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The purpose of this Society shall be: to 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.

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# Begonias in Parey's Blumengärtnerei

By RUDOLF ZIESENHENNE  
(Santa Barbara, California)

*PAREYS BLUMENGÄRTNEREI* (Parey's Florist) is a comprehensive German horticultural work which is the second edition and consists of two volumes. It is published by Paul Parey of Berlin and Hamburg and is edited by Fritz Encke, Director of the Palmengarten in Frankfurt. There are about 1760 pages, 1000 illustrations and 40 color plates. This work was finished in 1959 and is made up of around 22 monthly numbers. It is now available by subscription for the two volumes as a unit and no separate numbers are sold.

*PAREYS BLUMENGÄRTNEREI* contains descriptions and illustrations of cool and warm house plants, orchids, palms, bromelias, cacti and other succulents, market plants, botanical rarities, annuals, outdoor shrubs, and trees.

The article, "The Begoniaceae Family", was written by the eminent professor, Dr. Edgar Imscher, and appears as the second article in the second volume and covers pages 67 and 98 inclusive.

On page 67 a short history of begonias is given. Following this is a key to the begonia sections (or sub-genera) which contains 24 sections. All the begonias are then taken up in systematical botanical order. If one has the flowers of a begonia at hand, he can find the plant in the book by looking at the key. The begonias listed include all those currently grown in Europe, hybrids as well as species. The systematical order and descriptions of the plants conclude on page 91.

A short begonia bibliography is given on page 91.

"Culture and Propagation of Begonias" starts on page 91. This part was written by Professor Richard Maatsch, Director des Institutes für Zierpflanzenbau an der Technischen Hochschule Hannover (Director of the Institute of Decorative Plants at the Technical High School of Hannover). In 1939 Professor Maatsch wrote

"Begonien der Marktärtnerei" (Begonias for the Market Gardener). It was published at Wiesbaden, Germany, and contains 48 pages. In 1955 Professor Maatsch wrote the fourth edition of "Cyclamen", which was published by Paul Parey in Berlin and Hannover.

In the present edition Professor Maatsch discusses the culture of begonias in general and takes up separately the Rex, Lorraine, Elatior (winter-blooming tuberous begonias), tuberous, and semperflorans begonias. On page 97 "Begonias for the Amateur" are discussed.

On pages 97 and 98 Dr. Imscher concludes the article by discussing the diseases and pests of begonias.

This work is very interesting for it is the only popular work on begonias which presents the plant in its true scientific order.

## UNIQUE BROMELIAD DISPLAY AT ARBORETUM

A "tree of bromeliads" has been established at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum in Arcadia, California, to show how these relatives of the common pineapple would be found growing in their natural state. A small oak tree forms the support on which more than fifty of these exotic plants are displayed in the entranceway of the new wing of the Administration Building.

Bromeliads should not be confused with parasites which depend on the host for nourishment. They are actually epiphytes, since they use the tree only for support and obtain moisture and nutrients from the air through their own leaves and aerial roots.

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## Cover Picture

*Begonia hemsleyana*

—Photo by KARI BERGGRAV

# Begonias as House Plants

By DOROTHY S. BEHREND'S  
(Encinitas, California)

Begonias have not swept the country as houseplants in the last decade—like African Violets—because most of them prefer the outdoor life during mild weather—unlike the African Violets.

A begonia having enjoyed preferred indoor culture for over half a century is Begonia 'Erythrophylla'—also called the 'Beefsteak Begonia' and 'Feasti'. Under various light conditions, it varies in size and color, but is still the old favorite houseplant. When grown in a location where it receives poor light, it acquires its most beautiful coloring.

A newly registered begonia having one of 'Feasti's' parents, is Begonia 'Encinitas'. This is a cross between Ziesenhenné's B. 'Fred Brown' and *B. hydrocotylifolia*, the latter also being one of 'Feasti's' parents. This begonia is an excellent houseplant and prefers poor light. The surface of the leaves is almost black, with a satiny-sheen-green overcast. The leaf-center veining creates a light-green star, while the under side is a dark red. It has a creeping rhizome that often sends out growth at the nodes and also produces new offshoots at the root base, making it a full plant.

When growing in this poor light, it is a shy bloomer. When it is grown in average light, it is a spring bloomer and its pink flowers, with sparse red hairs, are produced on long stems well above the foliage. The stronger light, that encourages flowering, also bleaches the black leaves so they become mottled.

Another new-on-the-scene begonia is Begonia 'Zuebrae', a cross between Susie Zug's B. 'Zuensis' and the oldtime favorite B. 'Braemar'. This is a splendid trailer with the manner of growth like B. 'Braemar', preferring a hanging container. The leaves are also shaped somewhat like B. 'Braemar', but the sparsely placed and erect hairs on the leaf surface and stems are like B. 'Zuensis'. The veining in the leaves also resembles B. 'Zuensis' and the

plant is quite showy when grown in a container above eye level. The light seems to outline the red veining as can be seen from below.

The plant produces many off shoots from the root base and the leaves grow to eight by six inches, but usually are six by four inches. It is a late summer bloomer here, with white blossoms, tinged with pink when grown under certain light conditions. The flowers are sparsely hairy.

Begonia 'Encinitas' and B. 'Zuebrae' are Dorothy Behrends' hybrids.

Another of the newer, registered begonias being grown or desired by San Diego begonia fans, is Begonia 'Mary's Curl'. This is a Mary Gillingswater cross of several years ago. It was taken to Lemon Grove by Edna Lowry and as the demand was great, she propagated it and it has become fairly well distributed. As its worth became realized, it was named and registered.

It is a lettuce green with very wide, green-white veining in its smooth leaves. The margins of the extremely large leaves are heavily crested and as they mature, the weight pulls the leaf stems downward. It is a spring bloomer. B. 'Mary's Curl' is a splendid companion plant to Beth Bath's B. 'Madame Queen', both producing huge crested leaves on semi-erect rhizomes. Where B. 'Mary's Curl' is green B. 'Madame Queen' is bronze. Both plants reproduce leaves with crested margins immediately, through vegetative propagation, because they have *B. manicata aureo-maculata crispa* parentage. (The crested leaf of B. 'Bunchi' does not reproduce in this manner, often taking two years to produce the crested margins. The same goes for hybrids of this parentage.)

The forementioned begonias are being vegetatively propagated and will become available as fast as nature will allow. Ask your favorite begonia supplier, not the hybridizers, for the plants.

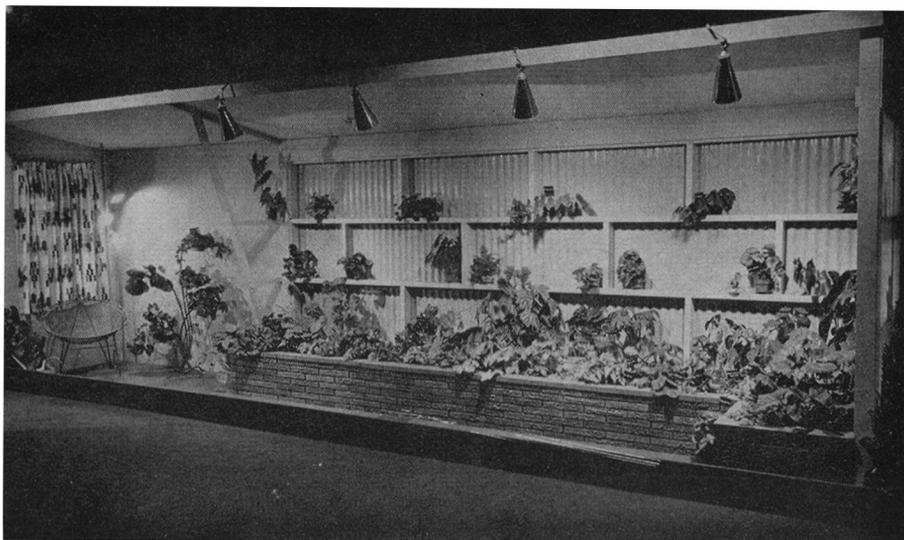


Exhibit by Bessie Raymond Buxton Branch entered in New England Spring Flower Show, Revere, Massachusetts

## **BUXTON BRANCH IN FLOWER SHOW**

By NANCY F. ALVORD  
(Quincy, Massachusetts)

The exhibit entered by the Bessie Raymond Buxton Branch in the 89th Annual New England Spring Flower Show in Wonderland Park, Revere, Massachusetts, was awarded a First Place and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's Bronze Medal.

The space allotted to us this year was a difficult one because of its proportions—28 feet by 5 feet. However, planning the exhibit to appear as the end of a room devoted to begonias as house plants and as part of the decor, the result proved rather effective.

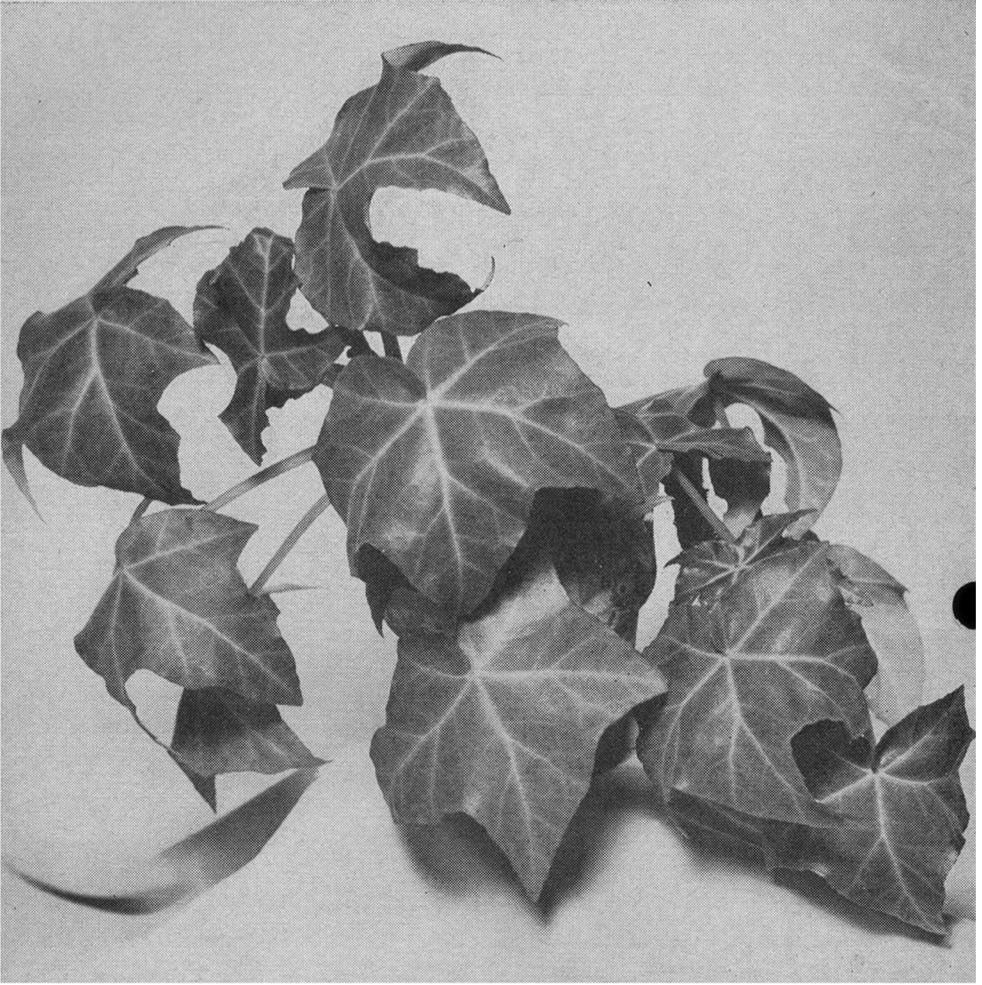
The room, itself, was twenty-four feet wide, leaving four feet outside of the fiberglass at the right for a small airy planting of glossy, broad-leaved ligustrum, kalmia, and a few semperflorens. For the planter, we were fortunate in finding bricks of interesting texture and of a deep rosy neutral color, so that we could

use pink for the room as a whole, including the fiberglass, a color that enhances the begonias.

New copper-finished spotlight fixtures were put up by the Horticultural Society, and our pole lamp in one corner was painted deep rose, creating a quiet unity. The hanging drapery was a stroke of luck! Black, gold, grey, and pink on a white textured background—it was truly modern in design without being a distraction.

As we had more plants this year than we needed, we could be selective. The show was held March 13 to 20, a difficult time of year for begonias in this part of the world, for then they were just beginning to lose their winter "pallor" and take on luster. In spite of this, all of the rexes and most of the other plants exhibited were housegrown.

By displaying a wide variety of plants in such a setting, we hoped that we might convince the public of the ease of culture and the adaptability of begonias to house conditions, and to make the public aware of their desirability as living decorations.



*B. kenworthyi*

# Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Flight

## No. 1—*B. kenworthyi*—

Collected in Mexico by MacDougall. Description by Rudolf Ziesenhenné.

Herbaceous perennial: stem erect, thick fleshy, inverted egg shaped,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches long,  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter from side to side,  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch from front to back. Non-branching, leaves confined to tip. Internodes  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long,  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch the shortest,  $\frac{6}{16}$  inch the longest. Spinach-green, dull; lenticels whitish, more abundant below the leaf scar,  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch in diameter, leaf stem scar tan, becoming furrowed with vertical zig-zag fissures, bordered on the lower edge with semi-stiff scale-like hairs with frimbriated end  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch long,  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch wide, greenish.

Stipules remaining, like paper, uneven triangular; edges rounded, tip rounded, margins even;  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch long,  $\frac{9}{16}$  inch wide; keeled almost centrally, the keel running down the length of the stipule and encircling the base of the petiole, where it is fringed with  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch long whitish hairs which are sometimes lobed at the tip, then up the opposite stipule. The tip runs out to a hair-like point and extends about  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch beyond the tip of the stipule; semi-stiff hairs about  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch fringe the edge of the keel; pod green, keel ox-blood red, dull.

Leaf stem round  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in diameter at the base,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 7 inches long; pod green, thinly dotted and striped with current red, covered with a fine gray bloom. Lenticels long and narrow, greenish. At the leaf blade end and very close to it the stem is encircled by from one to three cuff-like appendages with the free edge frimbriated,  $\frac{9}{16}$  inch in diameter, ox-blood red, dull. In one specimen only one stem has a small rudiment on this cuff. Leaf firm and fleshy, slate grey, veins verdigris, covered with grey bloom, nerves prominent and whitish, dull, unequal, slanting, running out to a long point heart-shaped at the base, to unequal transverse heartshape; unequal five-lobed, tapering gradually to a point and bending downward. Margins minutely saw-tooth-

ed, each tooth tipped by a short ox-blood red hair, vertically wavy, leaf varies palmately 5-7 nerved, 5 prominent, out side basally 1-2, laterally 2, inside basally 1-2, laterally 1.

Inflorescens axillary, many flowered, equally divided flower cluster with paired branches of unequal length, flowering December to March. Flower stem from the leaf axil, round,  $7\frac{1}{4}$  to 10 inches long,  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch in diameter at the base, pod green, dotted with current red, smooth, dull luster, covered with a fine grey bloom. Male flower petals 2, white, oval, tip blunt, margins even, bare,  $\frac{7}{16}$  inch long,  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch wide; stamens 12-13 filaments of unequal length,  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch long, free, anthers arranged like a hand of bananas,  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch long, oblong, tip blunt, connective produced. Female flower petals 2, white, circular, tip blunt,  $\frac{8}{16}$  inch long and wide, margins even, stigma branches not twisted, tip very shortly two-lobed, slightly curved. Seed oblong, blunt tip, marked like a honeycomb.

Seeds were collected at El Chango, some 24 to 30 miles south of Ocozacoautla, Chiapas, Mexico, where plants were found growing on cliffs, in moderately dry country.

The begonia hobbyist will find this plant a welcome prize to his collection. The deeply lobed, red-colored leaves are covered entirely with bloom like that on a plum, giving a bluish gray appearance. Requires very little water. Price \$1.00 per pkt.

## No. 2—*B. Brazil*—

Two varieties, one described as climbing. However, we use the word, climbing, advisedly as our interpretation of the word and that of the collector may not be the same. 25 cents per pkt.

## No. 3—*B. acida*—

Brazil. Rhizomatous species with large leaves to one foot; bright green, roughly puckered. Tall inflorescence with white flowers. Not many seeds available. 50 cents per pkt.

**No. 4—*B. lobulata*—**

Mexico. Handsome cane type species with ivy-like, glossy green, broad ovate leaves lightly lobed, brown tomentose underneath. Flowers white or pink. 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 5—*B. boweri*—**

Mexico. Rhizomatous, bushy, with small, waxy, ovate leaves and blackish-brown patches and erect hairs along the margins. Flowers pink. Scarce. 50 cents per pkt.

**No. 6—*B. 'Bow-nigra'*—**

(*B. sunderbruchi* x *B. boweri*) Rhizomatous miniature, star-shaped bronzy leaves with contrasting light green in center and along veins. Flowers pink. 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 7—*B. dipetala*—**

(Syn. *B. 'Mrs. W. S. Kimball'*) Two feet tall. Stems rigidly erect, brown, rarely branched. Leaves ovate-pointed, doubly toothed, green with scattered bristly hairs, red beneath. Large, soft pink flowers in pendulous clusters. Delicate and handsome. 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 8—*B. erythrophylla*—**

(*B. manicata* x *B. hydrocotylifolia*. Syn. *B. 'Feasti'*) Medium small; rhizomes creeping; leaves short-petioled, orbicular, basal lobes usually overlapping, fleshy, glossy, dark olive-green, glossy, bright red beneath. Flowers pink, drooping, in tall erect panicles. 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 9—*B. 'Cinderella'*—**

A remarkable new semperflorens bearing large flowers with attractive yellow centers, creating the appearance of being double. Colors are pink, dark rose, and white. 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 10—*B. 'Saga'*—**

Dwarf semperflorens, dense growth, bright red flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 11—*B. 'Stuttgart'*—**

Semperflorens with rich bronze foliage and pink flowers. Because of its hybrid vigor, this variety is well suited for outdoor bedding. 25 cents per pkt.

Report from a member in Connecticut who is growing *B. 'Lucerna'* from seeds given away a few months ago:

"The '*Lucerna*' seedlings are varied.

They are all strong growers, germinated well and quickly; all are interesting and handsome. Some have long, cupped, wavy leaves; nodes close set and many branched, without pinching; others have narrow, cupped, wavy leaves. Still others have smooth, dark green, spotted, non-waved, elliptical-shaped leaves. All are spotted, thick stemmed. They seem to vary as to light tolerance."

**GREENHOUSE PLANTS**

***Plectranthus ortendahlii*—**

Labiatae. Fleshy creeper with four angled stem and small, broad leaves, friendly green to bronzy, patterned with an attractive network of silvery veins, lightly crenate margins purple, surface short-hairy, older leaves purple beneath, petioles purple. Flowers bilabiate. 25 cents per pkt.

***Gloxinia perennis (maculata)*—**

Gesneriaceae. Fleshy, spotted stem to eighteen inches high, on scaly rhizome but no tuber, bearing large, downy, bell-shaped, fragrant flowers, purplish blue with darker throat; basal leaves heart-shaped, crenate, waxy above and reddish beneath. 25 cents per pkt.

***Anthurium crassinervum*—**

Bold rosette with fleshy, shining green, elliptic leaves to three feet long; thick stalks three-ridged beneath. 25 cents per pkt.

***Acanthostachys strobilacea*—**

Brazil. Bromeliaceae. Epiphytic plant with long pendant, very narrow, succulent, and channeled leaves, deep green with gray scurf and spiny. Inflorescence on reed-like stems bearing red cone-like fruit. 25 cents per pkt.

***Vriesia imperialis*—**

(Estado do Rio) Leathery green leaves in good light are deep wine-red. Even young plants produce seedling-like suckers at the base; the inflorescence a tall, branched spike six feet or more. The large bract leaves are maroon-red, from which extend the arching secondary bracted spikes with yellow flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

***Bromeliad*—**

Identification lost. Described as having large, exotic flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

### **Luculia grandiflora**—

Pure white. New introduction from Bhutan. Seeds were collected by a friend who is in superior forest service. Plant has large flowers in immense panicles with broad ornamental leaves. Rare. From Gangtok, Sikkin, via India. 35 cents per pkt.

### **FERN SPORES**

#### **Blechnum brasiliense**—

Brazil. Polypodiaceae. Rosette growing on a scaly trunk to three feet high, the leathery green fronds deeply pinnatifid, widest in the upper third, the mid-rib broad, with pinnae overlapping and wavy, and coppery when young. 25 cents per pkt.

#### **Platycterium grande**—

Magnificent epiphyte with a regal crown of upright, spreading, sterile fronds of glossy vivid green, the upper lobes doubly forked and stag-horn-like with dark venation; pendulous, forked pairs of fertile fronds appear with age, holding between them wedge-shaped disk bearing the sporangia. 25 cents per pkt.

#### **Platycterium willinckii**—

Java. A distinctive epiphyte with uneven, forked basal leaves and densely silvery pubescent fertile fronds, erect at first, later completely pendant, very narrow and several times forked into long, slender lobes, sporangia bearing at tips. 25 cents per pkt.

#### **Platycterium bifurcatum**—

'Staghorn Fern.' Easy growing epiphyte, freely producing young plants on its roots. The basal fronds are kidney-shaped, in old specimen lobed. The usually laxly-pendant, leathery, grayish, dark green fertile fronds, to three feet long, are thinly covered with white stellate hairs. 25 cents per pkt.

We have received from Germany several varieties of good fern spores. However, there is not enough of one kind to offer separately, so we have combined them. Some of the best ferns are in this offer, most of which are easily grown from spores. Fern spores are slow to germinate and should be placed where they are not disturbed and given adequate moisture and warmth. Combined seeds 25 cents per pkt.

### **OTHER GENERA**

#### **Erythrina pink**—

'Kitten Ears'. Handsome shrub or small tree bearing pink flowers. Spineless. 25 cents per pkt.

#### **Russelia**—

Scrophulariaceae. Tropical. Stems much-branched and slender, often pendulous. Leaves in whorls, small, sometimes scale-like. Flowers showy, red, in branching clusters. Greenhouse plant in cold climates. 25 cents per pkt.

#### **Adromeda**—

Small shrub with pink, bell-shaped flowers in drooping clusters. Grow in acid soil and give plenty of water. 25 cents per pkt.

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## **LECTURE ON JUDGING FUCHSIAS**

The seventh lecture in the series on shade plant judging will be on the subject of judging fuchsias, and will be given by Phil Reedstrom of Novato, California.

Mr. Reedstrom is well known as a hybridizer of fuchsias, having brought out "Ball of Fire", "Red Hot", "Tiburón", and many others. At the California National Fuchsia Society show in 1959, his "Belvedere" won the Leo Lee Memorial Award for the best unimported seedling.

He is a member of the American Fuchsia Society, and is well qualified as a judge.

The lecture will be on Friday, May 13, at the South Gate City Auditorium, 4900 Southern Avenue, South Gate, California. Registration begins at 7:30 p.m. and the lecture starts promptly at 8 p.m.



## A LITTLE MORE COLOR

By W. WILLETTS, F.R.H.S.  
(Blackbeath, England)

In most greenhouses there is usually a little room for plants of a trailing nature merely for decorative purposes, and particularly for adding a little color to otherwise drab places. The trailing begonia has long been a firm favorite for adorning the roof of both greenhouse and conservatory, but, in these days of smaller greenhouses, the would-be grower is often denied the opportunity of hanging ponderous baskets on such puny structures. In any case, where the headroom is limited, many trails are soon destroyed by persons brushing against them.

However, the enthusiast should not let these disadvantages deter him from growing a few of these and other delightful plants. With careful planning, other methods can be adopted which will overcome these problems.

For instance, although normally grown in a wire basket, the trailing begonia will readily adapt itself to pot culture. I have seen some lovely specimens which have been grown in seven-inch pots and used as dot plants on the edge of the greenhouse bench. Most growers will agree that a little color on the front of the bench adds tone to the display of tuberous begonias, especially when this color is used to break the monotony of masses of green leaves on plants where the buds are being withheld for exhibition purposes later in the season.

A plant which can be used effectively as an edging subject for the front of the bench is Begonia 'Sutherlandi', a delight-

ful tuberous begonia which is covered with a host of small but exquisite blooms for most of the summer and autumn. It is also a useful subject for the shelves and can be readily adapted for light basket work.

To bring a little color into the house why not scrounge that umbrella stand from the hall and brighten that odd corner with an attractive basket of trailing begonia 'Golden Shower'. The chain should be removed from the basket before placing it in position. Bank the base of the stand with a few pots of 'Tausendschon Red' and 'Tausendschon White' and make the corner really glow.

## TO GROW—TO LOVE —TO LIVE

To see a greater vision of the work there is to do,

To gain a better insight of the way to see it through,

To share another's knowledge of the things that he must learn,

To help to solve the mysteries we meet at every turn—

This is to grow.

To lift a weary burden from a neighbor's heavy heart,

To weed out hate and malice where a prejudice might start,

To care about another and the load that he must bear,

To know a brother's heartache and feel that you can share—

This is to love.

To find some bit of beauty in the common things of life,

To hear some word of comfort in the midst of toil and strife,

To have a sense of longing for the values that will last,

To know that God will help you as you face your common task—

This is to live.

—ETHEL RISTINE

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## TEXAS STATE BRANCH WINS AWARDS

By VIRGINIA BURKE-WILSON  
(President, Texas State Branch)

The Texas State Branch won a special award for its exhibit at the largest Camellia Show in the annals of the state. Sponsored for the fifth consecutive year by the Men's Garden Club of Port Arthur, the show was held on January 17 and 18.

The project, which presented 4200 camellia entries in addition to the various guest exhibits, was under the direction of E. Weaver, staging chairman, who is also southern chairman of American Begonia Society and vice-president of the Men's Garden Club.

Employing his other hobby, oil painting, Mr. Weaver painted an eighteen-foot mural depicting the theme of the show, "Southern Hospitality", showing an early Mississippi River house and garden with an old-time river boat in the distance. This mural, flanked by white camellia plants and ferns, was used as the background for the handsome begonias and shade plants which were part of the landscape display.

The landscape was arranged by Virginia Burke-Wilson, miniature landscapist and scenic artist, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Foster, Mrs. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wilson, Jr., and Mrs. Helen Demland.

On March 23 and 24, the Branch received a Special Award for its educational display at the Ninth Annual Spring Flower Show of the Beaumont Council of Federated Garden Clubs.

This winning display featured all

phases of the cultivation of begonias, from seed to maturity. Dozens of rare varieties in full bloom were also shown. Focal point of the exhibit was a miniature formal estate garden in a shadow box, designed and grown by the Branch president, Virginia Burke-Wilson. Twenty different varieties of begonias, the tiny plants of which had been grown from a seed, a leaf, or a cutting, were planted in scale to represent trees, shrubs, and border plants. A tiny pool, flanked by miniature cupids, completed the garden picture.

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At the end of each such occasion, Mrs. Walters would speak of her pet project, "Pennies for Pines", a conservation project of the United States Forestry Service for California. It was her custom to pass around a container asking for pennies for reforestation purposes, explaining that each penny bought a tree and helped pay for its planting.

The culmination of her activities has now given the American Begonia Society the honor of having its name appear on a Reforestation Marker, announcing that the Society has been the donor of trees in areas needing replanting. Mrs. Walters' collection of pennies from the members at the various Branches has reached the hands of the Forestry Service and they now give the Society credit for the planting of 6,800 trees, not necessarily pines, but of all varieties in areas needing reforestation.

Cora Lee Walters will take no credit for this accomplishment, and the marker in the reforested area will bear the name of the American Begonia Society and only because of her untiring work. We say "thanks" for the privilege and honor of having the A.B.S. name so recorded, and "thanks" to this lady whose unselfish and devoted work has singly made this possible.

## Bromeliads

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In addition to unusual growth habits, the bromeliads produce flowers which are eye-catchers. Such combinations as light pink and blue, green over red over yellow, purple and green, pink and white are all in evidence. The forms of the flowers are also unusual. Some hang in stiff strings like small fire crackers; others have flower stalks held rigidly upright with the flowers tumbling from a flaring end; and still others have a slender stalk supporting a flat inflorescence looking much like a child's all-day sucker.

Some of the different members of the bromeliad now displayed on the tree include: Rhipsalis, Aechmea, Tillandsia, Vriesia, and Neoregalia. The plant, its growth habit, its leaf structure, and its flowering make it a collector's item and a horticultural delight.

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# Leaves From Our Begonia Branches

## INGLEWOOD

The March meeting featured Lydia Birt, who is associated with the Palos Verdes Begonia Farm. She spoke on "Tuberous Begonias for the Amateur" and brought along pictures depicting the many lovely colors and varieties, and also brought a small flat of sprouted begonia tubers to demonstrate procedure.

The plant table, arranged by Grace Yerick and Terry Olmsted, was literally covered with plastic bags of tubers. There were also tubers available for purchase.

The ways and means table, launched at this meeting, was quite successful. Fifty sacks of exceptionally good leaf mold were obtained through the efforts of Malcolm Rich and Bert Slatter, and were sold to members.

President Pearl Parker presided. Refreshment hostesses were Eva Metz, Viva Knight, and Elsa George.

## LONE STAR

The Lone Star Branch met Monday morning, March 21, at the home of Mrs. L. P. Henslee. After coffee and cake and an inspection of Mrs. Henslee's beautiful begonias, most of which were in bloom, President Thomas opened the meeting.

Mrs. M. F. Scribner discussed growing rhizomatous begonias from wedges. Major E. A. Wood discussed 'Iron Cross' and 'Calla lily' begonias, using articles from *Horticulture* and *Flower Grower* magazines as sources of information. Also discussed were the use of copper sulphate as a soil drench to prevent snails, sowbugs, and cutworms, and vinegar as a rooting accelerant.

## LOUISIANA CAPITAL

Featured speaker at the March meeting was Dr. Howard Hanchey of Louisiana State University, whose topic was "Green House Plants". Dr. Hanchey brought with him a number of plants of different types to illustrate his talk. These

plants were later given to the club and were auctioned off among the members. Proceeds were placed in the treasury to purchase a book for the club library.

The meeting, conducted by the president, Mrs. R. Earl Watts, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Smith.

## RIVERSIDE

During Arbor Week our Branch participated in a city-wide planting of trees. This is the eleventh year we have taken part in this activity, each year planting a tree in honor of a member.

This year we planted a beautiful Shamel Ash, the first tree to be planted in a new school yard. It was in honor of Mrs. Maurice (Kay) Elmore, an active member who was our recorder for several years, our hostess for two years, and is now our sunshine chairman.

## SAN FRANCISCO

The guest speaker for our March meeting was William L. Maitland, Supervisor of the Conservatory at Golden Gate Park. His subject was "Begonias and the Care of Shade-tolerant and Tender Plants". He told us how these plants are raised at the park and discussed soil media, sprays, etc. At the end of his talk our members asked all kinds of questions about problems in their own gardens.

Elizabeth Sackman demonstrated pruning of fibrous begonias on plants she had brought to the meeting for this purpose. It was good to see her cut back a plant, and we will all do a better job as a result of her demonstration.

William Damerow and James Miller described their methods of planting tuberous begonias, showed us their soil mix, explained proportions, and planted the tubers.

We are all excited about the progress of our "Garden Center of San Francisco", which will be the largest garden center in the world, with every modern convenience for meetings and flower shows.

## SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY

We were privileged to have Don McKalsen as our guest speaker at our March meeting. He showed a film on "How To Grow Beautiful Camellias and Azaleas", which was a timely subject as both of these gorgeous shrubs are blooming their best at this time in our area.

There was a variety of plants on the exhibit table. A short but really interesting talk was given about each plant by the owner.

A generous plant table awaited holders of lucky numbers after we finished delightful refreshments.

## TEXAS STATE

Officers for 1960 were elected at the March meeting. Virginia Burke-Wilson was re-elected president; Mrs. Sam Hunter was elected vice-president; Mrs. E. Weaver, treasurer; E. Weaver, secretary; and Mrs. R. J. Wilson, national representative.

Miss Burke-Wilson is a well known New York designer and miniature landscapist, and holds many awards for her begonias, which are her hobby. Mrs. Sam Hunter has served in many offices of the club. She grows blue ribbon begonias, and was designated the most cooperative member not holding office in 1959, for which she will receive the A.B.S. insignia pin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Weaver and Mrs. R. J. Wilson are charter members, hold tri-color awards and innumerable blue ribbons, and have won wide acclaim for their promotion of begonias in Texas for many years. Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Weaver are both accredited judges and authorities on begonia growing in Texas.

This meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Leona Caudle, of Port Arthur.

## LONG BEACH PARENT

At our regular meeting on March 1, we were happy to have several guests, among them National President Clarence Hall and Mrs. Hall, National President-Elect Lola Fahey and Jack Fahey, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Walker, who were among our first members.

Mrs. Frank Rice, of Bellflower, showed beautiful color slides of her gardens, and gave an interesting and informative talk.

Refreshments and a plant sale closed our meeting.

In our beautiful booth at the recent Hobby Show in Long Beach Municipal Auditorium, we exhibited begonias and some choice ferns. Many old friends and a host of new ones wanted to know more about the culture of begonias.

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## CALENDAR

May 5—Westchester Branch. Sylvia Leatherman, A.B.S. Research Director, will be guest speaker. Her topic will be "Ferns". Plant table and refreshments will follow the meeting.

Come one—come all.

May 11—Riverside Branch meeting. Mr. Terrill will show slides of his Mexican habitat and flora below the border. Also a pot-luck dinner with \$1.00 donation. Branch will serve meat, coffee, and rolls; those attending asked to bring vegetable, salad, or dessert, and their own table service. Visitors from other Branches invited.

May 12—Inglewood Branch. Annual President's Dinner, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$2.75 per person. Stan Spaulding will speak on the topic "Begonia Culture Simplified".

May 18—Hollywood Branch. Pot-luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mabel Corwin, resident of Rosemead and member of San Gabriel Valley Branch, will be the guest speaker. She will talk about her shade garden and tell how to grow begonias and fuchsias together for the best effect.

May 25—Glendale Branch. Annual May Festival. There will be sealed packages and knitted items available. Speaker will be Rudolf Ziesenhenné of Santa Barbara, who will talk on fibrous begonias.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It is quite interesting to note how many dyed-in-the-wool begonia fans have other hobbies besides our fascinating one.

While visiting the Inglewood Branch, Art Strandberg, one of their fine members, showed me a penny, and calmly told me that it was worth \$50, and that he and his good wife were leaving this month for a vacation in Hawaii financed by the sale of other such coins! That's what you'd call a profitable hobby.

Mrs. Hall and I recently visited the African Violet Show in Glendale, California. It was exquisite. And here we found A.B.S. members enjoying a second hobby, and winning ribbons and trophies. Berneice Gunther, the Glendale A.B.S. Branch membership chairman, won the Sweepstakes Trophy for the most blue ribbons (16), and also the trophy for the best collection of miniatures. Adeline Pondella and Josephine Litton, both officers of the A.B.S. Glendale Branch, walked off with other ribbons. A familiar name of the past appeared in a blaze of glory. Louise Hart, the wife of former National A.B.S. President Harold Hart, won the Council Rosette. Congratulations to you begonia fans for these singular accomplishments.

I asked each of our officers to write a brief history of himself and his work so you could get to know them a little better. Each is a little shy in this respect, so I must tell you of one of these devoted workers, an unsung hero, or should I say heroine? I am referring to our Seed Fund Director, Florence Gee. She does a tremendous amount of work and corresponds with people all over the world.

Did you ever try to write a few words such as in this letter? Did you ever try to write anything like the Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Flight article? And each month! Did you ever try to classify each kind of seed offered, to be sure of the botanical name, and give a brief but accurate description of the plant's growing habits? Just think of the research required! And it is done uncomplainingly each and every month. No wonder so

many call her Mrs. American Begonia Society.

She recently asked for help in finding new sources to obtain seeds. If you can help in this respect, write to Mrs. Gee. I am sure she would appreciate it, and you would be helping yourself and all other A.B.S. members, too.

Yes, so many people give unselfishly of their time and effort. We take many of these people for granted. They are known as "work horses" because of their willingness to work, and the work generally sifts down to them. You may soon have the opportunity to alleviate this condition, by saying "yes" when the Nominating Committee approaches you or your Branch seeking capable persons to put on the ballot to fill the various offices of the Society for the coming year. Here you have the opportunity to give the Society the benefit of your ability and experience. "Let John do it" is the lazy answer.

In so replying to the committee we become like the pelicans that, forgetting how to fish, died of starvation, with the waters around them abounding in food. For several generations the pelicans had lived on the scraps thrown them from the fish cannery. No pelican remembered when the cannery hadn't provided them with a living without effort. Now the cannery had moved to another part of the State and the pelicans were dying by the hundreds. Unaccustomed to fishing for their living from the sea, they had forgotten how to fish. They could still fly and soar on the breeze, but they were dying and starving because they acquired the habit of living without effort.

When Elsie Joyce and her committee approach you, be ready to say "yes" and to give of your time and effort. This is your society and your talent and experience are needed.

Speaking of the unselfish things done by our members, I think of National Secretary Irma Jane Brown, who lives in Laguna Beach and travels back and forth over a hundred miles - to record the minutes of the national meetings, and to take notes, so you may know what is going on. Mssrs. Meyer and Snodgrass from Ventura travel over a hundred miles to

attend and give of their time and knowledge. Many others extend themselves as much, and all for the love of and their interest in the American Begonia Society.

In this issue you will find an article written by Nancy F. Alvord regarding the Bessie Raymond Buxton Branch exhibit in the 89th New England Spring Flower Show, held March 13-20. In reading this I would like you to realize she is speaking about New England, not California or Florida; that the show was held in March and supposedly spring, when snow abounded in most of the Eastern States at the time, and probably in New England, too. Now look at the plants shown in the picture of the exhibit. I am sure that most of us would be proud to be able to present as good an exhibit in the summer when Begonias would normally be at their best. But these plants were taken out of the members homes - in March! They were grown there and wintered inside. Yes, they have a right to be proud of their work, and we are proud of them, too.

Plans for the National Convention and Begonia Show are taking shape, and it would appear that it will be held in the Los Angeles area, on Labor Day weekend. Why not arrange for your vacation to coincide with that date, and come to the Convention and renew acquaintances again.

CLARENCE HALL  
President

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Since the granting of permission was published in the National Board Minutes in the March issue of THE BEGONIAN, Mrs. Behrends states that she has received inquiries from begonia study groups, "Is it wrong for our study group to copy your articles and mimeograph them for our study group?"

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## MINUTES OF NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the National Board, American Begonia Society, was called to order by President Hall at 7:30 p.m., March 28, 1960.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Mrs. Alva Graham.

Aims and Purposes of the Society were read by Vice-President Korts.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Leoti Fisher gave her report for the month. Report filed for audit.

President Hall reported that he had visited the Foothill and Long Beach Parent Branches and found both very active and enthusiastic.

President-Elect Mrs. Fahey, as chairman of the committee appointed to look into the compensation insurance item, gave a report. President Hall asked the committee to continue its investigation as to the necessity and expense of this item and report at the next Board Meeting.

Membership Secretary Schlanert not being present, his report was read by the Secretary, showing 41 new, and 76 renewing memberships for the month.

Seed Fund Chairman Mrs. Gee not being present, her report was read by the Secretary, showing \$90.00 paid to the Treasurer.

Vice President Mrs. Korts gave a brief report as chairman of the combined judging class.

Business Manager Thieben gave his report for the month showing advertising for March of \$40.00. Collected and paid to the Treasurer, \$82.83.

Publicity Director Mrs. Arbuckle reported that she had received a request from Theodosia Burr Shepard Branch (Ventura) for certain changes to be made in their By-Laws, that she had examined the changes and saw no reason why they should not be allowed. Moved by Mrs. Arbuckle, seconded by Mrs. Korts, that the By-Laws be amended as requested. Motion carried.

Librarian Mrs. Sault gave her report for the month and stated that Exotic books are now available to those interested.

Mr. Roy Joyce, as Slide Librarian and Speaker's Bureau Chairman, reported that he and Mrs. Joyce are preparing a small Speaker's Bureau book and that he hopes to have one available for each branch interested.

Past President Slatter, as Show Chairman for the convention, reported that he and his committee are working on the show schedule and have under advisement certain changes they believe will be of benefit.

Nomenclature Chairman Mrs. Graham suggested that the addresses, as well as the names, of contributors to THE BEGONIAN be published so that readers will know from what parts of the country the articles are received. Editor Peterson agreed this was a good idea.

Branches reporting: Foothill, Glendale, Inglewood, Long Beach Parent, Orange County, Redondo Beach, Riverside, San Gabriel, Ventura, and Westchester.

The Secretary read a letter from the "Pennies for Pines" Committee stating that our good friend and Begonia Society member, Mrs. Cora Lee Walters, had collected sufficient funds on her Society speaking engagements last year to enable the Begonia Society to sponsor a planting of 6800 pines on Government's reforestation project, and that a plaque would be placed on a certain acreage, giving credit to the Begonia Society.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

IRMA JANE BROWN  
*Secretary*

## ROSE SEASON OPENS IN DESCANSO

Ancient and modern roses famous in rose history are beginning their bloom at Los Angeles County's Descanso Gardens in La Canada. They will continue in peak bloom through May. The Descanso Rose Garden covers nearly seven acres and contains 9000 mature rose plants made up of more than 350 varieties. Leading the parade of famous roses are the three 1960 All-America Rose Selection Award Winners for 1960, "Garden Party", "Sarabande", and "Fire King".

"Garden Party" is a hybrid tea rose which produces double, ivory flushed pink blooms. Its hybrid parents are 'Charlotte Armstrong', and the "Peace" varieties. It has been acclaimed as winner of top awards in this country and abroad.

"Sarabande" is a brilliant orient-red colored, semi-double, floribunda rose which has taken the top rose awards in Europe as well as America.

The third 1960 winner, "Fire King", is a floribunda, double, fire-red colored rose. Following the 1960 top roses are the other All-America Rose Selection winners back to the first ones awarded in 1940. In the eras before 1940, the leading varieties and species in rose history are displayed in their historic order of introduction, through the centuries as far back as 1200 B.C.

# Branch Meeting Dates . . .

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME AT THESE MEETINGS

## BRITISH BRANCH

F. J. Bedson, Secy., Kent, England

## 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 Lenore Schroeder, Secy.  
1828 So. 7th St., Alhambra, Calif.

## FOOTHILL BRANCH

3rd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.  
La Verne Community Bldg.  
2039 Third St., La Verne  
Miss A. Esther Smith, Cor. Secy.  
309 E. Foothill Blvd., La Verne, 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 Belsor 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. W. I. Como, Secy.  
Box 220 E. RR No. 1, Dickinson, 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.  
Mrs. Ray Vollnogle, Secy.  
665 W. Athens Blvd., Los Angeles 44, Calif.

## KNICKERBOCKER BRANCH

2nd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.  
Library, Horticultural Society of N.Y.  
157 West 58th St., New York.  
Mrs. Gertrude Ferris, Secy.  
415 9th Ave., New York 1, N.Y.

## LONE STAR BRANCH

3rd Monday, Members' Homes  
Mrs. C. Neal Sikkelee, Secy.  
3603 La Joya Dr., Dallas 20, Texas

## LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Linden Hall  
208 Linden Ave., Long Beach, Calif.  
Mrs. Blanche Ashby, Secy.  
384 Roycroft Ave., Long Beach 4, Calif.

## LOUISIANA CAPITAL BRANCH

1st Friday, Homes of Members  
Mrs. Leslie C. White, Secy.  
3013 Addison 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.  
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## ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Garden Grove Grange Hall, Century and Taft Sts.  
Garden Grove, Calif.  
Mrs. Mel Westerdahl, Secy.  
16422 Heim Ave., Orange, 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. Anne W. Stiles, Secy.  
6737 Harvey Ave., Pennsauken 8, N.J.

## REDONDO BEACH AREA BRANCH

4th Friday each Month  
2308 Rockefeller, Redondo Beach, Calif.  
Opal Murray Ahern, Secy.  
1304 Poinsettia, Manhattan Beach, Calif.

## RHODE ISLAND BRANCH

1st Saturday, Homes of Members  
Miss Ruth Harrington, Secy.  
372 Lloyd 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. Dora Hale, Secy.  
Route 2, Box 1350, Florin, Calif.

**SAN DIEGO BRANCH**

4th Monday, Barbour Hall  
2717 University Ave., San Diego  
Mrs. Mildred Sima, Secy.  
7655 Central Ave., Lemon Grove, Calif.

**SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH**

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

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH**

2nd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.,  
Los Angeles State & County Arboretum  
501 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, Calif.  
Mrs. Carl Nauman, Secy.  
652 W. Bennett St., Glendora, Calif.

**SAN MIGUEL BRANCH**

1st Wednesday, Youth Center, Lemon Grove, Calif.  
Mrs. Ruth Brook, Secy.  
7151 Central Ave., Lemon Grove, 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  
SUNset 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  
Mrs. Robert Nease, Secy.  
410 South Phillips, Salina, Kansas

**SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BRANCH**

3rd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.  
Strowbridge School Multi-Purpose Rm.  
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Mrs. Chester Bartlow, Cor. Secy.  
37075 Arden St., Newark, Calif.

**TALL CORN STATE BRANCH**

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

**TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH**

2nd Monday, 10:00 a.m.  
Scott Hall, Ft. Worth, Texas  
Mrs. James O. Burdick, Sr., Secy.  
3211 Azle Ave., Fort Worth 6, Texas

**TEXAS STATE BRANCH**

1st Tuesday Night in Members' Homes  
E. Weaver,  
1325 Thomas Blvd., Port Arthur, Texas

**WESTCHESTER BRANCH**

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Westchester Women's  
Club,  
8020 Alverstone St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Mrs. LaNeta Myers, Secy.  
7550 Cowan Ave., Los Angeles 45, Calif.

**WEST VALLEY BRANCH**

2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Orcutt Playground  
Clubhouse  
21816 Lanark St., Canoga Park, Calif.  
Joseph Janatka, Secy.  
18641 Casandra, Tarzana, Calif.

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH**

2nd Wednesday, 11:00 a.m., Homes of Members  
Mrs. Walter M. Cowles, Secy.  
1139 Mellon St., Pittsburgh 6, Pa.

**WHITTIER BRANCH**

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Palm Park Community Center, 1643 Floral Drive  
Anne L. Rose, Secy.  
1255 Ramona Dr., Whittier, Calif.

**WILLIAM PENN BRANCH**

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

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