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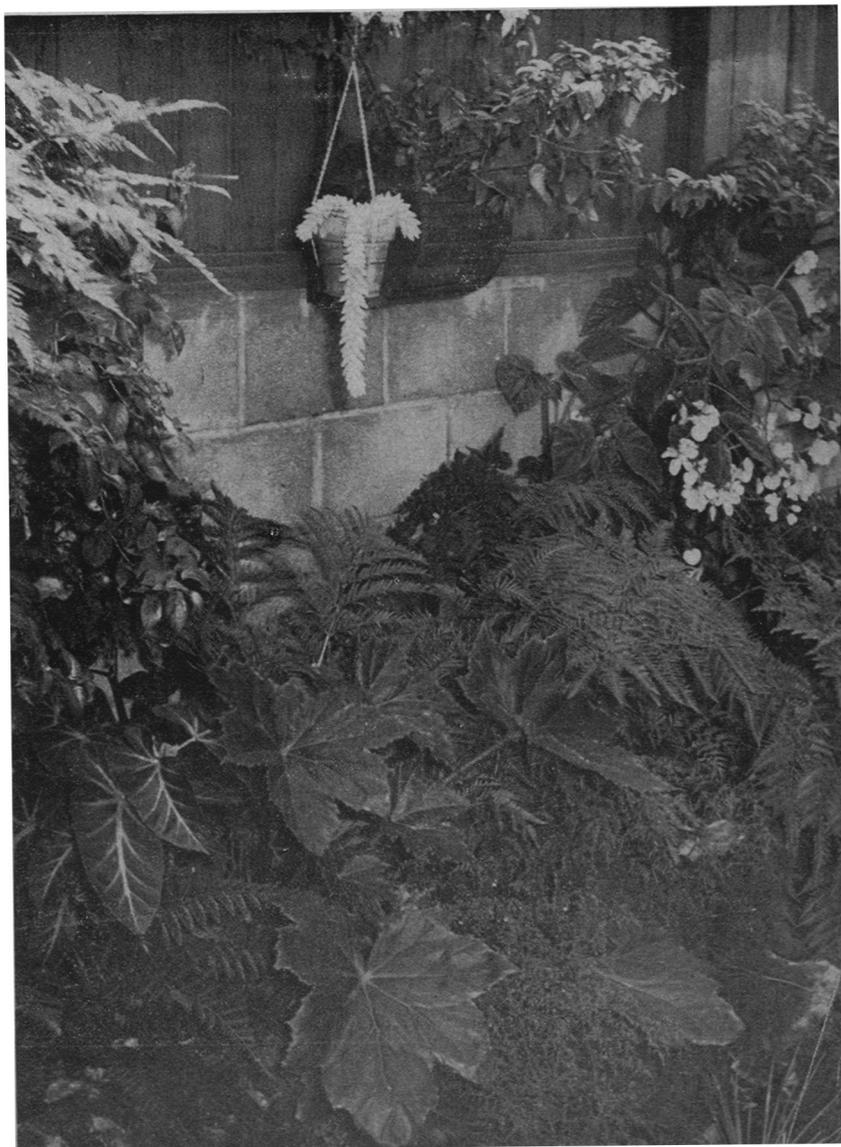
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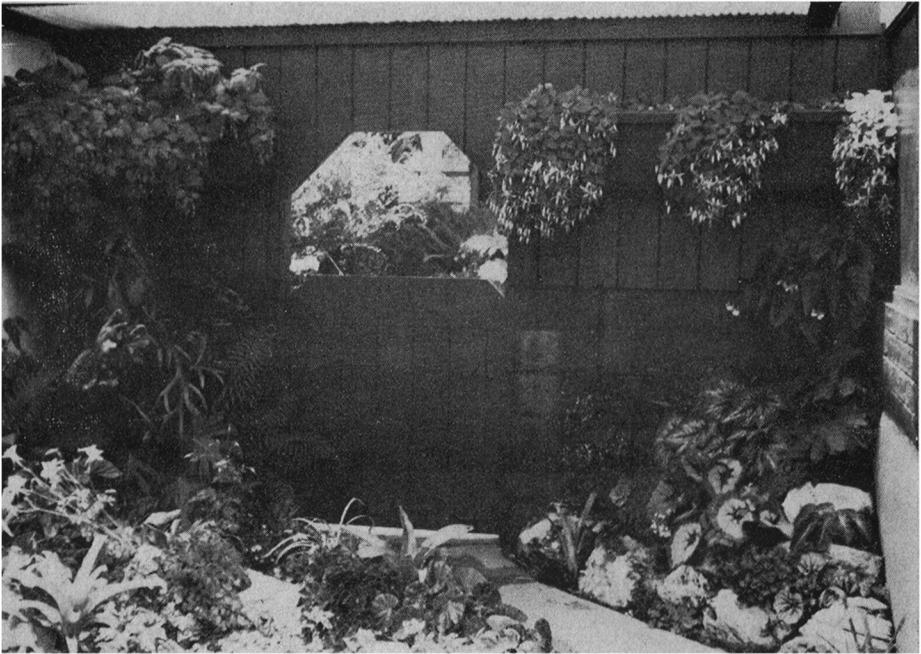
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The Red, White and Blue Month.

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The Church Garden

By Stanley Spaulding, Landscape Designer

Have you ever seen begonias growing in a Church Garden? Possibly in Mexico, Central or South America begonias are in church gardens, but in the United States I doubt if there are any in religious institutions. However, the photographs on the cover and adjoining pages show begonias in a Church Garden, namely, that of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Church of Westchester, Los Angeles, California.

Here they are planted in the ground with other tropical plants to create scenes of natural beauty. This situation is unique as begonias are seen in most gardens as pot subjects lined on the shelves of a glass or lath house. Mr. and Mrs. Church have demonstrated the begonias as landscape material, developing into normal size. This is usually difficult to attain in containers which limit root development.

Mr. Church personally hauled and placed several tons of sandstone rock to give contour and a natural atmosphere. The plants are growing in pure oakleaf mold between rocks. They are regularly fertilized and Mrs. Church personally superintends the spreading of plenty of snail bait. Water is carefully applied; the underlying soil is heavy so drainage was carefully contrived.

The top photograph opposite presents the entrance to the main garden (which takes over the whole of the back of their sloping city lot and is mainly a sun garden bordered with tree-planted slopes for privacy and a big sunny rock garden leading to a pool at the center.) It is in this entry garden, facing north and sheltered by the house and a fence-wall on three sides, but open to the north winds and mid-day sun, that the fibrous and rhizomatous be-

gonias found a prime haven. There is one row of glass tubes over the fuchsias to prevent summer burning. This photograph shows the plants the first summer after planting, and the picture on the following page shows the left side a few months later, despite weeks of wind and full hot sun. One can see how these plants, spaced carefully for effect, accepted the conditions and gave battle to one another for first place with wholly unexpected vigor, expanding into truly magnificent specimens and challenging columbine, bromeliad and fern for "lebensraum".

In the latter photograph one can more easily identify the individual plants used. Growing on the tree stump are laelia orchids and staghorn fern. Begonias in this detail are 'Abel Carriere' (the silvery leaves), 'Richland' (against the house), 'Thurstoni' (dark and shining in center), 'Frances Downing' (light green, rounded leaves left and right sides, and Joe Hayden (white-centered star-leaves in foreground). Also planted were ophiopogon with its grassy leaves and the giant split-leaf philodendron climbing the stump.

The lower picture opposite is a detail of the right side. These plants are in the most protected corner of the walls. *B. Mazae* is on the left (blooming with showers of red sprays for months during the winter and spring), another 'Richland' is beginning to tower in the center, with a *B. 'Mrs. Fred Scripps'* just starting its rich growth which later produced leaves over a foot long in profusion. *B. angularis* shows to the right of the picture. In center foreground is the beautiful but little known rhizomatous *B. Kenworthyi* from Mexico, happily blooming



—Dorothy Powell Photo

and showing the effects of full mid-morning sun on its ivy-like leaves by the bronzed, iridescent coloration blushing over its usual soft blue-green chatoyance. Unfortunately the following winter was the Year of the Big Rain in Southern California, and is passed quietly away during the floods. Maidenhair ferns and beautiful rexes filled other interstices, including the charming dwarf rex on the right.

Above, trailing fuchsias, 'Anna' on the left and 'Red Spider' on the right, carried the color toward the sky, remaining in bloom for nine months of the year. The boxes will be changed to hanging tuberous begonias when the fuchsias pall.

The cover picture is a scene within the garden rest house which Mr. Church built of fencing over cement block on the southwest height overlooking the inner back garden, with its north and east walls of modern square glass panels and its roof of fluorescent tubes spaced for sufficient light. This corner of the small property is secluded and quiet. Here the environment is therapeutic with the sound of running water from a concealed artificial spring just outside tumbling over a nature-copied rill to a quiet reflection pool at the foot of the slope. Glimpsed through the glass walls between ferns and begonias, an effect of distance in small space and an illusion of detachment from the common-place is achieved.

Such specimens as an eight-foot *B. angularis* seedling that threatens the tube-roof, and a rich-foliaged, large-flowered *B. 'Alto-Scharff'* spreading wide near the entry, do not appear in the photograph, not to mention some *B. Richardsianas* which fool many a visitor into referring to them as ferns at first glance.

The unusual plant in the top center of this cover picture is a young plant of that favorite hanging basket subject, *Sedum Morganianum*, better known as "Donkey's tail", contrasting well with the lush foliage beneath. These are another *angularis* seedling, a '*ricinifolia*', *Pteris tremula* fern, another *B. 'Richland'*, with a *B. 'Lucerna'* just coming up behind, and a Holly Fern below. Along the foreground of the planting are *Pilea*'s delicate fern-like leaflets and *Acorus*' grassy clumps with various *Campanulas* to add blue and white bells to the brilliant colors of the tuberous begonias which are interplanted each spring. The walls drip with fuchsia hanging baskets.

This idea of begonias growing in the ground is not limited to Mr. and Mrs. Church and the temperate Southern California climate. If your plants need a greenhouse because of the cold climate, then remove some bench space, and have a natural garden scene instead of a nursery or commercial display to confront and surprise your many visitors.

Elizabeth D. Fisher

By Dorothy S. Behrends

Mrs. Fisher moved to Fullerton, California in 1927 with her husband and children. She accumulated many begonias as a hobby, and, when the family was obliged to move to Riverside for an indefinite stay, the begonias were boarded with one of the family in Carlsbad.

After their stint in Riverside, the Fishers moved to Anaheim, and it was in this orange-grove, ranch home that Elizabeth Fisher survived W. W. II, with five of her six sons in the Service of our Country. Her youngest son was not old enough to go into service, so he and his two sisters stayed home. Since that time, Jimmy, the youngest son, has served his hitch in the Army.

Mrs. Fisher was a avid rex begonia fan all this time, crossing her finest begonias, producing some of the most unusual leaf patterns on the market today. She produced and distributed rex begonia seeds to collectors all over the world.

Meanwhile, her husband Carl had been bitten by the Epiphyllum bug. He amassed an exceptional collection of named varieties and, being a good sport, would build a glasshouse for Mrs. Fisher's begonias each time he built another lath house for his epiphyllums.

Each year Elizabeth Fisher hybridized her most spectacular begonias and produced an amazing number of distinct hybrids.

However, the strain of the war years took their toll in strength from Mrs. Fisher's heart, and in 1951 she was taken. She left us the finest collection of rex begonias on the Pacific Coast that is available to the public.

Her husband is faithfully carrying on her work. He loves epiphyllums, but no one could repot and cherish the thousands of seedlings the way Carl Fisher is doing and not become an ardent begonia fan. These rex begonias are not to be confused with ordinary rex.

As rex begonias of today are a strain of hybrid on hybrid, registration presents dif-

ficulties, but their published names will make them worthy of the asexual propagation necessary to obtain their true likeness. Therefore, in the months ahead it will be a pleasure to introduce some of the late Elizabeth Fisher's seedlings, after registration. These exceptional begonias will con-



—Courtesy of Carl Fisher

tinue to be much sought-after plants, perpetuating beauty in memory of a beautiful woman. With Carl Fisher continuing her work, the Fisher Rex Begonias will continue to be tops in the field.

Judging School

The Judging School date in July has had to be changed, to be able to enjoy the services of Mr. Ladislaus Cutak, Horticulturist in Charge of Conservatories at the Missouri Botanical Garden. The date to remember is *Saturday, July 18th, 7:30 p.m. at Plummer Park, Los Angeles.* The lecture will be on

Judging Tropicals and Other Shade Plants.

Anyone interested in hearing this lecture regardless of registration in the Class, may attend on payment of the regular fee, \$1.00. This is a two hour lecture and will be a highlight in the series. As Mr. Cutak has consented to accept a limited number of talks in the southland on his July trip, we are greatly honored in having him give us this lesson.

CONVENTION TRAVELOGUE

By Sam Sault,

Publicity, Redondo Area Branch

Hello, fellow Begonians, and welcome to the Convention to be held in Redondo Beach this year.

For members and visitors journeying southward from San Francisco, I would like to mention a few of the points of interest to be enjoyed along the way. There is the lovely redwood forests north of Santa Cruz, the unforgettable beauty of the tuberous begonias in bloom at both Antonelli Bros. and Vetterle & Reinelt Nurseries at Santa Cruz, the grandeur of the Big Sur country, capped by the view of the Hearst Ranch from the top of the San Simeon grade, then swooping down to Morro Bay and finally to beautiful Santa Barbara. From here south to Redondo Beach, U. S. 101 follows the coast most of the way, with an ever-changing view.

Redondo Beach, once a famous shipping port, is situated at the south end of Santa Monica Bay, a huge crescent-shaped haven, miles long. Like San Francisco, there are usually cool breezes, so suits and coats are advisable for the ladies, although the weather man has promised pleasant weather for the Convention.

All of the Convention sessions, the annual banquet and flower show included, will be held at the Redondo Beach Union High School, corner of Diamond Street and Pacific Coast Highway. After checking in and receiving your assigned quarters, you will be free to wander. If you are combining your vacation and the Convention jaunt, you will have time to see some wonderful sights, to remember long after it has passed.

There are miles of good bathing beaches for the swimmers and sunbathers; lots of tennis courts and riding academies; an excellent golf course and club house, in nearby Palos Verdes, for the golf enthusiasts; so bring your clubs and racquets, we'll supply the horses.

The hills of Palos Verdes Estates, containing some of the finest residences in Southern California, lie between Redondo Beach and the old seaport town of San Pedro, overlooking Los Angeles Harbor, the largest man-made port in the world. Once the scene of fleets of wind-jammers, now the average ship is over 500 feet long, and the Outer Harbor is easily able to accommodate the entire U. S. Naval fleet. A unique Radar installation handles the traffic of shipping in and out during even zero visibility.

Traveling some five miles around the West Basin from San Pedro, one can visit

the town of Wilmington, and inspect the Old Drumm Barracks, an old Civil War installation. They were the terminus of the first telegraph line from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the old instruments are still on display. You may also stroll through Banning Park, created by the City from the estate of General Phineas Banning, who named it for his home town in Delaware. It contains the family mansion, constructed entirely of lumber, brick, nails and other materials brought by sailing ship around the horn. He planted the seeds of the first eucalyptus trees in this country, now full-grown giants.

The next port of call is Smith Bros. Fish Shanty. Fish fresh from the Great Lakes, charcoal-broiled to your fancy, while you sit relaxed, admiring the beautiful begonias, fuchsias and ferns, growing just next door, in the famed Palos Verdes Nursery, where you may browse afterwards.

Other interesting side trips include a ride to the top of the tower of the Los Angeles City Hall, with an amazing view. Below is famous Olvera Street, a bit of Old Spanish California; and Chinatown, with its quaint shops; a tour of Exposition Park, with its wonderful rose gardens and museum; the lovely city of Pasadena, with its famed Huntington Library; nearby Mt. Wilson, with its far-reaching view of the Pacific Ocean, Catalina Island and snow-capped mountains, as well as the observatory, telescopes and wild deer. There are many, many more points of interest to see, but too innumerable to mention.

We hope that your trip will be pleasant, leisurely and safe, whether you come by automobile, train, or plane. If by train, you will arrive at the Union Station in Los Angeles, about 24 miles from Redondo Beach; you may take a taxi or a Pacific Electric Railway Bus. If by plane, you will land at Los Angeles International Airport, a short 15 minutes taxi ride from here.

But, whichever way you come, we will be looking forward to meeting you here in Redondo Beach at the Convention.

Hasta La Vista—SAM

NEW OFFICERS

Western Pennsylvania: President, Mrs. Warren T. Barton; 1st Vice-president, Mrs. Allen Kerr; 2nd Vice-president and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. L. Simpson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Walter H. Kirch; Treasurer, Mrs. Clarence A. Eckert.

Your Nominating Committee Presents the 1953 Nominees:
PRESIDENT-ELECT



Jack E. Koebig

Mr. Koebig is one of the most active members of Redondo Area Branch, serving as its National Director for two years, never missing a meeting of the Board and always bringing detailed reports back to the Branch. He is now serving as National Convention Chairman in a very efficient manner.

As he belongs to no other flower club he gives his undivided attention to the A.B.S. affairs and, with the assistance and cooperation of his wife, Mae, he is fast making a name for himself in the Begonia world.

In business life he is Public Relations Director for a prominent insurance company.

Begonia-growing is his avocation and he grows magnificent specimens and has built his own tube house solely for begonias.



Bert Slatter

Mr. Slatter is a busy member of Inglewood Branch (board of directors, vice-president, president—1950, 1951, its National Director recently) and, for the A.B.S., National Convention Chairman at the 1950 Inglewood conclave and now board Parliamentarian.

An untiring horticultural enthusiast, spending most spare time in his large glass-house tending his choice begonias, orchids and ferns, for many years he has been recognized throughout Southern California for his invaluable experience as Flower Show judge and extensive plant knowledge. He received a California State citation for his work.

Member and Past-President of Inglewood Dahlia Society and Crenshaw Garden Club; active in Southern California Orchid Society and California Fuchsia Society, and also joined the Los Angeles Garden Club and Royal Horticultural Society of England.

VICE-PRESIDENT



Fred Browne

Mr. Browne joined the San Gabriel Valley Branch in early 1951 and entered immediately into the work of organization, becoming its president in 1952.

In addition he became Chairman of that branch's very successful 1952 August Flower Show. Thereafter he was elected San Gabriel's National Director for 1953.

For the National Board he has served on the Ways & Means Committee this year, aiding its projects.

Fred is a commercial artist by profession. The company which employs him has been making the fine cuts we have been using the past year.



Louise Schwerdtfeger

Mrs. Otto Schwerdtfeger brought begonias with her to Santa Barbara in 1922 and in 1934 started her present great collection, joining the A.B.S. in 1940.

She at once served as Santa Barbara Branch secretary for 16 months and later president (1946, 1947, 1953). In September, 1947, she was appointed National Public Relations Director and has served under 6 presidents, during which time 16 out-of-state and 8 state branches were formed.

Louise is serving her 8th year on Santa Barbara's Fair Floriculture Division. Between begonias she has found time to raise 4 daughters and play with her dozen grandchildren.

TREASURER

Charles Richardson

Joe Taylor

Our present very efficient National Treasurer is running for re-election this year. "Chuck", as he is better known, joined the Society in 1944 with the dynamic San Francisco Branch. However, he moved to Glendale the next year and lost no time in joining that Branch.

There he has served on the board as corresponding secretary, vice-president, and then president in 1950, and in 1951 he became Glendale's National Director and last year won the national election for Treasurer of the A.B.S., where he has been of great help to the Board.

Mr. Taylor was an experimental radio engineer in Rochester, N.Y., but on migrating to California in 1928 became an ice company plant manager for 12 years till 1952. Thereafter the lure of plants has drawn him into the Redondo Beach Park Department.

Plants have caused him to join the Epiphyllum Society of America (till recently); the California Fuchsia Society (Gardena Branch Treasurer); the National Fuchsia Society (South Bay Branch Director); besides the Redondo Area Branch, A.B.S., (Secretary, and 1953 Convention Committee Chairman).

In Memoriam

Sacramento Branch has lost by death its very fine, active member, Mr. R. A. Gunther, who had served since this branch's inception. We deeply grieve his sudden passing and will sadly miss his helping, kindly hand. His beautiful Begonias and Orchids were at the disposal of our group on many occasions. Our sympathy is with his wife, Ruth, and his children and grandchildren. —Mrs. Laura G. Sutter.

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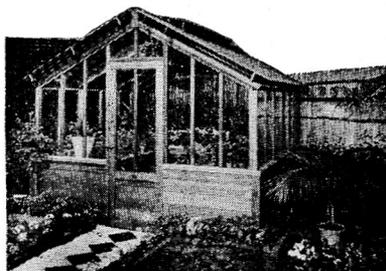
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- Class 1. Bedding begonias, single flowered, such as: *B. s-c Carmen*, *B. s-c Primadonna*, *B. s-c Apple blossom*, etc.
2. Bedding begonias, double flowered, such as: *B. Gustav-Lind*, *B. Geneva beauty*. (white, rose, scarlet, etc.)
3. Distinctive hybrids and mutants of *B. semperflorens-cultorum* and *B. semperflorens*, such as: *B. rosea-gigantea*, *B. corbeille de feu*, *B. calla lily*, etc.
4. Hanging baskets with specimen plant of classes 1, 2, or 3.
5. Wall pockets with specimen plant of classes 1, 2, or 3.

DIVISION B—Cane stemmed Begonia Group

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

DIVISION C—Miscellaneous Fibrous rooted Begonias

- Class 12. Distinctive, unusual or odd foliage, erect, such as: *B. Mrs. Fred Scripps*, *B. Mme. Lionnet*, *B. venosa*, *B. deliciosa*, etc.
13. Distinctive, unusual or odd foliage, scandent, such as: *B. incisa*.
14. Distinctive, unusual or odd foliage, rhizomatous, such as: *B. acida*, *B. cresta-bruchi*, *B. fuscomaculata*, etc.
15. Other varieties not specified.

DIVISION D—Hairy Begonia Group

- Class 16. Hairy begonias, such as: *B. Schariffi*, *B. Morgana*, *B. Nelly Bly*, etc.
17. Sparsely hairy begonias, such as: *B. Braemar*, *B. Dorothy Grant*, etc.
18. Hanging Baskets, specimen plant of classes 16 or 17.
19. Wall pockets, specimen plants of classes 16 or 17.
20. Other varieties not specified.

DIVISION E—Rhizomatous Begonia Group

- Class 21. Low-growing, small leaved types, such as: *B. rotundifolia*, *B. Schulziana*, *B. conchaefolia*, etc.
22. Star types, such as: *B. ricinifolia*, *B. Sunderbruchi*, *B. nigricans*, *B. silver star*, etc.
23. Spiral and crested types, such as: *B. Bunchi*, *B. erythrophylla*, *helix*, etc.
24. Hybrids, any other variety, such as: *B. erythrophylla*, *B. Freddie*, *B. Ricky Minter*, etc.
25. Baskets and wall pockets of classes 21 to 24 inclusive. Specimen plant.
26. Other varieties not specified.

DIVISION F—*B. rex-cultorum*

- Class 27. Large-leaved types, such as: *B. r-c Lesoudsii*, *B. r-c Cardoza Gardens*, *B. r-c emeraude*, etc.
28. Medium-leaved types, such as: *B. r-c His majesty*, *B. r-c glory of st. albans*, etc.
29. Small leaved types, such as: *B. r-c Louise Chretien*, *B. r-c la paloma*.
30. Miniature types, distinguished from the small leaved types by their short, stubby rhizomes and very small, compact growth, such as: *B. r-c Annie Robinson*, *B. r-c toy*, *B. r-c butterfly*, and the *Roy Berry* miniature plants.
31. Miniature spiral types, such as: *B. r-c Berry's brown curl*, *B. r-c Berry's gray curl*, *B. r-c (Elsie Frey's) cutie*, etc.
32. Helix or spiraled types, such as *B. r-c Countess Louise Erbody*, *B. r-c curly Closson*, *B. r-c bronze king*, etc.
33. Upright and branched types, such as: *B. r-c van-ex*, *B. r-c Mrs. H. G. Moon*, *B. r-c black diamond*.
34. Hanging baskets, specimen plant of classes 27 to 33 incl.
35. Wall pockets, specimen plant of classes 27 to 33 incl.
36. Any other variety not specified.

DIVISION G.—Tuberous - Rooted Varieties (Other than Tuberhybrida)

- Class 37. Species, such as: *B. Sutherlandi*, *B. Martiana*, *B. Davisi*, *Macbethi*, etc.
38. Hybrids, such as: *B. wild rose*, *lulandi weltoniensis*, etc.
39. Hanging baskets, specimen plant, Classes 37 and 38.
40. Wall pockets, specimen plant, Classes 37 and 38.

DIVISION H—Tuberhybrida

- Class 41. Single forms, flowers suggestive of the wild rose.
42. Multiflora and multiflora nana: low bushy, compact; many-flowered, both single and double.
43. *Pendula* (syn. *Lloydi*): drooping type suitable for suspended containers; flowers numerous, both large and small.
44. Bertini hybrids: flowers fuchsia-like, long and slender; red, pink, etc.
45. *Camellia* forms: flowers camellia-like, both single and double.
46. *Carnation* form (syn. *fimbriata plena*): large, double, carnation-like flowers.
47. *Crispa*: large, single, petal-margins frilled.
48. *Cristata*: large, single, flowers with crestlike outgrowth on each petal.
49. *Narcissus* forms: large daffodill-like flowers.
50. *Rosebud*: rose-like in appearance.
51. *Picotee*: irregular border of a different color bleeding into the dominant shade.
52. *Marmorata*: camellia form with a rose background blotched and spotted white.
53. Ruffled camellia and novelty types as distinguished from *fimbriata plena*, large blooms.
54. *Marginata*: camellia form, petals edged with a thin precise line of a different color.

DIVISION J—Socotrana and Derivatives.

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

DIVISION K—Collections

- Class 58. Collection of 3 begonias—each of a different class.
59. Collection of 6 begonias—each of a different class.

DIVISION L—Out Of State Entries

- Class 60. Specimen plant, Classes 1 through 57, limit 5 inch container.
61. Photograph: 1—8x10 inch glossy, specimen plant, grown by exhibitor in accordance with flower show rules.
62. Photograph: 1—8x10 inch glossy, collection as in classes 58 and 59, grown by exhibitor in accordance with flower show rules.

DIVISION M—New Begonia Introductions, Hybrids or Crosses

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

- Class 63. Seedlings up to 1 year old. (fibrous, tuberous and rhizomatous only).
64. Mature plants, up to 2 years old. (fibrous, tuberous and rhizomatous only).
65. Mature plants, over 2 years old. (fibrous, tuberous and rhizomatous only).
66. Rex seedling 3 years or older. (rex seedlings take at least 3 years before they attain their true coloring, hence this class).

DIVISION N—NEW HYBRIDS

OPEN TO ALL AMATEUR AND COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS (SPECIAL PROVISION FOR THIS DIVISION ONLY)

The Alfred D. Robinson Memorial Medal will be awarded on Class 67 if merited, and Certificates of Award on Classes 68 and 69 if merited. Hybrids competing for this medal and entered under the following classes must comply with the Robinson Medal Rules and Regulations as published in the May, 1953, *Begonian*.

- Class 67. New Hybrids (any variety of *Begonia*) introduced from 1943 through 1948. Entries must comply with Paragraph 4 of the Robinson Medal Rules.
68. New Hybrids (any variety of *Begonia*) introduced from January 1949 through December 1951. Entries must comply with Paragraph 4 of the Robinson Medal Rules.
69. New Hybrids (any variety of *Begonia*) introduced since 1951.

DIVISION O—Seed Fund Begonias

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

Class 70. Seedlings up to 1 year.

71. Mature plants over 1 year old.

DIVISION P—Ferns

Class 72. *Adiantum*, syn. Maidenhair.

73. Any other varieties.

74. Hanging baskets.

75. Wall pockets.

DIVISION Q—Saintpaulias

Class 76. Single crown plants, general foliage, all colors.

77. Single crown plants, Dupont, Supremes or Amazons, and Marine types of foliage, all colors.

78. Single crown plants, Girl foliage, all colors.

79. Single crown plants, all foliages, all colors.

80. Multiple crown plants, all foliages, all colors.

81. New blooming seedlings.

DIVISION R—Fuchsias

Class 82. Upright varieties.

83. Hanging varieties.

DIVISION S—Sinningias

Class 84. *Gloxinias*—all varieties.

85. *Stroxinias*—all varieties.

DIVISION T—Flower Arrangements (amateurs only)

Class 86. *Begonias* predominating, flowers and foliage.

87. *Tuberhybrida* blossoms predominating.

88. Corsages, using begonia flowers or foliage.

89. Corsages, any other varieties.

DIVISION U—Flower Arrangements (commercial)

Class 90. *Begonias* predominating, flowers and foliage.

91. *Tuberhybrida* blossoms predominating.

92. Corsages, using begonia flowers or foliage.

93. Corsages, all other varieties.

DIVISION V—Educational Exhibits

Class 94. Educational exhibit consisting of material assembled to promote increased knowledge and appreciation of *begonias*, such as: *Begonia* seedlings, *Begonia* illustrations, *Begonia* literature, Display of related *begonias*, *Begonia* cultural techniques. Amateur or commercial persons will compete together.

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 & suitable labeling	5
_____	100

Rex Begonia Specimen

Cultural perfection	40
Foliage	20
Distinction	10
Size of plant	10
Difficulty of cultivation	15
Correct & suitable labeling	5
_____	100

Tuberous Begonia Specimen Plant

Number & size of blooms in proportion to size of plant	40
Cultural perfection	25
Healthy foliage	15
Erect flowering stem	10
Quality of flower	10
_____	100

Corsage of Begonia Flowers

Color combination	25
Proportion & balance	25
Suitability of occasion	10
Style & grace	25
Distinction & originality	15
_____	100

Begonia Flower Arrangements

Color combination	25
Proportion & balance	25
Distinction & originality	20
Relation to receptacle	10
Condition	10
Suitable combination of material	10
_____	100

Did you see the picture of the greenhouse on the Southern California Greenhouse Co. advertisement? One of that type is being given away at the 1953 Convention! Will it be yours?

1953 NATIONAL A.B.S. SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

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

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

3. All competitive entries must be in place by 9:30 A.M. Saturday, August 22nd, and judging will commence at 10:00 A.M. All entries not in by 9:30 A.M. will be eligible only for non-competitive exhibition.

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

5. Chairman of Judges Committee will assume complete charge at start of judging, and no person will be allowed to interfere, to offer criticisms, or to distract the decisions of the judges. Only judges and their clerks will be permitted in show room at time of judging.

6. 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 adherence to all show rules.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. Amateur Grower is one who grows plants for self pleasure and by self effort, total sales not amounting to more than the cost of seeds and plants and supplies. Any member of the family not falling into this category disqualifies the entire family as amateurs.

10. All entry blanks must be submitted on or before August 20th, except where there is evidence of unusual circumstances. Early entries will facilitate in providing sufficient space.

11. All plants and flowers must be clearly and correctly named. Errors in naming will not disqualify, but judges will recognize correctness and clearness of names as telling in favor of an exhibit in close competition.

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

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

14. 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.

15. Trophy awards are limited to Amateur A.B.S. members only, with the exception of the Calvin E. Trowbridge President's Challenge Cup. Sweepstakes Trophy will be awarded by the point system and will be awarded on total points won only in the begonia divisions.

16. All booth and island exhibits must be completed by 9:00 A.M., August 22nd. A.B.S. Branch exhibits only, shall be eligible for the Jack Bailey Trophy.

★ Calendar ★

July 12th

Hollywood Branch wishes to announce a festival and barbecue dinner on July 12th in the beautiful garden and home of Mr. and Mrs. James Randall at 4329 Berryman Ave., Culver City. Dinner at 4:30 p.m.—\$1.25. Evening card games; white elephant table. Come and enjoy yourselves.

July 18th, 19th

Seattle joins with Eastside Begonia Club in presenting their Annual Begonia Show in the auditorium of the Bellevue School, opening at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Entries will be accepted from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 17th, and anyone who grows begonias or other shade-loving plants is urged to exhibit. Our show is fast gaining a reputation as the most beautiful in the Northwest.

July 24th

Redondo Area Branch wishes to remind everyone of the drawing on their Cedar Chest, to be held on Friday, at 7:00 P.M. at the regular meeting.

August 15th

New England Branch: Hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brown, Londonderry, N. H. with Mrs. Brown speaking on "Geraniums".

August 20th

El Monte Branch: Another garden meeting at Mr. and Mrs. Glen E. Marrow's, 2821 N. Musgrove. Enjoyable and educational. Bring food, service, card table and chairs.

August 1st, 2nd

The 6th Annual Flower Show of the San Gabriel Valley Branch at the Arcadia National Guard Armory Bldg., 260 West Huntington Drive, Arcadia, Calif. Featuring Begonias and Shade Plants. Exhibits will include: Potted Plants, Flower Arrangements, Specimen Displays, Tropical Gardens, Orchid Grotto, Sun Gardens, Miniatures and Professional Florist Displays.

August 25th

Margaret C. Gruenbaum Branch is invited to Mrs. Ernest Drew's home, Narberth, Pa., director of Begonia Robin Circle No. 4, and guide of begonia lovers for years.

PROPOSED CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY

President Mrs. Edna Korts appointed a committee: Bert Slatter, Chairman, Glenn W. Motschman and W. E. Walton, to consider many suggested clarifications and additions to the Constitution and By-Laws. After many meetings the following clarifications and additions were submitted by the

Committee to the National Board at the May, 1953, meeting and were approved for submission to the vote of the membership. (*Changes appear in italics; omitted words indicated by a Star in parentheses (★)—Ed.*) PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND MARK VOTE ON THE ENCLOSED BALLOT.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I Name

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the American Begonia Society and shall be conducted on a non-profit basis. The main office of this Society shall be within the County of Los Angeles.

ARTICLE II Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this Society shall be to stimulate interest in begonias and shade loving plants; to encourage the introduction and development of new types of begonias and related plants; to gather and publish information in regard to the kinds, propagation and culture of begonias and other shade loving plants; and to issue a bulletin which will be mailed to all members in good standing.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1. All persons who are interested in begonias shall be eligible to membership, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may revoke the membership of any member for just cause.

Section 2. There shall be three classes of membership in this Society known as Annual, Life and Honorary. Membership shall cover the immediate family except that only one member of the family shall receive the official publication and exercise the right to vote unless additional dues are paid.

ANNUAL MEMBERS. Annual members shall have all the usual privileges of membership, and shall pay dues of an amount stated in the by-laws. Annual memberships shall be for one year from date dues are paid.

LIFE MEMBERS. Life members shall have all the usual privileges of membership. The payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall entitle any person to Life Membership and Life Members shall be exempt from any further payment of dues.

HONORARY MEMBERS. Any person whom this society shall deem worthy of the honor may at any Annual Meeting be elected an Honorary Member by a two-thirds vote

of the members present; and such election shall specify whether such Honorary Membership is Annual, terminating at the next Annual Meeting, or for life. For each person elected an Honorary Life Member, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be transferred from the current funds of the Society to the Life Membership Fund. Honorary Members shall have all the usual privileges of membership and shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

Section 3. Each annual, Life or Honorary Member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters brought before the Society.

ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. The Officers of this Society shall be President, President-Elect, Past-President, three Vice-Presidents, one Director from each Branch Society, Treasurer, Secretary, Editor, Director of Public Relations, Business Manager, Membership Secretary, Research Director, Nomenclature Director, *Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Director*, Librarian, Chairman of the Speakers Bureau and Slide Library, Flower Show Chairman, Historian, and the Chairman of the Committee on Awards.

Section 2. The President-Elect, one Vice-President and the Treasurer shall be elected *in August each year by ballot*. The President-Elect shall serve one year as President-Elect, one year as President and one year as Past-President. The Treasurer shall serve one year, and the Vice-President shall serve for three years. These elective officers shall be installed at the annual meeting.

Section 3. A Director shall be elected annually by each branch.

Section 4. All remaining officers shall be appointed annually by the President subject to the approval of the *other six nationally* elected members of the Board of Directors by a majority vote.

ARTICLE V Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of this Society and shall be the administrative and executive body of the Society.

ARTICLE VI Meetings

Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society at a time and place to be designated annually by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII Branch Societies

Section 1. Branch Societies may be organized by any group of seven or more members of this Society and upon approval of the Board of Directors shall be issued a Charter. Upon approval of the majority of the Board of Directors, the Charter of any Branch may be suspended and, after due hearing, upon action of a majority of the board may be withdrawn.

ARTICLE VIII Funds

Section 1. The current funds of the Society shall be expended only upon order of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Neither the Board of Directors, nor anyone delegated by them, nor any of the officers shall incur any debt or liability in the name of the Society beyond the available or maturing funds in the hands of the Treasurer, excluding money and securities

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ARTICLE I

Duties of Elective Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, and shall have general supervision of the affairs of this Society.

Section 2. The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the latter, or whenever the President is unable to perform the duties of his office.

Section 3. The Past President shall be the Chairman of the Finance Committee. This committee shall consist of the Past President, Treasurer and Business Manager, and shall submit an annual budget for the approval of the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting of the Society. Any proposed expenditure in excess of \$50.00 (★) shall be submitted to the Finance Committee for recommendation before being voted upon by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Vice-Presidents in the order of their seniority, shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of, or the disability of the President and the President-Elect. The Vice-Presidents may be assigned by the President the duties of one of the appointive officers outlined in Article II of these By-Laws.

Section 5. The Directors *elected by each branch* shall attend the meetings of the Board of Directors of *The American Begonia Society* when possible, shall make such reports and recommendations as will further the interests of the Society and shall file

held for a specific purpose.

Section 3. All monies received for Life Memberships shall be invested by the Treasurer as may be directed by the Board of Directors, and only the interest accrued therefrom shall be used for the current expenses of the Society.

Section 4. The fiscal year shall start on September first.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting. Such amendment shall then be submitted by mail to the membership in accordance with Section 2 of this Article.

Section 2. The *Membership* Secretary shall mail a ballot covering the proposed amendment to each member of the Society with the request that the member vote *upon said amendment and mail his ballot to reach the Secretary at least seven days prior to the Annual Meeting*. If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of its adoption, the amendment shall be declared adopted *at the Annual Meeting*. (★)

an annual written report of the Branch activities with the *Secretary of the National Board of Directors of the American Begonia Society* at the last regular meeting of the Board prior to the annual meeting.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive and account for all monies of the Society and shall pay out the monies under the directions of the Board of Directors. He shall file bond in such surety company and in such sum as the Board of Directors may determine. He shall make, to the Board of Directors, monthly and to the Society annually a report of all receipts and disbursements. The annual report made by the Treasurer shall be accompanied by a report of audits made by an audit committee of two members appointed by the President.

ARTICLE II

Duties of Appointive Officers

Section 1. The Secretary shall keep the records of the proceedings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, shall conduct necessary correspondence and shall have charge of the records of the Society, except such basic records as are necessary for the proper functioning of the various departments and offices.

Section 2. The Editor shall have charge of the Publications Department and shall under the direction of the Board of Directors, prepare and issue such publications as the Board of Directors and Society shall authorize and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall require of him. The Board of Directors shall determine his allowable expenses.

Section 3. The Business Manager shall act as business agent for the Board of Directors and for the Publications Department; shall act as advertising manager for the official publication and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may require of him. The Board of Directors shall determine his allowable expenses, if any.

Section 4. The Membership Secretary shall receive all dues, which shall be deposited immediately with the Treasurer; keep an accurate roster of the membership of the Society; and have charge of the mailing and selling of back numbers of the official publication, less than one year old; and of the sale and distribution of all other special bulletins and directories. The Board of Directors shall determine his allowable expenses.

Section 5. The Research Director shall have charge of the Research Department; of the importation and development of new kinds of begonias and *companion* plants; (★) of collecting information relative to the culture, propagation and housing of begonias and *companion* plants.

Section 6. *The Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Director shall have charge of the importation of seed of new begonias and companion plants and the distribution of same to the membership. The Board of Directors shall determine his allowable expenses.*

Section 7. The Nomenclature Director shall have charge of determining and establishing correct names of species and established varieties of begonias; of approving and registering all newly developed horticultural varieties of begonias; and shall cooperate with the Editor in the publication of the results of his work.

Section 8. The Public Relations Director shall have charge of the Public Relations Department; of contacting prospective members; promoting and assisting in the formation of new Branch Societies; and seeing that the affairs of the Society receive the fullest publicity.

Section 9. The Librarian shall establish and maintain a circulating library for the use of the officers and members of the Society; shall preserve three copies of all publications of the Society and shall have charge of the mailing and selling of all issues of the official monthly publications over 12 months old. *The Board of Directors shall determine his allowable expenses.*

Section 10. The Chairman of the Speakers Bureau and Slide Library shall provide lists of speakers and a slide library for the use of the Branches.

Section 11. The Chairman of the Flower Show Committee shall prepare show schedules and encourage begonia shows and the use of begonias in flower shows *and maintain a register of all American Begonia Society Trophies.*

Section 12. The Historian shall maintain

a complete history of the Society.

Section 13. The Chairman of the Committee of Awards shall be the representative of this Committee on the Board of Directors. The duties of this committee are outlined in Article V of these By-Laws.

Section 14. *No appointed officer shall be eligible to hold the same office on the National Board for a period of more than three consecutive years.*

Section 15. *Approval must be obtained from the National Board before the disposal of any property of the Society. This would apply to material going to individuals as well as institutions.*

Section 16. *Each officer, whether elected or appointed, shall be responsible for a complete accounting of Society properties through equipment lists, book lists or inventory of other Society properties to the President-Elect at the time accounting for the year that is closed, prior to the Annual Meeting.*

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be the administrative and executive body of this Society; shall transact all business of the Society between annual meetings; arrange for annual meetings and any special meetings; establish and appoint such special committees as may be necessary to promote the objectives of the Society; approve the establishment of Branch Societies and issue charters to them; elect Honorary Vice-Presidents and make such regulations as may be necessary for the good of this Society.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times a year and/or monthly on call of the President, or in his absence by the President-Elect, the time and place to be published in the official publication.

ARTICLE IV

Departments and Committees

Section 1. The activities of the Society shall be divided into departments and committees under the charge of officers elected or appointed for such department or committee.

Section 2. The Department Directors may recommend the appointment of such special officers, assistants, or specialists as may be necessary to properly conduct their department.

Section 3. Each Department Director shall make a report at the annual meeting and such other reports as may be required by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

Committee of Awards

Section 1. The Committee of Awards shall consist of six members and the Nomenclature Director. Two members will be appointed yearly for a three year term by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. In event of a vacancy it shall be filled by appointment by the

President, subject to approval of the Board of Directors, for the balance of the unexpired term. The President shall appoint the chairman of the Committee of Awards.

Section 2. The Committee of Awards shall study each year the system of ratings and awards and make its recommendations of general policy to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Committee of Awards shall submit yearly to the Board of Directors for their approval a list of accredited judges in various parts of the country.

Section 4. The Committee of Awards shall receive and study carefully the reports of the judges and on the basis of this study shall make its recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall grant the awards of the American Begonia Society, including the Alfred D. Robinson Memorial Medal, subject to such regulations as the Board of Directors may adopt.

ARTICLE VI

Annual Dues

Section 1. The dues for annual members shall be two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) payable in advance. Members in arrears thirty days shall be dropped from the rolls of the Society and their names removed from the mailing list of the official publication until the arrearage has been paid.

ARTICLE VII

Elections

Section 1. The president shall appoint not later than 150 days before the annual meeting, a nominating committee of three, who shall be Presidents or Past Presidents of Branch Societies. This Committee not later than 90 days before the annual meeting shall report to the Board of Directors at least two nominations for each elective office to be filled at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Additional nominations may be made by a petition signed by at least fourteen members of the Society, if made and delivered to the Secretary at least 80 days before the annual meeting.

Section 3. An official ballot containing the names of all nominees shall be mailed to each eligible voter at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

Section 4. Eligible voters shall mail their ballots to the Secretary of the Society. *Only ballots received seven days prior to the Annual Meeting shall be counted. Ballots to be counted seven days preceding Annual Meeting of the American Begonia Society, after which time officers elected shall be notified immediately by the Secretary.*

Section 5. The Secretary will deliver the ballots to a committee of three members appointed by the President, *on the seventh day preceding the annual meeting.* This committee shall (★) *make an immediate report in writing to the Secretary of the results of the election together with the ballots cast.*

Section 6. Vacancies, elective or appointive, shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to the approval of the Board

of Directors by a majority vote.

ARTICLE VIII

Quorum

Section 1. Fifty members shall constitute a quorum for the Annual Meeting or any special meeting.

Section 2. Fifteen members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for any Board Meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Branch Societies

Section 1. Any member of this Society may affiliate with any Branch Society provided he meets the requirements for membership in that Branch.

Section 2. Each Branch Society shall have a Constitution and By-Laws both of which shall be approved by the Board of Directors *of the American Begonia Society*; it shall require that *one member of each family* maintain membership in the American Begonia Society; it must include among its officers a President, a Secretary and a *National Director, each being a different person*; it may determine its own officers other than those specified above; it may make additional qualifications for membership; it may determine the manner in which its local activities shall be financed; and it may determine its own activities and meetings provided that those activities and requirements in no way conflict with the National Constitution and/or By-Laws.

Section 3. Each Branch Society shall file with the Secretary a copy of its Constitution and By-Laws and all subsequent amendments.

Section 4. Each Branch Society shall file with the Membership Secretary the names and addresses of all new members together with their dues, as received. Each Branch Society shall furnish the Secretary of the Society with the names and addresses of all officers of the Branch immediately following elections.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these By-Laws may be initiated by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting or special meeting called for this purpose or by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Such amendment shall then be submitted by mail to the membership in accordance with Section 2 of this article.

Section 2. The *Membership Secretary* shall mail a ballot covering the proposed amendment to each member of the Society with the request that the member vote (★) upon said amendment *and mail his ballot to reach the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting.* (★) If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of its adoption, the amendment shall be declared adopted *at the Annual Meeting.* (★)

Respectfully submitted,

*Bert Slatter, Chairman
Glenn W. Motschman
W. E. Walton*

Library Notes

A courtesy exchange thru Professor Charles Baehne of the Botanic Garden in Geneva, Switzerland, has resulted in the acquisition by your Society of a complete file of the publication of the Garden, CANDOLLEA, Vols. I to XIII, inclusive, (1922-1952), and the Suppl. of Candollea, BOISSIERA, Fascicles III to VII, incl. The technical nature of this work is such that it was advisable to place it for safekeeping in the Library of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum (with whom the A.B.S. is affiliated) on indefinite loan, since it should be available to all serious students, botanists and taxonomists, and it would not be practical or advisable to hold it for circulation. There is only one other such work in this area, that owned by the Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden, and our Society can take great pride in sharing these volumes, under the proper supervision of a trained librarian, with researchers of such plant material as is described therein. The value of these volumes is immeasurable, and I can assure the membership that all begonia reference material has been meticulously copied and placed in the Library of the A.B.S. for circulation to interested members who wish to use them on loan.—These include three monographs by Casimir de Candolle on *Beg. Corredorana*, *Begonia fusibulba*, and *Begonia Batesii*—1924-1926) and one by Dr. Baehni on *B. laciniata*, from plants collected in the Himalayas in 1949 by a plant expedition headed by Dr. Wyss-Dunant.

We are also happy to report a gift to the Library by Dr. E. Irmischer of his recent

work, *SYSTEMATISCHE STUDIEN UBER BEGONIACEEN DES TROPISCHEN SUD-AMERIKAS, BESONDERS BRASILIENS*, published in January of this year in the Botanical Yearbook for "Systematik, Pflanzenzengeschichte und Pflanzengeographie" Bd. 76 S1-102. (in German). Every effort is being made to obtain further copies of this work for resale to those members who desire a copy for research work. We are indeed grateful as an organization, to the author for his thoughtfulness in presenting this book for our use. (Publ. in German).

I have received many requests from members for a book on Flower Shows and Exhibits, and I think we now have a partial answer to this desire for more information on this subject. Mr. A. G. L. Hellyer, the capable editor of the oldest gardening magazine now published, *GARDENING ILLUSTRATED*, (one of our fine exchange publications) has just published the *HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITORS MANUAL*, "giving detailed instructions for Growing, Preparing and Staging Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables for Exhibition, with notes on methods of judging." Though published in England (noted for its beautiful flower exhibits) we can profit from many of the fine ideas so efficiently covered in this manual and only hope it may inspire some American grower and author to write and publish a similar work for our benefit. This book has been added to your Library for your use, and I am sure many of our mid-Western and Eastern members will find much of value and inspiration in its contents when they are worrying about that "County Fair" exhibit this fall.

Another German publication, *ZIERPFLANZENBAU*, by Richard Maatsch has been acquired for your Library, and we will try to have a review and further information on this fine work next month. It covers a wealth of begonia and shade plant material, grown under glass commercially in Europe, and I am sure you will find much of value in it.

—Gladys C. Nolan, Librarian.

At the May meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Branch, each of its 29 members was given a Rex begonia to grow for our fall show in September.—Mrs. Walter Kirch. (Let us know who wins—Editor).

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- 143A *Begonia Josephi, minor*, India: Tuberous. New species. Price—25c per pkt.
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- 157 *Begonia Barkeri*, Mexico. Rhizomatous to 2 ft. high. Large dark green leaves with reddish margins. This variety has small white flowers in huge tall clusters. Price—50c per pkt.
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SPECIAL NOTICE

The *Begonia* seed sold as No. 114 (Thomas) in the 1953 Flight has been identified as *Begonia conis*.

Seed of *Samanea Saman* as offered in the the February issue of the *Begonian*, Page 26, is again available at 6 seeds for 25c.

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5 pkts. for 50c or 12 pkts. for \$1.00 (Our Choice), which include shrubs, vines, and trees from Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand and other countries.

We have mailed all the reservations for seeds of *Anthurium magnificum* and hope that they were satisfactory. Have not received the *Anthurium Andreanum* seed from Hawaii yet but have had a letter stating that they will be mailed soon.

Your Fund Administrators,

Jack and Della MacLanaban.

‘ ‘ A V E ! ’ ’

We salute, this July, 1953,—Founder's Month for the A.B.S.—that jolly and fore-sighted crew that set the American Begonia Society afloat under its own power in 1932:

Herbert (Pop) Dyckman, Fred Riedman, J. Paul Walker, Carl Fischer, R. S. McGaughery, Roy Berry, dec'd., C. M. Kelly, dec'd., L. G. Wylie, dec'd.

We think we have come a long way since then, but certainly not in enthusiasm, purpose and energy!

Let us also briefly mark here our honorees—holders of gift life memberships for their work in the A.B.S. or for Begonias:

Past-presidents: Herbert L. Dyckman, J. Paul Walker, Dr. M. B. Dunkle, J. S. Williams, Frank M. Harrison, Ferd. P. Neels, Clarence A. Hall, Harold W. Hart, George Lawrence, Mary Hazel Drummond, Col. Carroll Gale, W. E. Walton, Frank S. Moore, Calvin Trowbridge, and those honored by special gifts: Mrs. Gonda Hartwell, former

A.B.S. secretary (officer with the longest service); Frank Reinelt and Worth A. Brown, tuberous begonia champions; Mrs. Alice M. Clark, San Diego's incomparable begonia artist; Mrs. Myrtle Francis, daughter of California's first real begonia hybridist and introducer, Theodosia Burr Shepherd; Mrs. Christle Geer and Miss Marjorie May, San Francisco Branch members of note; Rudolf Ziesennehenne and Thomas MacDougall, botanist and collector of Mexican species respectively.

Let us here pause in tribute to our past officers and associates who have passed away but whose work remains as an enduring monument—

Now let us inspect ourselves, our good intentions and our accomplishments as we are about to vote for new officers, appoint new personnel, accept new duties, find new outlets for our creative and constructive ingenuity. How much can we do? How GOOD is it? Is it good ENOUGH?

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Mrs. Martha Gipson, Secy.-Treas.
861 Juanita Roael, Winter Park, Fla.

DALLAS COUNTY BRANCH, TEXAS

1st Thursday, July 2, Aug. 6, 7:00 p.m.
Member's Residences

Mrs. W. H. Buntin, Cor. Secy.
3113 Parker Dr., Dallas, Texas

EAST BAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, July 9, 7:45 p.m.
Willard School, Telegraph at Ward
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Miss Dorothy Osburn, Secy.
5015 Cochran Ave., Oakland 11, Calif.

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3rd Thursday, July 16

Frank A. Mott Garden
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1304 Elm, Alhambra, Calif.

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3rd Thursday, July 16, 8:00 p.m.

La Verne Recreation Hall

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358 E. Arrow Hwy., Upland

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1st Saturday, July 4, Aug. 1, 2:30 p.m.

Miss Lola Price, Secy.

628 Beech Ave., Laurel Springs, N. J.

GLENDALE BRANCH

4th Wednesday, July 22, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 N. Central

Mrs. Mabel Anderson, Cor. Secy.

1064 Davis Ave., Glendale 1, Calif.

GRAY, EVA KENWORTHY BRANCH

3rd Monday, July 20, 7:30 p.m.

Community House, La Jolla

Tillie Genter, Cor. Secy.

7356 Eads St., La Jolla, Calif.

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2nd Monday, July 13, 8:00 p.m.

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4th Tuesday, July 28, 10:30 a.m.

Home of Members

Box Lunch 12:30, Program following

Mrs. Ernest Jones, Secy.

R.F.D., Willow Grove, Pa.

HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

2nd Monday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.

Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.

Mrs. Maude A. Cooper, Cor. Secy.

1014 Havenhurst Dr., Hollywood 46, Calif.

HOUSTON TEXAS BRANCH

2nd Friday, July 10, 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 20, 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 13, 8:00 p.m.

Los Amigos Club, Loleta, Calif.

Miss Margaret Smith, Secy.

P. O. Box 635, Ferndale, Calif.

INGLEWOOD BRANCH

2nd Thursday, July 9, 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, July 13, 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, July 14, 7:30 p.m.

Fox Home at 2255 Elm Ave.

Mrs. W. Cox, Secy.

3592 Lewis Ave., Long Beach 7, Calif.

MIAMI FLORIDA BRANCH

4th Tuesday, July 28, 8:00 p.m.

Simpson Memorial Garden Center

Miss Elizabeth S. Hall, Secy.

3540 S.W. 24th Terrace, Miami, Fla.

MISSOURI BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, July 21, 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.

NORTH LONG BEACH BRANCH

2nd Monday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.

Houghton Park Club House

Harding & Atlantic, N. Long Beach

Mrs. Beatrice White, Secy.

1411 Poppy St., Long Beach, Calif.

OCEAN COUNTY NEW JERSEY BR.

1st Monday, July 6, Aug. 3, 12:30 p.m.

Members Homes

Mrs. Helen Ravasy, President

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ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

1st Thursday, July 2, Aug. 6, 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 20, 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, July 17, 8:00 p.m.

Dania Hall, 19 Main St.

Mrs. Hazel Chappell, Secy.

222 Bodega Ave., Petaluma, Calif.

PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

2nd Friday, July 10, Members Homes

Mrs. Robert York, Secy.

3311 Fremont St., Camden, N. J.

PORTLAND OREGON BRANCH

4th Friday, July 24, 8:00 p.m.

Journal Bldg. Aud., Front & Yamhill Sts.

Ronnie Hirsch, Secy.

6831 S. E. Flavel, Portland 6, Oregon

RAYTOWN MISSOURI BRANCH

4th Tuesday, July 28, 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 24, 8:00 p.m.

2308 Rockefeller, Redondo Beach, Calif.

Mr. Joe Taylor, Secy.

301 Anita St., Redondo Beach, Calif.

RIVERSIDE BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, July 8, 7:30 p.m.

Shamel Park, 3650 Arlington, Riverside, Calif.

Mrs. Kay Elmore, Secy.

3935 McKenzie St., Arlington, Calif.

ROBINSON, ALFRED D. BRANCH

4th Friday, July 24, 10:00 a.m.

Homes of Members

Mrs. L. Carringer, Secy.

825 Harbor View Pl., San Diego 3

SACRAMENTO BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, July 21, 8:00 p.m.

Garden Center, McKinley Park

Herbert Fitch, Secy.

1125 - 54th St., Sacramento 19, Calif.

SALEM OREGON BRANCH

1st Tuesday, July 7, Aug. 4

The Chapel, 685 Winter St., Salem

Mrs. Loren H. Edlund

863 Edina Lane, Salem, Ore.

SAN DIEGO BRANCH
4th Monday, July 27
Hard of Hearing Hall, Herbert & University
Mrs. Alice Shetler, Secy.
4551 Kensington Dr., San Diego 16, Calif.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BRANCH
2nd Monday, July 13
Homes of Members
Mrs. Nel Schoenbrom, Secy.
18635 Calvert St., Reseda, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH
1st Wednesday, July 1, Aug. 5, 8:00 p.m.
2800 Taraval St. Corner 38th Ave.
San Francisco, Calif.
Mrs. George Leslie Kuthe, Secy.
1095 Market St., San Francisco 3, Calif.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH
4th Wednesday, July 22
Masonic Temple, 506 S. Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, Calif.
Mrs. Gonda Hartwell, Secy.
1719 Alamitas Ave., Monrovia, Calif.

SANTA BARBARA BRANCH
2nd Thursday, July 9, 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, July 7, Aug. 4, 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
4th Wednesday, July 22, 7:30 p.m.
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 7th St. Entrance
Santa Monica
Jack MacLanahan, Secy.
3734 Overland Ave., Los Angeles 37

SEATTLE BRANCH
3rd Tuesday, July 21, 7:45 p.m.
University of Washington Arboretum
Clubhouse
Mrs. H. C. Bamford, Secy.
810 W. Lee, Seattle, Wash.

SHEPHERD, THEODOSIA BURR BR.
1st Tuesday, July 7, Aug. 4, 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 Tuesday, July 21, 8:00 p.m.
Cafeteria, High School, Hayward, Calif.
Mrs. Margaret Nelson, Cor. Secy.
P. O. Box 818, Niles, Calif.

SOUTHGATE BRANCH
4th Tuesday, July 28, 7:30 p.m.
South Gate Municipal Aud., 4900 Southern
Mr. Walter Partridge
4849 Beck Ave., Bell, Calif.

TEXAS STATE BRANCH
4th Friday, July 24, 7:30 p.m.
Rose Hill Club
Mrs. Ed Fullerton, Secy.
2822 - 8th St., Port Arthur, Texas

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH
2nd Wednesday, July 8, 11:00 a.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. R. L. Simpson, Corr. Secy.
35 Fayette St., Oakdale, Pa.

WESTERN RESERVE BRANCH CLEVELAND, OHIO
4th Wednesday, July 22, 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 28, 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, July 21, 2:00 p.m.
Homes of Members
Wallingford, Pa.
Mrs. J. H. Ward Hinkson, Secy.

CONDENSED MINUTES

Meeting of National Board held May 25, 1953, at City Hall, called to order by President Korts at 7:40 p.m. with welcome to all, Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Trowbridge and Aims and Purposes read by Mr. Motschman.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Correspondence: resignation of Irma Brown as Business Manager; accepted and thanked.

Treasury reported loss of \$19.47 for month; total of all funds, \$2,471.50. Not quite \$200 in Seed Fund after all bills paid, which was divided \$45.00 to Research, \$45.00 to Robinson Memorial, \$44.38 to General Fund and \$44.38 to Seed Fund. Business Manager reported \$115.00 advertising income.

Co-editor Fenn read Editor's report—gift of 10 color slides of Central Florida Branch Show by Mrs. Jane Crisler and receipt of over 100 slides of G. E. Ramer's Miami garden available for Branch showing for a limited time. Extra \$100.00 plus or minus 5% authorized for possible color cut on Convention issue.

Membership Secretary Behrends reported 61 new, 49 renewing members. Seed Fund Chairman MacLanahan reported income of \$12.08.

Finance Chairman Trowbridge reported bids for printing No. 10 envelopes and letterheads and moved 5,000 be ordered at \$6.50 per M, each for total of \$65.00. Ordered. Reported bids on membership blanks, lowest from Dishian at \$4.50 per M in 5M lots, 5,000 ordered printed. Read letter from So. California Horticultural Institute enclosing check for \$119.63 for tickets sold on glasshouse at International Show. Put in Show Fund. Moved any excess of \$200 in Fund be used at President's discretion for other expenses. So ordered.

Ways and Means Chairman Motschman reported \$113.00 in fund. The \$125.00 loan was repaid to the National Treasurer. Reported on Festival plans and circulated garden lists for Garden Tour.

Vice-President Terrell reported visiting Orange County and El Monte; President Korts, to Sacramento, Petaluma, Southern Alameda County and East Bay. Public Relations Director showed hand-written year book from Margaret Gruenbaum Branch and read reports from William Penn and Missouri and reported Northwestern Chairman Talbot working hard on two leads for new branches in her area.

Librarian Nolan reported 41 books in circulation and 22 books and pamphlets sold.

Research Chairman Hoak gave report and turned over some material for Editor.

Publicity Chairman now working on Convention publicity.

President Korts reported visit with Mr. Butterfield of Nomenclature Committee on setting new rules for hybrids and classes for eligibility for Robinson Medal. Reported letter from Sacramento Branch donating their profit from the 1952 Convention of \$27.35 to the National Board to be used for expenses incurred for the 1953 convention. Secretary instructed to write letter of thanks.

Branch reports—good meetings scheduled in June; Glendale sent check to Redondo for convention; T. B. Shepherd reported now 16 members wishing to take Judging Course with Santa Barbara.

Nominating Committee reported 1953-54 officer nominations—see elsewhere in this issue.

Constitution Committee reported suggested clarifications in By-Laws and Constitution and additions to By-Laws: See elsewhere. Moved they be printed in July Begonian for vote by membership. Ordered.

President Korts asked all directors and appointed and elected Board members to submit annual written report at July meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
DORRIS MOTSCHMAN,
Secretary.

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