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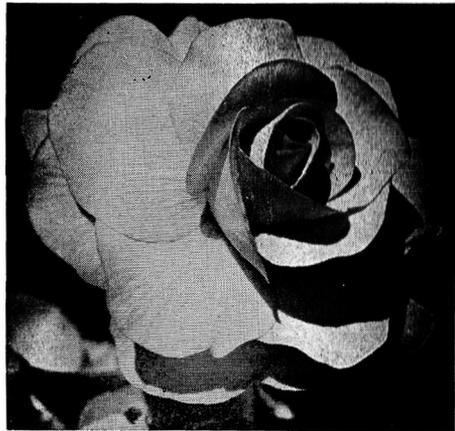
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FIGURE 1—*Begonia* "Heydei", in full sun, at 8500 ft. altitude, on Cerro Sontehuits, Chiapas, January 26, 1952. At this date, the bright pink flowers were nearing full bloom.

FIGURE 2—Sotsil "Chamula Indians of San Miguel Mitontic, crossing Cerro Sontehuits — homeward bound from San Cristobal Las Casas.

NOVEMBER . . . The Bountiful Month

*Reap the harvest, count each blessing,  
In preparation for Thanksgiving.*

## *Begonia "Heydei" Habitat*

*By Thomas MacDougall*

The principal reward of the Begonia collector, or so I find, comes from enjoyment of the regions in which these plants grow. In southern Mexico, these may range anywhere between sea-level and some 9000 feet above, but toward either extreme Begonias approach the vanishing point.

Thus, as we prepared for a trip to 9500 ft.\* Cerro Sontehuits, my anticipation scarcely included begonias. However, I knew it to be a region of great botanical interest, the highest point of the central plateau of Chiapas, Mexico.

It was early in the morning of January 26, 1952, that we started out from San Cristobal Las Casas. We were well-equipped, with a new jeep station wagon, a native guide kindly loaned by Frans and Gertrude Blom, and with a trustworthy boy to watch the car. The starting point was already more than 7000 feet above sea-level, and now we proceeded, continuously climbing, in a northeasterly direction along the truck road to Tenejapa. When our guide called a halt, at a stream crossing, we had reached an altitude of approximately 8500 feet.

Scarcely had we started out on foot, when Begonias appeared in the company of ferns and a sprinkling of other herbs. The plants covered a small stream and the clear water of a small pool mirrored the overhanging foliage. The hoar frost had melted but the sun was still low, and I was tempted to wait for better lighting before snapping the picture. (Fig. 1) We

*\*This height is approximate. The new Nat. Geo. Soc. map of Mexico and Central America gives 9400 ft. Many high peaks of southern Mexico have variously estimated altitudes.*

continued along the little stream, up a narrow valley, the grassy slopes of which were pastured by sheep of the "Chamula" Indians, and bordered by woods or fenced in by the native milpas. In the surrounding vegetation appeared the large graceful fronds of the short trunk tree fern—Cibotium, and here and there were the vivid flowers of Fuchsia Splendens. The pleasant little valley left us at the edge of a thicket, but soon we reached the trail from San Cristobal Las Casas to the "Chamula" Indian towns of San Miguel Mitontic, San Pedro Chenalho and Santa Catarina Pantelho. This led us over the wide, almost moorlike, top of the mountain. Three eminencies stand out slightly, the highest a rocky "heath bald" — predominantly of Gaultheria.

In addition to B. "Heydei", another fibrous rooted Begonia was collected on Sontehuits, some plants of this probably reaching an altitude of 9000 feet. It was in neither flower nor seed, and the cuttings taken failed to survive.

The identification of Begonia "Heydei" is perhaps still only tentative. It is not that of the writer. I shall be content to await Mr. Ziesenhenné's analysis.

What appears to be identical with the B. "Heydei" of Cerro Sontehuits, grows also on Cerro Huicetepec (at about 8000 ft.), just east of San Cristobal Las Casas; on Vol. Tacana at 7000-8000 ft., and in "La Selva Negra" of San Bartolo Rayon at a little below 7000 ft. altitude. All of these locations are in Chiapas.

On April 3rd of this year, the Selva Negra plants of B. "Heydei" were still flowering freely, but by that time a heavy crop of fruit was vying with the flowers.

## *Wintering Begonias In Kansas*

*By Lorraine and Edward Wimmer — Manhattan, Kansas  
(Reprint of an article in the September, 1949, Begonian)*

Every year, well before the advent of the first frost, we think of bringing the begonias indoors. Invariably, toward the latter part of September, they always look so much better than they did in August, because of the fall rains and the cooler weather, that we can not bring ourselves to disturb the picture which they present in the lathhouse just outside the kitchen door and underneath the windows of our porch, where we enjoy them to the fullest extent.

Nearly every year we have left them outside as long as possible, until some day the weather man reports a dangerous drop in the temperature for the night. Then, in addition to covering some of the garden plants whose blooming period we wish to prolong, we have had to carry in all of the begonias. Usually some of the plants have not taken kindly to the change of environment. Last year, determined to bring our plants indoors early enough, we started the trek into the interior almost a month earlier than usual.

Our expanding begonia collection necessitated progressively greater facilities for carrying the plants indoor during the winter. At first the plants were kept on the window sills in the living room. However, the sills proved too narrow, and being so near the window, the pots became quite cold during the night, so that they had to be moved away from the window nightly. We found, at this time, that plants which were overwatered, or had poor drainage, were more susceptible to cold than those kept on the dry side.

It wasn't long before additional space had to be provided. This consisted of two double-shelved movable sections made of 1-1/8" stock. Each section was three feet long, and the shelves were ten inches wide. The top shelf was made level with the window sill, while the lower shelf was placed about ten inches from the floor. Painted to match the woodwork, they became an integral part of the room. The two sections

were placed at each end of the eight-foot span of the window, and a removable shelf was set on cleats in the intervening space, at about four inches below the level of the sill for purposes of proper balance. The entire arrangement was quite flexible which proved to be very helpful when cleaning. A small table was placed in front of the center shelf, and served as the focal point of the room, for on it could be placed the "plant of the week". The lower shelves have held magazines, jars with germinating seeds, cuttings, african violets, and other plants more tolerant of lower light intensity.

Plants were arranged on the shelves according to height and light preference. At night the venetian blinds were drawn to cut off heat loss, and to reduce the cold downdraft from the windows. In spite of this we found the pots near the window decidedly cold. We then pulled the shelves several inches away from the window sill edge and noticed an immediate improvement in the temperature conditions around the plants. The cold air moving downward was no longer deflected forward by the top shelf, but could drop down to the floor. Before the winter was over our plants were overflowing into other parts of the house, and we began to make plans for more space for the following year. We decided to install plate glass shelves at a height of about two feet above those at the window sill level. Each shelf was a little longer than the width of the window and about eight inches wide. They were placed on metal brackets which were two inches longer. This two-inch space between the glass shelf and the window edge allowed for raising and lowering of the blinds, and for the downdraft from the window. The middle shelf was placed about two and a half inches lower than the side shelves to correspond with the level of the middle wooden shelf below. Obviously, only the smaller, or the scandent types of begonias

were placed on the glass shelves.

We have been wanting to provide trays to fit the lower shelves, so that the pots could be set on a layer of pebbles or "Hadite" (used in orchid culture.) This would provide more humidity and at the same time adequate drainage for the plants. We cannot help but stress, what others have mentioned in the BEGONIAN before, the beneficial effects of this increased humidity, not only to the plants but to man himself. A recent study explained a fact which has been known for some time. It has been known that a relative humidity of about fifty is most conducive to health. This study showed that at that humidity bacteria and viruses are destroyed, while seemingly they are not effected by other levels of humidity.

Our heating plant is a forced draft, natural gas furnace with thermostatic control, but the humidity supplied by it is not always enough during the winter, and other methods of increasing the humidity have been resorted to. One of these was the "glassing in" of the shelf area by means of sheets of cellophane attached hanging down over the front of the plants to the front edge of the glass shelf above and below. In this way the movement of the air over the plants, and thus the loss of water was materially reduced. The cellophane is barely noticeable and forms a miniature greenhouse. It can be removed or lifted as desired. Under it, plants which before were temperamental, become quite tractable.

This year we are supplying heat to our north porch, which before could hold begonias only during periods when it was neither too hot nor too cold. A goodly number of begonias have been accommodated on shelves twelve inches wide, placed on orange crates which are stood upright. Since the porch has windows on three sides the plants get sufficient sunlight. At night the shades are drawn to conserve heat and moisture, since the latter would condense on the cold windows and be lost. We keep the summer bloomers and those that tolerate less light on the porch. The winter bloomers and those demanding more light, are kept in the small lean-to greenhouse set against the garage at the back of the lot.

Last year the few rexes we had were kept in a small, glass display case which is two feet on each side. Such a case can often be obtained at a very nominal price and substitutes admirably for a Wardian Case. This year the rexes are larger, and there are more of them, so that they have outgrown the case which is reserved for small starting plants. The rexes have been doing well on the porch where they are placed so as to get the north light. So far, our rexes have not gone dormant.

The question might be raised as to which varieties tolerate or demand certain light intensities and a certain humidity. There are so many factors involved, that it is practically impossible to make any specific statement which might not be found impractical under some other set of conditions. We feel that each individual must find out for himself, what conditions are most favorable for any particular plant, since soil conditions, light and moisture will be such variables. We watch our plants, and when they are growing well we do not move them. If they show a tendency to droop, drop their leaves, stop blooming if in bloom, or show some other symptom of maladjustment, we check up on the temperature and moisture, degree of air movement, and light. We know that a paling of the leaf will indicate either excessive dryness or too much sunlight. If the soil is moist on such a plant, we merely move it out of the sunlight. If it is dry, we give it water and if that is all it needs, we leave it alone. Some of the begonias do better if turned periodically, while others do best if their growth pattern is not changed.

At intervals, on warm days, the plants from the living room are moved onto the porch and sprayed for pests as a preventative measure. We do not wait until insects have set up housekeeping on a favorite plant. If some plant does become infested with thrips, mites or aphids, it is at once "quarantined" and not placed with the rest until all signs of infestation are gone. Spray materials include nicotine, sulphur dust, DDT, or chlorodane, depending on the infestation. This treatment should be repeated in about two weeks to get any insects which may have been in the egg stage at the time of the previous spraying.

As we have done for many years, excepting those of the war, we were gone for ten days during the Christmas holidays. Our plants survived the lack of care during this time, by being placed in large trays on card tables and set before the window to get the most light. However, the blinds were adjusted so that no strong noontday light would scorch any plant. The trays we used were large ones used in developing photographic prints. Any tray could be used, and if none were available, a satisfactory substitute could be made by nailing a wooden frame together of the appropriate size and setting a large piece of oilcloth, rubber sheeting or plastic cloth inside so as to form a tray. We used a vermiculite in our trays to supply moisture while we were gone and the space around the pots was filled with sphagnum. Vermiculite is light and holds more water than sand and we use it because of these advantages. Sand, peat, or any other water retaining material

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could be used. However, the plants should not stand in water.

We placed a sheet of cellophane over each tray of plants so as to reduce evaporation from the leaf surfaces. The sides were kept open to allow for air circulation. The soil in the pots was well soaked before the plants were placed in the trays, and even though they were fairly well crowded, they did not seem to suffer from this lack of care. The thermostat was set at 65° and we did not worry about the plants while we were gone. The plants in the greenhouse were watered well before we left and several gallon cans of water were placed over the gas burner to provide humidity. While some of the plants were quite dry on our

return, none were wilted and none showed any ill effects of this lack of attention. Perhaps a longer period of neglect might have had disastrous effects. We hesitate to experiment to find out how long they would tolerate neglect.

We derive a keen enjoyment and relaxation from our begonias. Visitors sometimes complain that they find begonias messy, that faded flowers and pods drop off and must be picked up. But we find that this is quickly done with the attachments of the vacuum cleaner. Our satisfaction is complete, when in the winter we look at a blizzard raging outside, and as we do so we see that we have captured Spring on our window shelves.

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### OUR COVER PICTURE

This month's cover picture is a section of the new tube house in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Frost, 1307 W. 75th St., Los Angeles, California. The Frosts have been active members of the Inglewood Branch for many years, Mr. Frost having served as President in 1948. You can see from the picture they are ardent and expert

begonia and fern growers. Some of their plants are tremendous in size and are usually used as the center of interest in the Inglewood Branch displays. The large hanging basket is a Dwarf Houghtoni, in the foreground is Begonia Popenoi, a large Ricky Minter in the center and a beautiful Selloum Philodendron on the right.

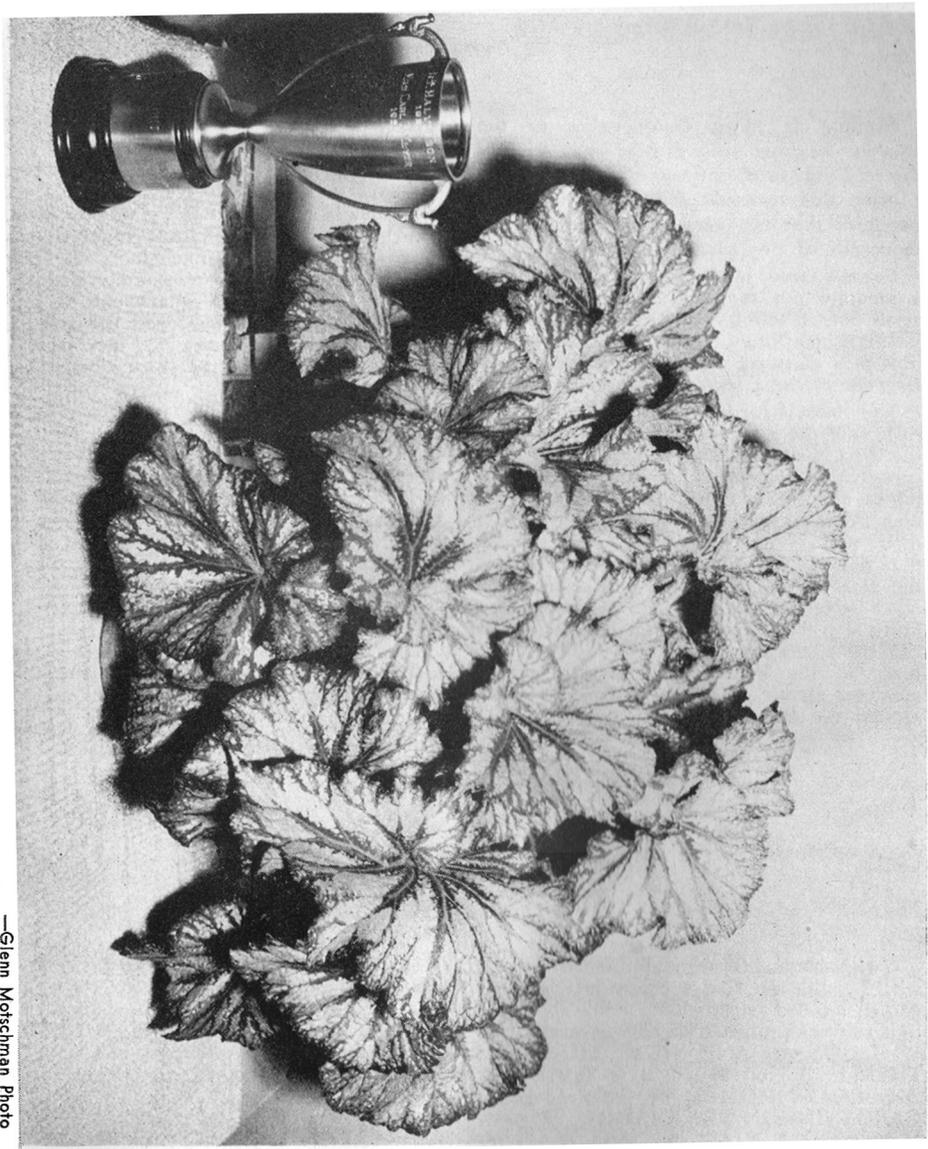
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### OUR THANKS TO THE INGLEWOOD BRANCH

For many years our Society has needed office equipment — typewriters, files for cuts and correspondence, etc., but, this being a non-profit organization, there has never been funds enough to purchase equipment. Last year the Ways and Means Committee was able to purchase a mimeograph machine which has served the Society well. Now, one of our most active Branches has made a donation to help this situation. At

the September Board Meeting, Mr. Stuart Smith, Director from the Inglewood Branch, presented the American Begonia Society with a typewriter. We are sure every member of the Society joins the Board in saying, "Thank you, Inglewood, the typewriter is very much appreciated and will be put to good use in serving our Society."

National Board,  
*American Begonia Society*



—Glenn Mutschman Photo

# LIFE INSURANCE FOR SEEDLINGS

By Marie Turner

Nothing is more discouraging to the amateur Begonia seed grower than to lose the seedlings in the process of transplanting. I offer this method of life insurance for Begonias that has been used regularly for thousands of tiny plants.

Begonia seed is choice, so I place it in a separate pot for each variety. Use very small pots, labeling and dating each one with indelible markings, then enclose the tiny pots in a glass jar tightly covered. See your *Begonia cultural bulletins for seed sowing*.

The obstacle for beginners is to know how to handle the vital step of transplanting for the first time. Watch the seed pan after germination and wait until the second set of leaves are well formed. Prepare your regular Begonia potting soil in a flat or pot three times larger than your original seed pot. Make an indentation the same size as the area of your seedlings. Cut around the outer edge of the seed pan with a sharp knife at least a quarter of an inch deep and life the entire top, seedlings, soil and all; place in the indentation of new potting medium. Gently firm the moist peat moss around the Begonia sprouts and cover the

surface of the new bed with glass. DO NOT WATER.

Keep the glass cover in place for at least ten days or until it is convenient for you to gradually harden off the plants by giving them additional air. Check regularly for fungus caused by too much moisture. They may be kept covered indefinitely and still grow in the regular Begonia potting mixture. Once they are hardened off and the soil has dried out somewhat, they may be watered preferably by the absorption process from the bottom.

This system could be referred to as colonization, for the seedlings are less disturbed and have a greater chance to grow, when they are left together in the richer soil mixture before they are pricked out separately. When you start to thin out the seedlings, place one or more of the larger plants together, selecting the most sturdy seedlings and transfer at intervals, as the colonies of plants show a faster rate of growth.

Use plant life insurance to increase your plant inventory and your Branch plant tables as well as using your seedlings for gifts to garden enthusiasts.

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## Library Notes

Christmas is just around the corner and where could you find a better gift for that garden minded friend that a book about his or her favorite subject. We have several copies of *BEGONIAS AND HOW TO GROW THEM* by Buxton—\$3.00; *BEGONIAS FOR AMERICAN HOMES* by Krauss—\$2.95; *GARDENING IN THE SHADE* by Morse—\$5.00; *GLOXINIAS* by Schultz—\$2.95; *TUBEROUS BEGONIAS* by Otten—\$2.00; *TUBEROUS BEGONIAS* by Langdon—\$2.00; *FERNS* by Macself—\$3.50; *HOW TO INCREASE PLANTS* by Hottes—\$3.00; and many others. Resident of California please add 3% sales tax. If you would like to have a book gift wrapped and sent to the recipient with a gift card enclosed, I would be happy to do this for you.

Mrs. Alva Graham has completed the translation of *LES BEGONIAS* by Charles Chevalier, and the book is back in circulation. The translation is still in the binding process and will be ready for circulation a little later. The

In looking through the books in the library I find many that are very interesting and informative, yet they have not been in circulation for many months. The winter months are ahead and there will be many times you will not be able to work in your garden because of bad weather, so why not sit by the fire with a book from our library. Wishing you all a happy holiday season.

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# BRANCH NEWS

Many annual reports were received from the Branches this year, which were read with much interest by the officers of your Society. It was gratifying to hear of the participation of so many Branches in flower shows. If no show was held in their city, many Branches held their own begonia shows. Following are excerpts from some of the reports, telling of their activities and ideas for enriching their treasuries:

Sacramento Branch has been consistently winning substantial sums and spreading the "Begonia Word" with their beautiful displays at the California State Fair — they also hold an Annual Spring Begonia Show at the Sacramento Garden Center.

San Gabriel Valley Branch held a very successful 6th Annual Flower Show last August, and in January, had an annual Birthday dinner — 150 attended.

Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch won first prize for their exhibit at the Ventura County Fair — also put on a show at one of their meetings, which was judged by members taking the A. B. S. Judging Course. These members also explained how to prepare your plants for a show.

Redondo Beach Area Branch not only staged a wonderful national convention, but found time to enter booth displays in many other shows, winning a ribbon on each entry.

Missouri Branch held their 2nd All Begonia Show in October with 96 classes. They reported 314 entries and an attendance of 400 persons. In May they put on a display of over 500 Begonias and shade plants, and set up educational tables at the Kansas City Garden Club, Clay County Council and Shawnee Mission Kansas Garden Club — certainly an active and enthusiastic group.

Foothill Branch won first prize for their exhibit at the Padua Hills Flower Show, and planted a large Begonia bed in the park at La Verne.

Santa Barbara Branch won first prize at the Annual Flower Show held in July.

The Philobegonia Branch won third place in the Show at the Fidelity Philadelphia Bank.

William Penn Branch exhibited in Begonia classes in the Mid-winter Show of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, winning a second and a third award.

Dallas County Branch received an award of merit for their exhibit of begonias in

the Garden Center Flower Show held in Dallas.

Grays Harbor Branch held an annual Begonia Show in the Morck Hotel.

The Salem Oregon Branch took third prize at the Oregon State Fair for a miniature tropical garden display.

Inglewood Branch won first place for their exhibit in the Dahlia Show, second prize for their display in the International Flower Show held at Hollywood Park, second award for an educational exhibit at the South Bay Garden Club Show in Redondo Beach and a special award at the California Fuchsia Show. They held their 6th annual Presidents' dinner — 176 attended, had a plastic party in November and a raffle on a half of beef, which was donated.

Houston Branch exhibited in the Men's Garden Club of Houston Show. An item to stimulate interest in growing begonias — they contribute cuttings and seedlings as door prizes, as a challenge to one another to see who can do the most with plants.

Southern Alameda County Branch held their 8th Annual Begonia and Shade Plant Show at the Veterans' Memorial Bldg.

The Eva Kenworthy Gray Branch won second prize for their exhibit at the San Diego County Fair.

Texas State Branch entered four flower shows and had their own Begonia and Shade Plant Show — took in 6 new members and didn't lose any — still growing.

The Elsa Fort Branch is really making a study of Begonias — each member keeps a notebook of the begonias studied each month.

San Diego Branch held their first Founders Meeting — a good turnout, including old friends and members, with charter members and past presidents as guests of honor.

Riverside Branch planted an American Elm tree in Fairmont Park, in honor of charter member, Mr. R. H. Terrell.

Hollywood Branch planted a tree in Plummer Park in memory of their good friend and member, Mrs. Callan. Held their annual barbeque dinner, well attended by members of other branches and friends.

Glendale Branch reports a year of outstanding progress — a large increase in attendance, due to very interesting and informative speakers, and activities; a non-competitive Begonia Show in September, Christ-

mas Decorations Display of tree trimmings, packaging, etc. by their own talented members in November (they also sell the materials to wrap packages and decorate, etc.); and annual Garden Festival in May.

East Bay Branch held their annual picnic, this year making a trip to Antonelli Brothers' Tuberous Begonia Nursery in Capitola.

Pasadena reported, "At all meetings, Charlotte Hoak conducted an educational period on the history, habits and care of the Begonia of the Month, and introduced little known plants that can be used as companions to Begonias."

La Mesa Branch reported an exhibition

in the La Mesa Annual Flower Show with the Branch and members awarded prizes. One member donated 25 Orange Rubra plants to members, to be returned quarterly for comparison of plants grown under different conditions.

Our new Branch, Ocean County, New Jersey, put up a display of small potted Begonia plants in a local store — these were sold and profits donated to the Pinehaven Nursing Home. In July, entered a display of rare Begonias in the "Hobby-Talent Festival" in Toms River, N. J.; received the Yellow Ribbon Award and honorable mention. A fine beginning for our newest branch.

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## *New England Show*

The New England Branch held a most successful Begonia Show, Sunday afternoon and evening, September 13th at "Greenlaw Gardens", Concord, Massachusetts. Mrs. George W. Greenlaw served as general chairman, assisted by Mrs. E. W. Hutton of West Concord, in charge of publicity and plant sales, and the officers of the society.

The spacious garden room adjoining the greenhouse was filled with begonias of every class and type, from the small but colorful *semperflorens*, the tall cane varieties, the sturdy rhizomatous, to the rex hybrids with their lush and beautiful foliage.

The show attracted widespread interest among begonia and house plant growers with guests registered from each New England state as well as New York and New Jersey. Special guests were Mrs. Elsa Fort and Mrs. Dilwyn Senseman of the Philobegonia Branch. A large display of new and rare types of begonias was brought by Mrs. Fort. Although not in competition, the exhibit was of such excellence, from both a cultural and educational standpoint, that it was awarded the American Begonia Society Certificate of Merit.

Judges for the show were Mrs. Bessie R. Buxton of Peabody, Mass., well known begonia specialist, author and lecturer; Mrs. H. A. Sheehan of Newton Highlands, Mass., New England representative to the A.B.S.; Mr. John Ellis, noted horticulturist of greater Boston; and Mr. William J. Jennings of the botany department of Wellesley College.

Much interest was shown in the special awards of the Branch. The Ernest Kimball Logee Memorial Cup was awarded Mrs. Frederick Kingsbury of Brookline, Mass. for her outstanding rex "King Edward". Mrs.

Kingsbury also won the Beatrice Haddrell Memorial Cup for the best begonia other than rex, a fine "Bunchii". To Miss Muriel McFee of Woonsocket, R. I. went a silver vase, the Bessie Raymond Buxton award for the best house-grown plant in the show, the old favorite, "Mrs. Townsend".

First prize was awarded Mr. Theodore T. Wallsten of Bolton, Mass., for his display of large-leaved rex begonias. This group also merited the Certificate of Achievement of the A.B.S. Mr. Wallsten received the blue seal also for an exhibit of miniature rex, as well as for a calla lily begonia.

Mrs. Greenlaw was awarded a first prize, as well as a gold seal of merit, for a fine exhibit of hairy types, and a first also for her spiral and crested varieties. First prizes in their respective classes were awarded to: Mrs. Percy I. Merry of Needham, Mass. for a display of small leaved varieties; Mrs. E. W. Hutton for a collection of *semperflorens*; Mrs. Charles H. Allen, president of the New England Branch, for a fine exhibit of cane types; Mrs. Vincent Mason of Newtonville, Mass. for house-grown plants; and to Mrs. Sheehan for a fine coral-red multiflora basket plant. Other special awards went to: Mrs. Hutton for a table arrangement of cut begonia blooms; Mrs. Merry for a charming mantel arrangement; and Mrs. C. Ervin Ross of Camden, Maine, for a special group of rare varieties.

The plant sales committee under the enthusiastic leadership of Mrs. Hutton, did a thriving business throughout the day, evidence of the irresistible appeal of the begonia to the general public, as well as to the members of the Begonia Society.

Mrs. Lester H. Fox,  
*Secretary*



### *Sacramento Does It Again*

For the third straight year, thanks to the careful and efficient planning of Show Chairman Frances Flanagan, the Sacramento Branch has added another silver platter to its growing collection, again winning the sweepstakes award for the best amateur horticultural exhibit in the 1953 California State Fair.

Along with the sweepstakes, we took first place in our classification, six blue ribbons and four reds for our collections of Tuberos, Rex, Rhizomatus and Fibrous Begonias and a collection of Ferns, all carrying nice cash awards that will come in handy.

Specifications for our entry called for a "Conversational Corner, Western Style", a "Decorative design with utility shelter for potting and growing plants, with a bench for garden guests, combining utility, eye appeal and hospitality."

At the left end of the exhibit was a plant shelter containing a bench for displaying potted plants, covered with six foot lengths of used fluorescent tubes, on the right end was a cupboard for garden tools, between was a work bench containing a sink with hot and cold water, shelves above and cupboards and a bin for potting material below. This section, made of redwood, was covered with blue plexiglass. In the center was a patio with a bench and on either side in the foreground were beds marked off with concrete blocks for displaying our plant collections.

It was the careful attention to details and the complete utility of the exhibit that won the sweepstakes award over the stiffest competition we have ever had. Many visitors remarked "I wish that was my back yard."

J. C. Roberts, *National Representative.*

# Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Flight

Fern spores and seeds as listed in the September BEGONIAN are still available, and in addition, we have received a small quantity of the following spores:

Cibotium chamossoi, Hawaiian tree fern .....	\$.25
Davallia canariensis, Hares foot fern, Basket .....	.25
Polypodium vulgare, Basket .....	.25
Polypodium aureum, var. Mandaianum, Basket .....	.25
Polypodium Scoleri, Blue fern, Basket .....	.50
Polystichum adianteforme, Basket or ground .....	.25
We have also received and can offer fresh seed of Aralia Seboldi, 15 seeds ....	.25
Cadena de Amor, (Loves Chain) a Philippine bush, mixed seed of white and pink varieties; we received a picture in color of this bush, and it is really a beautiful plant; and also a picture of the flowers used in an arrangement; 8 seeds .....	.25

As there were many requests for the "Sight Unseen" seeds that we were unable to fill previously, due to a sellout, we have obtained a new supply. As there is a much larger supply, we can offer them at; 6 pkts.—.50, 13 pkts. .... 1.00

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We are now booking reservations for the 1954 Seed Fund Flight at \$2.00 per passenger, and *they will be listed in the order in which they are received.* We are securing seeds from several sources but as some of them are in very limited quantity, the earlier reservations will have the benefit of a larger variety.

We hope to complete the mailing of all the reservations not later than the last of January, so please help us by making your reservations as early as possible. This will

enable all passengers to have their seeds in time for early Spring planting, and get their plants established before the hot weather comes along.

After the Flight mailing is completed, all remaining stock will be listed at the regular price of .25 or more per pkt. according to scarcity.

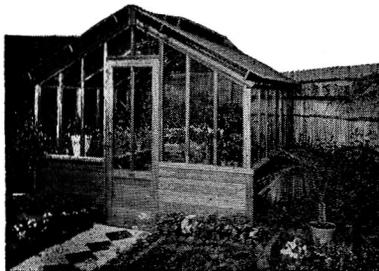
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*Philip M. Post, Manzanita, Oregon:* One Saturday morning as we were ready to leave home, I received a box with sixty-one named rex leaves. It was impossible for me to take care of them then, so I unpacked them and put them, with their labels attached, in a bathtub, containing a few inches of cold water. There they floated until Monday morning, when I cut them into wedges and set them in my propagating bench in sand. Some had parts that had wilted beyond resurrection even in a tub of cold water, but I was able to get a generous number of cuttings from each of the kinds.

*Mrs. Lynne K. Wood, Independence, Mo.:* I have discovered that any plant that is so neglected and dry that the leaves and stems are limp, should not be watered by pouring the pot full of water, as this would kill it immediately. If the pot is set  $\frac{1}{2}$  its depth in a pan of water and left over night, it will slowly drink the water, and go on about its business. Often not even dropping its flowers. I don't advise so much drouth, but it sometimes happens.

*Vern Dixon, Santa Maria, Calif.:* Small plants in small pots can be placed in gallon jars, with the lids screwed on tightly, to hold the moisture, thus solving the problem of watering them for 3 or 4 months. By placing the jar on its side in full shade, and using a little thoroughly dampened peatmoss to balance the pots, each jar will hold six 2" pots nicely.

*Mary Morter, Lomita, Calif.:* Try using a coconut shell for a hanging basket. Saw off about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of a whole coconut, leaving the three small holes at the bottom for drainage. Drill 3 small holes in the top edge to fasten the hangers (chains) to, and scoop out the insides. Then plant it and hang up.

*Mrs. Rosa McConnaughay, Utica, Ill.:* Twist the flower stalk out of the madonna lilies when they have finished blooming, and lay it on the ground under a bush. It will put out baby bulbs at every leafy scale. Don't cover the stalk, just lay it on the soil in the shade.

*Mona Ayres, Kansas City, Mo.:* A favorite way to propagate rare and unusual leaves is to take baby food cans, puncture a hole in the bottom and fill container with ver-

miculite. Set cans in a shallow pan of water until medium is moist. Then insert the leaf and cover container with a mason jar, placing them in desired location. Very little watering is required while leaf is rooting. Check condensation frequently, and lift jar occasionally to allow a quick airing.

*Tbelma Henson, Little Rock, Ark.:* I use the moss cushions from the woods to provide drainage in the bottom of my fern and begonia pots. In a large pot or tub, I put a layer of as much as 3 inches deep. This keeps ferns, such as asparagus variety, from bursting the pots if you neglect repotting. Their heavy roots penetrate this porous material and have it pretty well digested by the time repotting is due.

*Mrs. Kline, New York:* Successfully roots a wedge of Bunchii leaf containing the entire sinus and 1 to 2 inches of petiole, dipping this in *Proliferol* or other hormone powder.

*Mrs. Keesler, Wisconsin:* In growing the Cheimanthus group of begonias, I have found that no cuttings should be taken until the blooms have been removed and the new growth started. Try letting the old stems remain on them until the new growth has become well started and only then remove the old tops. Believe the biggest failure is at this point (in time) where one cuts them back, thus leaving them with a large pot of soil and no tops.

## A.B.S. NEWS

At the September meeting of your National Board, a motion was made and carried unanimously that the American Begonia Society have its first nationally sponsored flower show and convention in 1954. This would enable the entire membership both as members of branches and as individuals to take part in this year's show and convention. All branches will have the equal opportunity of participating in all events that take place during and at our National Convention and Show. The above thought was voiced by many members during the past few years . . . and so at last it will come to pass. Let's all start planning our branch exhibits now so that every branch of our Society will be represented at this show.

To date plans have not been formulated and the dates and site have not been chosen. A centrally located place in Los Angeles and a date convenient to the majority will be the first issue—Let us hear from you.

## WHERE . . .

1. 'may I find a begonia that was shown to me as *Begonia picta*? It is the most beautiful begonia I have ever seen. E. J. H. New Jersey.
2. 'were the begonia seeds purchased, for the begonias I saw growing in Victoria, B. C.? A. T. K. Illinois.
3. 'may I obtain a price list of begonias, other than tuberous? H. L. C. Canada.

## WE FIND . . .

1. E.J.H. New Jersey—Begonias are sometimes parading under names other than their own. *B. picta* seeds are scarce and we do not know of a source, as of today. However, *Begonia xanthina* and *B. griffithi* are sometimes called *B. picta*, in error.
2. A.T.K. Illinois—The exact source would be difficult to ascertain, but we recommend writing to our advertisers, on the subject, as they are a responsible source, of seeds and tubers.
3. H.L.C. Canada—Firms or commercial growers offering begonias, is a highly specialized field and we suggest contacting the responsible growers, advertising in the *BEGONIAN*. Most of these people offer price lists and will ship plants, unless noted. *Note: The foregoing column was instituted in answer to members' requests. Anyone having Questions, or Answers to the above queries, are urged to write to WHERE, c/o American Begonia Society, Box 2544, Los Angeles 54, California.*

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Mrs. Edna Korts as Chairman of the Judging Class has reported that there has been an average of 40 in attendance at the Los Angeles and Ventura classes. The correspondence course may still be procured by writing to the Judging Class Secretary, Mrs. Dorris Motschman, enclosing \$6.00 for the complete course of six lessons.

The last meeting was held on September 20th at which time 18 prospective Judges took the examination. An opportunity to take the test at a later date, will be given those not in attendance. Examination papers are being corrected and will be returned by mail. A certificate will be issued to those scoring sufficient points.

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### YOUR EDITOR . . .

The *BEGONIAN* is always in need of and looking for interesting and informative articles, and your help in securing these features for *YOUR* magazine is requested. If you have written or can write any article, or know someone who can, please contact either the Editor or a Sub-Editor, and submit the material.

AND Branches, don't forget to send in your news items, about your shows and out-of-the-ordinary activities.

But, DON'T FORGET, the deadline for material is the 5th of the month preceding the issue.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

For show plants for next year, don't wait to transplant rhizomatous in April; do it now and then you will have a good plant by show time . . .

Begonia Kenworthyi, if not transplanted now, will turn red and lose it leaves. Found in the wild under deciduous trees, it blooms after dropping all its leaves.

## *Is There A Handyman In The House?*

*Louise Schwerdtfeger,  
Santa Barbara, California.*

If there is someone at your house who is handy with the simplest of carpenter tools, then you can have a "Window-Glasshouse" built that will give you hours of enjoyment as you care for your precious plants during the cold or rainy season. "Window-Glasshouses" are becoming popular throughout the country and filling the need of protection for tender plants during the winter months.

You can make your window-glasshouse as simple or as elaborate as you wish, yet the fundamental principle will be the same—a glassed-in compartment that can be reached through the window from inside. It would be well to choose a window facing the morning or afternoon sun as your plants will need the maximum of light during the short days of the winter season. Old window frames of castaway French doors are reasonable and with a few odds and ends of lumber will make an inexpensive shelter. Obtain your frames and then make the enclosure according to the measurements of the material. Be sure and use good underbracing for the structure must be sturdy. Do not make the width of the enclosure more than reaching distance from inside the window around which it is built, about two feet is practical. The length can be determined by the width of the window plus one foot on each side. All three sides should be of glass to give as much light as possible for good growing. Whether you make the roof of glass or not is immaterial. The eaves of the house would provide a roof if they are wide enough and not too high above the window.

If your window glasshouse is to be used for potted plants, metal trays filled with damp gravel or sand will tend to keep the humidity. Use glass for the upper shelves as they allow more light to the

plants beneath. Plants set on the upper shelves can have saucers under the pots.

It is surprising how cosy the tenderest plants will be in a miniature glasshouse. If your window is kept open, the little greenhouse will stay room temperature. For seedlings or tropical plants that require more heat, your window-glasshouse can be built with a false bottom to accommodate a thermostatically controlled electric coil. Usually a 50-watt light placed in the enclosure and kept burning during the night will give sufficient heat and at the same time benefit the plants with additional light-hours.

The writer's "window-glasshouse" was built on the east side of the house around a living-room window. It catches the morning sunshine and except in the coldest of California weather needs no additional heat. Two uprights of 2"x4" were placed from the ground to the eaves and between these two large window frames fitted in. Narrow window frames of the same height made the ends. The roof, at the same pitch as the house roof was placed beneath the eave, and the gable filled in. (This enclosure is wider than the house eave.) A false bottom was added so that the floor was made of hardware cloth, large mesh for good circulation. Between the floor and the roof, for each of the shelves, two pieces of 2"x2" were run length-wise and set on cross pieces of the same material at each end. They proved sturdy enough to hold the thick glass shelves. The glass was not in one piece however, for again there was need for air circulation. We obtained pieces of plate glass that had been discarded by a Glass Company and were ours for the asking, and they fitted on the supports reasonably even.

After all the unavoidable cracks were filled with putty the woodwork inside was

painted white to reflect light. The outside of the window-glasshouse painted to conform with the house. AND between the 2"x4" uprights a sturdy shelf built to hold clay pots and other materials, for this "Window-glasshouse" is at the back of the house and near the potting bench.

This miniature glasshouse is indispensable and is kept filled throughout the year. Every inch of space is in constant use, with hundreds and hundreds of begonia seedlings in casseroles, rare ferns growing from spores in sealed bottles and a few containers with anthurium, philodendrons from seed and back bulbs of orchids. Grown thus from seed and spore they need little attention until transplanting time. As the days grow shorter and the nights cooler the light is turned on, and only when the frost-warnings come in does the "Chicken-brooder-coil" get plugged in.

One of the most interesting "Window-glasshouses" I have seen, was outside a small kitchen-window, in the form of a shadow-box. Wide enough to hold four-inch potted plants and built with two glass shelves, it was filled with flowering Saint Paulias and made a most attractive addition to the dwelling.

Build yourself a "Window-glasshouse" and enjoy your winter gardening as you have never done before.

## ★ Calendar ★

November 12th

*Inglewood Branch:* Cal Trowbridge will speak on the "Romance of the Earthworm."

November 25th

*Glendale Branch:* Third Annual Holiday Decorations Program, featuring their own talented members. Displays of corsages, door swags, packaging, floral decorations and table arrangements.

December 8th

*Glendale Branch:* Joint Christmas Party with the Glendale-Mountain View Branch of the California Fuchsia Society.

### MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Added incentive to you for bringing in new members is the Seed Fund's offer of a 50c pkt. your choice, for each new member you sponsor. Let's go!

## New Study Group Formed

The Glendale Branch is sponsoring a study group for amateur Begonia growers the first Monday of each month at the Tropical Branch of the Glendale Public

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Then the tuber should be carefully washed and dried in the sun for a short time, before being placed in trays for storing. Dust a small amount of Naphthalene flakes (powdered moth balls) over the tubers to prevent thrips and other pests from infesting the tubers.

**EASTERN STATES . . .**

When late October or early November comes, it is time to dig up Tuberos Begonias. After the tops have died down and have dropped off the tuber, or are about to drop off, dig the tuber with all the root system and soil attached. Fill large containers, such as ordinary wash tubs, with the tuber clumps and store them in the basement in a cool place about 50 degrees. Under these conditions, it has been discovered that the small and undeveloped tubers will continue to grow and ripen, feeding off their attached roots and soil during storage.

Later the tubers are soaked, not washed, in warm water and *FERMATE* (about 1 teaspoon to a bucket) for about a half hour. Dry off the surface moisture and store in boxes—not too many or too deep per box—or they might sweat and become damaged. Dump them out once in awhile and check them, before planting.

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## CONDENSED MINUTES

Regular meeting of the National Board was convened by President Motschman at 7:45 p.m., September 28, 1953, at the Los Angeles City Hall.

After opening ceremonies, the minutes were read and approved.

A list of appointed officers, as approved by the elected officers, was read by the president.

Treasurer Richardson gave the financial report showing a September balance of \$326.31.

Membership Secretary Behrends reported 135 renewing members and 70 new members since the annual meeting in August. Also the sale of 23 BEGONIANS.

Editor's report was given by the President in the absence of Editor Margaret Fenn.

President-Elect Koebig reported on the recent Convention in Redondo Beach. He stated that although the final figures were not yet compiled, the branch had made an approximate net gain of \$286.00.

Past-President Korts, as Business Manager, presented the 1953-1954 Budget, as prepared and approved by elected officers. Moved that it be accepted as submitted. Seconded and carried.

Past-President Korts reported as chairman of the Judging Class. Also reporting on the Robinson Memorial Awards, stated that a list of eligible plants has been sent to growers for recommendations.

Librarian Stoddard reported receiving the Library and value thereof, also sales since August 30th, amounting to \$19.16.

Seed Fund Administrator MacLanahan reported turning over funds in the amount of \$20.51 to the treasurer.

Slide Librarian Scalley reported slides will not be available for another month due to revision and repair of the slides. President Motschman explained that the new Slide Library will have the slides grouped by subjects rather than localities.

Vice-President Schwerdtfeger, as Public Relations Director, reported that two branches have returned their Charters, San Fernando and Petaluma. A new Branch has been organized in Baton Rouge with 12 members, the La Capitol Branch. Moved, seconded and carried that this Branch be accepted. A request from the San Francisco Branch for a correction of their charter. Moved by Koebig, seconded by Korts, that an addition be made to read showing the San Francisco Branch as "Originally organized as the Golden Gate Branch on January 3, 1939, and reorganized as the San Francisco Branch in 1946." Carried.

Round Robin materials have been sent to Marie Reed of the East Bay Branch.

Foreign Membership fund reported a balance of \$37.10. Worthy members are still being sought. OLD BUSINESS:

Stuart Smith, Treasurer of the Ways and Means Committee last year, gave commission checks to Branch Directors for greenhouse and garden tour sales. President Motschman discharged the Ways and Means for last year.

MacLanahan gave Audit Committee reports on Treasury, Library, Seed Fund and Advertising. Accounts complete and correct.

### NEW BUSINESS:

President Motschman appointed President-Elect Koebig as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee for the coming year.

Moved by MacLanahan that the society have our first Nationally-sponsored Convention and Flower Show this year. After discussion from the floor, motion was seconded by Schwerdtfeger, and carried unanimously.

Motion by Rich, seconded by Slatter, after discussion from the floor, that the original copy of Les Begonien be placed in the Arboretum for safe-keeping, on indefinite loan. Not carried.

Branch Representatives reported for: Foothill Branch, Zug; Glendale, Kerlin, pro-tem; Inglewood, Smith; Long Beach, Schwerdtfeger, pro-tem; Orange County, Criss; Pasadena, Rich; Redondo Area, Hen-

drix; Riverside, Branch President; San Gabriel, Browne; Santa Barbara, Schwerdtfeger; Santa Monica, Bunkers; Misouri, Schwerdtfeger, pro-tem; Southgate, Arbuckle; Sacramento, Williams.

Meeting adjourned at 10.04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

DAISY WALKER, Secretary.

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# BRANCH MEETING DATES AND PLACES

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## CENTRAL FLORIDA BRANCH

1st Friday, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, 8:00 p.m.  
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Mrs. James W. Merry, Secy.  
1581 Grove Terrace Winter Park, Fla.

## DALLAS COUNTY BRANCH, TEXAS

1st Thursday, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 7:00 p.m.  
Member's Residences

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

## EAST BAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Nov. 12, 7:45 p.m.  
Willard School, Telegraph at Ward  
Berkeley

Miss Dorothy Osburn, Secy.  
5015 Cochrane Ave., Oakland 11, Calif.

## EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, Nov. 19  
Frank A. Mott Garden

Jean Cross, Cor. Secy.  
1304 Elm, Alhambra, Calif.

## FOOTHILL BRANCH

3rd Thursday, Nov. 19, 8:00 p.m.

La Verne Recreation Hall  
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## FORT ELSA BRANCH

1st Saturday, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, 2:30 p.m.

Miss Lola Price, Secy.

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## GLENDALE BRANCH

4th Wednesday, Nov. 25, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 N. Central  
Mrs. Mabel Anderson, Cor. Secy.

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## GRAY. EVA KENWORTHY BRANCH

3rd Monday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Community House, La Jolla

Tillie Genter, Cor. Secy.

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## GRAYS HARBOR BRANCH

2nd Monday, Nov. 9, 8:00 p.m.

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Rosenear Music Store, Aberdeen, Wash.

Mrs. Jessie B. Hoyt, Secy.

1013 Harding Road, Aberdeen, Wash.

## GRUENBAUM, MARGARET BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Nov. 24, 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, Nov. 9, 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, Nov. 13, 10:00 a.m.

Garden Center, Herman Park

Mrs. E. H. Claggett, Secy.

4415 Austin, Houston, Tex.

## HUB CITY BRANCH

### COMPTON-LYNWOOD

3rd Monday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Roosevelt High School Cafe

1200 E. Olive, Compton, Calif.

Mrs. Kathryn Hodgson, Cor. Sec'y.

120 E. Olive St., Compton

## HUMBOLDT COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Monday, Nov. 9, 8:00 p.m.

Los Amigos Club, Loleta, Calif.

Miss Margaret Smith, Secy.

P. O. Box 635, Ferndale, Calif.

## INGLEWOOD BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Nov. 12, 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, Nov. 9, 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, Nov. 10, 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, Nov. 24, 8:00 p.m.

Simpson Memorial Garden Center

Miss Elizabeth S. Hall, Secy.

3340 S.W. 24th Terrace, Miami, Fla.

## MISSOURI BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, Nov. 17, 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, Nov. 9, 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, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, 12:30 p.m.

Members Homes

Mrs. Helen Ravasy, President

Cedar and Summit Aves., Island Heights, N. J.

## ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

1st Thursday, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 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, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Casitas del Arroyo, 117 S. Arroyo, Pasadena

Mrs. Alva Graham, Secy.

515 El Centro St., South Pasadena

## PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

2nd Friday, Nov. 13, Members Homes

Mrs. Robert York, Secy.

3311 Fremont St., Camden, N. J.

## PORTLAND OREGON BRANCH

4th Friday, Nov. 27, 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, Nov. 24, 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, Nov. 27, 8:00 p.m.

2308 Rockefeller, Redondo Beach, Calif.

Mr. Joe Taylor, Secy.

301 Anita St., Redondo Beach, Calif.

## RIVERSIDE BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, Nov. 11, 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, Nov. 27, 10:00 a.m.

Homes of Members

Mrs. L. Carringer, Secy.

825 Harbor View Pl., San Diego 3

## SACRAMENTO BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, Nov. 17, 8:00 p.m.

Herbert R. Fitch, Secy.

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

## SALEM OREGON BRANCH

1st Tuesday, Nov. 3, Dec. 1

The Chapel, 685 Winter St., Salem

Mrs. Loren H. Edlund

863 Edina Lane, Salem, Ore.

**SAN DIEGO BRANCH**

4th Monday, Nov. 23  
Hard of Hearing Hall, Herbert & University  
Mrs. Alice Shetler, Secy.  
4551 Kensington Dr., San Diego 16, Calif.

**SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH**

1st Wednesday, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, 8:00 p.m.  
1738 - 9th Ave.  
San Francisco, Calif.  
Mrs. George Leslie Kuthie, Secy.  
1095 Market St., San Francisco 3, Calif.

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH**

4th Wednesday, Nov. 25  
Masonic Temple, 506 S. Santa Anita Ave.  
Arcadia, Calif.  
Mrs. Gonda Hartwell, Secy.  
1719 Alamitas Ave., Monrovia, Calif.

**SANTA BARBARA BRANCH**

2nd Thursday, Nov. 12, 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, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, 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**

3rd Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.  
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 7th St. Entrance  
Santa Monica  
Mrs. Edward Franz  
153 So. Burlingame Road, Los Angeles 49

**SEATTLE BRANCH**

Mrs. Eduard Franz  
University of Washington Arboretum  
Clubhouse  
Mrs. H. C. Bamford, Secy.  
810 W. Lee, Seattle, Wash.

**SHEPHERD, THEODOSIA BURR BR.**

3rd Tuesday, Nov. 11, 7:45 p.m.  
Alice Bartlett C. H., 902 E. Main, Ventura  
Mrs. M. E. Ramelli, Secy.  
1839 Poli St., Ventura, Calif.

**SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BRANCH**

1st Tuesday, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Cafeteria, High School, Hayward, Calif.  
Mrs. Margaret Nelson, Cor. Secy.  
P. O. Box 112, Niles, Calif.

**SOUTHGATE BRANCH**

3rd Thursday, Nov. 19, 8:00 p.m.  
South Gate Municipal Aud., 4900 Southern  
Mr. Walter Partridge  
4849 Beck Ave., Bell, Calif.

**TEXAS STATE BRANCH**

4th Tuesday, Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.  
Rose Hill Club  
Mrs. Leoma Caudle, Secy.  
2822 - 8th St., Port Arthur, Texas

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH**

4th Friday, Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m.  
Homes of Members  
2nd Wednesday, Nov. 11, 11:00 a.m.  
35 Fayette St., Oakdale, Pa.

**WESTERN RESERVE BRANCH**

CLEVELAND, OHIO  
4th Wednesday, Nov. 25, 8:00 p.m.  
Garden Center, 10013 Detroit St.  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Mrs. Edward Lobser, Cor. Secy.  
25912 Westlake Rd., Bay Village, Ohio

**WHITTIER BRANCH**

4th Tuesday, Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.  
Union High School, Room 19  
Lindley Ave. Entrance, Whittier, Calif.  
Mrs. Gladys B. Bruce, Secy.  
6102 Milna Ave., Whittier, Calif.

**WILLIAM PENN BRANCH, PA.**

3rd Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7:00 p.m.  
Homes of Members  
Wallingford, Pa.  
Mrs. J. H. Ward Hinkson, Secy.

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