

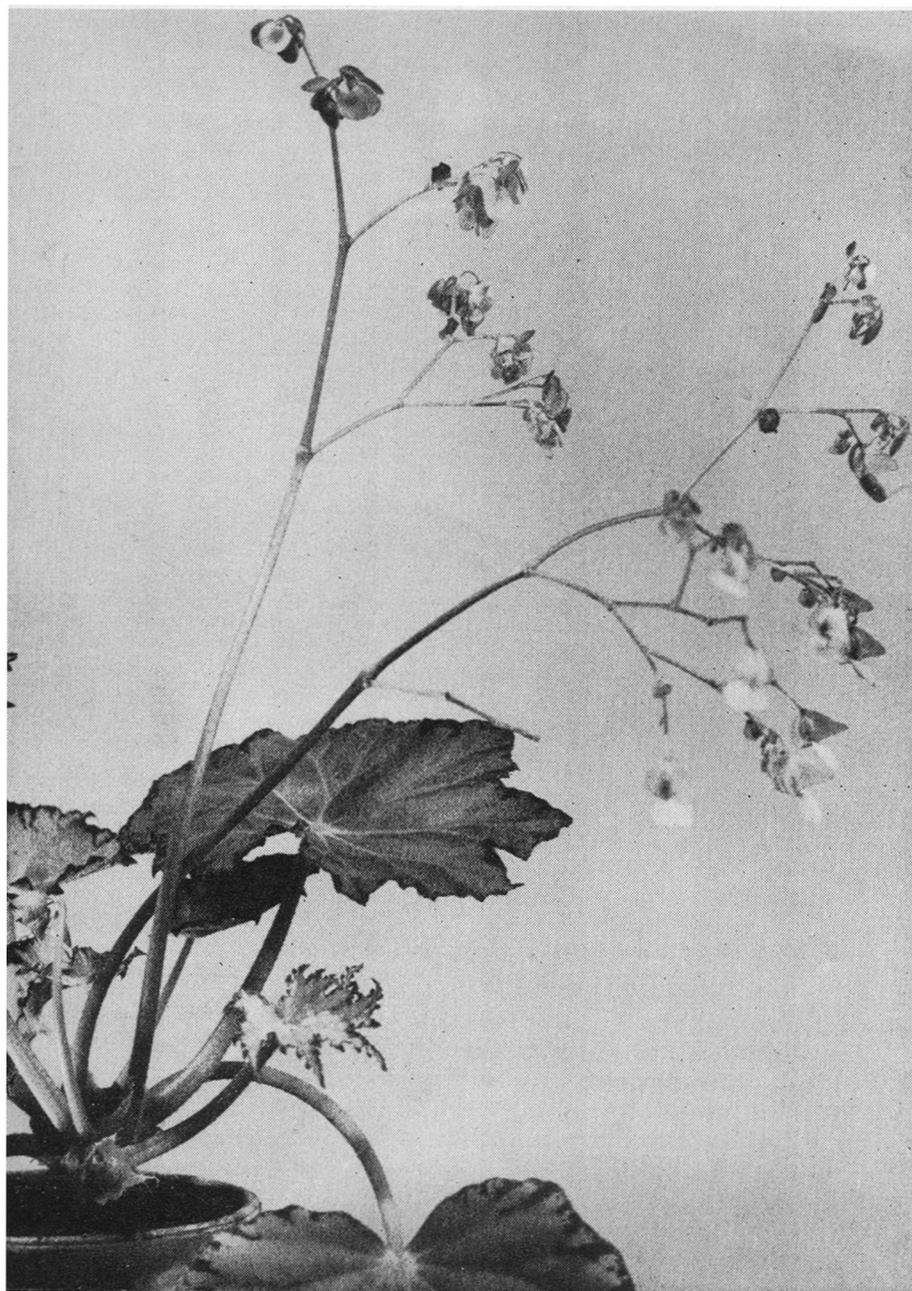
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## *How to Flower Cymbidiums*

By LOUISE CRAMER

THE CYMBIDIUM, a member of the orchid family, derived its name from the shape of the lip of this handsome flower from the Greek word which means boat. The native home of this orchid is the high mountain elevation of the tropics and subtropics of Asia where there is heavy rainfall. The long, slender, graceful foliage of a well-grown cymbidium is most attractive the year around. The plant becomes most decorative with its arching sprays of many flowers which range from white, through all shades of pink, yellows through greens and bronze.

The flowering of cymbidiums is of much concern to growers of this orchid. To have success year after year blooming the cymbidium, we must make the back approach by beginning with the breed-

ing of this plant. The old species and hybrids took about ten years to bloom from seed and they could not be depended on to bloom each year. The flowers of these hybrids lacked quality. Through the careful selection of parents of the modern hybrid and better growing conditions, this blooming time has been cut down to approximately three years.

After a seed pod is produced on a good plant from careful selection, the process of developing the embryo is a specialized technique in a sterile laboratory. The ripe cymbidium seed is the size of milled flour which is used in baking. Under the microscope, if an embrosy is noted in the filmy boat-like structure which encases it, the seed will

be planted. This pre-examination saves many months of work and money.

In a sterile room, agar-agar solution (sea weed) is prepared to mature the seed for nine months. The solution is sterilized in closed flasks in an autoclave for 15 minutes at 214 pounds of pressure then removed to the sterile flask room where it is kept under controlled temperature and sterile in the presence of inflorescent light. A small amount of seed is placed in a vial and disinfected by hand shaking in a chlorine or peroxide solution for half an hour. Under a sterilized plastic tent with no air circulation in the sterile flask room, the seed is introduced onto the jelly-like agar-agar in the prepared flasks and the flask is sealed.

The growing cycle now begins in a controlled temperature range of 72 to 82 degrees Fahrenheit. In about one month at 100 candles or very low light intensity, the seed appears as little bumps on the jelly. Then in full light the growing becomes rapid, and at the end of nine months 2" plantlets have developed in the flask. These plantlets are then removed from the flask into community flats containing a mixture of 1 part peat and 1 part fir bark, both ground fine. After remaining in the flat for about nine months, the cymbidium seedlings are potted up separately and carried on by repotting every six months.

While these cymbidium seedlings are being brought to blooming sized plants with about three pseudo bulbs in three years, they have been fertilized every two weeks with a well-balanced fertilizer solution which contains trace elements and is slightly on the acid side. A low nitrogen fertilizer, 2-10-10, is used September through January, supplementing three feedings with a higher nitrogen product to keep up slow growth. They have been grown with 50% to 70% relative humidity in a temperature range of 55 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

A cymbidium must never be allowed to completely dry out nor be kept soaking wet. Seedlings must have a minimum of 3000 to 3500 foot candles of light intensity. This should be measured

by a light meter as it is not a point of guess. A mature plant to flower well needs 8 to 10 hours of good light—at least 2 to 3 hours at 4000 foot candles and the rest over 2000 intensity. Artificial light helps the growth of seedlings, but a cymbidium is not brought into bloom any sooner by increasing the light has been the experience at the Fred Stewart's Orchid Nursery in San Gabriel, California. Neither have they found the hormone products of value in the flowering and growth of these plants.

Cymbidiums to flower well need the fluctuation between day and night temperatures of between 20 and 30 degrees Fahrenheit. This is one of the reasons they grow so much better in Southern California than in Florida or Hawaii. Grown in the garden with light, high shade they bloom in the San Gabriel Valley extremes of 120 degrees in summer and have taken a low of 22 degrees Fahrenheit where leaves freeze and 18 degrees when bulbs freeze. Safest low temperature for outdoor good growth is 40 degrees.

There are few pests which bother these orchids. Slugs and snails can be controlled by bait or spray; red spider by aramite dust; and occasional scale by suitable spray.

The planting mix which is used by Stewart's is composed of:

(Using any suitable measuring unit as flower pot or shovel)

- 2 parts fir bark
  - 2 parts coarse oak leaves (leaves off other deciduous trees can also be used)
  - 1 parts fine, clay-free sand
  - 2 parts German or Canadian peat
  - 3 parts redwood fiber
- To 2 cu. ft. of the above mix add:
- 1 handful hoof and horn meal
  - 12 oz. dolomite lime
  - 1 to 2 oz. single super phosphate.

Mix the basic ingredients well and add minor ingredients. Moisten mix so there is no dust and it is ready to be used. Spread the roots of the cymbidium out in the new compost, cover and firm down, working compost well around the

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## Mrs. Schwerdtfeger Honored

THE SANTA BARBARA branch of the American Begonia Society honored Mrs. Otto (Louise) Schwerdtfeger Thursday evening, May 14, when they presented her with a life membership in the American Begonia Society in recognition of her services to the branch and to the American Begonia Society. Rudolf Ziesenhene, to whom the Santa Barbara branch presented a life membership in December 1951, made the presentation at the 19th birthday meeting of the branch in the Girl Scout Clubhouse, 1838 San Andres Street. About 60 members and their families attended a shared dinner meeting and later watched slides shown by Mrs. George Pack. Mrs. Elsie M. Frey, who has been unable to attend branch meetings because of ill health, was an interested spectator at the presentation.

Mrs. Schwerdtfeger has been a member of the Santa Barbara branch since the

year of its organization, 1940, and served as president in 1946, 1947, and 1953. In 1947 Mrs. Schwerdtfeger was appointed public relations director of the American Begonia Society, being responsible for the chartering of many branches throughout the United States. In September 1953 she was elected to the position of vice-president of the American Begonia Society and served for three years in this capacity. She was chairman of the 1958 Convention Show at Plummer Park, Hollywood.

More than 40 begonia hybrids have been registered with the American Begonia Society by Mrs. Schwerdtfeger, including such favorites as 'Ruth Anne,' which appears in the illustration, 'John R.,' 'Spaulding,' 'Otto Alfred,' 'Sun Bar,' 'Laura Jane,' and 'Rathel.' Her newest creation is 'Margo,' which she says is similar to the popular 'Glendale,' but has proven to be more hardy.

## B. Masoniana Irmscher

By H. TEUSCHER, *Curator*  
Montreal Botanical Garden

THE ARTICLE of Mr. L. Maurice Mason in *The Begonian* of May, 1959, gives me occasion for the following note. Mr. Mason says that his *Begonia* 'Iron Cross' is still undescribed but by now he has learned that this neglect has been corrected. I have sent leaves and flowers of 'Iron Cross' to Dr. Irmscher, Stuttgart, Germany, who is probably the foremost authority on the taxonomy of this genus, and I have just heard from him. Dr. Irmscher says that this is without doubt a new species which has nothing to do with *B. rex* or any other species and that it definitely is not a hybrid. As is only fitting, Dr. Irmscher proposes to name this new species *Begonia masoniana* in honor of the man who found it and who introduced it into cultivation.

I am sure that all who know of Mr. Mason's long-standing interest in plants and of his services to horticulture through the introduction of many new plants will be pleased with this news. All members of the Begonia Society will undoubtedly be gratified that this beautiful new begonia has finally acquired official status. Mr. Mason's tentative name, 'Iron Cross,' which describes it so well, will undoubtedly remain attached to it anyway.

## A Vacation Suggestion

The Seattle Branch will stage its 5th Annual Begonia and Sheltered Garden Show August 1 and 2 at the Queen Anne Field House, 2nd Avenue West and West Howe Street, Seattle. The Seattle Park Department will co-sponsor the show which will be a part of Greater Seattle's "Seafair" celebration. In past years many of our members have included this show in their vacation plans and have returned with glowing reports—why don't you plan to go THIS year?

There will be plenty to see—for instance, twenty landscaped gardens by A.B.S. members and local nurseries specializing in begonias and shade plants will be displayed in the gymnasium. In a separate room will be plants entered as horticultural exhibits and an educational section where A.B.S. members will be available. They will furnish information on growing tuberous and foliage begonias, African violets, fuchsias, and ferns. A third room somewhat smaller will feature decorative arrangements also participated in by non-members interested in flower arrangements. There is a nominal charge to help defray expenses of the show.

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I have found that oak leaf mold alone makes a satisfactory begonia soil.—J.B.

## How to Flower Cymbidiums

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roots. Water after potting to settle the soil. Seedlings use the basic mix in the first pot out from the flat, adding the minor ingredients in the basic mix to carry on further repotting.

Following the growth care of seedlings in growing mature cymbidiums of good parentage with regards to light, temperature, fertilizer and water needs, the hobbyist should be rewarded with many beautiful sprays of orchids.

The flower of a good cymbidium

should be round and very full with wide sepals and petals over-lapping. The color should be clear and the flower of good substance. It is the desire of the hybridizer to secure more good early bloomers and widen the range of colors. The colors now sought are rose, true red shades and chocolate. The originators of new hybrids want freer flowering and better production of flowers—2 to 3 spikes per bulb with more flowers per stem.

# From New England

By MARION DECOURSEY

FROM New England come these notes on begonias easily grown in that area; it would be as difficult to raise some of these plants in southeastern Pennsylvania as it would be to raise such plants as California begonia fans can produce. Mrs. Alvord writes me;

"Here is a list of plants that grow in my kitchen without any help except watering during the long winter months. Although many feed all year around, I do think that I have had plants longer since I give them an opportunity to rest. I think that I pointed out to you that our plants do not have any sign of resting as far as dropping of leaves, etc., but they do slow up. In the past few weeks there has been a noticeable change in them. I shall begin feeding them again about the middle of the month, firmly believe that they are not able to take care of the food during the months that they are without much sun or even light.

Some of my plants are as follows:

*B.* 'Alto Scharff,' *B. r. c.* 'Peace,' *B. r. c.* 'Lakewood,' *B. r. c.* 'Curly Carnot,' *B. r. c.* 'Lillian,' *B. r. c.* 'Purple Curly Stardust,' *B. r. c.* 'Princess Margaret,' *B. r. c.* 'Countess Louise Erdoedy,' *B. r. c.* 'Fairy,' *B. r. c.* 'Improved Modesty,' *B. r. c.* 'Ojai,' *B. r. c.* 'King Edward IV,' *B. r. c.* 'Bearded,' *B. r. c.* 'Greengold,' *B. r. c.* 'Her Majesty,' *B. r. c.* 'Lucy Closson,' *B. r. c.* 'Little Pet,' *B. r. c.* 'Emerald Giant,' *B. r. c.* 'Sunburst,' *B. r. c.* 'Winter Queen,' *B. r. c.* 'Patsey,' *B. r. c.* 'Helen Lewis,' *B. r. c.* 'The President,' *B. r. c.* 'Silver Citation,' *B. r. c.* 'Joel Gillingwaters,' 'Leslie Lynn,' 'Emerald and Silver Jewel,' *imperialis, pustulata*, 'Sir Percy,' 'Glendale,' 'Verde Grande,' 'Joe Hayden,' 'Medora,' 'Orange Rubra,' *Fuscomaculata*, *paulensis*, 'Reseda,' *acida*, 'Thrush,' 'Marion,' 'Louise,' etc.

You will note that most of them are Rex. I do wish that you might see them so that you could tell others what they look like at this time of year. Except for about four or five, they all look as they did in October. Some have grown,

# Cover Story

The *B. 'Verde Grande'* pictured on this month's cover grew from a cutting taken from a cutting which Nancy Alvord brought back with her from the Convention two years ago. She brought some plants down to the Elsa Fort Branch begonia party last September as gifts to her hostesses and they were so lovely that two of us made excuses to drive to Bolton, Mass., to buy some for ourselves. We were overwhelmed with orders by friends who couldn't go and so a few of us in the East have a couple of the newer hybrids. This one is very much liked and has grown steadily if not rapidly for several of us during the winter. It would not be fair to judge a begonia and its vigor by what it does here from October to March; I expect these plants will grow large and strong from May to September. The lovely color of the leaves and the fine carriage will make this 'Verde Grande' a favorite for a long time.

MARION DECOURSEY

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## DEADLINE

All copy for *The Begonian* must be received by the editor not later than the first of the month preceding date of publication.

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some held their own, but none of them have gone backwards."

Mrs. Alvord grows her plants under house conditions and I notice that many of her Rex are quite new so maybe more Eastern members would have better success than we've had in the past if we try the varieties that have done well in Quincy, Mass. I have seen 'Lillian' and it is a lovely rex, with delicate green and silver leaves and a fine habit of growth. During the last decade many of the new rex have been bred to be tougher, and some to be smaller. Would some hybridizer publish a list of the easier to grow rex? Everyone admires them and would get great joy and pleasure in growing them successfully.

# Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Flight

**No. 1 *B. maxima***—Mexican species first introduced into Europe. Rhizomes are thick and creeping; leaves large, orbicular-pointed, lobes overlapping, green and lobed; petioles stout, hairy; flower clusters large and showy and are composed of numerous small, two-petaled white flowers on long peduncles, and increase the height of plant to twice its size during flowering season. Seeds are from a friend in France who states that plant had been thought to have disappeared from cultivation. \$1.00 per pkt.

**No. 2 *B. cathayana*** (Hemsley) China. The aristocrat and most beautiful of all begonias, but requires almost constant greenhouse conditions. Although sometimes grouped with rex begonias, it is erect to 2 feet high with fleshy stems covered with soft crimson and white hairs. The leaves are emerald-green velvet with a silvery green zone, wine veined, with colors reversed beneath to ruby velvet, green-veined and zoned. Flowers salmon-orange. Seed came from France and plant is considered rare and not easy to grow unless proper growing conditions are provided. Mr. Hendrix (Texas) reported 100% germination in 15 days, when we offered seed in March. \$1.00 per pkt.

**No. 3 *B. Brazil mixed***. The collector has sent many pkts. of Brazil species to seed fund. They have been collected from plants growing in the vicinity of Curitiba which is located near the city of Sao Paulo. Some of the plants are tall, bronze leaves, pink flowers; others are suitable for pot culture or in open garden; one pkt. is labeled "rare." The collector states that she has seen pictures of most of these begonias at various times in The Begonian. In one small pkt. you may find seed of some of the most beautiful and rare begonias in the world. A note that came with one package describes the plants as being not more than 10 inches high, bronze foliage, many beautiful pink flowers and will take strong sunshine. Many seed are available for you to try at a very nominal price—grow them for your own pleasure or for your garden club. Generous pkts. at 25c each.

**No. 4 *B. Lucerna***. Tall cane type with huge sprays of large pink flowers, leaves silver-spotted. Good plant for lath house

or to be grown outside where ample room is provided. 25c per pkt.

**No. 5 *B. rhizomatous mixed***. Best types with many leaf patterns and variations. 25c per pkt.

**No. 6 *B. rex***—Germany. We expect more seed of this popular rex from Germany and will continue to offer until all requests are filled—or the grower's supply is exhausted. See back issue of The Begonian for information. 50c per pkt.

Please note: It is becoming very difficult to find enough dependable begonia seed of named varieties to supply the demand, therefore we would like to request anyone who has such seed please contact the seed fund as we would like to keep the department active, but can not do so without seed.

**Fern spores**—From the mountains of Brazil—beautiful fronds. 25c per pkt.

## GREENHOUSE PLANTS

**Codiaeum**—Gorgeously colored, tropical foliage plants of the Euphorbiaceae family, universally known as crotons. Grown primarily for their colorful foliage and appear profusely in gardens in California and Florida. Favorite greenhouse plants in cold climates. Seed we offer are hybrids. Five for 25c.

**Stephanotis floribunda** — 'Madagascar Jasmine'—Satisfactory vine for greenhouse. Leathery leaves and clusters of waxy, fragrant white flowers. 5 seed for 25c.

**Aechmea augustifolia** — **Bromeliaceae**—These come to the seed fund from Florida. The grower states this is one of the most beautiful and spectacular. Seed are very fresh and should germinate in about 10 days. Cultural directions available on request. 25c per pkt.

**Chirita lavandulacea**—**Gesneriaceae**—Erect, branching, rather succulent plant with large ovate, soft hairy, opposite leaves with toothed margins, and whorls of axillary flowers with white pouch-like corolla tube and spreading limb of pale lavender blue, marked yellow in throat. 25c per pkt.

**Streptocarpus rexi** — South Africa. 'Cape primrose.' Small fibrous-rooted, stemless plant with long, narrow, quilted and pubescent leaves in rosette hugging the ground, with several flower stalks

bearing trumpets of pale lavender lined with purple in throat.

**Murraera exotica**—**Rutaceae**—'Orange jessamine.' Handsome ornamental, evergreen shrub dense with glossy-green, odd pinnate leaves and sweetly fragrant, bell-shaped, white flowers in clusters, succeeded by small, vivid-red berries; blooms several times a year. 4 seed for 25c.

**Peperomia sarcophylla**—Large, broadly lanceolate, thick-fleshy, pendant, 8 inch leaves of shining forest green, ivory-green rib and a band of gray alongside them, on thick petiole heavily blotched red; long brown catkins. Similar to *P. maculosa* but larger. 35c per pkt.

**Russelia**—**Scrophulariaceae** — Leaves in whorls, flowers showy, red in branching clusters. Russelias are good greenhouse plants but are grown out doors in mild climates. 25c per pkt.

**Pretty ornamental pepper** from Brazil for your greenhouse or indoors. 25c per pkt.

**Cineraria**—**Festival** — Small leaved strain requiring the minimum amount of space. Plants are bushy and compact with even heads of medium sized, mostly white eyed flowers in a brilliant color range. Unexcelled for greenhouse or bedding plants. Sow seed now for winter blooming. 25c per pkt.

**Philodendron adamantinum** — Paraguayan. Resembles *P. selloum* but the large, bipinnate leaves are densely lobed and the side lobes are long and slender; the basal lobes overlap, closing the sinus.

Beautiful plant. 50c per pkt.—or 25c for half pkt.

**Rhaphidophora merrilli**—**Aracea**—We have received information from the collector in Philippine Islands. 'Manila palm.' Attractive, erect palm, with rather slender, prominently ringed single trunk, leaves in handsome arching crown; bright glossy-green leaflets many and closely placed, beautiful red fruit in pendulous clusters below the crown. Also called 'Christmas palm.' Large seed 4 for 25c. **STILL AVAILABLE** in large quantities:

**Arthrostemma fragilis** — **Melastomaceae**—Shrub about three feet high, with four angled reddish stems. Beautiful pink flowers appear throughout the year. 25c per pkt.

**Tibouchina variabilis**—**Melastomaceae** — Small tree with white flowers which later turn purple and the entire tree is covered with flowers of two colors. 25c per pkt.

**Callistemon lanceolatus**—'Bottle brush' —Sun loving drought resistant shrub with long linear, 3 inch leaves and cylindrical flower spikes with masses of brilliant, crimson brush-like stamen with dark yellow anther, out of a grayish, felted calyx. 25c per pkt.

Seed from three above mentioned were sent from Brazil and should be interesting and different.

Mrs. Florence Gee  
Seed Fund Administrator  
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### *Minutes, National Board, May 25, 1959*

The regular monthly meeting of the National Board, American Begonia Society, was called to order by Pres. Slatter at 7:30 p.m. May 25, 1959.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Hall.

Aims and Purposes of the Society were read by Pres.-Elect Lovejoy.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treas. Pearl Parker gave her report for the month. Report filed for audit.

Pres-Elect Lovejoy recalled the discussion of last month relative to publishing the fact that the A.B.S. is a non-profit organization and stated that the Corporation Commissioner had stated that publication is not necessary.

The Secy. read a letter from Begonian Editor Adelaide Brest in which she offered resignation as editor to take effect after July number is issued.

Membership Secretary Walton not being present his report was read by the secretary showing 32 new and 90 renewing members, total receipts of \$312.40 and expenses of \$16.03 for mailing.

Seed Fund Chairman Mrs. Gee not being

present her report was read by Treas. Parker showing \$90.00 remitted to the Treasurer for month.

Public Relations Director Clarence Hall stated he had received copy of blanket insurance carried by California National Society but stated that since their policy covers only branches in California suggested that former Insurance Committee investigate. Charter of Portland, Oregon, branch returned for cancellation as branch has disbanded. Mr. Hall suggested that Membership Secy. contact the fifty Charter Members relative to renewing and perhaps Branch could be re-activated.

Awards Committee Chairman Mrs. Arbuckle stated she is working with branches relative to award certificates for their branch shows.

Nomenclature Chairman Mrs. Korts reported that a card file should be made for Begonia names and since it will be quite expensive to make a file for ten to fifteen thousand names, asked that the Board consider whether they wish to incur the expense. Mrs. Korts suggested that labels be printed with the Begonia Society name and insignia, for mailing use by different

# Slate of Officers

W. LEOTI FISHER, *Treasurer*



Born in Kansas, Miss Fisher went to school in Kansas and Nebraska, teaching in rural Kansas for ten years. She is a past officer of two Audubon clubs and a member of begonia, fern, epiphyllum and iris societies.

She is presently secretary-treasurer of the El Monte Community Branch, A.B.S., and lists gardening, bird watching and 35mm. photography as hobbies.

Miss Fisher is employed by the City of Los Angeles as an ecrow clerk.

departments. That she had obtained price of \$12.00 per thousand for the labels and \$5.00 for the cut; that the cut could be used for other printing. Moved by Pres-Elect Lovejoy, seconded by Mrs. Parker, that we purchase 1,000 labels. Motion carried. Mrs. Korts also stated she had been asked relative to other publications copying articles from *The Begonian*, and since *The Begonian* has a copyright covering all material published, who would be the authority to give permission for copying. It was brought out that there was an old agreement between *The Begonian* and *California Fuchsia Fan* for mutual copying, but it was not known by what authority such agreement had been made. Pres. Slatter stated he would entertain a motion relative to this matter. Moved by Pres-Elect Lovejoy, seconded by Mrs. Parker, that a notice be placed in *The Begonian* stating it is necessary to make application in writing to the National Board for permission to reprint, and that a letter be sent to the California National Fuchsia Society calling their attention to this matter. Motion carried.

Pres. Slatter then brought up the letter from Editor Adelaide Brest and stated he would entertain a motion relative to action on her resignation. Moved by Treas. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Payne, that the resignation be accepted with regret, and that a letter be written Mrs. Brest thanking her for her hard work on behalf of the Society. Motion carried.

Pres. Slatter asked for a report from the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Sylvia Leatherman stated they had been able to obtain only one nominee for each office and presented the names:

Pres-Elect.....Mr. Clarence Hall  
 Vice-President.....Mrs. Edna L. Korts  
 Treasurer.....W. Leoti Fisher  
 Secretary.....Sylvia Leatherman  
 Moved and seconded that the ballot be accepted. Motion carried.

MRS. EDNA L. KORTS, *Vice-President*

Mrs. Edna L. Korts has been a member of the American Begonia Society since 1939 and is a Charter member of the Glendale Branch, where she has held different offices during these years. Mrs. Korts was elected Pres. Elect to the National Board in 1951 and was installed in office as President September 1952.

She has been interested in growing begonias many years but is also intensely interested in the growth of the Society in its various departments and hopes to see it become a horticultural authority on begonias.

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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 bookkeeper for the same Los Angeles firm for the past 35 years.

Motion made and seconded that the ballots be printed for mailing to the address of the Secretary as printed in *The Begonian*. Motion carried. Moved and seconded that a check for \$15.00 be issued to the Secretary to pay the collect postage on the ballots as they are received. Motion carried.

The Secretary read a letter of resignation from Membership Secretary Walton, same to take effect after mailing of July *Begonian*. Moved by Pres-Elect Lovejoy, seconded by Mrs. Korts, that the resignation be accepted with regret, and that the Secretary write Mr. Walton a letter thanking him for his wonderful service to the Society. Motion carried.

Pres. Slatter stated it would be necessary to have time in which to replace the resigning officers.

Pres-Elect Lovejoy reported as Chairman of the Convention Committee, that members would be: Mrs. Ethel Arbuckle, Mrs. Alva Graham, Mrs. Pearl Parker, Mrs. Edna Korts, and Mrs. Margaret Moore, who would be Show Chairman. Moved by Mrs. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that the Convention Committee be accepted as offered. Motion carried.

Branches reporting: El Monte, Glendale, Long Beach Parent Chapter, Inglewood, Orange County, San Gabriel, Ventura, West Valley and Mrs. Graham reported for Hollywood Branch since she had attended their last meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Irma Jane Brown, Secretary

# Convention and Flower Show

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## August 29-30, 1959

AT PLUMMER PARK, 7377 SANTA MONICA BLVD., HOLLYWOOD

The 1959 Annual Convention, Begonia and Shade plant Show, will be held August 29th and 30th at Plummer Park, co-sponsored by the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation department.

We are making plans for a larger competitive show and to encourage all members to bring their plants, we have revised the schedule and added classes in all divisions. A special division for novice exhibitors and also

a division for commercial growers are featured.

Ribbons and trophies will be awarded in all classes and divisions.

Come one, come all, let us see our favorite plants or your best flower arrangements.

Meeting old friends and making new friends all good gardeners enjoy, whether its people or plants. We all look forward to Begonia Convention time each year, glad to greet and welcome YOU.

EDNA L. KORTS, *Show Chairman*

### Point System for Judging Begonias

#### FIBROUS AND RHIZOMATOUS SPECIMENS

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

100

#### REX BEGONIA SPECIMEN PLANT

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

100

#### 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 |
|------------------|----------|

# 1959 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE OF A.B.S. Convention, Plummer

## DIVISION A—SEMPERFLORENS BEGONIAS

- Class 1. Foliage green, flowers single.  
 2. Foliage dark, flowers single.  
 3. Foliage green, flowers double.  
 4. Foliage dark, flowers double.  
 5. Species, such as, Indian species, Mexican species, etc.  
 6. *Begonias* 'Richmondensis,' or 'Catalina,' others similar.  
 Any of the above classes may have additions, such as,  
 1.A, free hanging baskets; 2.b, wall pockets.

## DIVISION B.—FIBROUS BEGONIAS, (CANE TYPE)

- Class 7. Tall types (over three feet), as 'Lucerna,' 'Orange Rubra,' etc.  
 8. Intermediate types, (18 in. to 3 ft., as 'Medora,' 'olbia,' and others.  
 9. Low growing types (under 18 in.)  
 10. Any other cane type not covered in above classes.  
 Thickened stalk type.  
 All of the above classes may have additions 'A' and 'B' for hanging baskets and wall pockets.

## DIVISION C.—HAIRY FIBROUS BEGONIAS

- Class 11. Hairy, as *scharffi*, 'Fernando Costae.'  
 12. Sparsely hairy, as 'Neely Gaddis,' 'Braemar,' 'Dorothy Grant,' etc.  
 13. Heavy-textured tomentum—covered foliage, as *incana*, *kellermannii*, 'San Miguel,' etc.  
 14. Distinctive foliage, erect growth, as, 'Mrs. Fred Scripps,' *luxurians*, etc.  
 15. Any other varieties not covered in the above classes.  
 All of the above classes may have additions 'A,' and 'B' for hanging baskets and wall pockets.

## DIVISION D—RHIZOMATOUS BEGONIAS (not rex)

- Class 16. Small leaves, as *boweri*, *imperialis*, *rotundifolia*, etc.  
 17. Medium leaves, star type, as, 'Glendale,' 'Silver Star,' 'Virbob,' etc.  
 18. Large star foliage, as 'Ricinifolia,' *heracleifolia*, 'Sunbar,' etc.  
 19. Medium foliage, no marginal cutting, as 'Erythrophylla' etc.  
 20. Large foliage, no marginal cutting, as 'Freddie,' *barkeri*, etc.  
 21. Spiral or crested foliage, as *manicata cristata*, 'Crestabruchi,' etc.  
 22. Distinctive, unusual or odd foliage, as, *acida*, 'Iron Cross,' etc.  
 23. Hairy leaved types, as, 'Otto Alfred,' *fusca*, etc.  
 24. Rhizome upright, as, *carolineaeifolia*, *kenworthyi*, etc.  
 25. Any other varieties not covered in the above classes.  
 All of the above classes may have additions 'A' and 'B' for hanging baskets and wall pockets.

## DIVISION E—REX CULTORUM BEGONIAS

- Class 26. Large leaved types, as, 'Cardoza Gardens,' 'President,' 'Rajah,' etc.  
 27. Medium leaved types, as, 'Helen Lewis,' 'American

- Beauty,' and many of  
 28. Small leaves, as, 'D  
 imate size.  
 29. Large spiral-leaves,  
 'Green Pastures,' etc  
 30. Medium spiral-leav  
 'Mary Ann,' etc.  
 31. Branching Types, as  
 Sweet,' etc.  
 32. Miniature leaves, as,  
 terfly,' etc.  
 33. Miniature spiral-lea  
 Curl,' etc.  
 34. All other varieties  
 All of the above cla  
 'B' for hanging bask

## DIVISION F—TUBEROUS ROOT (OTHER THAN 'TUBERH

- Class 35. Species, as, *sutherlandiana*  
 36. Cultivars, as 'Weldo  
 37. All *socotrana* and der  
 38. Any others not cover  
 All the above classes:  
 hangers and pockets.

## DIVISION G—'TUBERHY' (A),

- Class 39. Single forms, flowers  
 40. 'Multiflora' and 'Mu  
 pact, many flowered,  
 41. Camellia forms, fl  
 double.  
 42. 'Fimbriata Plena,' la  
 43. *crispa*; large, single,  
 44. *cristata*; large, single  
 on each petal.  
 45. 'Rosebud,' rose like  
 46. 'Picotee,' irregular be  
 into the dominant sh  
 47. 'Marmorata,' camelli  
 blotched and spotted  
 48. Ruffled camellia and  
 from 'Fimbriata Pler  
 49. 'Marginata,' camellia  
 precise line of a di  
 50. *pendula*; drooping t  
 tainers; flowers nur

## DIVISION H—COLLECTIONS

- Class 51. Collection of three b  
 52. Collection of six be

## DIVISION I—NEW BEGONIA IN

- Class 53. Open to all members  
 per exhibitors unlim  
 ally by point (re :  
 mendation up (sc  
 Begonias previously  
 in this class.

# THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY

Park, Los Angeles, California

the new rexes that are available. New 'Drop' and others of approximately, 'Bronze King,' 'Mt. Baldy,' 'Bronco,' 'Curly Haze,' 'Van Ex,' 'Silver Van Ex,' 'Silver Toy,' 'Annie Robinson,' 'Buttercup,' 'Cutie,' 'Berry's Brown'

not covered in the above classes. These classes may have additions 'A' and 'B' and wall pockets.

## HYBRID BEGONIAS (HYBRIDA')

*li, martiana, davisi*, etc. 'Richard Robinson,' etc. These may have additions 'A' and 'B'

## NOVELTY SPECIMEN PLANT

suggestive of the wild rose. 'Albiflora Alba'; low, bushy, compact, both single and double. Flowers camellia-like, single and large double, carnation-like flowers. Petal margins frilled. Flowers with crestlike out growth

in appearance. Color of a different color bleeding edge. A form with a rose background and white. Novelty types as distinguished by form, petals edged with a thin, different color. Type suitable for suspended containers, both large and small.

Begonias; each of a different class. Begonias; each of a different class.

## INTRODUCTIONS

Amateur or Commercial. Entries judged individually and awarded a certificate of coming with a minimum of 85 points. Entered can not again be exhibited

## DIVISION J—BEGONIAS GROWN ON TOTEM POLES

Class 54. To be classified according to entries by show chairman, and chief clerk. 'A' and 'B' divisions if necessary.

## DIVISION K—NOVICE CLASSES

Any Begonia Society Member who has never won a blue ribbon in an A.B.S. show may enter plants in this division as classified in the previous classes. These will be staged separately and judged accordingly. Class ribbons and trophies will be awarded in this division.

## DIVISION L—COMMERCIAL GROWERS

In this division Commercial Growers may exhibit plants in any of the classes in this schedule. Ribbons will be awarded. Any of these plants may compete for the President's Trophy.

## DIVISION M—FERNS

- Class 55. Mounted large-leaved epiphytic, as *Platyserium*.  
56. Hardy North American species, as *Woodwardia fimbriata*.  
57. Hardy tropicals, as *Pteris* and *Polystichum* varieties.  
58. Tender and rare tropicals, as *Polypodium* varieties.  
59. *Adiantum* (Maidenhair) varieties.  
60. Hanging baskets, fine or heavy fronds.  
61. Wall baskets, fine or heavy fronds.

## DIVISION N—OTHER SHADE PLANTS.

- Class 62. House plant.  
63. Any shade or tropical plant.

## DIVISION O—FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

- Class 64. Begonia flowers and foliage, other than 'Tuberhybrida.'  
65. Low container, tuberous begonia flowers.  
66. Begonias and other plant material.  
67. Rex begonia foliage only.  
68. Corsage using tuberous begonias.  
69. Corsage of begonia blossoms or foliage other than 'Tuberhybrida.'

## DIVISION P—PLANTERS AND TERRARIUMS

- Class 70. Plantings of begonias.  
71. Plantings with other house plants.

## DIVISION Q—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 29th 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 I.

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 dis-

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

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

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

19. Challenge trophies are to be returned to the A.B.S. Flower Show Chairman two weeks prior to the 1960 A.B.S. Flower Show.

20. 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:

**HERBERT P. DYCKMAN PERPETUAL AWARD**—This award is given by Mrs. Dyckman in honor of her husband, the late Herbert P. Dyckman who was the Founder of the American Begonia Society.

The most outstanding NEW FIBROUS begonia exhibited each year will be honored with this award.

**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. (less than one year old).

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

**SYLVIA AND BUCK LEATHERMAN TROPHY**—NOVICE Trophy to be awarded on points won on Blue ribbons.

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

**THE INGLEWOOD BRANCH AWARD**—For the most distinctive species shown in the 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 1954.

# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I. NAME

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

## ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this Society shall be:

To stimulate and promote interest in begonias and other shade-loving plants;

To encourage the introduction and development of new types of these plants;

To standardize the nomenclature of begonias;

To gather and publish information in regard to kinds, propagation and culture of begonias and companion plants;

To issue a bulletin which will be mailed to all members of the Society; and

To bring into friendly contact all who love and grow begonias.

## ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

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

Section 2. There shall be three classes of membership in this Society, known as Annual, Life, and Honorary.

**Annual Members.** Annual members shall have all the usual privileges of membership, and shall pay dues of an amount stated in the Bylaws. Annual Membership shall be for one year from date dues are paid.

**Life Members.** Life members shall have all the usual privileges of membership. The payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall entitle any person to Life Membership and Life Members shall be exempt from any further payment of dues. Life Memberships shall not be subject to cancellation or refund of any part of dues for any reason.

**Honorary Members.** Any person whom this Society shall deem worthy of the honor may at any Annual Meeting be elected an Honorary Member by a two-thirds vote of the members present; and such election shall specify whether such Honorary Membership is Annual, terminating at the next Annual Meeting, or for life. For each person elected an Honorary Life Member, fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be transferred from the current funds of the Society to the Life Membership Fund. Honorary Members shall have all the usual privileges of membership and shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

Section 3. Each Annual, Life or Honorary Member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters brought before the Society. Membership shall cover the immediate family, except that only one member of the family shall receive the official publication and exercise the right to vote, unless additional dues are paid.

## ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Society shall be: President Emeritus, President, President Elect, Past President, three Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, one Director from each Branch Society, and one Director for each Department of the Society.

Section 2. The President Emeritus shall be Herbert P. Dyckman, Founder and First President of this Society.

Section 3. The President Elect, one Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Secre-

tary shall be elected in August each year by ballot, each member of the Society being entitled to one vote. The President Elect shall serve one year as President Elect, one year as President, and one year as Past President; the Vice President shall serve for three years, the Treasurer and the Secretary shall serve one year. These officers shall be installed at the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. A Director shall be elected annually by each Branch Society and shall serve for one year.

Section 5. All remaining officers shall be Directors to serve as heads of departments, and shall be appointed annually by the President, subject to the approval by a majority vote of the above named elected officers.

Section 6. Any appointed officer may be relieved of his office for just cause, and/or for the good of the Society, by a majority vote of the Elective Members of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President Emeritus, the eight officers elected by the entire membership of the Society, the Branch Directors—one elected by each Branch Society—and the Department heads appointed by the President.

## ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

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

## ARTICLE VII. BRANCH SOCIETIES

Section 1. Any group of seven or more members of this Society who wish to affiliate themselves to forward the work and purposes of the Society may be organized into a Branch Society, and upon approval of the Board of Directors shall be issued a Charter.

Section 2. The Charter of any Branch, upon approval of the majority of the Board of Directors, may be suspended, and after due hearing before said Board, upon action of a majority of the Board, may be withdrawn.

## ARTICLE VIII. FUNDS

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

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

Section 2. The Membership Secretary shall mail a ballot covering the proposed Amendment to each member of the Society within thirty (30) days after the Annual Meeting at which the Amendment

was initiated, with the request that the member vote, upon said Amendment and mail his ballot to reach the Secretary within sixty (60) days after the Annual Meeting at which the Amendment was initiated. If two-thirds of the votes cast are in favor of its adoption, the Amendment shall be declared adopted at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, when published in the official publications of the Society.

#### ARTICLE X. RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings, and the decision of all questions not specifically covered by this Constitution and Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XI. ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Section 1. This Constitution and Bylaws shall be subject to the same rules of adoption laid down in Article IX concerning Amendments, and upon adoption shall go into effect, superseding all former Constitutions and Bylaws, when published in the official publications of the Society.

### BYLAWS

#### ARTICLE I

##### DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors; shall appoint the heads of the various Departments; and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society.

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

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

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

Section 5. The Directors elected by each Branch shall attend the meetings of the Board of Directors of the American Begonia Society when possible, shall make such reports and recommendations as will further the interests of the Society, and shall file an annual written report of the Branch activities with the Secretary of the American Begonia Society at the last regular meeting of the Board of Directors prior to the Annual Meeting.

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

Section 7. The Secretary shall keep the

records of the proceedings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, shall conduct necessary correspondence, and shall have charge of the records of the Society, except such basic records as are necessary for the proper functioning of the various departments and offices. The Secretary shall condense the minutes of the regular Board meetings, and shall transmit them to the Editor for publication in **The Begonian**, not later than the first day of the month following the regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE II. APPOINTED OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. The officers to be appointed by the President as Directors to serve as heads of Departments shall be as follows: Editor, Business Manager, Membership Secretary, Research Director, the Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Director, Nomenclature Director, Public Relations Director, Librarian, Chairman of the Speakers Bureau and Slide Library, Chairman of the Flower Show Committee, Historian, Chairman of the Committee of Awards, Chairman of the School for Judges, Parliamentarian, and such other heads of Departments as shall hereafter be established by the Board of Directors.

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

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

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

Section 5. The Research Director shall have charge of the Research Department; of arranging for the testing of begonias in test gardens in different locations throughout the country; and of collecting information relative to the culture, propagation and housing of begonias and companion plants.

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

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

Section 8. The Public Relations Director shall have charge of the Public Relations Department; of contacting prospective members; promoting and assisting in the formation of new Branch Societies; and

seeing that the affairs of the Society receive the fullest publicity.

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

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

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

Section 12. The Historian shall maintain a complete history of the Society.

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

Section 14. The Chairman of the School for Judges shall have charge of the instruction and examination of potential Begonia Judges, and will accredit those qualifying, the names of whom shall be submitted to the Board of Directors with his regular monthly report.

Section 15. The Parliamentarian shall see that all proceedings of the meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors are conducted according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society and where a question is not specifically covered therein, Robert's Rules of Order is to be cited by him.

#### ARTICLE III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

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

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

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

##### ARTICLE V. COMMITTEE OF AWARDS

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

of the Board of Directors, for the balance of the unexpired term. The President shall appoint the Chairman of the Committee of Awards.

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

Section 3. The Committee of Awards shall receive and study carefully the reports of the judges and on the basis of this study shall make its recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Committee of Awards shall grant the awards of the American Begonia Society, including the Alfred D. Robinson Memorial Medal, the Eva Kenworthy Gray Award, and such other special awards as may be established and approved by the Board of Directors, subject to such regulations as the Board of Directors may adopt.

#### ARTICLE VI. ANNUAL DUES

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

#### ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS

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

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

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

Section 4. Eligible voters shall mail their ballots to the Secretary of the Society not later than 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Only ballots received seven days prior to the Annual Meeting shall be counted.

Section 5. The Secretary shall deliver the ballots on the seventh day preceding the Annual Meeting to a committee of three members appointed by the President. This committee shall count the ballots and make an immediate report in writing to the Secretary of the results of the election, together with the ballots cast, after which all candidates shall be notified of the results of the election immediately by the Secretary.

Section 6. Vacancies in office, either elective or appointive, shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Elected Members of the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE VIII. QUORUM

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

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

#### ARTICLE IX. BRANCH SOCIETIES

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

Section 2. Each Branch Society shall have a Constitution and Bylaws, both of which shall be approved by the Board of

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

Section 3. Each Branch Society shall file with the Secretary of the American Begonia Society a copy of its Constitution and Bylaws and all subsequent amendments.

Section 4. Each Branch Society shall file with the Membership Secretary of the American Begonia Society the names and addresses of all new members, together with their dues, as received.

Section 5. Each Branch Society shall furnish the Secretary of the American Begonia Society with the names and addresses of all officers of the Branch immediately following elections.

#### ARTICLE X. PROPERTIES

Section 1. All properties and physical assets of the Society are under the control of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Approval must be obtained from the National Board before the disposal of any property of the Society. This shall apply to material going to individuals as well as institutions.

Section 3. Each officer, whether elected or appointed, shall be responsible for a complete accounting of Society properties through equipment lists, books lists or inventory of other Society properties to the President Elect at the time accounting for the year is closed, prior to the Annual Meeting.

#### ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

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

Section 2. The Membership Secretary shall mail a ballot covering the proposed amendment to each member of the Society within thirty (30) days after the amendment is initiated, with the request that the member vote upon said amendment and mail his ball to reach the Secretary within sixty (60) days after the meeting at which the amendment was initiated. If two-thirds of the votes cast are in favor of its adoption, the amendment shall be declared adopted at the next meeting of the Board of Directors when published in the next issue of the official publication of the Society.

#### STANDING RULES FOR FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

##### National Board Duties

1. Appoint a Convention Advisory Committee of five members, that have had Convention experience, to be replaced upon expiration of term. Committee will outline a system that will take care of all the minor details that are so essential to the success of a National Convention.

- a. Two to serve 3 years; two to serve 2 years; and one to serve 1 year.
  - b. Chairman of this committee to be the President of the A. B. S. each year.
2. Establish Headquarters at the Con-

vention and arrange conferences for our various working divisions. Keep a register of all officers, delegates and A. B. S. members. (Convention addresses and phone numbers.) Provide a bulletin board for contacts among our officers and delegates. Hold Open-House at Headquarters the evening preceding the Annual meeting, having our Founder and Mrs. Dyckman, our President and other Board officers as hosts.

a. Arrange for at least two National Officers to be on duty at all times.

3. Have supervision of Competitive Show as per subdivisions:

a. Prepare Show Schedule for Host Branch.

b. Provide clerks and judges and standard material with which to work. Judges should not be charged registration and should be given programs. Also be allowed travel expenses and transportation to show from where judges are housed, if necessary.

c. Make Competitive Show Awards, Trophies, certificates of award and Robinson Memorial Medals.

4. Collaborate with Host Branch on Brochure. Have A. B. S. Flower Show Schedule printed therein for benefit of Show visitors.

5. National Board officers to provide material for the Nomenclature Begonia Study show in which every possible known begonia might be presented. This exhibit to be in the same room with educational displays. Glass show cases for rare plants could be provided. This Show to be open and free to all members of the A. B. S. during the period of the Convention and to have space for Round Table discussions with two members, qualified to assist visitors with their problems, in attendance at all times.

6. Saturday Afternoon Meeting: Time 2:30 p.m. which will provide more time for delegates to return to hotels and dress for the evening.

a. Require all National Officers to submit written Annual Reports at the Board meeting preceding the National Convention (eliminating these reports at Convention.)

b. Recognize each National Director present who will report the number of Branch members present.

c. Prepare a constructive program.

d. Confine business meeting to acceptance of bids for the next Convention; change in the Constitution and By-Laws or those matters requiring the vote of the entire membership, report on ballots and result of election. Allow limited period for discussion of suggestions pertaining to the expansion and improving of the American Begonia Society.

7. Saturday Evening Meeting.

a. Select the installing officer, allowing President Elect the courtesy of choice if desired. Plan a uniform installation to be used at each Convention, with some latitude given to the installing officer to use in his or her opening and closing remarks.

b. Installation would include recognition of Past President and National Directors.

c. National Show Chairman presents the Award for the Competitive Show.

##### Convention Host Branch

Pre-Convention Activities.

Any branch wishing to Host the Annual Convention should so state at the previous Convention.

Host Branch should set a date for a

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# Leaves From Our Begonia Branches

## ALAMEDA COUNTY

A potluck dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. on May 21st for our regular meeting date. It is also in celebration for our blue ribbon won for our exhibit at the Oakland Spring Garden Show held April 17-26.

Mr. Peter Borree was our very capable chairman for the exhibit. Many thanks to Mr. Borree and his faithful helpers.

The business of the regular meeting will follow the dinner. Our guest speaker will be Mr. H. J. Bolyard who will give us "Timely Hints for Begonias" and also show us colored slides.

We are most fortunate to have Mrs. Helen Fouche again this year for our chairman of the exhibit at the Alameda County Fair at Pleasanton in June. She really has the "know how" as we received a blue ribbon.

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## BESSIE RAYMOND BUXTON

The May 16 meeting began at the home of Mrs. Frederick Kingsbury, whose garden was at the height of its spring bloom. We visited the neighboring greenhouses of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, then returned to Mrs. Kingsbury's for a picnic luncheon and business meeting.

The high point of the meeting was the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Orris R. Martin of the San Francisco Branch. Mr. Martin gave us interesting information on organization and programs. We also welcomed back an old friend, Mrs. Bernice Brilmayer of New York, who informed us of the latest Begonia Society developments in her vicinity.

After the business meeting the group went to the home of the President, Mrs. Percy I. Merry, to see her greenhouse and house plants. Mrs. Kingsbury then took our guests to the gardens of the historic Buttrick estate in Concord, described in the May issue of the National Geographic Magazine.

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## INGLEWOOD

July meeting, Thursday July 9th, 7:45 p.m. at the Inglewood Women's Club, 325 North Hillcrest, at Florence Avenue in Inglewood.

Speaker Helen L. Goodman, travelling counsellor, will speak on "Gardens in Mexico" and will show slides from Old Mexico.

May meeting was a delightful occasion—Joe Littlefield brought along half of his wonderful collection of slides from the islands of Hawai and every one thoroughly enjoyed them. Joe told

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of all his experiences and the marvelous sights to be seen and left everyone with a desire to vacation in Hawaii as soon as possible. There were so many questions regarding the plants and views that Joe promised to come back one day soon and bring the other half of his pictures—all were in favor of this. Usual business meeting was held—presided over by President Kirker—the plant table was extremely well stocked entirely from plants grown by members Mr. and Mrs. Lueck.

The hour of parting proved later than usual due to the great interest of all in Hawaii and perhaps a little of the relaxed Hawaiian atmosphere permeated as well.

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### PHILOBEGONIA

The Philobegonia Branch of the American Begonia Society met at the home of Mrs. Anna Reuter of Merchantville New Jersey on May 8th. With the help of our program chairman we are going to have sheets printed with the outline of the different begonias we study. Through these outlines we expect to gain a knowledge of each begonia.

Last fall our president Mrs. Cecily Bailey gave us a piece of rhizome to try and grow. She did not tell which begonia it was, and when it started to get leaves we were to tell which one it was. Mrs. Sally DeCue received the prize because she had the plant and named it. It was Silver Star. During May we took a field trip with our program chairman to the Friends Hospital to see the wonderful display of azaleas in their natural setting.

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### RHODE ISLAND

The Rhode Island branch held its first annual meeting May 4 at the home of

Mrs. Earl Harrington. The following officers were re-elected: Mrs. Howard Withee, president; Mrs. Earl Harrington, vice president. Mrs. Elsie Hughes, Coventry Centre, was elected treasurer and Miss Ruth Harrington, 372 Lloyd Ave., Providence, R. I., secretary. Mrs. John McShane, Fiskerville, was designated national representative.

Committee chairmen are: Mrs. Geraldine Daly, Librarian; Mrs. Walter Brown, Historian; Mrs. Rudolph Pearson, Ways and Means; Mrs. Ralph Olney, Social Fund; Mrs. Gerald Cox, Reception; Mrs. Howard Withee, Publicity.

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### SACRAMENTO

Speaker at the May meeting was Mrs. C. A. Martin who lectured and gave a demonstration showing how to make Terrariums, gardens under glass. She has been making these for Adult and Children's Hospitals for quite sometime. This was extremely interesting and we believe it could develop into a hobby for some of us.

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### SAN FRANCISCO

Our June 3rd meeting was presided over by our president, Les Kuthe, with Doris Howie as Acting Secretary.

We were shown a very delightful film by Don McKalson of the California Spray Chemical Company, entitled "How to Grow Beautiful Begonias and Fuchsias" after which he also held a short question and answer period.

Jim Miller presided over our plant table, which had an abundance of beautiful plants, any one of which we all wanted!

Hyacinth Smith took over the non-enclature table which was resplendent with flowers and plants from our members gardens and homes.

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## Constitution . . .

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Convention as close to the Labor Day weekend as possible, subject to approval by the National Board.

Any and all information regarding buildings, finances, date of convention, banquet arrangements, housing facilities, shall be included in a formal letter to the National Board as soon as possible.

1. Provide suitable quarters for competitive how and have complete charge of setting up show for judging, and provide entry blanks; also make cash awards.

2. Provide suitable quarters for afternoon and evening Convention meetings.

3. Have full charge of Saturday evening banquet. During the banquet reserve the meal-time for chatter and visiting. Mix the delegates and members. (We meet with our own Branch members twelve months of the year.) Have the period of introductions and entertainment follow the dessert.

4. Have full charge of housing delegates.

5. Have full charge of local Flower Show. Make awards (if any) for this show.

a. Sell tickets to the general public only.

b. Collect Registration fee from delegates and A.B.S. members.

c. Provide suitable badges.

6. Plan Sunday Garden Tour.

7. Provide suitable quarters for the National Board to use as Headquarters and Conference room at the site of Convention. Provide nomenclature room for Educational displays and round table discussion. Space may also be needed for Seed Fund, Library and Research Departments.

8. Host Branch to select speaker, submitting name of speaker and subject for approval of the National Board; care for his entertainment, accommodations and transportation during the Convention.

9. Any and all monies raised through the A.B.S. by approval of the National Board must be accounted for to the Board.

10. Provide Public Liability Insurance and First-Aid.

### Calendar

July 9 — Inglewood — "Gardens in Mexico," Helen L. Goodman. Usual time and place.

July 25—Redondo—"Whoopie" party, Taylor patio, 301 Anita, R.B., 7:30 p.m.

July 27—San Diego—Hawaiian 'Stravaganza, Joe Littlefield, pictures, tropical plant table.

Aug. 1-2—Seattle Fifth Annual Seafair, Begonia and Sheltered Garden Show.

Aug. 22—Redondo—Annual Fun Day, Taylor patio, 4 p.m.-?

Aug. 29-30—27th Annual Convention and Flower Show, Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood, Calif.

## You Are Invited to an Hawaiian 'Stravaganza

THE SAN DIEGO branch is planning something very special for the July meeting—an Hawaiian 'Stravaganza, and extends an invitation to all members of all branches to come and join in the fun. Plans for the affair have extended over the past six months and include Joe Littlefield as speaker as well as beautiful pictures of the Islands made during his recent vacation there. Many of the members are planning to attend in costume, and invite you to do the same. There will be leis for everyone, a special tropical plant table in addition to begonias, and refreshments will carry out the theme. Go to San Diego and become better acquainted with this active branch at the gala occasion.

Officers of the San Diego branch are: Charles Williams, president; Mrs. Ida Barker, vice-president; Mrs. Phyllis Kanky, secretary; Mrs. Martha Gilmore, national representative. Board members are Mrs. Blanche Roat, Mrs. Bertha Adams, and Mrs. Hazel Baker.

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### PERMISSION TO REPRINT

At the regular monthly meeting of the National Board, American Begonia Society, held May 25, it was decided that permission to reprint material published in *The Begonian* was to be secured only by written application to the National Board and by the subsequent permission of the Board.



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# Branch Meeting Dates . . .

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## BUXTON, BESSIE RAYMOND BRANCH

3rd Saturday, Homes of Members  
Mrs. D. L. Comiskey, Secy.  
Valley Farm, Dover, Mass.

## DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS BRANCH

1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Members' Residences  
Mrs. Ruth Cook, 923 S. Edgefield, Dallas 8, Texas

## EAST BAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:45 p.m., Willard School  
Telegraph at Ward, Berkeley, California  
Mrs. Jane Scalzo, Secy.  
1126 Keeler Ave., Berkeley 8, Calif.

## EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH

3rd Friday, Members' Homes  
Miss W. Leoti Fisher, Secy.  
4416 Downing Ave., Baldwin Park, Calif.

## FOOTHILL BRANCH

3rd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.  
La Verne Community Bldg.  
2039 Third St., La Verne  
Mrs. C. W. Hall, Cor. Secy.  
358 E. Arrow Hwy., Upland, Calif.

## FORT, ELSA BRANCH

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

## GLENDALE BRANCH

4th Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 N. Central  
Mabel Anderson  
5226 Strohm Ave., North Hollywood

## GRAY, EVA KENWORTHY BRANCH

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.  
Community House, La Jolla  
Mrs. Charles Calloway  
1311 Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, Calif.

## GRAY'S HARBOR BRANCH

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

## GRUENBAUM, MARGARET BRANCH

4th Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Homes of Members  
Mrs. Adolph Belsler, Cor. Secy.  
Welsh and Veree Rd., Philadelphia, Pa.

## HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Mrs. J. C. Jenks  
6807 DeLongpre Ave., Los Angeles 28, Calif.

## HOUSTON, TEXAS BRANCH

2nd Friday, 10:00 a.m.  
Mrs. A. F. Morin, Secy.  
2014 Commonwealth, Houston 6, Texas

## HUMBOLDT COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Monday, 8:00 p.m.  
Los Amigos Club, Loleta, Calif.  
Miss Margaret Smith, Secy.  
P.O. Box 635, Ferndale, Calif.

## INGLEWOOD BRANCH

2nd Thursday 7:45 p.m., Inglewood Women's Club  
325 North Hillcrest, Inglewood, Calif.  
Mima A. Rich, Secy.  
2022 W. 84th Place, Los Angeles 47, Calif.

## LONE STAR BRANCH

3rd Monday, Members' Homes  
Mrs. George Wilkins, Secy.  
2621 N. Fitzhugh Ave., Dallas 4, Texas

## LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Linden Hall  
208 Linden Ave., Long Beach, Calif.  
Mrs. Florence Haag, Secy.  
1025 Temple Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

## LOUISIANA CAPITAL BRANCH

1st Friday, Homes of Members  
Mrs. Amy Reddy Rushing, Secy.  
4938 Annette St., Baton Rouge, La.

## MIAMI, FLORIDA BRANCH

4th Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.  
Simpson Memorial Garden Center  
Mrs. Ray Rosengren, Secy.  
5530 N.W. 21 Ave., Miami, Fla.

## MISSOURI BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 1 p.m.  
World War Memorial Bldg., Linwood and Paseo  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Mrs. Hattie Taylor, Secy.  
P.O. Box 25, Raytown, Mo.

## OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY BRANCH

1st Tuesday, 12:30 p.m., Members' Homes  
Mrs. Anna Peck, Secy.  
23 So. Gateway, Toms River, N.J.

## ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Garden Grove Grange Hall, Century and Taft Sts.  
Garden Grove, Calif.  
Mrs. Lionel Evans, Secy.  
10381 Orangewood, Garden Grove, Calif.

## PASADENA BRANCH

Meetings on Call, Homes of Members  
Col. C. M. Gale, Secy.  
40 N. San Rafael, Pasadena 2, Calif.

## PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

2nd Friday, Members' Homes  
Mrs. Ralph DeCou, Secy.  
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## REDONDO BEACH AREA BRANCH

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## RHODE ISLAND BRANCH

1st Saturday, Homes of Members  
Miss Ruth Harrington, Secy.  
372 Lloyds Ave., Providence, R.I.

**RIVERSIDE BRANCH**

2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Shamel Park  
 3650 Arlington, Riverside, Calif.  
 Mrs. Ethel Prior, Secy.  
 4345 5th St., Riverside, Calif.

**ROBINSON, ALFRED D. BRANCH**

3rd Friday, 10:30 a.m., Homes of Members  
 Mrs. Chet Van Dusen, Secy.  
 4135 Merritt Blvd., La Mesa, Calif.

**SACRAMENTO BRANCH**

3rd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., Garden Center  
 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, Calif.  
 Mrs. Leslie H. Watkins, Secy.  
 3070 Land Park Dr., Sacramento 18, Calif.

**SAN DIEGO BRANCH**

4th Monday, Hard of Hearing Hall  
 Herbert and University  
 Mrs. Phyllis Kansky, Secy.  
 4543 36th St., San Diego 16, Calif.

**SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH**

1st Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.  
 Forest Lodge, 266 Laguna Honda Blvd.  
 Elaine Jordan  
 95 Ravenwood Dr., San Francisco, Calif.

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH**

4th Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., Masonic Temple  
 506 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, Calif.  
 Mrs. Marilyn Jewett, Secy.  
 18324 E. Alford St., Azusa, Calif.

**SAN MIGUEL BRANCH**

1st Wednesday, Youth Center, Lemon Grove, Calif.  
 Shirley LaRue, Nat'l Rep.  
 1933 "O" Ave., National City, Calif.

**SANTA BARBARA BRANCH**

2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Girl Scout Clubhouse, 1838 San Andres St.  
 Mary Wegener, Secy.  
 1611 Olive St., Santa Barbara, Calif.

**SEATTLE BRANCH**

3rd Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.  
 Meeting locations will vary; call the secretary at  
 SUNcet 3-7122.  
 Mrs. Hazel M. Starks, Secy.  
 6116 Greenwood Ave., Seattle 3, Wash.

**SHEPHERD, THEODOSIA BURR BRANCH**

1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Alice Bartlett, C.H., 902 E. Main, Ventura, Calif.  
 Mrs. Ted Lemmon, Secy.  
 P.O. Box 678, Moorpark, Calif.

**SMOKY VALLEY BRANCH**

3rd Thursday of Each Month  
 John C. Irving, Cor. Secy.  
 1940 Simmons, Salina, Kan.

**SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BRANCH**

3rd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.  
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**TALL CORN STATE BRANCH**

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**TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH**

2nd Monday, 10:00 a.m.  
 Scott Hall, Ft. Worth, Texas  
 Mrs. Joe X. Schad, Secy.  
 Rte. 1, Box 17, Saginaw, Texas

**TEXAS STATE BRANCH**

1st Tuesday Night in Members' Homes  
 Mrs. W. N. Foster. P.O. Box 964, Groves, Texas

**WEST VALLEY BRANCH**

2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Orcutt Playground Clubhouse  
 21816 Lanark St., Canoga Park, Calif.  
 Mrs. J. H. Holley, Secy.  
 22126 Gault St., Canoga Park, Calif.

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH**

2nd Wednesday, 11:00 a.m., Homes of Members  
 Mrs. Albert S. Lash, Cor. Secy.  
 1228 Oklahoma Ave., Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

**WHITTIER BRANCH**

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Palm Park Community Center, 1643 Floral Drive  
 Mrs. Pearl Benell, Secy.  
 10331 Colima Rd., Whittier, Calif.

**WILLIAM PENN BRANCH**

3rd Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., Homes of Members  
 Mrs. Ernest Drew, Secy.  
 635 Moreno Rd., Narberth, Pa.

We are still receiving lists of officers lacking the secretary's full address. If you are not SURE this information was mailed with your new officers, please send it at once, for without it your branch notice cannot be brought up to date.

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