows the blood of Begonia 'President Carnot' the most. The leaf is a medium bronze color fading to light green near the margin. The leaves are silver-grey spotted. This 'Axel Lange' should not be confused with *B. x Langeana* which is also named for

Axel Lange, Director of the Botanical Gardens in Copenhagen, Denmark.

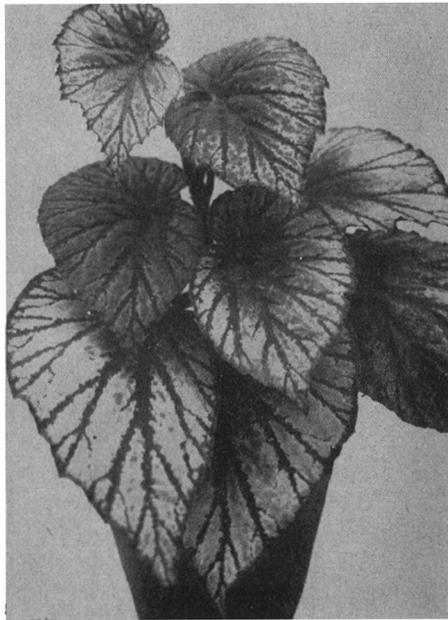
Begonia 'L. R. Russel', on the other hand, has a decided similarity with the rex 'Sperber', a breeding of the firm Geb. Teupel in Quedlinburg, Germany. Not only with the growth but especially the leaf form the *B. rex* x *B. diadema* blood is expressed. The basic color is dark green with the bronze veins showing through, while the entire leaf is covered with markings of silver-grey to bright rose. It is named after the wife of the Englishman G. B. Russel, owner of the large nursery in Richmond near London.

In contrast is 'Frau Hoffman' with the amaranth red tone dominating the underside of the leaf as well as the center of the upper side. On the upper side with a center

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Bush Begonia 'L. R. Russel'

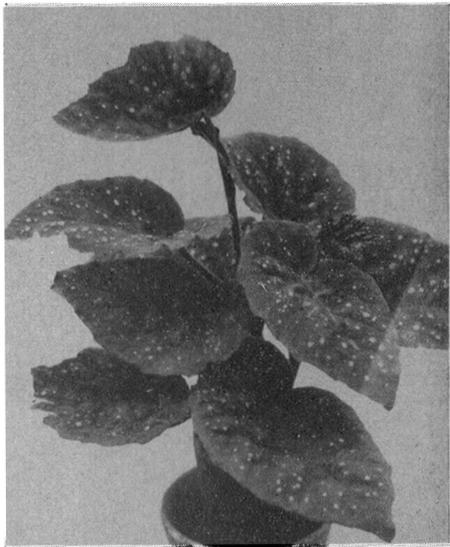


Bush Begonia 'Frau Hoffmann'

of amaranth-red the color runs out to silver-grey at the margin. It is named for the wife of Herr Hoffman, seedman in Budapest, Hungary.

(It is interesting to note that Albert Vogelmann in the new German book "Die Begonien und Ihre Kulture" makes special reference to the above described plants, classing them with B. 'Arthur Malet',—in the translation by Mr. Ziesenhenné: "... could belong to the Rex Begonias in an enlarged sense but because of the bushy growth are not Rexes in the usual sense: Begonia hybrids Arthur Malet, Axel Lange, L. R. Russel and Frau Hoffman." He adds the following information in his descriptions: 'Axel Lange'—". . . The underside of the leaf is brilliant brown-red. The natural growth is high and spire-like." 'L. R. Russel'—". . . has a true similarity in growth and leaf shape with *Begonia diadema*, however, the leaves are only weakly waved." Reports from Europe indicate that since the last war interest in botany and floriculture is making a quick recovery wherever conditions are possible, and we hope to be able to maintain continuous contact, not only between botanists in both continents but between horticulturalists and begonia hobbyists as well.

—Editor.)



Bush Begonia 'Axel Lange'

Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund

With seeds from countries foreign to the United States coming in each week via air mail, it seems only proper that the Seed Fund expeditions be called "Flights".

Any member of the A.B.S. is eligible to join the Seed Fund Flight of '53, by payment of two dollars. Each such member of the Seed Fund will receive an equal share in all seeds from foreign shores. This may comprise ten or more different types of seeds, depending on the number received, and is well worth the investment.

The seeds will be distributed in February.

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Your Editor

. . . about the Index for 1952 . . .

Take out the Index which follows and bind it with your 1952 *BEGONIANS* for handy reference. Note that more than one begonia may be listed on a line (in alphabetical sequence, however) because it seems we talked about too many kinds last year to condense into four pages!

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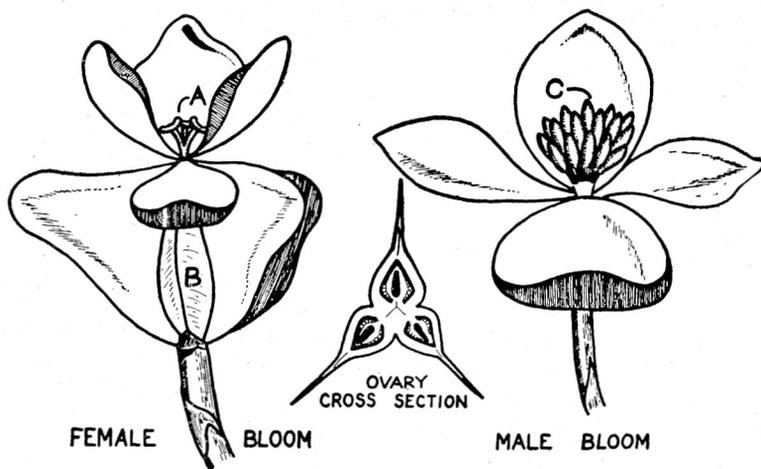
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Inglewood Year Book

Bound in Begonia Pink cover with blue printing and Begonia 'Mrs Fred Scripps' gracing the inner side, Inglewood's 1953 Year Book contains, besides the membership roster, the past presidents and constitution and by-laws and present officers, etc. We are glad to have our copy.—Editor.



—Drawing by R. N. Truax.

Slanted Toward the Beginner

How To Hybridize A Begonia

By Dorothy S. Bebrends, Hybridizing Chairman

It is only natural that enthusiastic, amateur begonia fans should want to know 'how to hybridize a begonia'.

If a record of the hybridizing attempts are kept, the act of cross pollinating should be encouraged. Promiscuous hybridizing is frowned on.

The semperflorens and rex begonias are the easiest to hybridize. As the rex begonias have been used as a test of ability in so many instances, the possibility of registering and naming a new rex is very remote, because many of the parents used in this work are also nameless seedlings.

One successful hybridizer says the best time to hybridize a begonia is from ten to one o'clock, preferably on a sunny day. The atmosphere should be warm, whether from natural or artificial means.

When the pollen on the male flower is ripe some will adhere to your finger nail, when a gentle contact is made. As the male blossoms usually bloom first, nature has provided sufficient time for the pollen to ripen on the stamens. After the female flower has blossomed forth in all its splendor, several days usually elapse before an attempt is made to hybridize. The pistil must be receptive or hybridization will not take place.

One method of dusting the pollen on the female flower is by severing the male blossom, holding the two largest petals back to expose the stamens and then dusting the pollen on the pistil *gently*. Another method is by using a soft, camel-hair brush, gathering the pollen on the brush and *gently* brushing the pollen on the receptive, female blossom.

One successful hybridizer isolates her plants in a cloth house after an attempt at hybridizing has been made. This is to safeguard it against any so-called help from bees, butterflies, moths, etc.

After the actual pollinating of the female flower has occurred, the blossoms quickly fade and (with luck) the process of producing seeds begins.

Hybridizing is not easy, and, after a few attempts have been made, it is only natural that our opinions of successful hybridizers rise at least 100%.

Whatever else you do, keep a record of each attempt at hybridizing. If the cross fails to produce viable seeds, no harm is done, but an unrecorded cross is not only a waste of time, but it hampers the attempts of the Nomenclature Department in clearing up a confused status.

NOW

GENERAL GARDENING

House plants should be watched at this time of the year. With heat being used regularly, the soil tends to dry quicker than we realize.

The shade garden must as heretofore be kept damp until it actually rains. If you have not yet mulched your plants, do so now. Keep old, falling Begonia leaves picked up and burnt.—*Glendale Branch News Letter.*

IN RETROSPECT

In retrospect one comes to the conclusion that one has not been a very good gardener. This thought has overwhelmed many a flower enthusiast, when, just about the time the flowers should be in full effulgence, they look like last year's hat's. SO—the remedy:

NOW — NOW is the time to begin to do things right for next year's blooms. First, take a few pertinent notes. One forgets so easily as time passes. Jot down the mistakes and the remedy. Note location in the garden—Was it perfect? There is the perfect spot for every plant that grows. Your present garden space might not at this time allow for just the plant you would like to have. A substitution then is suggested for that spot. Later on you will no doubt provide for that beautiful tree or shrub or bed of annuals that would just clutter up the garden at this time. May I add—this does not mean to tear out all your current effort. By no means! Enjoy your effort to the full. (Could be your next effort might not equal this one!) Enjoy your flowers anyway. (Could be they aren't as bad as you thought at first!) Some of the blooms are perfect?—Just don't use the imperfect ones. Make compost of them and they will have paid their way, anyhow! —*Virginia J. Humphrey, San Gabriel Branch.*

Six to One!

Did you know the New England Branch of the A.B.S. comprises members from six states? Of course, Massachusetts is the largest component part, but Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut also share with some very, very enthusiastic members and marvelous growers. Did you get a Merry catalogue—and did you see the number of new begonias listed? I wish someone would take the time to write a complete description of the new eastern hybrids for our readers!

Begonias? — Here!

William Penn Branch held their November meeting informally at Shearer's Greenhouse, Brookline (Haverton), Pa., the only place in Eastern Pennsylvania where a good collection of Begonias is commercially available.—*May Taft Drew.*

TIMELY TUBEROUS TIPS

by Glenn W. Motschman

Monthly Cultural Information on Growing the Tuberous Begonia in Southern California

If you did not sow seed in December, January or February is still early enough to have blooming plants this year. My method of sowing and germinating Tuberous Begonia seed appeared in the December, 1952, issue of this publication.

In approximately seventy days after sowing the seed, the third leaf will develop. It is then time for the first transplanting of the tiny seedlings.

Place about one-half inch of pea gravel on the bottom of a clean redwood flat. Next place a one inch layer of a mixture containing two-thirds oak leaf mold and one-third German peat moss. Screen a small amount of the same mixture thru a quarter-inch mesh wire screen and put a one-half inch layer over the surface. Then deep soak the flat in warm water (about 70 degrees F) that has been boiled. Keep the water an inch below the soil level in the flat. When the surface of the soil appears wet, remove the flat and allow the excess water to drain out.

Using a small, forked, orangewood stick gently lift the seedlings from the germinating flat and transplant one half inch apart. It will still be necessary to control temperature and humidity. Keep the temperature between 70 and 75 degrees, and, although submerging the flat periodically is the best way to keep the soil moist, the plants may be watered overhead with a fine mist spray to prevent the soil surface from drying out.

When the plants begin to crowd each other, transplant them the second time. Use a soil mixture of one-half well-decomposed oak leaf mold and one-half sandy loam. The soil mixture should not be deeper than one and one-half inches. A deeper soil mixture may not drain well, and the soil will become sour, retarding or destroying growth.

The flats containing the seedlings that have been transplanted the second time may now be kept in any warm location where the temperature will not exceed 85 degrees F.

When the plants reach a height of four to five inches, place the flat out doors in a shaded location for a few days to harden off before planting in beds, pots, or other containers.

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NEW ENGLAND'S CREAM

Beginning the 1952 season with a cultural discussion meeting in Horticultural Hall, Boston in April, the New England Branch progressed from one enjoyable experience to another.

May and June found them touring three beautiful gardens in Brookline and Milton, Mass., and commencing plans for representation at the National Convention in San Francisco.

A Sunday afternoon meeting was tried in July in the hope that more distant members might find it possible to attend, and there was a record attendance. The hostess, Mrs. Greenlaw, spoke on "Geography and Begonias."

Again this year in August members journeyed to "Rockmarge", the beautiful North Shore estate of Mrs. William H. Moore of Prides Crossing. All were enthusiastic over the wonderful plantings of tuberous begonias, gorgeous, exotic greenhouse plants and the lovely grounds with their vista across lawns to the sea. Lunch and the afternoon meeting were held at the lovely, historic colonial home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bishop, Essex. Mr. Gus Hyllman, a well known grower, gave many valuable hints for growing tuberous varieties and

very generously gave his specimen plants to be auctioned for the Convention fund.

New England members would not feel the year complete without a trip to the Logee North Street Greenhouses in Danielson, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Martin (Joy Logee) were hosts for us in September, with a tour of the greenhouses in the morning, and lunch at their home. Mrs. May Taft Drew and Mrs. George DeCoursey of Pennsylvania were guests, and Mrs. Drew gave an instructive lecture on the botanical structure of plants in general and begonias in particular, answering the question, "How do you know your plant is a begonia?" Mr. Martin discussed his experience with 'hiemalis', the *socotrana* hybrids, illustrating with beautiful greenhouse specimens.

The top of the cream, however, was reached when at the Fall House Plant Show in Horticultural Hall, Boston, our educational exhibit, pictured here, won the silver medal. In charge of Mrs. Greenlaw, it was an outstanding success, depicting species begonias of the Western Hemisphere. Note the use of the New England Society emblem, made and presented to the

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—P. E. Genereux Photo

New England Branch Silver Medal Exhibit
1952 House Plant Show, Horticultural Hall, Boston

Society by Mr. Stuart Bastow, Jr., of Pawtucket, R. I., as described last month.

The Greenlaws won a bronze medal for an outstanding exhibit of newer and more unusual varieties, many unknown to most of the New England members. Theodore T. Wallsten of Bolton, Mass., won the Ernest Kimball Logee Memorial Cup for the best Rex of the show. Mrs. Esther Fronda of Ashland, Mrs., was awarded the Beatrice Haddrell Memorial Cup for the best fibrous, a lovely "Templini". This cup was given the New England Branch by Mr. Charles Haddrell of Marblehead in memory of his wife, a loyal and enthusiastic Branch mem-

ber. It was awarded for the first time this year.

The annual meeting was held at the Hall the first evening of the Show and Mrs. Catherine Sheehan, returned delegate from the National Convention, gave an enthusiastic report for her California trip and showed many beautiful slides of lovely begonias as grown by our California friends. Our only regret was Mrs. Buxton's illness in Dallas, Texas, on her return home since then to spend a quiet winter under the watchful eye of her doctor.

—Orpha C. Fox.

BELOVED BESSIE BUXTON



—courtesy of Mmes. Calloway & Korts

In a letter to President Edna Korts, Mrs. Buxton says:

"Please thank the National Board of the American Begonia Society for the lovely and quite unusual card which they sent me. I appreciate their thought of me very much. I am gaining and feel almost normal again; just have to be careful not to overexert myself.

"My begonias have been brought back from the greenhouse and I enjoy caring for them, but they look very poor to me after seeing such gorgeous specimens in California. I have such pleasant memories of my trip and the warm welcome from my fellow-begonians. It was heart-warming.

"Very sincerely yours,

Bessie Raymond Buxton"



Enjoying the Calloway Garden

Left to Right—Connie Bowers, Bessie R. Buxton, Alice M. Clark.

BEGONIAS THAT CAN" TAKE IT"

Mrs. Louise Schwerdfeger takes many prizes with rex hybrids—crossed with *B. tenuifolia*. She obtained dozens of beautiful, large varied patterns, but all have the ability to fold up their tents into small space while traveling, only to expand into prize-winners at the show. —Editor.



Louise Schwerdfeger's rex hybrid x *B. tenuifolia*

Before: Roll it to pack it!

After: Just like new—no injury!

Convention Back-Thoughts

Mrs. Elsa Fort, Eastern Public Relations Chairman

1952 has at last run out and here is 1953, with another Convention numbered among its days. To me, however, I do not think any Convention can fill the same nook in my memory that the one of Fifty-two does.

The thrill of the first evening in California meeting and breaking bread with out-going President Cal Trowbridge, in-coming President Edna Korts, and President-elect Glenn Motschman all at once is still with me. To all Begonian subscribers and members of the American Begonia Society in these three sincere folk you have a real treasurer, for they are very enthusiastic over Begonias and have the love of the Society with them every minute of their days and spend much of what should be their sleeping time in working for you all.

To me, an Easterner accustomed to housing begonias on window sills, any kind of stand which will take a plant, 'or hanging them from birdcage hooks, one of the greatest bits of envy brought back was the constant outdoor growing. The pre-convention days spent with Edna Korts in Los Angeles visiting her lath houses and glasshouses with beautiful Rex were ones of real education. I learned soil mixtures, new pest controls and new hormones, all of which knowledge has proved of inestimable value to us in the East, and which it has been such a privilege to pass along.

Then in Santa Barbara at Louise Schwerdtfeger's nursery and hillside home overlooking the Pacific I learned wonderful hybridizing secrets from her experience, resulting in the miniature begonias she is now ready to market and share with begonia lovers the world over.

The drive to San Francisco and meeting with other branch members was capped by my privilege of sitting on the platform, and being able to see the faces of all those who had journeyed to the Convention for the love of begonias. I met "Pop" Dyckman, as he is affectionately known, the father of the A.B.S., and such people as Marie Turner and Susie Zug and the San Francisco folk.

The Convention had such good report of national activities; the work of the National is very helpful to all of the Branches.

The 1952 Convention made it possible for me to attend the California State Fair

at Sacramento, too. Besides that there are all the memories of the beautiful displays at the Show which I treasure. It was all very, very beautiful, but the Educational Department was the real Mecca to me. Personally I could have spent two days just in that department.

At the banquet we had a good chance to get together with Bessie Buxton, who has given us such a grand book, and who gave us an inspiring talk.

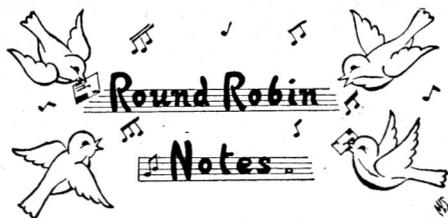
Another highlight was a visit to Marie Turner's garden with President Korts, where we were pow-wow-ing on begonias when Marie suddenly spotted a fire burning in a trash pile next to one of her begonia houses. Hustle? We all three did, with hoses and everything and controlled it before the fire department arrived with all safe. Afterwards Marie wouldn't let me pay for the plants I had selected to take home. Such generosity was so unexpected that appreciation enough cannot be expressed, but out of that rare gift a lot of the lovers of begonias will have a share.

Then Susie Zug's lovely garden on the hillside and in her terraced lath house was wonderful, and I learned more about propagating and hybridizing and received another box of gifts for the folks back home.

PACKING

In the patio at President Korts' home came pack-up day. I took them all out of their clay pots, put them in Dixie cups with the soil well moistened, packed them very tightly in a cardboard carton lined with damp newspaper, tied it very well, and carried it right along on the plane home. They arrived perfectly — over 100 potted plants, and about fifty cuttings and an uncounted number of Rex leaves. The plants grew perfectly, the cuttings did not all survive, and the leaves were not too successful. However, I have learned that Rex leaves root better in the spring, so I was not too disappointed.

Out of the Convention I carried home a rare fund of very worthwhile knowledge which will be my aim to spread to us here on the East Coast, and most of all the feeling of real one-ness of the East with the West and a very wholesome respect and love for the American Begonia Society in the work it is doing for all lovers and growers of begonias.



Round Robin Letter

Dear Robinites:

Here we are at the start of another year. How they do roll by, making each and every one of us older and wiser, I hope.

No doubt you are all enjoying the Round Robins now, since other work has slowed down and the weather keeps you inside so much.

We still have room for many new members in the various Robins. Send in your name and state the Robin you would like to join; we will do the rest. I know it will bring you many hours of pleasure, new friends and a world of valuable information.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year of 1953, is my sincere wish to all of you.

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—*Sidney Sampson, Duluth, Minn.*

Spokesman for the Small Branch

La Mesa: We do not have a large membership; we do have quality—every member active; all have lath and glass houses, also gardens.

We have good speakers, illustrations on all topics of shade plants, plus color motion and slide pictures; plant exchanges; refreshments.

For summer we meet at home gardens; pot luck dinners bring out more husbands. Then we have an annual home garden tour to which all A.B.S. members and friends are invited.

We enter the *La Mesa Annual Flower show*, exhibiting as a Society, and members also display plants individually. This year our Society won a 1st and our President (*Mrs. Blair*) three 1sts and a second and others won firsts and seconds besides one sweepstakes prize.

Christmas we have a party and garden gift exchange.—*Mrs. Edward R. Tweed*

Teen Age?

San Francisco Branch has organized a Teen Age group from its members' families and are continually taking in new recruits as associate members. It all started with an inquiry by Phillip Bertolussi about other members his age, and so we rounded some up for him and hope to encourage these young people in a wonderful hobby.

—*Anne Mitchell.*

Northwest Personalities

Mr. John Bacher of Portland, who spoke at Salem's November meeting, has a fine collection of slides of tuberous and cane begonias taken in their local gardens and at Leslie Woodriff's. He has traveled widely and is a very interesting speaker.

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Flower Show: Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. Show, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. William Penn Branch will have an entry—visit them if you are near!

January 28th

San Gabriel Valley Branch: BIRTHDAY DINNER, 6:30 p.m.—for reservations contact secretary. 8:00 p.m., regular meeting with installation of officers; good program. Corsage contest—wear one and win a prize.

February 6th

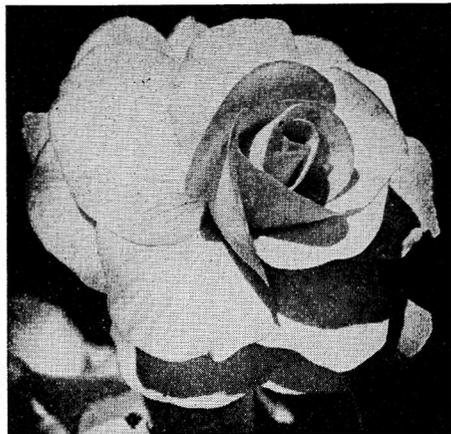
Central Florida Branch: Dr. Frank Gardner will speak on "Backyard Citrus-growing". Hostesses Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Sharpe.



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La Mesa Branch: President, Mrs. Ione Blair; Vice-president, Mrs. Clarence Moore; Treasurer, Mr. Gilbert Ebere; Secretary, Mrs. Peggy Owens; National Director, Mrs. Edward R. Tweed.

Missouri Branch: Re-elected President Dillard, Secretary Wood and National Director Calmese; Vice-president, Mrs. Katie Baughman; Treasurer, Mrs. Janette Miller.

New England Branch: Re-elected entire 1952 slate of officers.

Pasadena Branch: President, Dan Sullivan; President-elect, Mrs. Verna R. Johnson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Lois F. Williams; National Director, Mr. Frank Rich.

Alfred D. Robinson Branch: President, Mrs. W. C. Brown; Vice-President, Miss Alice Greer; Secretary, Mrs. L. Carringer; Treasurer, Mrs. A. F. Gardner; National Director, Mrs. Alice M. Clark.

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Lounge, Florida Power Co.
Winter Park, Fla.
Mrs. Martha Gipson, Secy.-Treas.
861 Juanita Rocal, Winter Park, Fla.

DALLAS COUNTY BRANCH, TEXAS

1st Thursday, Feb. 5, 7:00 p.m.
Member's Residences
Mrs. Russell B. White, Secy.-Treas.
919 N. Clinton St., Dallas 11, Texas

EAST BAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Jan. 8, 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, Jan. 15
Jennie Baker School 12043 Exline
Jean Cross, Cor. Secy.
1304 Elm, Alhambra, Calif.

FOOTHILL BRANCH

3rd Thursday, Jan. 15, 8:00 p.m.
La Verne Recreation Hall
Mrs. C. W. Hall, Cor. Secy.
358 E. Arrow Hwy., Upland

FORT ELSA BRANCH

1st Saturday, Jan. 3, Feb. 6, 2:30 p.m.
Miss Lola Price, Secy.
628 Beech Ave., Laurel Springs, N. J.

GLENDALE BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, Dec. 16, 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, Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Community House, La Jolla
Tillie Genter, Cor. Secy.
7356 Eads St., La Jolla, Calif.
4th Wednesday, Jan. 28, 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, Jan. 27, 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, Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Member's Residences
Mr. George Knoupf, Secy.-Treas.
2912 Delevan, Kansas City, Kans.

HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

2nd Monday, Jan. 12, 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, Jan. 9, 10:00 a.m.
Garden Center, Herman Park
Mrs. E. H. Claggett, Secy.
4415 Austin, Houston, Tex.

HUB CITY BRANCH

COMPTON-LYNWOOD

3rd Monday, Jan. 19, 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, Jan. 12, 8:00 p.m.
Los Amigos Club, Loleta, Calif.
Miss Margaret Smith, Secy.
P. O. Box 635, Ferndale, Calif.

INGLEWOOD BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Jan. 8, 8:00 p.m.
325 N. Hillcrest, Inglewood, Calif.
Mrs. Velda Scalley, Secy.
1415 W. 104th St., Los Angeles 47, Calif.

LA MESA BRANCH

2nd Monday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Porter Park, University & La Mesa Blvd.
Peggy Owens, Secy.
4275 Nabal Dr., La Mesa, Calif.

LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

2nd Tuesday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Colonial Hall, 10th and Locust
Mrs. W. Cox, Secy.
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4th Tuesday, Jan. 27, 8:00 p.m.
Simpson Memorial Garden Center
Miss Elizabeth S. Hall, Secy.
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ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

1st Thursday, Feb. 5, 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, Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Casitas del Arroyo, 117 S. Arroyo, Pasadena
Mrs. Lois Williams, Secy.-Treas.
1674 Monte Vista St., Pasadena 4, Calif.

PETALUMA BRANCH

3rd Friday, Jan. 16, 8:00 p.m.
Dania Hall, 19 Main St.
Mrs. Hazel Chappell, Secy.
222 Bodega Ave., Petaluma, Calif.

PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

2nd Friday, Jan. 9, Members Homes
Mrs. Robert York, Secy.
3311 Fremont St., Camden, N. J.

PORTLAND OREGON BRANCH

4th Friday, Jan. 23, 8:00 p.m.
Journal Bldg. Aud., Front & Yamhill Sts.
Mrs. George Venner, Secy.
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522 S. Guadalupe Ave., Redondo Beach, Calif.

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1st Tuesday, Jan. 6, Feb. 3
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Mrs. Loren H. Edlund
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2370 18th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

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4th Wednesday, Jan. 28, 8:00 p.m.
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Arcadia, Calif.

Mrs. Cynthia Slater, Secy.
2317 Whitney Dr., Alhambra, Calif.

SANTA BARBARA BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.
Girl Scout Clubhouse, 1838 San Andres St.
Mrs. Rolland J. Brines, Secy.
440 Via Dichosa., Santa Barbara, Calif.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BRANCH

1st Tuesday, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, 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, Jan. 13, 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, Jan. 20, 7:45 p.m.
University of Washington Arboretum
Clubhouse

Mrs. Paul Deiro, Secy.
4618 13th Ave. South, Seattle 8, Wash.

SHEPHERD, THEODOSSIA BURR BR.

1st Tuesday, Jan. 6, Feb 3., 7:30 p.m.
Alice Bartlett C. H., 902 E. Main, Ventura
Mrs. M. E. Ramelli, Secy.

1839 Poli St., Ventura, Calif.

SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, Jan. 15, 8:00 p.m.
Cafeteria, High School, Hayward, Calif.
Mrs. Dorothy Bayliss, Cor. Secy.
26706 Monte Vista Dr., Hayward, Calif.

SOUTHGATE BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m.
South Gate Municipal Aud., 4900 Southern
Mr. Walter Partridge
4849 Beck Ave., Bell, Calif.

TEXAS STATE BRANCH

4th Friday, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.
Members' Homes
Mrs. D. W. Briggs, Secy.-Treas.
2349 13th St., Port Arthur, Texas

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, Jan. 14, 11:00 a.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. Walter H. Kirch, Secy.
Clearview Rd., Glenshaw, Pa.

WESTERN RESERVE BRANCH

CLEVELAND, OHIO
4th Wednesday, Jan. 28, 8:00 p.m.
Garden Center, 10013 Detroit St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Mrs. Edward Lobser, Cor. Secy.
75912 Westlake Rd., Bav Village, Ohio

WHITTIER BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m.
Union High School, Room 19
Lindley Ave. Entrance, Whittier, Calif.
Mrs. Gladys B. Bruce, Secy.
6602 Milna Ave., Whittier, Calif.

WILLIAM PENN BRANCH, PA.

3rd Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2:00 p.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. J. H. Ward Hinkson, Secy.
Wallington, Pa.

CONDENSED MINUTES

National Board Meeting, November 24, 1952
Present were Mmes. Korts, Schwerdtfeger, Nolan,

Powell, Hoak, Williams, Graham, Spaulding and Motschman; Messrs. Trowbridge, Motschman, Richardson, Spaulding, Lorenz and Rich.

After the formal commencement of the meeting President Korts welcomed all guests and introduced Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meyer of San Francisco, Mrs. Hoak (new Research Chairman, Mr. George Spaulding of the Los Angeles Arboretum, and Mr. Woods of Ventura.

Minutes of previous meeting read and corrected. Treasurer's report: Total income last month \$508.72; disbursements, \$488.66, making a net gain for the month of \$20.06.

Membership report: 33 new members, 84 renewing, 1 life membership.

Business Manager's report: Advertising income for November, \$108.00.

Editor Spaulding reported working on educational project which will appear in The Begonian soon.

President-elect Motschman moved reports accepted; Cal Trowbridge seconded; carried.

Mr. Trowbridge reported it was suggested Branches pay for their stationery in future; recommended that the sum to be charged (just enough to cover the expense) be printed in The Begonian. Mr. Criss moved, Mrs. Powell seconded; carried.

Mrs. Schwerdtfeger of Public Relations reported receiving rewritten Central Florida Branch constitution and by-laws were not clear; Board recommended she return it for correction. She turned over to Treasurer money received so far for adopting foreign members, to be held until all names and addresses of proposed adoptees ascertained.

Publicity: Slow time for publicity; bill for \$4.60 expenses presented.

Librarian: 46 books in circulation, 45 books sold; 5 new books placed in circulation.

Flower Show Chairman Rich: Received many fine letters from Branches having flower shows in recent months.

Research Chairman Hoak: Did not receive notice of appointment in time to prepare a report or confer about committee; wishes one from the Northern part of the State included.

Seed Fund: Grace Adams reports balance on hand of \$35.38 with more seeds to be offered for sale in next issue of The Begonian.

Hybridizing Chairman Behrends reports 5 plants now being tested.

President Korts read letter from Helen K. Krauss reporting on the American Horticultural Convention. (She sent the revised Nomenclature Rules proposed.) She also read part of a report from the Nomenclature Chairman, H. M. Butterfield.

Mrs. Nolan stated that unless we cooperate with the Horticultural Society on the Nomenclature of Begonias, the new Bailey's Hortus, which is to be printed in 1954, will not be up to date. Mrs. Korts appointed George Spaulding on a committee to try to find some one to do this research. Mrs. Schwerdtfeger stated she would go over the back issues of The Begonian and take out all information on new Species and send them to Mr. Butterfield for this work.

Old Business: Branch Directors were asked to report on the idea of giving Mr. MacDougall a life membership; contributions were reported from Long Beach Parent and North Long Beach, Inglewood, Pasadena, Hollywood. Several others reported opposition or no action. Motion by Mr. Rich that it be tabled until next meeting for more time for the Branches to consider and report. Seconded by Mr. Trowbridge.

Motion by Mr. Rich that a committee be appointed to go over the suggestions for convention changes and to put plans in a form to present to the National Board for approval seconded by Mrs. Schwerdtfeger; carried.

New Business: Mrs. Korts stated she believed the A.B.S. should sponsor a judging class—those attending and passing examinations to be given a certificate from the A.B.S. as accredited Begonia Judges, the class to consist of 25 members at \$1.00 each per lesson, \$20.00 to be used for the teacher's salary and \$5.00 for a secretary to write the entire lecture. Motion by Mr. Slater that this be adopted, seconded by Mr. Motschman; carried.

Mr. Carl Meyer reported on the San Francisco (See Next Page)

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Convention and answered all questions offered. Check for \$500.00 presented by San Francisco Branch with written restrictions and instructions as to its use as a revolving convention fund. After acknowledgement by the Board members and a very limited discussion due to the lateness of the hour, on motion by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mrs. Nolan, the check was accepted under the restrictions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 without branch reports due to the hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorris Motschman

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