

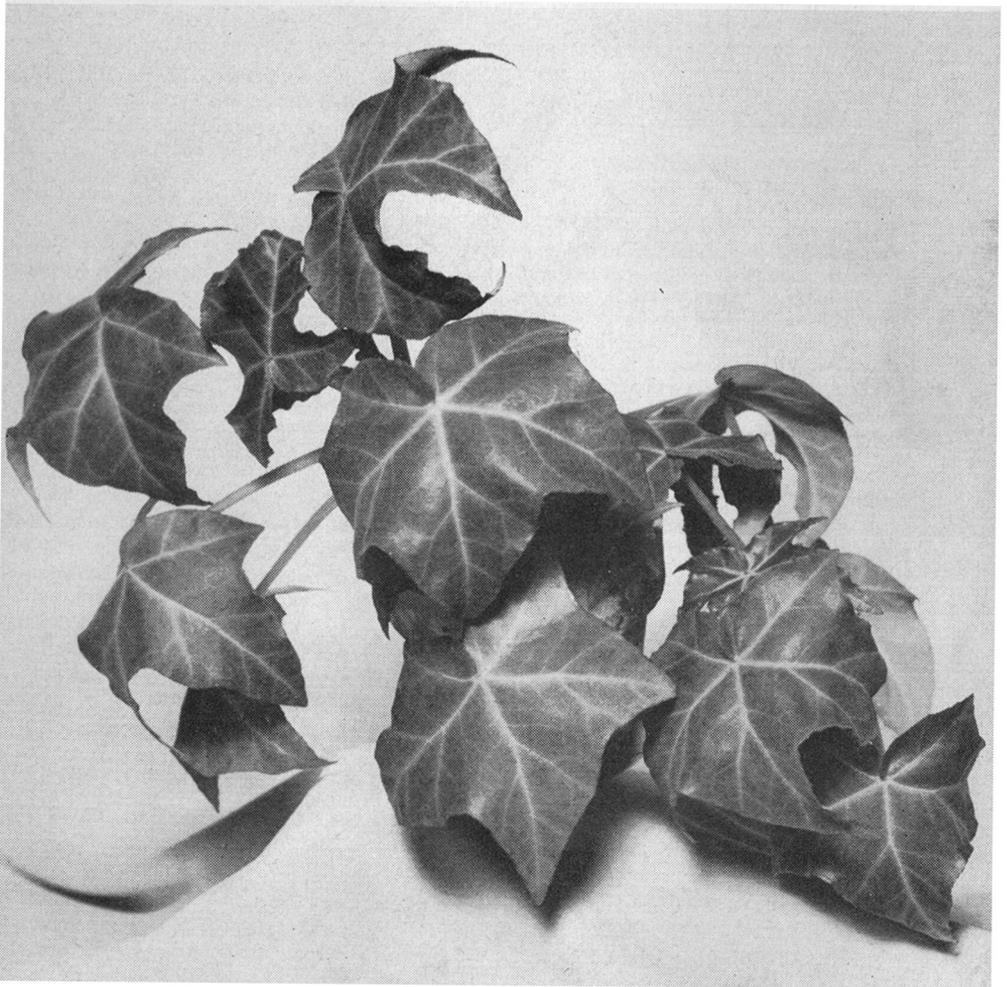
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Begonia Kenworthyi

By RUTH PEIRCE MERRY

EVER SINCE this begonia was first brought to this country from Mexico in 1948 by Mr. MacDougall it has at once been a joy and a challenge. It is a joy for its unique slate-grey leaf coloring, unusual grey bloom on the leaf, red reverse, depressed light green veins, and thick rubbery texture; and a challenge because it seems so difficult to grow. What can be a beautiful plant today may be a wreck tomorrow.

Although we grow plants in our small green house and in the sunporches, the kitchen has been the place where this particular plant is the happiest. In the fall of 1956 we were given a fine plant by a fellow begonian; it was individual because its whole appearance was more horizontal than upright. Generally this species grows straight up in the air with the leaves at the top, sometimes it looks like a caricature of a small palm tree. Even growers of extra fine plants have such specimens. I speak for the East only. But this plant not only has one rhizome growing, but two, one of them turning back toward the plant, since the plant is reversed every week or so to keep it growing evenly. A few of the distinctive five-lobed dull blue green or slate colored leaves have faded and dropped during this period, but new ones have quickly replaced them, and the plant has continued to grow larger all over.

Normally when the flowering period in midwinter has past, the plant defoliates and is very sad looking. Incidentally the pink flowers are not outstanding. Since this plant has not yet flowered, it has continued to flourish. It has been in the same four-inch pot for at least two years.

According to an article on *B. "Kenworthyi"* by Rudolph Ziesenhenné in the July 1948 *BEGONIAN*, which gives the complete botanical description, this begonia was found by Thomas MacDoug-

all in the dry country to the south of Chiapas, Mexico; therefore it is best to keep it on the dry side and in a warm spot. The shelves over the radiator under the windows facing the East apparently have just the right conditions for it. Along with a couple of dozen rexes (which do not defoliate in winter contrary to past experiences in New England) it enjoys the heat from the long radiator below, has plenty of light from the windows, and plenty of humidity from the ordinary cooking activities. The temperature is always 70° and sometimes over 80° when the oil burner is going in response to a call for heat from the thermostat in the living room. As it should be, it is watered sparingly and fertilized infrequently. It is in the regular begonia soil mix of good loam, leaf mold, a bit of sand, and peat. After it blooms—it will eventually—and when the new leaves are appearing after the rest period, it will be reotted.

When flowers have appeared on other specimens, we have used them both as pollen and seed parents and have some interesting seedlings. If they can be propagated easily, we will really have something exciting. In the meantime we are enjoying this plant in the kitchen and hope that it will not bloom for some time.

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Minutes, National Board, May 26

The meeting of the National Board of the American Begonia Society was called to order by President Coe at 7:35 p.m. May 26, 1958.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Lovejoy presented his monthly report. Report approved as given. Bill of \$6.83 for "All Risk" insurance on the A.B.S. Slide Library for one year approved for payment.

Pres-Elect Slatter read the Aims and Purposes of the Society.

Vice-pres. Mrs. Nancy Alvord advised by letter that a new branch of the Society is being formed in Rhode Island.

Past-pres. Trowbridge gave a verbal report and passed around some pictures

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Smoky Valley Flower Show

By JOHN C. IRVING



ON THE 2nd of May the Smoky Valley Branch of the American Begonia Society held its annual flower show. The weather man was very cooperative in issuing us the mild, spring-like weather to blend with our theme, "A May Basket Fantasy."

We were happy to welcome the 122 people who attended not only from our own Salina, but from neighboring cities of Tescott, Ellsworth, Concordia, Gypsum, Minnapolis, and Marquette. Several out of town guests were either presidents or past presidents of local garden clubs and seemed quite impressed and interested in the possibility of forming a Begonia club in their own community.

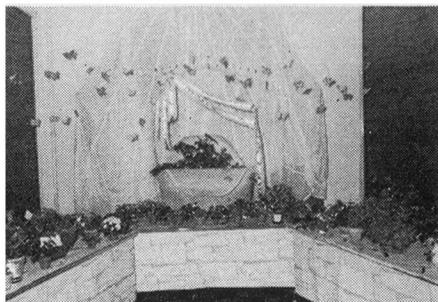
Our members and a few other contestants entered some 260 plants, dish gar-

dens, educational displays and corsages.

The center of attraction was the huge pink May Basket which was flanked on both sides by garden-like pathways of beautiful begonias of all classes. Overhead were flying life size Monarch butterflies.

The program was highlighted by the awarding of prizes for winners of the different classes and the presentation of the Dorothy Roemiser trophy to Mrs. Fuller for the best Rex Begonia.

Mr. Elvin McDonald, who did such a wonderful job of judging our show, gave us a very interesting talk and showed slides of some very beautiful flower blossoms which he had taken in several greenhouses and gardens throughout the middle west.



V I S U A L I Z E

Visualize the earth as a footstool upon
which His feet lay,
The billowing clouds, His pillows,
softened with hues of gray,
The moon, His glowing lamp,
silhouetting His wearied face,
The stars, myriads of darting clusters,
poised tauntingly in space.
The sun, its white-heat rays of a thousand
fingers carress His golden hair,
Upon which clings a blinding ray,
lingering for a moment there.
The rain, His tears, when cry He must,
The wind, His tired sigh, soothing with
each tiny thrust.

The dew, His teardrops—velvet glows
they cast,
The fog, His gray and heavy cloak—
strong as the fisherman's mast.
The sea, His pool, where He bathes His
pearled feet; spray cooling His
blessed brow,
The snow, sign of His purity, falls
downward in flaky softness, nestling
in healing hands now,
Palm trees rustle as His cooling fan,
His eyes, as rainbows, cling lovingly on
us creatures—known as man.

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Seeds, Seedlings and Hybrids

By DON HORTON

Perennials and Biennials

HERE, in California, now is the time to start biennial and perennial seeds. Growing such plants from seed has several rewards. One is monetary because it costs less to raise plants from seed than to buy the plants. Another is the opportunity to raise something different that cannot usually be purchased as plants. And, last but not least, is just the plain old enjoyment of planting your own seeds and watching them develop into full-fledged flowering plants.

Some biennials that may be sowed now are stocks, pansies, foxgloves, canterbury bells, scabiosas, and sweet williams. A few of the perennials are columbine, delphinium, perennial scabiosa, primula, armeria, carnation, pinks, penstemon, and rehmannia.

Culture of these seeds is very simple. Mix equal parts of a good loam with either leafmold or peatmoss and enough sponge rock to insure drainage. Fill a flat or flats with the mixture and moisten. Cover the seeds to a depth of about three times their diameter, just pressing in the very fine ones like foxglove and canterbury bells.

Keep the flat moist and cover with papers or burlap until the seeds break through the surface. The time will vary from a week to over a month depending on the variety. Columbine seeds, for example, are sure germinators, when fresh, but take about four weeks to come up.

Keep the flat moist by watering from the top, preferably using a fine spray so as not to disturb the soil and the young seedlings. Watering from the bottom is not good as it tends to force salts up into the surface area of the soil and salt accumulation often inhibits seed germination.

To stop the damp-off fungus, water periodically with anti-damp or a fungicide containing Captan. The first treatment should be given when the first seeds show through the soil, or even before.

A treatment should then follow every week or ten days until the seedlings are large enough to be out of danger. If you should notice damp-off attacking, of course, treat immediately. When struck by damp-off the seedlings appear to rot off at the ground level with a number of seedlings in the same area all going at once.

When large enough to handle the seedlings should be transplanted to another flat or directly into the ground where they are to remain. The purpose of this transplanting is to space them farther apart and allow them ample room to develop in.

It would be well to mention some of the different and interesting things that can be raised from seed. If you haven't already tried some of Vetterle and Reinelt's Astolat Pacific Hybrid delphiniums you are missing something. These huge plants with their closely packed flowers in different shades or raspberry pink defy the imagination in their beauty.

There are a number of interesting columbines that can be raised. In addition to the huge flowered new McKanna's Giants there are several species including *longissima* (with spurs to four inches in length) and *caerulea* (the Rocky Mountain Columbine). Appealing to some people, and not to others; are the double columbines and the spurless, or clematiflora, columbines.

In the perennial scabiosa line most of us are familiar with the large beautiful blue species *fischeri* and *caucasica*. but waiting to be tried by most is *webianna*, which grows compactly 12 inches high and is practically never without a profusion of creamy yellow flowers an inch in diameter. The seed fund has seeds of this plant for 25 cents per packet.

The seed catalogs are full of other interesting plants and I leave them for you to ferret out, for few novels have the excitement and romance found between the covers of a rare seed catalog.

Garden in Fallbrook

By M. B. DUNKLE

M. B. Dunkle, former A.B.S. President, Editor and contributor to the "Bulletin," and long a stalwart of the society, writes us from Fallbrook, California, where he now resides. He reports that he lectures on botanical and geological subjects for various groups in the area, as well as speaking on radio and T.V. programs in San Diego. He uses all the information he has gained as a plant ecologist in experimentation and for the benefit of the community. The Dunkles extend a cordial invitation to all members to visit them when in that area, but because of Mr. Dunkle's frequent trips, advance arrangements should be made.—Editor

THE ROLLING foothill area of San Diego County does not possess an ideal habitat for the growth of begonias and fuchsias. This is particularly true of our grove which is on a definite southern slope. However the ridge at the upper end of our place is as nearly frost-free as any part of California. The climate of the area is very dry most of the time and often quite hot. Yet as my trees are growing larger they make a good shade and increase the local humidity, and I am now growing fuchsias, begonias, epiphyllum, ferns and other shade-loving plants. The Colorado water we use for irrigation is especially poor for begonias and we cannot seem to grow Rex or tuberous begonias.

I usually plant fuchsias or begonias on the northeast side of trees or between inter-locking trees. I use a mixture of peat and leaf mold. The organic and commercial fertilizer used on the trees also fertilizes the plants. I use considerable sulphur to neutralize the mineral salts and a little copper sulphate to counteract any fungi in the soil. I find that the species and the older varieties of fuchsias and begonias will do the best here. Some fuchsias grow up through the Toton trees like they do in Mexico.

We have several trellises for various
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Plant Mixture

By MRS. RALPH DE COU
Philobegonia Branch

AFTER visiting the Begonia Show, of the Wm. Penn Branch of the A.B.S. at the home of Mrs. DeCoursey in Paoli, Pa. last September, and hearing the lecture on growing Begonias by Mrs. Ballard of Chestnut Hill, Pa., in which she spoke of her great success with the commercially sold mixture called Black Magic—I decided to purchase some and try it. It is sold in most of the Woolworth 5 and 10 cent stores here in the East and will, I believe, be handled by several feed and nursery stores this coming Spring.

I now agree with Mrs. Ballard—it is a fine growing medium—I do not intend to plant all of my Begonias in Black Magic since my own mixture is so much more economical for me to mix and has always been adequate for my Begonias' needs—but in the winter when the ground is frozen and it is much too cold to go outside to gather earth—I find it most convenient to have a bag of Black Magic on hand. I had one particular Rex "Fire Flush" of which I am extremely fond—for some reason or other it was not responding to the loving care I was giving it—so it was my first plant to be put into the Black Magic mixture. It is doing splendidly now. One thing I have found out tho—Black Magic must be watched carefully—it dries out very much more quickly than my earth mixture—I would most certainly not recommend it for anyone who might have to leave their plants for over two days unattended. The plants, I am sure would be wilted from want of water. Perhaps this very excellent draining quality of Black Magic is what makes it so successful as a growing medium. I know, of course, one way to counteract this would be to set the pot with plant in into another pot that has been lined with spagnum moss—but in my case where space is limited I do not want that extra sized pot due to the room it would take up—I use the correct size
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Spring Transfer

By MRS. HOWARD L. WITHEE

FIRST of all I make sure that the pots to be used are all thoroughly clean. This job attended to I then mix the potting soil and at this time of year let it reach house temperature or water it down with hot water and mix well to take out the chilliness in the soil. I do this to avoid any possible chance of chilling the fine fibrous roots.

When potting I always wet the plants thoroughly so that they will rap from the pot easily without tearing at the roots. Too, the soil does not shake loose from the roots if wet, an event which can mean a serious setback to any begonia (and it can be an event if one has plans about showing the plant.)

I always firmly but gently grasp the plant at the base with my left hand as I rap it from the pot, my right hand removes the pot and I gently remove any excess old dirt if need be. Then with my right hand I guide the soil and roots into a waiting pot two sizes larger, particularly filled with leafmold. Centering the plant I gently shake new soil around the roots. When filled I firm gently down and water thoroughly, being sure there are no air pockets at any time.

In the winter I use dry pots. Now this may sound odd I know, but a dry pot will absorb any excess moisture, especially if the weather is cloudy, cold and stormy. In warm weather I soak the pots well before using. For a day or so I give the repotted plants only bright light, then (if not in summer) some direct sunlight.

In the winter here in Rhode Island I find that rexes want about all the sunlight that can be given to them. At no time do they show signs of resenting ole sol, in fact they respond to his warmth and brightness with brighter colors and tones, better textured leaves and sturdy compact growth.

Only six or so of my rexes got sleepy this winter. Among those were B. "Carnot," "Our Indian," "Redwing," and "Rubena." All are awakening and I have

Convention Chairmen Named

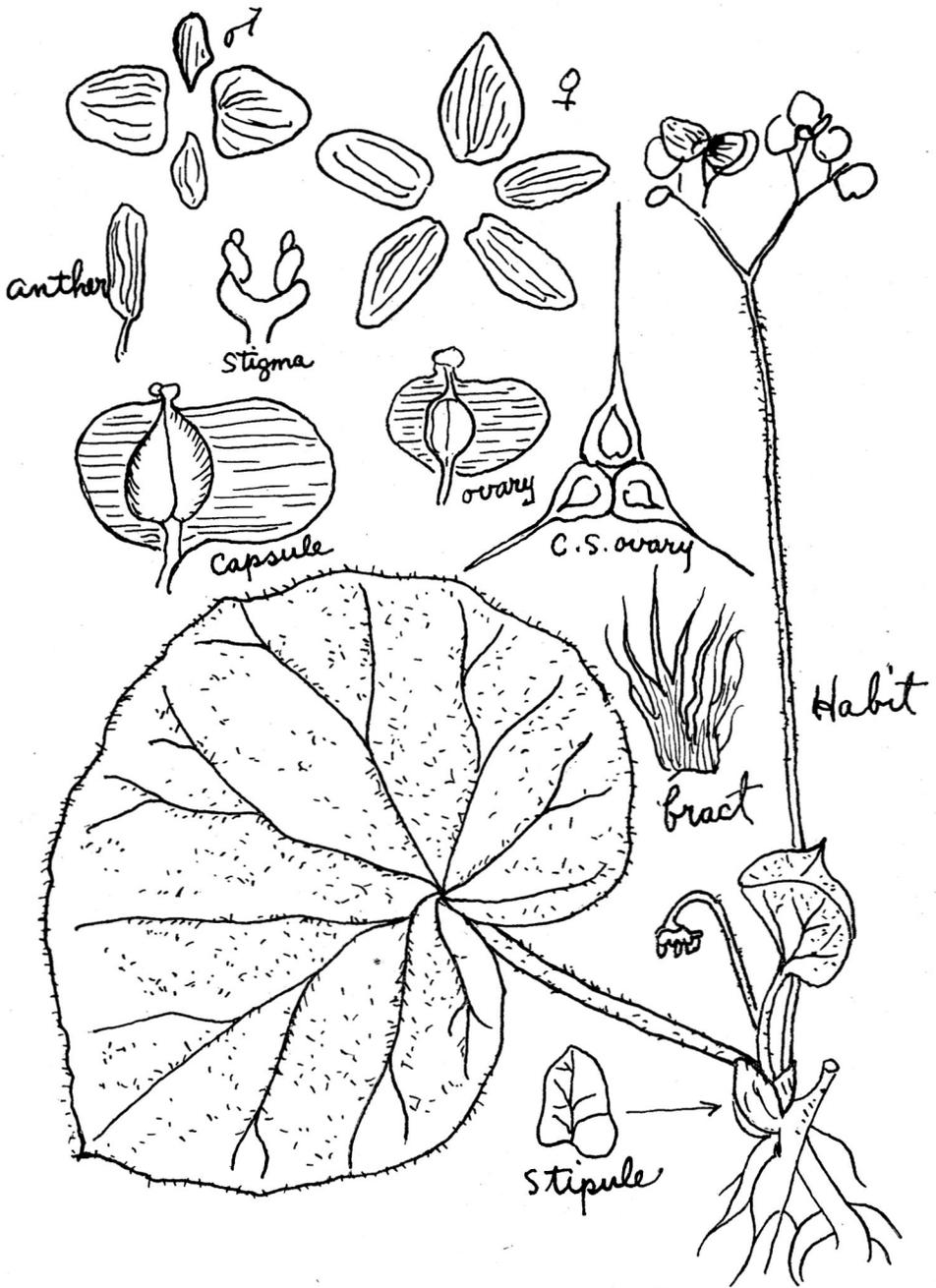
MRS. LOUISE SCHWERTFEGER of Santa Barbara is to be Show Chairman, with Mrs. Edna Korts as Co-Chairman for the 26th Annual Convention and Show, which will be held at Plummer Park August 30, 31. The Nomenclature committee, headed by Mrs. Korts, plans an extensive program for this department, including a display room and lectures. Mrs. and Mrs. John Fahey of the San Gabriel Branch will again man the snack bar; Mrs. Ethel Arbuckle will direct the registration, classification and awards; Sylvia Leatherman, National Research Director, will be in charge of that subject. Florence Gee will be found again in the Seed Fund booth and Pearl Parker is to be Convention Treasurer. Complete plans for the Show will be announced in *The Begonian* next month.

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reputed them, giving them all the afternoon sun possible. Among those that did not snooze at all were B. "Merry Christmas," "Kathlyana," "Bearded," "Fireflush," "Dew -Drop," "Ember," "King Edward," "Cardoza Gardens," "Helen Teupel," and "Fairy." As I sit here and look at the rexes that I repotted today I would swear they had grown like "Jack in the Beanstalk" in the last few hours, but of course my imagination can play tricks. Yet there is this fact: to put a plant that needs repotting into a larger container does affect the overall appearance of the plant.

During prolonged wet and cloudy weather I use sulphur around the base of my plants, which deters mold from forming. Also I keep the soil stirred on the top to help in airtating it as mold and salts will form quickly if soil is not kept in action. I think to keep the pots free of all mold and salts possible is a safeguard from unwanted guests in the form of fungi. Fresh air discourages mold and fungi, as does sunlight.



*B. Vellozoana* Brade  
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# Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Flight

**No. 1. *B. vellozoana*-Brade**—Brazil. Herbaceous, 8-12 inches tall; stems short, oblique, up to 5½ in. long; rooting at the stipules; leaves oblique, broadly ovate-suborbicular, cordate, with a closed basal sinus, palmately 8 nerved, 4-5 in. long, 5-7 (up to 8) in. broad, hispid-pilose on both surfaces, with small frimbriate scales on the nerves beneath, green above, with a whitish zone on the veins, paler below and occasionally reddish. Flowers are whitish, sometimes the outer rosy. The above description and line drawing on facing page are from the University of California Department of Botany, Los Angeles, Calif. Courtesy Dr. Mildred Mathias. In addition to the above we would like to offer this information: About two years ago we received a few seed of *B. vellozoana* from Brazil. A few were sent to a friend in South Africa who grew one plant to maturity and collected the seed that we are now offering. He writes as follows: "I would like to tell you about my *B. vellozoana*. It forms a lovely fan shape with a medium, soft emerald-green with sometimes a pink mid-rib. The plant grows about 14 in. over a 5 in. pot. The flower spikes are about 12 in. tall and flowers are pure white with small pink hairs on outer side. I have in my collection more than 150 varieties and I consider this plant the best and in my opinion it is better than *B. 'Iron Cross.'* It is much admired here and I would not take ten dollars for it." Price of above 50 cents per small pkt. Limited supply.

**No. 2. *B. coccinea***—Brazil. Tall, erect; leaves long-ovate, bright green, flowers numerous, coral red in drooping clusters. (Sometimes erroneously called *B. rubra*.)

**No. 3. *B. macrocarpa pubescens*, syn. *B. alto de serra***—Stems and branches soft-hairy, leaves velvet-like in texture, olive green, red at the margins, red-flushed beneath, flowers are white tinged pink. The above were sent to seed fund by a grower in Brazil who writes as follows: "I will send you a story of how I discovered *alto de serra* some twenty years ago. This species has been recently described under a definite botanical name; hitherto *B. alto de serra* was only a provisional name for commercial use. I may get a few pictures of this begonia

and a few other native begonias to send you if you think they would be of interest to anyone. I have just gotten notice of *B. alto de serra* being described botanically, as soon as I have confirmation of this, will send you the story and I am sure it will be a good opportunity to bring this plant into a better knowledge as I consider this one of the most outstanding with colored foliage." We might add that until we are better informed the name we know will be used. Price 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 4. *B. dominicalis***—Medium, erect, bushy; leaves large, obliquely ovate-pointed, smooth, glossy green, flowers small greenish-white in cymose clusters. 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 5. *B. "Mrs. W. S. Kimball"***—Medium, stems erect, brown; leaves ovate - pointed, green with scattered bristly hairs, red beneath; flowers are large, soft pink. Handsome plant. 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 6. *B. "Jean Pernelt"***—No description available.

**No. 7. *B. Mixed***—Large varieties. 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 8. *B. semperflorens "Scandinavia" red***—Intermediate growth, bushy habit, flowers bright red. 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 9. *B. semperflorens "Scandinavia" pink***—Same habit as above having bright rose-pink flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 10. *B. semperflorens "Scandinavia" white***—25 cents per pkt.

**No. 11. *B. semperflorens "Christmas Cheer"***—Large flowers, deep red rose. Plants about 10 in. high. 25 cents per pkt.

## GREENHOUSE PLANTS

***Rechsteineria macropoda* — *Gesneriaceae***—So Brazil. Tuberous species, velvety bright green leaves, small flowers in clusters, tubes vermilion red with lower lobes marked brown-red. 25 cents per pkt.

***Rechsteineria leucotricha* — *Gesneriaceae***—Beautiful species from Brazil having large ovate leaves covered with long, shimmering, silvery-white hairs. Flowers are soft coral pink, orange-red inside. 35 cents per pkt.

***Episcia punctata***—Creeping plant with leathery, ovate, green leaves except for

red-purple mid-rib, tubular flowers, fringed lobes creamy white with purple spotted throat. 25 cents per pkt.

**Vanda sanderiana** — Epiphytic orchid with strap-like leaves and producing many flowers on tall stems. 25 cents per pkt.

**Calceolaria** — Early Tigered. Solid heads of medium large flowers on dwarf plants. Good color range. Not difficult to grow if a few simple requirements are met. In sowing use only loose, sterilized material, night temperature 60°. Seed are very fine and no soil covering should be used. Water only when dry; over-watering will cause yellow foliage. 25 cents per pkt.

**Cineraria**—Rainbow strain. Immense heads of medium large, mostly white-eyed flowers in all the popular colors. Sow seed now for Christmas flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

**Free Seed — Gloxinia** — Many colors and color combinations. Please send postage if other seed are not requested.

#### CLOSE OUT OF SEMPERFLORENS SEED

We wish to clear our files of the following and if seed are planted now, beautiful plants covered with blooms can be yours to enjoy next winter. Very little cost and effort are required to produce glorious plants that will give pleasure over a long period of time. All seed have been listed recently and space will not allow for description at this time, therefore we suggest you consult back issues of *The Begonian* for descriptions.

No. 1. *B. semperflorens* "Loveliness"

No. 2. *B. semperflorens* "Fairy Queen"

No. 3. *B. semperflorens* "Winter Romance"

No. 4. *B. semperflorens* "Sparkler"

No. 5. *B. semperflorens* "Saga"

No. 6. *B. semperflorens* "Crimson Bedder"

No. 7. *B. semperflorens* "Albert Martin"

No. 8. *B. semperflorens* "Indian Maid"

No. 9. *B. semperflorens* "Frosty"

No. 10. *B. semperflorens* "Prima Donna"

The above ten are yours for \$1.00.

#### OTHER GENERA—CLOSE OUT

**Neomarcia gracilis** — Mexico-Brazil. "Apostle Plant"—Sword-like leaves from short rhizomes, flowers with outer petals

white, inner petals recurved and blue, base marked brown.

**Datura**—Shrub with triple yellow, fragrant flowers.

**Cypella hibertia** — Nice shrub with ovate, silky hairy leaves and yellow flowers.

**Dioscorea sylvatica**—So. Africa. Tropical twining vine with purplish leaves.

**Calliandra**—Red and white varieties with beautiful, powder-puff-like balls of conspicuous flowers.

**Asirina**—Attractive vine with showy, trumpet-shaped purple flowers with white throat.

**Bartolonia — Lady Clare** — Gorgeous plant with large, moss-green, herbaceous leaves veined and dotted clear carmine-red, purple beneath.

**Billbergia zebrina**—Attractive species with long fluted leaves purplish bronze in strong light, cross bands of silvery white; inflorescence with red bract-leaves and nodding blue flowers.

**Ricinis communis**—This variety is all dark maroon—no green appears anywhere. Medium growth, large deeply palmate leaves and effectively used with all green tropicals.

**Kaempferia**—Japanese iris, mixed colors. Allow twenty days for germination. As the end of the year is rapidly approaching, we would like to clear our files of the above and are offering the entire list for \$1.00.

Seed are all fresh and will provide you with something unusual for your garden or greenhouse and we ask you please come to our rescue and help dispose of them.

Mrs. Florence Gee  
Seed Fund Administrator  
4316 Berryman Ave.  
Los Angeles 66, Calif.

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#### Orange County Shade Plant Show

MIDSUMMER seems like an appropriate season for a Shade Plant Show, and so it is that the Orange County Branch will hold its Fifth Annual Shade Plant Show on the weekend of July 26 and July 27.

Adding to the cool effect this year will be the location—Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, Calif. Starting time on Saturday is 1 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. Admission is free.

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##### FIBROUS AND RHIZOMATOUS SPECIMENS

|                                      |    |
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| Cultural perfection.....             | 50 |
| Foliage .....                        | 15 |
| Difficulty of cultivation.....       | 15 |
| Quantity and quality of flowers..... | 15 |
| Correct and suitable labeling.....   | 5  |

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##### REX BEGONIA SPECIMEN PLANT

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| Cultural perfection.....           | 40 |
| Foliage .....                      | 20 |
| Distinctiveness .....              | 10 |
| Size of plant.....                 | 10 |
| Difficulty of cultivation.....     | 15 |
| Correct and suitable labeling..... | 5  |

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##### TUBEROUS BEGONIA SPECIMEN PLANT

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Size of bloom..... | 10 |
| Form .....         | 20 |
| Color .....        | 20 |
| Substance .....    | 20 |
| Foliage .....      | 10 |
| Stem .....         | 10 |
| Distinction .....  | 10 |

100

##### BEGONIA FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Color combination.....           | 25 |
| Proportion and balance.....      | 25 |
| Distinction and originality..... | 20 |
| Relation to receptacle.....      | 10 |

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Condition .....                       | 10 |
| Suitable combination of material..... | 10 |

100

##### SEMPERFLORENS—

##### SINGLE AND DOUBLE FLOWERED

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Cultural perfection.....        | 25 |
| Flowers .....                   | 35 |
| Foliage .....                   | 20 |
| Grooming .....                  | 15 |
| Correct and suitable label..... | 5  |

100

##### NEW BEGONIA CULTIVARS

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Uniqueness .....          | 40 |
| Foliage                   |    |
| Color intensity.....      | 10 |
| Texture .....             | 10 |
| Form .....                | 10 |
| Beauty of plant form..... | 20 |
| Flowers .....             | 10 |

100

##### CORSAGE OF BEGONIA FLOWERS

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Color combination.....           | 25 |
| Proportion and balance.....      | 25 |
| Suitability of occasion.....     | 10 |
| Style and grace.....             | 25 |
| Distinction and originality..... | 15 |

100

##### TOWARD WINNING SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| First place..... | 3 points |
|------------------|----------|

# 1958 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE OF *A.B.S. Convention, Plummer*

## DIVISION A—B. SEMPERFLORENS-COLTORUM

- Class 1. Bedding Begonias, single flowered, green foliage.  
 2. Bedding Begonias, single flowered, dark foliage, *B. "Carmen."*  
 3. Bedding Begonias, single flowered, dark foliage.  
 4. Bedding Begonias, double flowered, dark foliage, *B. "Carmen Queen," B. "Pink Camellia."*  
 5. Bedding Begonias, known as species, as Indian species, Mexican species.  
 6. Other bedding begonias, such as *B. "Richmondensis"* and *B. "Catalina."*  
 7. Hanging containers of Classes 1-2-3-4-5-6.  
 8. Wall pockets of Classes 1-2-3-4-5-6.

## DIVISION B—FIBROUS BEGONIAS (COCCINEA GROUP)

- Class 9. Tall (over 3') types.  
 10. Intermediate types (18" to 3').  
 11. Low Growing types to 18".  
 12. Hanging Baskets, scandent types.

## DIVISION C—HAIRY FIBROUS BEGONIAS

- Class 13. Hairy Fibrous Begonias as *B. "scharffi."*  
 14. Sparse Hairy Group as *B. "Dorothy Grant."*  
 15. Hanging baskets of 13 or 14.  
 16. Wall pockets of 13 or 14.

## DIVISION D—RHIZOMATOUS BEGONIA GROUP

- Class 17. Small leaved types as *B. boweri* and *B. imperialis.*  
 18. Medium leaved types (star) such as: *B. "Glendale," B. "Silver Star."*  
 19. Large leaved types (star).  
 20. Medium leaved types (entire) ovate.  
 21. Large leaved types (entire) ovate, without any marginal cutting.  
 22. Spiral or crested.  
 23. Distinctive, unusual or odd foliage such as: *B. acida, B. "Iron Cross," B. pustulata.*  
 24. Hairy leaved rhizomatous.  
 25. Hanging baskets of Classes 17 to 24.  
 26. Wall pockets of Classes 17 to 24.

## DIVISION E—BEGONIAS REX-CULTORUM

- Class 27. Large-leaved types, such as: *B. "Cardoza Gardens," B. "President Carnot"* (now *B. "President"*), etc.  
 28. Medium-leaved types, such as: *B. "Helen Lewis," B. "Chretien,"* etc.  
 29. Small-leaved types, such as: *B. "Lucy Closson," B. "Dew Drop,"* etc.  
 30. Miniature types, distinguished from the small leaved types by their short stubby rhizomes and very small compact growth, such as *B. "Toy," B "Butterfly,"* etc.

31. Miniature spiral types, *B. "Berry's Gray Curl,"*  
 32. Helix spiral types, such as, *B. "Bronze King"*  
 33. Upright and branching *"Nigger Tree," B. "Sil"*  
 34. Wall pockets. one spe

## DIVISION F—TUBEROUS ROOTED (OTHER THAN TUBERHYBRID)

- Class 35. Species, such as: *B. sa B. macbethi,* etc.  
 36. Hybrids, such as: *B. inson,* etc.  
 37. All *B. socotrana* and de  
 38. Hanging baskets, one  
 39. Wall pockets, one spec

## DIVISION G—TUBERHYBRIDA, OI

- Class 40. Single forms, flowers su  
 41. Multiflora and multifi  
 many-flowered, both si  
 Camellia forms: flowers  
 double.  
 43. Fimbriata plena: large  
 44. Crispa: large, single, p  
 45. Cristata: large, single  
 on each petal.  
 46. Rosebud: rose-like in a  
 47. Picotee: irregular borc  
 into the dominant shad  
 48. Marmorata: camellia  
 blotched and spotted w  
 49. Ruffled camellia and ne  
 fimbriata plena, large b  
 50. Marginata: camellia f  
 precise line of a differ  
 51. Pendula (syn. *Lloydi*)  
 pended containers; flo  
 small.

## DIVISION H—COLLECTIONS

- Class 52. Collection of 3 begonia  
 53. Collection of 6 begonia

## DIVISION I—BEGONIAS GROWN

To be classified accor  
 man, Classification Cle

## DIVISION J—NEW BEGONIA INT.

Class open to all me  
 Entries per exhibitor t  
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Park, Los Angeles, California

such as: *B.* "Berry's Brown Curl," etc.

as: *B.* "Countess Louise Erdos" etc.

types, such as: *B.* "Van-Ex," *B.* "Ever Sweet," etc.

specimen plant of Classes 27 to 33.

## VARIETIES

(IDA)

*therlandi*, *B. martiana*, *B. davisi*,

*Weltoniensis*," *B.* "Richard Rob-

privatives.

specimen plant, Classes 35 to 37.

men plant, Classes 35 to 37.

## TYPE SPECIMEN PLANT

reminiscent of the wild rose.

Flora alba; low bushy, compact;

single and double.

Flowers camellia-like, both single and

double, carnation-like flowers.

Leaf margins frilled.

Flowers with crestlike outgrowth

appearance.

Color of a different color bleeding

etc.

Form with a rose background

etc.

Novelty types as distinguished from

common forms.

Form, petals edged with a thin,

etc. color.

Form, drooping type suitable for sus-

penders numerous, both large and

—each of a different class.

—each of a different class.

## ON TOTEM POLES

Relating to entries, by Show Chair-  
man and Chairman of the Judges.

## INTRODUCTIONS

Members, Amateur or Commercial.

Unlimited. Each entry judged in-

dependently and awarded a certificate of

commendation, upon scoring a minimum of 85 points. New cultivar begonias previously entered in this division can not again be exhibited in this class.

## DIVISION K—JUNIOR GROWERS

(CHILDREN OF A.B.S. MEMBERS, TO AGE 18)

Class 54. Fibrous Begonia, one specimen plant.

55. Rhizomatous Begonia, one specimen plant.

56. Rex Begonia, one specimen plant.

57. Tuberous Begonia, one specimen plant.

## DIVISION L—FERNS

Class 58. Mounted, large-leave depiphytic, such as *Platynerium*.

59. Hard North American species, such as: *Woodwardia  
chamissoi*, *Blechnum spicant*, etc.

60. Hardy tropicals, such as: *Pteris* and *Polstichum*  
varieties.

61. Tender and Rare Tropicals, such as: *Polypodium*  
varieties.

62. *Adiantum* (Maiden Hair) varieties.

63. Hanging baskets, fine or heavy fronds.

64. Potted specimen.

## DIVISION M—SAINTPAULIAS

Class 65. Single crown plants, general foliage, all colors.

66. Single crown plants, girl foliage, all colors.

67. Multiple crown plants, all foliage, all colors.

## DIVISION N—OTHER SHADE PLANTS AND TROPICALS

Class 68. House Plant.

69. Any shade or tropical plant

## DIVISION R—FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS (AMATEURS ONLY)

Class 70. Begonia flowers and foliage, other than tuberhybrida.

71. Low container, tuberous begonia flowers.

72. Begonias and other plant material.

73. Rex begonia foliage only.

74. Corsage using tuberous begonias.

75. Corsage begonia blossoms or foliage other than tuber-  
hybrida.

## DIVISION S—TERRARIUMS AND PLANTERS

Class 76. Plantings of begonias.

77. Plantings with other house plants.

## DIVISION T—EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

(AMATEUR OR COMMERCIAL)

Educational exhibit consisting of material assembled to promote increased knowledge and appreciation of begonias, such as: begonia seedlings, begonia illustrations, begonia literature, display of related begonias, begonia cultural techniques. Exhibited in the Nomenclature Room. (A.B.S. educational award \$25.00)

## *A.B.S. Flower Show Rules and Regulations*

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. No entry may compete for more than one premium, nor may more than one entry be made in any class with the exception of DIVISION J.

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

9. Amateur Grower is one who grows plants for self-pleasure and by self-effort, and does not hold a commercial license. Any member of the family not falling into this category disqualifies the entire family as amateurs.

10. A commercial grower may enter any class for exhibition only and will not be eligible for ribbons in that class. However, plant will be judged for the President's Challenge Trophy for the Best Begonia in the Show.

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

12. The management shall have the right to exclude inferior or diseased plants.

13. No plant may be removed from the Show except by official permission.

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

15. Judges shall award premiums as in their opinion an entry merits. Whether a group of entries are in competition, or an entry is without competition, it will be at their discretion to award only on the merits.

16. Trophy awards are limited to Amateur A.B.S. members only, with the exception of the President's Challenge Cup.

17. Sweepstakes Trophy will be awarded by the point system and will be awarded on total points on blue ribbons only in begonia divisions.

18. All trophies must remain on display for the duration of the flower show.

19. Individual entries in the competitive show are limited to A.B.S. members only.

20. Challenge trophies are to be returned to the A.B.S. Flower Show Chairman two weeks prior to the 1959 A.B.S. Flower Show.

21. Any member having any suggestions for or criticisms of this schedule, please do so in writing to the Awards Chairman.

## *Special Awards*

The following perpetual Challenge Cups will be awarded:

**PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE TROPHY**—To be awarded to the Best Begonia in the Show displayed by either amateur or commercial entrant. The large trophy was presented to the A.B.S. by Calvin E. Trowbridge.

**PALOS VERDES BEGONIA FARM CHALLENGE TROPHY**—Given for the outstanding Tuberos Begonia in the Show.

**EFFIE CHAPMAN CUP**—For the best Fibrous Begonia in the Show.

**GONDA HARTWELL CUP**—For the best Rex Begonia in the Show.

**JOHN R. WILLIAMS CUP**—For the best Rhizomatous Begonia in the Show.

**REDONDO BAY AREA PERPETUAL TROPHY**—For the best *Semperflorens* Begonia in the Show.

**CONNIE LEIGH HENDRIX CUP**—For the best amateur Flower Arrangement in the Show.

**GORDON BAKER LLOYD CHALLENGE CUP**—For the best Seedling in the Show.

**A.B.S. SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY**—To the winner of the most points in the begonia divisions of the show.

**SYLVIA AND BUCK LEATHERMAN TROPHY**—For the best juvenile entry, by exhibitor under 18 years of age, who is related to an A.B.S. member.

**THE GLENDALE BRANCH AWARD**—For the highest rating NEW CULTIVAR shown in DIVISION J.

**THE INGLEWOOD BRANCH AWARD**—For the most distinctive New Cultivar or species shown in DIVISION T (Nomenclature Room).

**THE EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY \$25 AWARD**—To promote knowledge of begonias. Open to all.

**ALFRED D. ROBINSON MEMORIAL MEDAL**—To the hybrid begonia for 1953.

# Slate of Officers

CHARLES R. LOVEJOY, *President-Elect*

Charles has ably served the National Board as Treasurer for the past year, and served as 1957 Convention Treasurer as well. He has served the San Gabriel Valley Branch as President and Flower Show Chairman, and is active in all its activities. He has lived in California for 18 years and is employed by Ruchti Bros. Meat Packing Co.



IRMA JANE BROWN, *Secretary*

Mrs. Brown has been secretary of the National Board since her appointment in November, 1957. Before that she served in several capacities in the Glendale Branch, which she joined in 1946. Her regular job is secretary and assistant book-keeper for the same Los Angeles firm for the past 35 years.

NANCY F. ALVORD, *Vice-President*

Mrs. Alvord has been serving as a Vice-President of the National Board since the 1957 Convention, when she was unanimously elected to fill a vacancy. She has been active in all phases of A.B.S., and especially successful in pulling us together geographically. She has served two terms as President of the New England Branch, Quincy, Mass.

PEARL PARKER, *Treasurer*



Pearl Parker, a member of the Inglewood Branch, has served two terms as National Director for that Branch, and twice as secretary. Her lodge has elected her four terms as Treasurer. Of her three sons, one is married and the other

two are in the U.S. Marine Corps.

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## *The Amateur Gardener*

This is the time of the year for garden shows and county fairs where the amateur gardener may learn more about plants and flowers. Competitive exhibition stimulates the gardener to grow better material. Each time you exhibit you will learn more about grooming your plants. If you do not win the first year, do not be discouraged, but profit by what you will learn. You will often find that some plant which you have grown far surpasses any other exhibitors entry. It has been said that the most frequent remark heard at flower shows is, "I have a much better plant at home than the one which won a Blue Ribbon." So why not exhibit your plants and flowers for others to see and enjoy?

It does require time and care to groom plants for exhibition but the satisfaction

and pleasure having them win ribbons far surpasses any work involved. There are certain arts to be learned in the grooming of plants for exhibition. First, and most important, is the symmetry or uniformity of growth. Second, the condition of foliage and flowers.

To insure a symmetrically perfect plant one must begin pinching and shaping the growth early in the season. To insure good condition of foliage and flowers the plant should be fed and sprayed regularly. Avoid using spray material which will discolor foliage and flowers. 50% Malathion will not discolor and will free your plants from all types of insects.

All old leaves and flowers should be carefully picked off the plant well in advance of the exhibition date so that

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## Plant Mixture . . .

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pot the plant should be in and waste no space with insulating outside pots. The Black Magic consists, according to the contents named on the container of Redwood Leaf Mold—Pet Humus—Charcoal—Peat Moss (I wonder what the difference between Peat Humus and Peat Moss is?) Humisite—Oak Leaf Mold—Perlite. My own mixture which I have, as I say, always had success with is as follows:

Garden Loam 2 parts  
Turkey grits 1 part  
Peat Moss 2½ parts  
Charcoal ½ part  
Coarse sand ½ part  
Bovung 1 part

Then add a handful of Bone Meal to a bucketful of mixture.

This winter I have put six or seven new Begonias I have purchased immediately into Black Magic because I knew the plants needed larger pots and since I prefer clay pots to the plastic pot they were in when purchased I would have to disturb them anyway—so I carefully removed all the earth from the roots and used the Black Magic only—the plants are doing fine and showed no signs of having been disturbed. Here, I might also add, I believe for those who like to grow their begonias in the plastic pots—I believe they would not have to worry about the quick drying out process that takes place in the clay pot since the plastic pot being non porous would hold the moisture longer but I personally do not like plastic pots, I believe my plants do better with being able to breathe thru the clay pot.

This, then has been my experience with the new growing medium from Hermosa Beach, California. Now, in the summer, I doubt if I want to use it extensively. I think our summers are too hot and dry and the watering problem might be too exacting since I have never had a growing medium that drained so completely or quickly—but for winter

## Garden in Fallbrook

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flowering vines about our home and lath house and plants do well in their shade. With fuchsias I find that *magellanica*, *lycioides*, *arborescens*, *triphylla*, Rose of Castile and similiar varieties do the best here. Our lath house is located between four avocado trees and many cuttings will start readily.

On the whole I am trying trees from all parts of the world. Many Hawaiian plants, such as the wood rose, shower tree, and *rosa montana* do well but have not bloomed, as yet. Papayas do not grow here but sapotas, cherimoyas, macademias, and many other sub-tropicals do very well.

I have over one hundred varieties of trees, and well over a hundred different genera of vines, shrubs, and perennial plants. Some trees, like the dawn Redwood of China, the Kei apple or thorn shrub of Africa, the ironwood of the Channel Islands, and the Ginkgo of Japan do exceptionally well.

time growing here in the east I find it ideal. I think in the summer the pots would be best sunken outside in the garden or else surrounded with damp spagnum or peat moss in order to arrest the drying out too quickly. Of course, I am assuming that all of us who grow Begonias here in the East in our heated homes do also see that there is water around in containers or else we spray lightly to keep humidity as it should be around our Begonias. Dry hot atmosphere they do not like. I am fortunate that I grow most of my Begonias on a cool glass enclosed porch. Each person has their own way of doing things it seems—but I intend to keep my choice plants in Black Magic and keep an eye on their need for water, but my older plants which have been very happy in my own mixture will stay in that mixture. I would be most interested in hearing from other growers in the east who have used Black Magic and their experience with it.

# Leaves From Our Begonia Branches

## EAST BAY

The East Bay Branch of A.B.S. has elected Martin L. Boyd, 1107 Miller Ave., Berkeley, as its new president. Former President Mrs. Doris Clute has moved to McMinnville, Ore., to make her home.

—B—

## ELSA FORT

Mrs. Charlotte Rhodes entertained 10 members of this Branch on her beautiful lawn, at which time dessert was served. The program was a discussion on outside plants by our secretary, Miss Lola Price. Plans for the Begonia Party, to be held at the home of Mrs. Mildred Tait, Ashland, N.J., on Sept. 20, were made, including a flower show, plant sale, lunch, and lecture. Reservations are now being accepted for the lunch, to which everyone is invited. Please come and help make our party a success.

Correction: In the May issue Mrs. Marion Thompson was listed as Historian of the Elsa Fort Branch; Mrs. Essie Morris holds this office.

—B—

## HOLLYWOOD

There was a real treat in store for us when our good friend, Roy Joyce of the Glendale Branch, gave a talk on "Fuchsias and Their Care" Wednesday, May 21. Mr. Joyce is on the National Board of the American Begonia Society and also the Fuchsia Society and the talks he gives are always helpful and most welcome.

The Begonia Lesson, now a regular feature and conducted by Mabel Anderson, was on two Rhizomatous Begonia favorites of hers.

Mrs. Cora Lee Walters of Temple City brought in some interesting specimens for the plant table and of course her comments are always practical and appreciated.

## INGLEWOOD

The Study Club met Tuesday, June 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Thieben, 6409 Will Roegrs, for a potluck. John supplied the "piece de resistance," steak.

With so many luscious pies floating around at Study Club potluck dinner (Cloud 7 quality) a noble suggestion was introduced—that the June meeting refreshments be supplied by a pie baking contest with a fine prize to be awarded.

—B—

## NEW ENGLAND

Our last meeting was held at the Wellesley college greenhouses, where Dr. Harriet Creighton explained the habits of many of the tropicals and pointed out the pink blossom on Manila Hemp. Many of the unusual bromeliads were in bloom, and she spoke of the Calliandra bloom as similar to a "puff ball" form.

We went then to the fern, palm, and orchid houses. They are using maple bark in potting the orchids and like it better than redwood bark. The pineapple and banana had fruit.

We were interested in the experiments the students were carrying on and many plants are grown to acquaint them with their manner of growth, and how they are propagated or used.

The giant agave was used to illustrate how the natives obtain fibers from it for their handicrafts. Many fine begonias are grown here—reflecting the care they receive. They have been exhibited a number of times at the Boston show, winning various awards.

Following the business meeting two nearby estates were visited, where their greenhouses were toured.

—B—

## PHILOBEGONIA

The Philobegonia Branch of the American Begonia Society held its May meeting at the home of Mrs. Ralph DeCou in

Haddonfield, N.J. What an ideal time to visit Sally's garden. It was at its peak of beauty, the highlights being the azaleas circling the huge cherry tree, and a pink dogwood that stood out in all its beauty.

Our program chairman gave a lecture on flowers. It was interesting to see a flower as a whole and then the next slide showing the interior of the flower and having our chairman point out the many parts. She also has many wonderful slides showing the interesting growing of the famous pine barons of southern New Jersey.

—B—

### SACRAMENTO

The May program was Mr. Robert L. Hoen of the Pacific Guano Co., who showed a film and gave a talk on Gaviota and R.A.C.

Hostesses were: Esther Long, Ruby Durst and Anna Baer.

Plans for the County Fair are being formed. Are you doing your part and grooming a plant or two? We want to make this the best exhibit yet, so do your part. Frances Flannigan and her committee are doing theirs.

### SOUTHERN ALAMEDA

There was a good turnout for the May 15th meeting of the Southern Alameda County Branch of the American Begonia Society, and all were happy to learn of the first award won for our exhibit at the California Garden Show, held May 3 to 11 at Oakland, Calif.

The Blue Ribbon will be added to the other ribbons won in past years. E. L. Kappler, president of the society, thanked all who contributed in any way to make the exhibit a success.

Peter Borree was speaker of the evening. He talked on Rex Begonias and Azaleas. Some of the interesting facts to the amateur grower are that Rex Begonias are free from pests and not hard to grow. Also his words of wisdom on the care and starting of Azaleas were very helpful.

Mrs. Helen Fouche has been appointed chairman for the exhibit of the society at the Alameda County Fair, held June 30 to July 13 at Pleasanton, Calif.

There were many beautiful plants to choose from on the plant table for guests and members. Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.

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## SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

The Begonia and Shade Plant Show, held at Oakhurst Gardens June 14 for the benefit of the Arboretum Glasshouse fund, was very successful. We hope to have further details in the next issue.

—B—

## WEST VALLEY

Mrs. Mabel Anderson, Nat'l Board Slide Chairman, showed slides and gave an interesting talk on fibrous begonias at our June meeting. It was also decided to have a potluck dinner prior to our next meeting on July 8. We hope everyone will take advantage of this opportunity to meet and get acquainted with members of West Valley—our newest branch.

## Calendar

- July 1—Long Beach Parent Chapter—change of meeting date.
- July 8—West Valley Branch—potluck at Orcutt Playgrounds, 21816 Lanark St., Canoga Park, 6:30 p.m.
- July 26, 27—Orange County Shade Plant Show, County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. Opens Sat., 1 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.
- July 26 through Aug. 3—Santa Barbara Nat'l Horse and Flower Show, opens 6 p.m. July 26, other days 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Aug. 2, 3—Seattle Branch—Fourth Annual Seafair, Begonia and Sheltered Garden Show.

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## Minutes

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of the A.B.S. exhibit at the Boston Flower Show.

Pres. Coe, with regret, called to mind the passing of the Founder of American Begonia Society, Mr. Herbert P. Dyckman. Motion made and carried that Mr. Dyckman's life membership in the Society be transferred to his widow.

Membership Director Walton reported that 57 new members had been secured during the month, together with 65 renewals. Membership files show that the Society is about ninety members ahead of last year.

Research Director Mrs. Leatherman gave her report. Also stated that the committee appointed in April to combine cultural and seed bulletins had been working on them and would have a draft to present later.

Treas. Lovejoy read a report from Mrs. Florence Gee, Seed Fund Chairman, showing \$100.00 remitted to the treasurer.

Advertising Manager John Thieben reported \$41.08 cash received for advertising and remitted to the treasurer.

Public Relations Chairman Mr. Hall not being present, his report was read by Mrs. Hall.

Awards Committee Chairman Mrs. Arbuckle stated that the committee is working on reports received and hopes to have all in order by Convention time.

National Librarian Mrs. Lucy Sault gave her report. She stated she had received a book on New Zealand ferns which appears to be very good and would be available in the library.

Nomenclature Chairman Mrs. Korts, not being present, her report was given by the Secretary. Mrs. Korts had a very pleasant visit to the San Diego Branch in April and while there sold nine books of the Judges' Manual — \$9.00 for the books remitted to the treasurer to be added to the Judging Class fund.

Branches reporting—El Monte, Glendale, Hollywood, Inglewood, Redondo Beach, Riverside and San Gabriel.

Pres. Coe stated that we do not as yet have a Convention and Show Chairman and that something should be done about it as Convention time is getting near. Pres. Coe asked that if anyone could be found to accept the nomination he be notified by June 8th so that he could call a special meeting of the Board to confirm the nomination and get the name to the Editor of The Begonian by June 10th. Motion made and carried that Pres. Coe be authorized to accept a volunteer Convention Chairman without further consultation with the Board, in order to facilitate publication in The Begonian.

Pres. Coe asked for a report from the National Board Nominating Committee Chairman, Mrs. Ethel Arbuckle. Mrs. Arbuckle stated the committee had not been able to complete the slate but offered names for three offices:

President-elect ..... Charles R. Lovejoy  
Vice-President ..... Mrs. Nancy Alvord  
Treasurer ..... Irma Jane Brown

Motion made and carried that nominating committee report be accepted as given.

Treas. Lovejoy read a letter from the American Horticultural Society advising that the A.B.S. is entitled to have a representative in the Horticultural Congress. Motion made and carried that Mr. Lovejoy contact Mr. George Spaulding of the State and County Arboretum to find out whether or not he will continue to repre-

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the break will be healed and the judges will not think that you did all your grooming at the last moment.

If a plant requires staking or tying to a trellis, these props should be painted as nearly the same shade as possible to the green of the foliage. Green twistems may be used for tying, however all trellises, staking, and material used should be inconspicuous and should not detract from the beauty of the plant.

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sent the A.B.S. at the Congress as he has done in the past.

Mr. Walton read a letter from a new member in Stockton, who expressed great satisfaction with the result of new membership begonia seed planted. It appeared that every seed had grown and they now had more begonias than they knew what to do with.

There being no further business, motion made and carried that the meeting adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irma Jane Brown  
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15 West Preston Ave., Orlando, Fla.

## DALLAS COUNTY BRANCH, TEXAS

1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
Members' Residences  
Mrs. Ruth Cook  
2221 S. Edgefield, Dallas 8, Texas

## EAST BAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:45 p.m.  
Willard School, Telegraph at Ward,  
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Mrs. E. H. Ellerbusch, Secy.  
1051 Ordway, Berkeley 6, Calif.

## EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH

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3rd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.  
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2039 Third St., La Verne  
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## FORT, ELSA BRANCH

1st Saturday, 1:30 p.m.  
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4th Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 N. Central  
Irma Jane Brown, Cor. Sec.  
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3rd Friday, Members' Homes  
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2nd Monday, 8:00 p.m.  
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4th Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.  
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2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
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Members' Homes  
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 Homes of Members  
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1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
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3rd Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.  
 Homes of Members  
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(Ed.: If your Branch has elected new officers, will you send in any changes so that this record may be kept current? Please include FULL address of your secretary. Thank you.)

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