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A SHADY GARDEN PATH . . .

Ferns, small, low and attractive. There are so few fern varieties that will meet this requirement. Many times I have been asked what ferns can we use for the foreground planting, for the shade garden (usually pools, ponds, etc.) and for potted plants. There are so few varieties suitable for this use. Until you become interested in ferns for this purpose, little do you realize low growing ferns are not in abundance, that is a wide range of varieties.

Perhaps you are a "rock hound", collecting or purchasing rocks to enhance the beauty of your shade garden. An exhibit of beautiful rocks in a shade garden with the use of the proper plants, will create a lovely setting. I have found ferns enjoy growing back of rocks, along side of a rock and even in pockets of rocks.

Technical descriptions of ferns, the normal gardener shys away from and looks on it as a boring, monotonous procedure. From the description, rather than picturing a beautiful fern, a monstrosity is visualized and a desire for the plant can not be prompted.

I hope I haven't lost you. I know it is ferns for a specific use we are to discuss, but the descriptions in words are difficult. Perhaps if we were to take a walk down a path under lath, you will see the ferns with me. No, the heat did not do too much noticeable damage. We have baffle sprayers (foggers) overhead. During the hot days they ran nearly all day. Ferns do not mind heat if you can provide them with enough moist

air. We slept more comfortably at night too, the foggers being on the bedroom side of the house. We are going to omit the background plants.

The brown frond back there? No, that is not heat damage. The frond has spored and we want the spore to ripen. Green spore will not germinate.

I knew you would notice this nice rounded, full, low fern. The new frond looks thirsty? Oh no, that is the characteristic of the plant. The new fronds always droop like tassels, the reason so many people call it a tassel fern. When the frond attains this size, no more wilted look. It has good texture with a soft luster and soft brown hairs. The arch of the leaves gives the graceful effect we desired at this point. It grows around one foot high in a symmetrical rounded ball. If you have this fern you will have it, most likely, under the name of *polystichum setosum*.

The dainty, hard textured, spear shaped one you see here grows to about the same height. The green enhances the gray rock in front of it and the little spear-shaped leaves gracefully angling over the rock give just the right appearance for this otherwise dead spot. I have heard of no common name for this fern and it is usually grown under *polystichum tsussimense* or *aspidium tsussimense*. It will stay dwarfed for a long period of time thus making a good subject for terrariums and dish gardens. Some people are growing it as a basket plant.

Don't be frightened, you will have many inquisitive toads jump out. They are well worth cultivating in your shade garden. You will note with all of the pots setting around, rocks, etc. things that usually harbor sow bugs. With the toads doing their work, there are no sow bugs to be found. The ferns over here? No, it is not a young Birds-Nest Fern (*asplenium nidus-avis*), rather it is a Harts-Tongue Fern, referred to as *scolopendrium vulgare* or *phyllitis vulgare*. It is decidedly different from the other low growing ferns. You will notice

Our Cover...

Patio of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Pennington, Altadena, Calif. Blooming orchids are on the tree. This shade garden under lath features fuchsias in baskets, specimen camellias and azaleas interplanted with ferns and begonias. Rex begonias, though not shown, line the sidewalks.

Picture courtesy Pasadena Star-News.

the leaves form around a crown and are stiff and upright with no cut or divided sections. The edges of the one and one half foot leaves, about three inches wide, are straight, sometimes slightly waved or curved. Occasionally, they will ruffle.

I see you have noticed the Deer-Tongue Fern (*blechnum spicant*). The rosette in the center is new fronds, not ready to open. When it is time for them to uncurl, at their first opening, they resemble small snake heads. It is amazing how an entire frond is compactly curled up in the little hood. It is a fern not grown too extensively. Perhaps you have tried it in your own garden, the fronds lay flat on the ground and there was no appeal to it whatever. In other words, the fern did nothing to add to the garden. I wondered what one should do with this fern and came up with the mad idea of a pocket, created with a group of not too large rocks. See how attractive it is grown in this manner. The leaves, 3 inches wide, tongue-like, (even if divided, wider in the center, tapering at the ends) all reach out over the rocks. If you have a vivid imagination and what shade garden-er hasn't, these resemble tongues lapping over the rocks. At times the fronds are supposed to grow three feet long. In their native haunts, the redwoods, Alaska, Europe and Asia, perhaps they do, but for me, they have never grown over two feet. Due to the leaves arching, they will not be this tall in the ground. Many times it has referred to as *lomaria spicant*. The Greek word *Lomaria* is "hen". Some resemblance to our "hen and chick" plants we grow, or the off shoots around the parent crown plant may be thought to look like baby chicks peeking from under the "mother hen". It is of a rough, coarse texture but still has a certain fragile appearance.

Let us pause before we take up the next fern as the cultural wants of it are different than the preceding ferns. The ferns I have tried to tell you about are hardy in our district and the soil requirements are the same as the type you are using for begonias, fuchsias and camelias with the same watering and daily foliage baths and the important good drainage.

The fern you note now, belongs to the Cliff-Brake family, found from India to New Zealand. The leaves are leathery and grow in sort of matted tufts, one and one half feet long and three inches wide. *Pellaea falcata* or *falcatum*, occasionally called *platyloma falcatum*, has a desire and need for a limestone condition to be suc-

cessfully grown. A cement foundation of a building or cement building blocks have the limestone effect. Due to its' being a foreground plant with no foundation nearby and not desiring cement building blocks in our setting, we resorted to the use of pieces of chipped, aged cement, placed just under the soil surface, out of sight, and the low rock placed in front of the fern. Our best results were plantings made in sandy loam, with a small amount of leaf mold, steer manure and oyster shell added. Oyster shell is obtainable at poultry supply stores. They decidedly resent peat moss and require thorough watering. You inquire about some of the other plants along our path, not at all perfect in our late summer, however we have covered the most satisfactory foreground ferns. The shadows are coming in and it is time to get at my household chores. Sometime later, I would love to discuss some of the other plants along the garden path.

Note: The fern names used are the ones generally used in the trade. Some of these ferns have later more correct names and I do not claim the names I used to be the present correct name, rather the names you are more apt to be familiar with and in all probability the name your nurseryman has on the plants. Through the fern names I used, you can trace down the other names. My apologies to my friends who know a great deal more about ferns than I do.

Sylvia B. Leatherman

LEATHERMAN GARDENS EXHIBIT AT CONVENTION

Plants standing out predominately
—Left of Barn— on grape stake wall, *Polypodium Knightii* (in wall basket)
Tall fern next to barn, *Microlepia platyphylla*. Left corner of barn—*microlepia spelunca*. In front of it, *B. Mexican Species-C42* and *Pteris tremula* (Australian Brake fern). To right of it, *R. C. Peter Pan*. Far left, *B. deliciosa*. In back of log on left, *nephrolepis davalliodes variety furcans* (Boston fishtail fern). On right, *B. bronze Fernando Costae*.

In front of the waterwheel which was continuously running water into the pool, and among the rocks around the pool we see *Andiantum pedatum* (five-finger maidenhair). The tree to the right of the barn—*Pinus radiata*. In front of the tree, *Cibotium Schiedeii*, (king of ferns).

Pictures courtesy Bob Mattuket, El Monte Community Branch, A.B.S.

BEGONIA MANDIANA . . .

It is the dream of the hybridizer to display truly worthy new begonias at the peak of the American Begonia Society Convention and Show. To achieve this purpose, months of work and preparation plus careful selection of parents produces quality hybrids. Della MacLanahan developed *B. Mandiana* in 1953 and registered it with Mr. H. M. Butterfield in 1954. It has all the requirements of a "hit" begonia.

A cross of *B. leptotricha* (Manda's Woolly Bear) and *B. schmidtiana* Mandiana is a contraction of the parents' names. *B. Mandiana* is fibrous, hardy and everblooming. This off-spring was bred for outdoor living and floral beauty. The plant is intermediate in height, very bushy and branches frequently. Give it a place in your foreground planting, if you use it in landscaping. If you prefer pot culture, you will find this begonia Mandiana one of the easiest to care for and still have a show specimen.

The leaves are oval, with a sharp point. They are usually three to five inches in

size and have a crenate or scalloped margin. They have good texture, rather firm, as they are finely felted. The veining is depressed enough to form a pattern. The color is medium green, but being covered with fine white soft hairs, they are a bit plushy. Underneath, where the veining is prominent, there is a fine brown tomentum of fuzz, making the veins appear pink in contrast.

White blossoms, with pale pink shadings, are a nice contrast to the foliage as they develop from the leaf axil. The blossoms are so numerous and different. There is an additional appendage, behind the three-winged ovaries, that is most pleasant to the eye. The peduncles are short, but the clusters of bloom are so numerous that the bush is well covered with color.

Watch for this plant on the begonia market in fall of this year and treat yourself to a gay example of the best in the fibrous begonia family.

—JEAN KERLIN



SAVE WORK WITH A SHADE GARDEN

What is more relaxing and cooling than to wander into the shade garden on a hot summer day? The "dancing ladies of fuchsia land" garbed in beautiful gowns invite one into the garden. The shiny leaves of camellias form the background for summer beauty. In front of these may grow, the finer leaved azaleas and fuchsias. Under these permanent shrubs and tying the whole picture to the ground, we may find the darlings of the begonia world—the tuberous rooted begonias which have the most awe-inspiring blooms. In our inland area, this begonia will not be the plate-sized flower of the coastal region, but its' vivid colors and many typed flowers lend much color and interest. When these tuberous begonias have gone dormant, the color is picked up by the cyclamen. Other begonias grow well in the ground with these plants, and ferns with delicate foliage soften the whole scene. In such a garden as this, we have put together plants which live harmoniously with each other because they all like acid soil with leaf mold, humus and peat. They all like to keep their roots cool and moist. On hot days, these plants welcome a foliage spray shower of water. This shade garden is always green and there are blooms on some plant almost every day of the year. This garden is permanent and does not need seasonal replanting—another work saver.

Anyone can create this cool garden by plantings along the north side of the house or garage, under lath or under the spreading branches of a tree whose foliage is not so dense that light can not get into the bed. My shade garden is under the high umbrella-like tree, Australian pepper. The plants receive filtered sunlight so that they may grow and bloom profusely. Suspended from the branches of the tree are baskets containing Lloydia and basket trained begonias and basket-type fuchsias. The beds may be edged formally or naturalized with rock and old tree limbs over which creep baby tears.

Plant Oddities . . .

MIMOSA PUDICA

Don't become frightened by this botanical name, *mimosa pudica*, the name given to the interesting commonly called, "sensitive plant." The natives of the jungle, I have been told, use this shrubby plant to tell them if animals have gone before them. It is the jungle telegraph sign—"beware." How does the somewhat shrubby, erect branching tropical perennial give this signal? Because, true to its name, the long-petioled, finger-like leaflets are so sensitive that the slightest touch to one will cause the whole leaf system to automatically fold back against the branch. The leaves will remain closed for maybe as long as an hour or more, then they will again open—close again if touched.

This is a plant of easy culture which will keep a crowd spellbound by the unusual action. It is a native of Brazil, but is found widely in the warm countries and may be grown as a house plant in the winter here or as a greenhouse specimen. It likes the same growing conditions of soil and temperature that garden beans require. Nursery men may carry this plant, but it is very easily grown from seed. This "activity" plant will grow right along with your begonias which have a lot of light, but it will require protection from cold to prevent it from becoming an annual.

What odd plants do you have?

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ORCHID GROWING IS FUN . . .

When the "orchid bug" bites one, it is only the beginning of a fascinating hobby of collecting many varieties, hybrids and species of the orchid family. If you must have flowers immediately, without care for quality of flower (size, texture, color and substance), the cost will be very low for a blooming size plant. If you have patience and want quality plants, you may buy back divisions of known quality blooming plants and have your own good flowers in about a year or two at a low cost. Really the most fun comes in growing plants from the individual seedling pots and watching the interesting development of pseudo bulbs (the rounded fleshy bulb above the rhizome). The rhizome is the swelled fleshy root which is laying on top of the soil. From this rhizome, come succulent roots with a spongy covering. These roots will go into a pot of soil to seek food and moisture or extend into the air to get their nourishment. Plants of this nature are called epiphytes or air plants.

The real fascination comes from sowing the seed in the agar containing flask, putting the flask in a dark, warm closet for about a week, and then inspecting it (with fingers crossed) to see if fungus has set in or the tiny dust film has taken on a green color, showing germination has taken place. Slowly the green dot swells to an eighth inch globule. After much patient waiting and watching, two tiny leaves emerge, followed by two succulent roots which reach into the agar for sustenance. In about a year's waiting period, these little miracle plants are placed, 25 in a 2" community pot. Juveniles of the orchid family love to be in close proximity to each other. As the orchid babies develop in size, they are separated, maybe into a pot of the same size with fewer tenants or the whole group will be put into a larger pot. While these young plants are growing, the pseudo bulbs with a leaf or two will increase in size. This plant development will continue for about three years when the individual plant is placed in a 4" pot to remain till it blooms. These plants must never be over-potted or over watered. During this long growing period, the plants must be regularly fed

and sprayed to insure a beautiful plant and gorgeous flower as recompense for the long waiting.

If you do not have a glass house, it is important to choose the species which are tolerant to conditions which are not conducive to perfect growth. The beginner should not be disappointed by buying a type of plant which needs special care, because he needs blooms to encourage him to go on with his new hobby. With a bench in front of the large East window of the living room, I grew my first orchids. I became known as "the biscuit pan gal" because I lined each biscuit pan, purchased at the dime store, with pea gravel over which was placed damp sphagnum. Pots were placed on the pans which not only provided good drainage but also necessary humidity. With plenty of light and warmth, these small plants grew and bloomed much to the joy of the whole family. So you see it's fun to grow orchids, a hobby within the means of everyone interested in growing the unusual and exotic flowers.

To be sure, these plants do have insect pests which do attack them. Mealy bug, red spider and scale are controlled by spray or fumes. Snails and slugs like to include the juicy flower buds in their diet and sometimes enjoy succulent leaves. Ants like the sweet honey dripping from the opened flowers. Ants can easily be controlled with chlordane dust, while snails and slugs need to be baited.

—LOUISE CRAMER

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WRITE FOR CATALOG

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Santa Cruz, California

IMPRESSIONS OF A CONVENTION . . .

Faces—the glowing red face of Ver-Bob flanked by three gold trophies—the smiling, worried, cheerful, perspiring faces of begonia growers—make a composite picture of our 23rd annual convention. A kaleidoscope of people and plants, gaily colored, brightly glowing.

Arline Stoddard staying for hours to register plants, Emma Wiltse ditto for guests. Ruth Taylor feeding faces for days, hidden in the snack bar. Sylvia Leatherman, bare feet and blue shorts, in three places at once—Nomenclature Room, commercial booth, educational display. Johnny Thieben carrying in plant after plant and out again with cups and ribbons. Jack, Koebig typing entry cards with two fingers and much concentration. A tiny baby girl laughing in a wheel barrow with "Sassy" bending over her.

Tuberous begonia blossoms' brilliant faces bedecking tables, fimbriata, camelliaeflora.

The efficient face of Cal Trowbridge above the entries he shifted 100 times. A little girl from San Francisco helping take out every booth in the hall. Joe Taylor, everywhere, part of the time in plaid suit and blue jeans, part of the time in sober business suit.

The wise faces of Mr. and Mrs. Dyckman, Mr. Worten, meeting new members who didn't even know he was Past President. A gal from El Monte, taking out a booth in work clothes, so different from the glad rags seen at the banquet. Bert Slatter putting in that enormous Inglewood booth. Bet he was sorry!

Faces without names, putting in booths, taking out booths, dining at the banquet.

These snapshots make up a panorama of the convention for me. What faces are in your kaleidoscope?

—THORA PRINCE

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Highlights from the National Convention and Flower Show . . .

Winner of the Grand Sweepstakes at the three-day Flower Show of the American Begonia Society held in Redondo Beach recently was John Thieben of the Inglewood Branch. Mr. Thieben received a total of 118 points with 65 entries, at least one in each major classification. This is the highest score ever earned at a show sponsored by the American Begonia Society. He won the President's Challenge Trophy for the best begonia, the Worth Brown cup for the outstanding tuberous begonia, the Gonda Hartwell cup for the best rex begonia, the John R. Williams cup for the best rhizomatous begonia, in addition to the A.B.S. Sweepstakes trophy. He is now permanent holder of the Worth Brown cup, having won it three years in succession. His daughter, Kay Thieben, won the Sylvia and Buck Leatherman Trophy for the best juvenile entry.

Joe Ogden made only one entry, but it was outstanding, winning the Effie Chapman cup for the best fibrous begonia.

The Riverside branch of the American Begonia Society was first place winner in the branch classification, receiving the Jack Bailey Trophy.

First prize winner in the other society classification was the Lomita Branch of the California National Fuchsia Society and the second place winner was the South Bay branch of the same society.

Guests signed the registration book from Argentina, Sacramento, San Francisco, Chattanooga, and many other far-away places.

The Nomenclature Room, under the direction of Sylvia Leatherman of Leatherman's Garden Nursery, El Monte, presented a display of begonias from the earliest variety of "Manicata," a Mexican species found in 1837, to the 1935 introduction of Mrs. Helen Lewis, "Tapestry." Many new hybrids were featured in the introduction section of the show itself.

For the Nomenclature Room, Palos Verdes Begonia Farm prepared a display of the different types of tuberous begonias such as multiflora, camelliaeflora, fimbriata plena, picotee, ruffled and pendula. They also displayed for the first time the new double crested form developed by Helen

R. Bauman. John Bauman was present in the Nomenclature Room for one evening to speak on the history of tuberous begonias and answer questions on their culture.

In addition, the booth prepared in the main show area by Palos Verdes Begonia Farm was awarded the MacLanahan Nursery Trophy for the best commercial booth display.

The National Board Educational Display \$25.00 Award, to promote knowledge of begonias, was awarded to Mrs. Sylvia Leatherman for her extensive array of rex begonia leaves, labeled with their correct names.

The Seed Fund Booth run by Mrs. Florence Gee sold many small examples of begonias that won prizes, and the local branch's booth, under the leadership of Mrs. John Martin, sold fuchsias, camellias, azaleas, anthuriums and redwood baskets.

At the banquet held August 13, Joe Taylor of Redondo Beach was installed as National President, Cal Trowbridge of the Inglewood branch as President-elect, Mrs. Louise Schwerdtfeger of Santa Barbara as 1st Vice-President, Fred Browne of Alhambra as 2nd Vice-President, Kenneth Terry of Redondo as 3rd Vice-President, and Mrs. Calvin Trowbridge of Inglewood as Treasurer. The new officers were installed by Chelsea Hendrix, Past-President of the South Bay Branch of the California National Fuchsia Society. Master of ceremonies for the evening was Frank C. Quintana, Past-President of the La Jolla branch.

Speaker of the evening was Gordon Baker Lloyd, who stars on the only outdoor garden television show, "Gordon's Garden," every Sunday at 4 p.m. over Channel 7, Los Angeles. On Sunday, August 14, the new president, Joe Taylor, appeared on the program which featured begonias.

For his talk, Gordon Baker Lloyd had prepared an elaborate home and garden scene showing many new products and ideas for making gardening more efficient and pleasant. He read from a book in his collection that mentioned begonias 225 years ago.

During the evening, Mr. Lloyd, as editor of *The BEGONIAN* was presented with an

award from the Home Garden Institute for the horticultural society magazine showing the most improvement.

Members were pleased to see at the banquet Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Dyckman, who founded the society in Long Beach in 1932. Due to illness, Mr. Dyckman had not been able to attend last year's convention. Two charter members, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hixon, were also present.

The tables were decorated with centerpieces of tubrous begonia blossoms flown from Antonelli Brothers Nursery in Santa Cruz and favors made of shells by Mrs. Kenneth Terry and her committee.

On Sunday, fifty begonia fanciers formed a cavalcade to visit the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin in Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. Elston Peters in Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Borchardt in Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. Ollen Eipper in Lomita, ending up at the Palos Verdes Begonia Farm in Waleria. Many fans were seen to carry off begonias from the nursery, with intentions of copying or surpassing the gardens they had just seen.

The glass house was won by Mrs. Evie Darden, Anaheim, and the roaster and stand by George Rush, Hollywood. Jack MacLanahan won the cymbidium orchid. Many other prizes were awarded during the three-day show.

The annual business meeting was held on Saturday and amendments to by-laws and other matters of business were conducted by out-going president Jack Koebig.

—MRS. JACK A. PRINCE

Convention Publicity Chairman

CONVENTION

THANKS . . .

We want to thank every one who put an entry in our Convention Flower show. We know how hard all participants worked to create such beautiful and outstanding floor displays.

Every plant, the nomenclature room, the educational displays and flower arrangements brought flattering comments from the appreciative viewers.

And many, many thanks to all of you who came from near and far to take part in the Convention and see our show.

—WES and DIONE
WILLIAMSON

The Riverside Branch exhibit won the Jack Bailey Trophy at the National American Begonia Society's Convention and Flower Show at Redondo Beach. This award for the most outstanding booth at the convention has been won twice by this branch and they hope to keep it next year.

El Monte Community Branch, A.B.S.

—Plants that stand out predominately in this exhibit, left to right are:

Rhizomatous Begonias — B. Ricky Minter, B. Joe Hayden.

Rex Begonias—R. C. Stormy Weather, R. C. Spider Web, R. C. Mrs. Shepherd, R. C. Silver Star.

Ferns — Pteris Wilsonii, Microlepia spelunca, Polypodium Mandlerum (Bear's Paw Fern), Polypodium integrifolia (exotic fish tail fern)

Pictures courtesy Bob Mattuket, El Monte Community Branch, A.B.S.



From the President . . .

TO ALL MEMBERS:

Starting this month I am going to write about our National Board, its departments and personnel and what they can do for you.

You are probably aware that the National Board meets the fourth Monday of each month, on the 13th floor of the Los Angeles City Hall. This Board is composed of all elective and appointive officers and a director from each Branch. These meetings are not limited to those named, so if you desire to do so, please pay us a visit. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

The Board is responsible for the conduct of its various departments and has general supervision over all activities of the ABS. Because of the immense area over which our organization is spread, personal and close contact is not feasible. Most of our business with the branches is conducted through those branch directors in attendance or through written reports and correspondence. Right here I wish to say, if you have any suggestions or problems regarding Society activities, please write the department head you think is responsible for that activity. Should you write to a department and get no response after a reasonable time, let me know what your suggestion or problem was and I will get action for you.

Our president-elect, Calvin Trowbridge, is also our ways and means chairman. His duties, as such, are to present plans for activities which will result in a gain for our treasury. Sounds simple, but have you tried it? You have? Were you successful? Please let Cal know the what, why, when and where if you were. Do you wish to raise money for your branch treasury? Write to Cal Trowbridge, 9600 S. Van Ness, Los Angeles 47, Calif. He will have some suggestions for you.

The first vice-president, Louise Schwerdtfeger, is a member of our BEGONIAN board. She will handle the Question & Answer Column. Louise is a known "Begonia-ite" with many years of experience and will be happy to answer any inquiry about names, parentage, and culture of begonias.

Her address is 1450 Cantera Ave., Hope Ranch, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Fred Browne, our second vice-president, is custodian of our society emblems or lapel pins as well as the metal signs to place on your lath-house, green-house or on your car. Fred has the items to help you let the world know you are a member of the American Begonia Society. Send inquiry regarding these items to 817 Novelda Road, Alhambra, Calif.

A new member on our board this year is Kenneth Terry, third vice-president. Ken is past Editor of the National Fuchsia Society publication "The Fuchsia." Ken is on the BEGONIAN board and his job now is to prepare a "calendar of coming events" for the BEGONIAN. You know that if more members knew what your program was going to be, they might be interested enough to pay you a visit. How often have you heard someone say "Oh if I had only known, I would have been there" or "Gee, I'm sorry I missed that program"? Send Ken a program of your coming events and watch it increase your visitors from other branches. Don't forget that material for publication in the BEGONIAN must be in the editor's hands by the 5th of the month preceding the month of the activity. Right now you should send in notice of December activities and then your plans for January and so on. Ken's address is 2314 Harriman Lane, Redondo Beach, Calif.

More about our Board next month.

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From the Editor . . .

A Letter from Gordon

I think a year for an editor of a society publication is enough. So beginning with this issue you have a new editor, Louise Cramer of our San Gabriel Valley Branch.

Her fine articles have been appearing all during the year and I know she will do a fine job. Give her the support she needs for the editorship is a thankless job.

I want to say a very big thanks for all the good letters from our Eastern Branches. I hope you will write me often, and then when I get back East in the near future I can visit with many of you.

Again may I remind you all, that our Society will grow in relation to what each of us does, not what the Board does, but you and I. We will get more members in relation to our attitude to our own branch and in our attitude towards gardening.

The more we spill over in our enthusiasm, the better our branches will be . . . and we need more and more of them to make this our magazine what it should be.

Best to all of you, from Gordon's Garden,

As ever

GL and Sassy

Dear Begonia Fans:

The hum of the washing machine is in my ears as I talk to you this pleasant fall day. I am a busy mother with seven children, yet I still find time to enjoy the mental and physical therapy given by digging in this God's given good earth. The imminent and perplexing problems resolve themselves after I take a walk in the garden, observe the beauties of nature, pull a weed, or change the water. The faults of planting and culture of the many plants including begonias, shade and sun plants all form a mental note on the seasonal transplanting calendar.—Here I am, back in the house, introducing myself as your new editor.

Every editor has his own plan for a magazine. This is your magazine. The BE-

GONIAN is the only means of communication between all the members of the big happy family of the American Begonia Society. Everyone of you sit down and drop me a line on a postcard, telling me how you like this issue and what you want in forthcoming issues. Do you like sitting in on the national board meeting? Send us questions for INFORMATION, PLEASE. Send your name in, if you want to get in on THE ROBINS. Get your local growers to place an ad with us. We know what plants are here, but what about the new ones developed in the Plains States, the South and the East. Patronize our advertisers. They need your support and we need advertisements to defray our magazine cost.

THIS IS YOUR MAGAZINE. Please write about your shade plants, stating the conditions under which they grow. This will include your temperature range, humidity, where you grow them, how you grow them and interesting facts about the plants. Don't be frightened about writing to me. Remember, written work is just talking to another person on paper. If you don't like story writing, send the facts and I'll put it together. To save me time, I would appreciate your sending the material typewritten—double spaced. Don't let this request deter you in the least from picking up your pen or pencil and getting the information off to me. If you have glossy, black and white photographic prints of begonias or shade plants, send them with your article. If you want these pictures returned, please so state and enclose a self-addressed mailing folder.

There are many old pictures in the editor's possession. If any contributors now wish them returned, please send a description of the picture along with a self-addressed, stamped mailing envelope. This picture return offer will remain open until December 1, 1955, after which time, those pictures not claimed will become filed with the librarian.

Don't forget to write me, send pictures, interest friends in becoming members of this Begonia Society and sell and patronize our advertisers.

Sincerely,

LOUISE CRAMER, Editor

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In checking over the books in our Library I notice that there are a number of very fine books that have not been in circulation, one of which is a book on African Violets by Carolyn Rector. This is a very good book for the many members of ABS who are working with these plants.

Another good one is "Gloxinias, And How to Grow Them" by Peggy Schultz. Gloxinias are beautiful and members will find much in this fine book to help them.

We have books on almost every shade plant, and would like to see more use made of them by our members.

Perhaps you have some book in mind that has been helpful in your shade garden work, and which does not appear on our list. We would appreciate knowing about such books so that we may secure them for our library for loan purposes or for sale.

We now have our second shipment of the book EXOTICS on hand. Some gardeners call this their garden bible, for it has a wealth of information and illustrations on plant names. It is a great help in identifying your plants. We have them for loan or for sale.

The 1953-54 BEGONIAN is at the binders now, and will soon be ready for loan. Bound copies are not for sale, however, we have back copies of the BEGONIAN. From 1940 to 1949 are not complete, but not many are missing. These sell at ten cents each. We have a complete file of the BEGONIANS from 1950 to 1954 which sell at twenty-five cents each.

In handling the affairs of the Library during the past year, I have tried to follow in the footsteps of our past Librarians, and sincerely hope that the members have not been disappointed in my work.

It will not be long before Christmas, and what could be nicer to give some one an EXOTICS, or BEGONIAS FOR THE AMERICAN HOME by Krauss, or any one of the books found in the appended list.

Remember, this is YOUR Library, and it is my pleasure to serve you. A post card with your name and address and the name of the book you wish to borrow will bring it to you. The loan is for a 30-day period, and when you return the book to the Library, please send the amount of the postage.

There are a number of books out that are way over the 30-day limit. We have calls for these books from other members, so be a good member, check your date, and if the book is over-due PLEASE send it back to the Library. Your cooperation and courtesy will be greatly appreciated.

—LUCY A. SAULT, Librarian
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CLAYTON M. KELLY SEED FUND

We have the following new seeds for your selection:

No. 1—B. CALLA LILY. We have just received fresh seeds of this popular begonia. The demand is so great it is almost impossible to find seed enough to go around, but the collector sends them as fast as they mature. Have just a small amount now but hope to have more later. Packets small. Habit of growth is low, bushy and branched; slightly blotched with white, more white appears at terminal; and terminals are all white suggesting small calla lily. Flowers from light pink to scarlet. We have had many inquiries concerning the planting and culture of the calla lily so we are offering a few suggestions which we have found helpful. Use a small clay pot (preferably a fern pot), fill to one-third with coarse gravel or broken crockery, fill pot to the top with damp, well decomposed leaf mold. Sow seeds thinly but do not cover them with soil. Pot may be covered with paper and placed in fairly light and airy location. When seeds germinate, remove paper and give a little more light. If soil becomes dry, place pot in shallow container of water until moisture appears on surface. Seedlings are at first like any other *semperflorens*, the white blotches and terminals do not appear until plants have the second or third set of adult leaves. Plants should be kept *moist* and pinched to make at compact plant.

No. 2—B. BESSIE BUXTON, erroneously called *B. flambeau*. Upright rhizomatous with pink flowers.

No. 3—B. ELLA KEYS. Upright rhizomatous. According to the collector this begonia has large leaves, sometimes measuring ten inches each way. Flowers with a divided umbel and forms small plants between flower and stem. Light pink.

No. 4—B. MANDA'S WOOLY BEAR. X (cross). Hybrid.

Above collection, 4 packets for \$1.00.

To continue our clearance sale of begonia seeds, the varieties listed below are still available:

No. 131—B. PLUMA BLANCA.

No. 151-A—B. ULMIFOLIA.

No. 153—B. PEARCI. Tuberous.

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No. 169—B. DREGEL.

No. 173—B. BREVICAULIS.

No. 175—B. ANDERSONI.

10 packets for \$1.00. We cannot break the collection.

Now is the time to plan our fall and winter shade garden and green house plants. We have the following selection of seeds which should be planted now for winter blooming.

No. 1—PRIMULA MALACOIDES. Mixed pink and red.

No. 2—CYCLAMEN. From Denmark. Mixed dark red and white with red eye.

No. 3—STREPTOCARPUS. From Germany. Mixed large flowers.

No. 4—GLOXINIAS. Mixed. All colors. Above packets for \$1.00.

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No. 5—LAGERSTROEMIA SPECIOSA. Queen's flower. Tropical tree from India and Australia. Flowers purplish, almost three inches wide. Leaves thick, leathery and oblong, about twelve inches long. Extremely showy.

No. 6—BAMBOO PALM. A good one.

Above collection, 6 packets for \$1.00.

We have a few varieties of fern spores. This will probably be the last offering this year.

No. 1—BLECHNUM OCCIDENTALIS.

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LEAVES FROM OUR BEGONIA BRANCHES

EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH

We have two changes to announce. Starting on November tenth, our meetings will be the second Thursday of each month, at our new home, the Lions Club House, 225 W. Garvey Blvd., Monterey Park.

There is plenty of parking space on the East and rear of club house.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the October meeting will be held the third Friday, October 21, at the above address.

INGLEWOOD BRANCH

It was Circus Day at the Olmsteads Sunday, September 11th. This being our fund-raising day for the National, we started out at 10 a.m. with a delicious waffle and wasma sauce breakfast, sausage and the works and lasted thru the day with a lunch of hamburgers, potato salad and all the trimmings and homemade pie ala mode. We had a fine day of fun and fellowship with games of all kinds and cards for those who cared to play. There was a plant sale and all who could, brought a plant or garden gadget of some kind.

In October we will have Mr. Rudy Zieshenne as our speaker who will bring plants for the plant sale. This is also our Birthday Potluck dinner night, October 13.

MISSOURI BRANCH

Met at the home of our President, Mrs. Breshears for a covered dish luncheon recently.

The Begonia Show was our main topic. A round table discussion on diseases of begonias and what to do was enjoyed by all. There seem to be so many unusual bugs and pests which were never heard of before.

After the meeting, Mrs. Breshears took us on a tour of her yard and greenhouses. She told the names of each begonia and her method of their care.

PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

The August meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. Perry Long in Merchantville, N. J. Hurricane Connie just arriving—Rain coming in torrents but did that

dismay the Philobegonia Branch? Not at all. It was our meeting day and meet we did.

After a wonderful lunch the meeting was called to order. Program "What is a Begonia" by Mrs. Elsa Fort—taken from the July BEGONIAN, Page 139. We used several Begonias and studied each sentence of the article and compared it with the begonias before us. It was a wonderful lesson. The July issue should be studied thoroughly and memorized. It would help greatly should one come upon a strange plant somewhere and wonder if it could possibly be a begonia.

RIVERSIDE BRANCH

The Jack Bailey Trophy, for the most outstanding booth at the National Convention Flower Show was won for the second time by this branch. They hope to do it again next year. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Maddox and others who helped. All but three of the begonia plants were from the Maddox collection.

Joe Littlefield talked at the annual pot luck supper held at the home of Mrs. Mary Gillingwaters, in August. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Maddox, was held the September jitney pot luck. Members enjoyed seeing more beautiful begonias and shade loving plants. A question and answer period followed Echoes from the Convention.

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

Begonias made a colorful addition to the exhibits at the annual San Francisco Flower Show held on August 25 and 26. Carl Meyer, the begonia section show manager succeeded in having some of the newer members make entries. Sweepstakes were won by Jean and Don Thomas. The September meeting featured Plantsmith, the inventor of "spoonit" and one of the Bay Areas most ardent horticulturists. He spoke about rare and unusual plants and illustrated his talk with slides.

The gardens of three members were open to the public, and in addition, the San Francisco Branch will have an exhibit in the annual Daly City Flower show.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Allyn have invited the members to be their guests at their lovely home and garden in Los Altos.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Gordon Baker Lloyd spoke on "My Shade Garden and I" at the August meeting. Members of this branch and guests from the surrounding branches gathered at Jimmy Giridlian's Oakhurst Gardens for a jitney pot luck supper for the benefit of the National Society. Plants were donated for the plant table. Thank you, other branches, for helping to make this a successful event.

"O-Kika-O-Hawaii," meaning orchids of Hawaii, a colored sound movie was presented by Mr. Homer V. Green. All steps in orchid culture were shown, starting from the sowing of the dust-like seeds in flasks containing agar solution, through the various transplanting stages, to the blooming plant. Methods and techniques in potting, feeding and pest control were illustrated.

SANTA BARBARA BEGONIA SHOW

The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History was the scene of the Santa Barbara Branch's Annual Begonia Show on September 9, 10, and 11. Hundreds of specimen plants grown by branch members were arranged in the Hale Flower Room at the Museum upon the invitation of Mrs. June Hopkins, botanist. The outstanding success of last year's show was witnessed by more than a thousand visitors, according to museum officials.

Featured in the exhibit were the species and hybrids made possible through the expeditions of Thomas MacDougall, New York plant explorer, into Southern Mexico. The giant *B. MacDougalli*, dainty *B. Boweri*, blushing *B. Kenworthyi*, mottled *B. hepatica maculata*, and dark *B. Mazae* were arranged near some of the many hybrids introduced since the species were classified and made available to begonia enthusiasts by Rudolf Ziesenhenné, Santa Barbara Branch's charter past president. Hybrids produced by Ziesenhenné, Louise Schwerdtfeger, Elsie M. Frey, and Erika Weber, all past presidents of the branch, were shown.

The flower show was arranged under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Philip, plant show chairman of the branch. A shared picnic was held at Rocky Nook County Park, followed by a tour of the gardens of Dr.

and Mrs. Rolland J. Brines, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schwerdtfeger.

A four-day begonia study, combined with the show, featured Rudolf Ziesenhenné, speaking on tuberous begonias and their culture, and Mrs. Louise Schwerdtfeger, who lectured on begonia propagation.

WHITTIER

An installation pot luck dinner was held at Palm Park. Seeds were sown in wide mouth jars. Mrs. Jensen was on hand to supervise the planting.

WILLIAM PENN BRANCH

Held its second annual begonia party at the home of Mrs. George Earl DeCoursey, Paoli, Pa. A begonia show and plant identification preceded the cultural demonstration given by the Margaret C. Grunebaum Branch. After a box lunch, Mrs. Ernest E. Martin (Joy Logee Martin) talked on "Begonias." Plants from the Logee greenhouses of Danielson, Conn. were sold.

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BOARD MEETING REPORT . . .

LET'S SIT IN . . .

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Let's sit in on the meeting of the National Board of the American Begonia Society held August 22, in the Conference room on the thirteenth floor of the Los Angeles City Hall. All elective and appointive officers and branch representatives constitute the national board which carries on the business of the society. All members are invited to attend, although they do not have a vote.

After the opening of the meeting by president, Joe Taylor, the pledge of allegiance was given and the aims and purposes of the society were read. Approval was given to the minutes read. Due to closing of the treasurer's books for the convention, no report was given. There were 69 new members and 90 renewing members reported by the membership chairman who remitted \$407.05 to the treasurer. The new speakers list will soon be in the mail. *Branches, please fill out and return the questionnaires sent by the Speakers Bureau chairman.* All awards and cups won at the Convention Flower show have been given out. Plants sold by the seed fund administrator at the booth during the National flower show netted \$102.90 for the treasury.

Branches, will you support a foreign membership by sending the \$2.50 membership fee. These members will be a member of your branch and are a source of valuable information.

Look for your copy of the Constitution and By-laws in the center of the November issue of the BEGONIAN. The printer will be asked to hold the type so that an additional 500 copies may be printed at a future date.

The Worth Brown trophy for the best tuberous begonia shown at the National Flower Show has been retired this year. Mr. Bauman of Palos Verdes Begonia Farm offered a new trophy, this offer being accepted by the board with a letter of ap-

preciation for his kind offering being sent to him.

Smokey Valley branch sent \$5.00 for the Convention fund.

It was decided by members of the board not to have the suggested Sunday meetings. A letter, of appreciation for the use of the City Hall conference room for the National Board meetings and request for the same room for next year, will be sent to Mr. George Johnson through whose courtesy this room was made available to this Society. Mrs. Korts will send out new cards without expiration date to accredited judges. Future accrediting will be done without a time limit. The sale of shrimp net put \$50.00 in the treasury.

CONDENSED MINUTES

Meeting of the National Board of the American Begonia Society called to order at 7:45 p.m. in the Los Angeles City Hall by President Taylor. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Vice-President Browne, Aims & Purposes of Society read by President-elect Trowbridge.

The minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Treasurer had no report because of closing of books for Convention.

Membership secretary MacLanahan reported renewing members 90, new members 69, remitted to treasurer \$407.05.

Slide Librarian Anderson reported that speakers lists will be in the mail before next meeting. Urged Branches to fill in questionnaire and return.

Flower Show Chairman Trowbridge reported that all awards had been made and all cups given out.

Seed Fund Administrator Gee reported Income from booth \$202.90. Remitted to treasurer \$102.90. Balance on hand \$100.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Taylor asked Branches to sponsor a foreign membership if possible.

Vice-President Browne suggested that when new Constitution and By-laws are printed in BEGONIAN, extra copies be made for members wishing them.

Moved by Browne, seconded by Schwerdtfeger, that 500 extra copies of the Constitution and By-laws be printed and that printer be asked to hold the type until they can be printed. Motion carried.

Mrs. Korts suggested that they be placed

in center of BEGONIAN for easy removal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Trowbridge stated that the Worth Brown Trophy for the Best Tuberous Begonia had been retired this year and that Mr. Bauman of Palos Verdes Begonia Farm had offered a new trophy.

Moved by C. Trowbridge, seconded by MacLanahan that we accept Mr. Bauman's offer of a trophy for the Best Tuberous Begonia. Carried.

Trowbridge reported receiving \$5.00 from new Smokey Valley Branch for Convention Fund.

President Taylor asked if members would like to have National Board meeting on Sunday.

Moved by C. Trowbridge, seconded by Browne, that we do not have Sunday meetings. Carried.

Moved by Korts, seconded by Browne,

that we send Mr. George Johnson a letter of thanks for our meeting place and ask for the same room again next year. Carried.

Mrs. Schwerdtfeger brought up the question of an expiration date on Judging cards. She thought this unfair to those completing the course.

Moved by Browne, seconded by MacLanahan that Mrs. Korts send out new cards without expiration date to accredited judges and any further accrediting be done without a time limit. Carried.

President Taylor gave the treasurer \$50.00 received from sale of netting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. to meet September 26, 1955.

—Respectfully submitted,
ARLINE STODDARD,
National Secretary

STATEMENT REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AS AMENDED BY THE ACTS OF MARCH 3, 1953, AND JULY 2, 1946 (Title 39, United States Code, Section 233) SHOWING THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, AND CIRCULATION OF

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THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY

By Louise Cramer, Editor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of October, 1955.

(SEAL)

C. W. BONNER
Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

(My commission expires July 26, 1958)

BRANCH MEETING DATES

(Visitors always welcome at these meetings)

AMERICAN BEGONIA HYBRIDIZER'S BRANCH

Called Meetings Quarterly
Mrs. Daisy L. Walker, Secy.-Treas.
2425-A Silver Lake Blvd., Los Angeles 39, Calif.

BRITISH BRANCH

F. J. Bedson, Secy.
Kent, England

CENTRAL FLORIDA BRANCH

1st Friday, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, 10:00 a.m.
Lounge, Florida Power Co.
Winter Park, Florida
Mrs. Lou Mankamyer
20 Pershing Place, Orlando, Florida

DALLAS COUNTY BRANCH, TEXAS

1st Thursday, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, 7:00 p.m.
Member's Residences
Mrs. Hal M. Mosekey, Cor. Secy.
5544 Hillis Ave., Dallas 6, Texas

EAST BAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, 7:45 p.m.
Willard School, Telegraph at Ward, Berkeley
Mr. Stuart C. Smith, Secy.
3147 Standley Blvd., Lafayette, California

EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Oct. 13, Nov. 10
Lions Club House, 225 W. Garvey Blvd.,
Monterey Park, Calif.
Mrs. Virginia Brandon, Secy.
3012 W. Norwood Pl., Alhambra, Calif.

FOOTHILL BRANCH

3rd Thursday, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, 8:00 p.m.
La Verne Recreational Building, College Park,
2nd and D Streets, La Verne, Calif.
Mrs. C. W. Hall, Cor. Secy.
358 E. Arrow Hwy., Upland, California

FORT ELSA BRANCH

1st Saturday, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, 2:30 p.m.
Miss Lola Price, Secy.
628 Beech Ave., Laurel Springs, New Jersey

GLENDALE BRANCH

4th Wednesday, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 North Central
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coe, Cor. Secv.
28904 Cliffside Dr., Malibu, Calif.

GRAY EYA KENWORTHY BRANCH

3rd Monday, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.
Community House, La Jolla
Tillie Genter, Cor. Secy.
735A Ends Ave., La Jolla, California

GRAYS HARBOR BRANCH

2nd Monday, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, 8:00 p.m.
Hoquiam Public Library, or Messingale and
Rosenear Music Store, Aberdeen, Washington
Mrs. Jessie B. Hoyt, Secy.
1013 Harding Road, Aberdeen, Washington

GRUENBAUM, MARGARET BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m.
Home of Members
Box Lunch 12:30, Program following
Mrs. W. Ernest Jones, Secy.
Welsh & Dresher Rds., Willow Grove, Penn.

HAMSHIRE, TEXAS BRANCH

3rd Tuesday of each month
Mrs. Peter De Young, Hamshire, Texas

HAWKEYE STATE BRANCH

3rd Friday, Oct. 21, Nov. 18. Members Homes
Ruth Anderson, Secy.
Underwood, Iowa

HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

3rd Wednesday, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.
Mrs. Helen Ehret Murphy, Secy.
715 N. Genesee St., Los Angeles 46

HOUSTON, TEXAS BRANCH

2nd Friday, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, 10:00 a.m.
Garden Center, Herman Park
Mrs. Grant Herzog, Secv.
12600 Broken Bough, Houston 24, Texas

HUB CITY BRANCH

3rd Wednesday, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.
August and Sept. Meetings in Members homes
Mrs. L. R. Kellogg, Secy.
1120 E. 71st St., Long Beach, Calif.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Monday, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, 8:00 p.m.
Los Amigos Club, Loleta, California
Miss Margaret Smith, Secy.
P.O. Box 635, Ferndale, California

INGLEWOOD BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, 7:45 p.m.
325 North Hillcrest, Inglewood, California
Mrs. Pearl Parker, Secy.
726 West 81st St., Los Angeles 44, Calif.

LA MESA BRANCH

2nd Monday, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.
V.F.W. Hall at Imperial & Lincoln, Lemon Grove
Mrs. Ida Barker, Secy.
7591 Central Ave., Lemon Grove, Calif.

LONG BEACH PARENT BRANCH

2nd Tuesday, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.
Fox Home at 2255 Elm Ave.
Mrs. Alice Waldow, Secy.
2175 Cedar Ave., Long Beach 5, California

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

4th Wednesday, Oct. 26, Homes of Members
Mrs. Mildred Dunham, Secy.
914 Howard St., Venice, Calif.

LOUISIANA CAPITAL BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, 7:00 p.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. R. L. Wilkenson, Secy.
5764 Robertson Ave., Baton Rouge, La.

MIAMI, FLORIDA BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, 8:00 p.m.
Simpson Memorial Garden Center
Mrs. Vivian J. Ennemoser, Secy.
1295 N. W. 54th St., Miami 42, Florida

MISSOURI BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, 7:00 p.m.
In Members' Homes (Summer Months)
Mrs. Lucille Taylor, Secy.
6130 Chestnut, Kansas City, Missouri

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH

3rd Saturday, Oct. 15, Homes of Members
Mrs. Lester H. Fox, Secy.
170 Marsh Hill Road, Dracut, Mass.

OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY BRANCH

1st Tuesday, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, 12:30 p.m.
Members Homes
Mrs. Selma Braun, Secy.
37 Broad St., Apt. 4-D, Toms River, New Jersey

ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Grange Hall
1 block South Center of Garden Grove, Calif.
Mrs. Maybelle Woods, Secy.
604 South Helena St., Anaheim, Calif.

PASADENA BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, 8:00 p.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. Alva Graham, Secy.
515 E. Centro St., South Pasadena, California

PHIOBEGONIA BRANCH

2nd Friday, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Members homes
Mrs. Robert York, Secy.
3311 Fremont St., Camden, New Jersey

PORTLAND, OREGON BRANCH

4th Friday, Oct. 28, 8:00 p.m.
Journal Building Auditorium, Front & Yamhill Sts.
Mrs. Altermatt, Secy.
1104 S. E. 148th, Portland, Oregon

RAYTOWN, MISSOURI BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. Mildred Schorr, Secy.-Treas.

REDONDO BEACH AREA BRANCH

4th Friday each month
2308 Rockefeller, Redondo Beach, California
Mrs. Ella Cunningham, Secy.
2208 Vanderbilt Lane, Redondo Beach, Calif.

RIVERSIDE BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Shamel Park, 3650 Arlington, Riverside, Calif.
Irene Springer, Secy.
3608 Rossmuir, Riverside, Calif.

ROBINSON, ALFRED D. BRANCH

3rd Friday, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. Merrel H. Taylor, Secy.
4285 Sierra Vista, San Diego 3, Calif.

SACRAMENTO BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, 7:00 p.m.
Mrs. C. E. Crouch, Secy.
2209 Murietta Way, Sacramento, California

SAN DIEGO BRANCH

4th Monday, Oct. 24
Hard of Hearing Hall, Herbert & University
Mrs. Lillian Lausted, Secy.
1504 Blaine Ave., San Diego 3, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

1st Wednesday, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, 8:00 p.m.
Forest Lodge, 266 Laguna Honda Blvd.
Mrs. Edward O'Brien, Secy.
234 Gates St., San Francisco 10, California

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH

4th Wednesday, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, 8:00 p.m.
Masonic Temple, 506 S. Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, California
Mrs. Dorothy DeHart, Secy.
5329 N. Rosemead Blvd., San Gabriel, Calif.

SANTA BARBARA BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Girl Scout Clubhouse, 1838 San Andres St.
Seth C. Langdon, Secy.
1419 Quintientos, Santa Barbara, California

SEATTLE BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, 7:45 p.m.
Trinity Parish House, 609 Eighth Avenue, Seattle
Mrs. Wm. Stankman, Secy.
4116 15th Ave., Seattle, Wash.

SHEPHERD, THEODOSIA BURR BRANCH

1st Tuesday, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Alice Bartlett C.H., 902 E. Main, Ventura, Calif.
Mrs. Wilma Renshaw, Secy.
560 So. Coronado St., Ventura, California

SMOKEY VALLEY BRANCH

3rd Tuesday of each month
Mrs. A. L. Romeiser, Secy.
1104 South Ninth St., Salina, Kansas

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3rd Thursday, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, 8:00 p.m.
Cafeteria, High School, Hayward, Calif.
Bob Oliver, Corr. Secy.
333 Redbud Lane, Hayward, California

TALL CORN STATE BRANCH

Mrs. Edna Monson, Secy.
South Taylor, Mason City, Iowa

TEXAS STATE BRANCH

1st Tuesday night of month in members homes
Mrs. Leoma Caudle, Secy.
2822 8th St., Port Arthur, Texas

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, 11:00 a.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. Joseph Rock, Corr. Secy.
Mapelwood Ave., Wilksburg, Pa.

WHITTIER BRANCH

1st Thursday, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m.
Palm Park Community Center, 1643 W. Floral Dr.
Mrs. Edna M. Hill, Secy.
8408 S. Madison Ave., Whittier, Calif.

WILLIAM PENN BRANCH, PA.

3rd Tuesday, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, 2:00 p.m.
Homes of Members, Wallingford, Pa.
Mrs. Joseph B. Townsend, Jr., Secy.
Baltimore Pike, Wawa, Pa.

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