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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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## **From The Editor—**

This is the month we begin to really plan for the big show coming up in September. You will find in this issue the schedule, also ideas on getting room reservations if you plan to come from a distance. Don't wait till the last moment but begin to plan now!

The next issue includes your ballot for the coming officers. May I add to the words of the President in asking for your vote. I am amazed to see how few readers and members vote! The average is terrible and there is no reason for that at all! Even though you may not attend meetings, the very fact that you get the Begonian shows your interest in not only growing plants but the Society that keeps alive the information. So mark your ballot and get it in this time for sure! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could report to you at least a 75% average! You have time to think about the matter!

I have chosen for our cover a completely different type of picture for a purpose. The March meeting of the San Francisco Branch of the ABS had an evening devoted to "A work for fun night". This was put on by the members for their friends and public. Some 20 exhibits were shown consisting of gift wrapping, jewelry, mosaic, needlework, paintings, fishing gear, tape recordings and others. This was a great chance to show every one what society members did in their spare time. The cover shows a flower arranging exhibit going on conducted by Mrs. Elaine Cochran.

Now here is an idea for all of you to increase membership! Get the public to visit something that is not entirely on begonias — and then see that they all get the proper info and a membership blank. It's a great way to get your chapter publicity and to get new members too! Great idea! Well done! We are indebted to Mrs. Elsie Aram of Mill Valley, the branch publicity director, for the story.

## **From The President—**

Recent articles appearing in the Begonian written by members from widely scattered sections of the United States have been of great interest to me. One of our goals have been to obtain greater participation from society membership in all parts of the United States and neighboring countries around the world. Comments received through your delightful correspondence has indicated your reaction.

Most of us will be very busy during the next few months participating in flower shows. This is a good way to acquaint the public with the begonias that we all enjoy growing. Of course, the climax will be our National Show and Convention. This will again be held at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum in Arcadia on Labor Day week end. Watch for more details in the Begonian next month. People coming from other areas please be sure to contact Anne Rose ahead of time, so we can make arrangements for you.

Watch for the ballot in your Begonian next month. Once again it is time to elect new officers.

# Foliage Begonias Becoming More Popular In The Pacific Northwest

By RICHARD HAMMOND  
*Northwestern Editor*

Here in the Pacific Northwest the tuberous begonia has long been king. With all of the new hybrids coming out, their popularity has kept increasing. The few hardy souls who preferred to raise foliage begonias were looked upon as slightly strange by their fellow growers. At the annual shows sponsored by the Seattle Begonia Society tuberous begonias took about 90% of the space.

In the last two years, however, the foliage begonias have begun to gain in popularity. One of the main reasons for this increase was the formation of a foliage begonia Study Group that met every month from 7 to 8 p.m. just prior to the regular meeting of the Seattle Begonia Society. This group began with four or five interested persons and now draws twenty or more each meeting.

One of the obstacles in the fostering of interest in foliage begonias is the absence of any major commercial grower in this area. There are a few commercial nurseries that may carry one or two common varieties of rex or semperflorens begonias. Begonias such as "Joan Strong" are popular for borders.

Consequently devotees of foliage begonias must obtain their new plants by mail from commercial growers in California and elsewhere, by trading with others, or by raising begonias from seed. Many of our members regularly purchase seed from the Kelly Seed Fund. Many interesting and different begonias may be obtained in this way. Another advantage of raising begonias from seed is that you usually obtain far more plants than you can use, and thus you have more to trade with your friends.

At each meeting of the Study Group one of the highlights is the leaf exchange. There are always several va-

rieties available for members to try their hand at raising. Many experimental projects are originated by the Study Group. Difficult to raise varieties have been propagated through the perseverance of the members. The driving force behind the Study Group, and also the supplier of many of the cuttings exchanged, is Herb Warrick, who is well known to members of the American Begonia Society as director of round robins. Herb originally formed the Study Group and has been instrumental in its growth. Herb has undoubtedly the largest and best collection of foliage begonias in the Northwest. He raises most of them in a dugout greenhouse. It is like going through a tropical forest to visit Herb's collection. Herb is also very generous in giving cuttings of any of his plants to anyone who would possibly grow them.

The foliage begonia Study Group usually discusses a specific topic related to the culture of foliage begonias each meeting. Every member gets in on the discussion, and in this way more people get to participate and become "involved" in Club activities. This every member involvement has been one of the major factors in the growth and holding power of our Club. Besides the discussion and leaf exchange, the Study Group also takes part in other activities as a unit. At the present time members are raising over 300 cuttings to be given away to interested visitors at our annual show to be held July 31 and August 1, 1965. Also at the show the Study Group will put in a special display of foliage begonias. At the May meeting of the Seattle Begonia Society, the Study Group put on the entire program with about ten members talking approximately five minutes each on their particular specialty. This was a program enjoyed by



all. It was especially interesting to note the much higher quality of plants shown.

Perhaps we will never be able to match the size and quality of foliage begonias raised in California and other semi-tropical areas, but we are improving and the foliage begonia is coming in to its own.

## YOUR SNAPSHOTS, PLEASE

Two years ago, with extreme hope in our hearts, my husband and I suggested a SNAPSHOT DIVISION to be included in the Show Schedule of the AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY for their annual Show and Convention. It was rather late before the information could appear in the BEGONIAN but we were cheered by the results and a nice display was made of the pictures and a trophy and ribbons awarded. The public enjoyed these snapshots and there were almost always several people reading the comments regarding the picture and making notes.

Last year, the ABS Flower Show and Convention were held at the LOS ANGELES STATE and COUNTY ARBORETUM where more than 10,000 visitors came through the gates during the three day Show over the Labor Day weekend. We received and displayed the snapshots sent in last year — there were a good many and most of them were quite good pictures — with all of these visitors a great deal of interest was shown and many of them stopped by our educa-

tional table to tell us how much they enjoyed reading and seeing plants grown in other parts of the country, telling us that they used to live back there or that they had relatives in that part of the country.

Again this year our ABS Flower Show and Convention are to be held at the LOS ANGELES STATE and COUNTY ARBORETUM where again we may expect in excess of 10,000 visitors to come and view the lovely plants entered by our members— BUT, unless you will send in your snapshot of your lovely begonias — these 10,000 visitors will not know what you can do in your town; so my husband and I are making a PLEA — please send us that picture or pictures of your favorite begonia or begonias. We are proud of this division and jealous of it too — we want it to be one of the BIG divisions of the Show. Any member outside of the state of California may enter as many pictures in this division as they wish. Let's really make the judges work on this division this year. PLEASE SEND YOUR SNAP SHOTS TO: Bee and Wilbur Olson, 13715 Cordary Ave., Hawthorne California. The sooner the better — we want to frame attractively each entry — and speak for our allotted space early so please—.

Have you a good suggestion to offer our good Begonia members. A short cut, a new method, a new mix, anything to help your fellow grower. Please drop a note to Bee Olson, 13715 Cordary Ave., Hawthorne, Calif.

## ABS CONVENTION NEWS

September 4, 5, 6, 1965

Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia, Calif.

One thing most branches and individuals forget, is that you can enter in the show with your pictures of your begonias! What a wonderful opportunity for those of you who cannot come to still participate! Send them in by the hundreds! This is *YOUR SHOW* and it's time *EVERYONE* made it so! Bert Slatter former show chairman is heading our show again this year.

# Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Flight

MRS. FLORENCE GEE, SEED FUND ADMINISTRATOR  
234 BIRCH STREET, ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA 95678

## **No. 1 — B. Brazil sp.**

Collected on road from Sao Paulo to Caraguatatuba at an elevation of 2300 feet. This is a miniature, trailing type with a beautiful small, roundish, emerald-green leaf, red underneath, found growing on damp, south slope at edge of a steep cliff. The collector is uncertain as to color of flowers but the seed pods were quite large which would indicate the flowers are large and probably pink. Price 50 cents per pkt.

## **No. 2 — B. Brazil sp.**

Collected 10km past Salesopolis at 2800 feet elevation. Plant found growing in an opening in dense forests and is described as an attractive begonia with good white flowers, velvety green leaves. Cane type variety. Price 50 cents per pkt.

## **No. 3 — B. Brazil sp.**

Collected 88km from Tiete canyon at 1900 feet elevation. Exceptionally nice plant with beautiful leaves and many, small flowers. The collector pulled a clumb of this plant from a rock cliff using his collapsible orchid collection pole but it was too badly damaged for a picture. Price 50 cents per pkt.

## **No. 4 — B. Brazil sp.**

Seeds collected from dense forest near Tiete canyon—plants found growing on rocks in moist gully. Medium growth. Price 50 cents per pkt.

## **No. 5 — B. Erythrophylla helix**

Also known erroneously as B. Conchaefolia to which it bears neither relationship nor resemblance. Seeds are from a very beautiful plant with huge leaves, double spiralled and very ruffled dark green above and red beneath. Pink flowers in great profusion. Price 50 cents per pkt.

## **No. 6 — B. 'Houston' (B. incarnata sandersi X 425 seedling)**

A hybrid with very dark leaves and pink flowers, medium bushy plant—Price 35 cents per pkt.

The last two begonias mentioned are plants belonging to Ethel Shuler, Ohio who has pollinated the blooms by hand and furnished seed for the Seed Fund. This is a task that very few people will undertake so please be grateful to Mrs. Shuler for this.

## **No. 7 — Rex hybrids**

Many colors and combinations of spirals and others from crosses that produce several shades of red. They have been especially grown to produce the most beautiful shades of purples and red. Price 1.00 per pkt.

## **No. 8 — B. 'Verde Grande' (B. manicata X B. 'Dark Sheen')**

Exceptionally fine new star leaf of smoothest green satin, trimmed with blue-black markings on the edge; pale eye and radiating veins. Strong and vigorous. Price 35 cents per pkt.

## **No. 9 — B. 'Fuscomaculata' (B. heracleifolia X B. strigillosa)**

Sometimes called 'Rubellina.' Gray-green, star-shaped leaves lightly chocolate-spotted, drooping on long, lax stems. Price 25 cents per pkt.

## **No. 10 — B. 'Joe Hayden.' (B. Reichheimi' X B. mazae)**

Large, dark-sheened star leaves with bright cream spot at stem; red beneath gives a reversible effect. Rhizomes creeps, divides, creates a shapely plant. Can be grown outdoors where climate is not too severe. Price 25 cents per pkt.

## **No. 11 — B. heracleifolia 'Venus.'**

A form of B. 'Heracleicotyle' with darker green foliage. Price 25 cents per pkt.

## **No. 12 — B. 'Rickey Minter' X B. 'Joe Hayden.'**

A cross that could produce at least one plant of 'Rickey Minter' from a package of seed. Price 25 cents per pkt.

## **No. 13 — B. sceptrum.**

Resembling the aconite or monkshood. Silky, dark green leaves with sunken veins, cut deeply to separate

the points then cut again to branch like antlers; irregularly and faintly silver-spotted. Price 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 14 — B. Rhizomatous.**

Mixed seed from a friend in The Philippine Islands—from a large collection of unusual plants. Price 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 15 — B. Rhizomatous.**

Mixed seed from a grower in Florida who has furnished seed before and they always produce something unusual and beautiful—many with dark leaves. Price 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 16 — B. Mme. 'Fanny Giron' (B. tuberous hybrid X B. incarnata)**

Fibrous rooted, evergreen; branches drooping; leaves ovate, long-pointed, toothed, green; flowers bright crimson. An ornamental begonia used as a hanging basket. Price 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 17 — B. Organdy mixture.**

An excellent mixture of F one hybrids in shades of red, pink and white. Well adapted for outdoor bedding, even in full sun. Price 25 cents per pkt.

**Greenhouse plants —**

Streptocarpus seedling. Described as being from choice plant. Price 25 cents per pkt.

**Chirita hamosa**

Chirita hamosa — bright blue bells in winter. Price 25 cents per pkt.

**Rhytidophyllum tomentosum**

Gesneriad from the mountains of Cuba. Can be grown outdoors in mild climates, continuous bloomer. Can send additional information with seed. Price 25 cents per pkt.

## FROM YOUR LIBRARIAN

A new book is in the library! It was donated by Roy Joyce of Glendale. "The Flower Garden" by Joseph Breck. It is ready for loaning.

I also have two small fern books for sale. "A Book of Ferns" by Greta Stevenson at \$3.00 plus tax. We have a wonderful collection of books in our library, something for almost everyone.

Write to me.

Terry Olmsted

## SOMETHING FOR THE POT(TER)

By HU MUSSY

For the Non-Begonia season, why not raise Coleus (all varieties and colors) a Gift for say the first Three grades of your favorite Elementary School. Little tads love to SEE things grow (besides animals in the Zoo). Coleus and their vivid colors are soul-satisfying on sunny OR rainy, gloomy days.

Hope you don't count me disloyal to our Begonias . . . I DO really 'dig' them! Mmm.

Tried to interest a number of people in forming a Hobby Greenhouse Garden Club. We "Opened and Closed" after a couple of meetings. Seems NO ONE wanted to share their experience, time or themselves with others, YET . . . these same people were QUITE willing to permit YOU to do all the work for THEIR benefit.

Human nature is like a female . . . Hard to understand . . . a complicated mechanism.

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Some of the thoughts you read are discarded at a later date . . . But NEVER the thought of appreciation shown for those unsung heroes like Association Officers.

Brown pulp pots are an excellent way to save your clay pots when gifting Plants.

Anyone know where to buy REAL Oak Leafmold in the Northwest?

H. M.

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## "BUMBLIN' ALONG WITH BEE"

By BEE OLSON, *Research Director*  
13715 Cordary Ave., Hawthorne, Calif.

Mack Barnette of Flight 12 asks: "We are told that begonias like lots of humidity but how much is "lots"? Are their requirements in this respect so varied as to preclude a generalization that they need a relative humidity of —%? I have a humidiguide so that I can tell what humidity I do have but whether or not it is even close to the required amount, I haven't the faintest".

Dear Mack: In researching this question, I have checked through each and every book in the library seeking humidity guides in the raising of begonias. Much time has been spent telling the reader that begonias must have humidity and in methods of producing this needed humidity. Also they tell us that in dry weather it will be necessary to fog, spray, wet down the walls and paths to produce this humidity — they warn that during long rainy periods we must not water we must endeavor to have sufficient ventilation to help to dry the soil since begonias are unable to exist in continuously wet soil — but they do not mention a degree of humidity. So, I had to rely on commercial catalogs, literature from commercial houses putting out equipment, lights etc. They generally agree that the recommended humidity for most plants is between 50% and 60% for normal growth. If in your greenhouse you are using the fogging method to create the desired humidity you no doubt will find with your humidiguide that the percentage of humidity will vary somewhat in different areas of your house — for instance the humidity will naturally be higher right next to the fogger and gradually decrease as you get farther from the fogger. This should be ideal. We all know as we read about the backgrounds of the various begonias and learn where each begonia was found to be growing by the collector

that they have been found from the teeming jungle to arid and rocky areas where the only humidity was provided by the rock's ability to hold on to the moisture. Also they are found at various heights from low rain forest beds to high on a canyon wall. Thus we know that according to species the begonia's need for a definite percentage of humidity varies. Now all you need to do Mack is to decide just which begonia needs the highest humidity and place it nearest the fogger, and so on down the bench to the one that requires the least. If time permits you to work with your plants until you have found where each plant is happiest you might make notes as to the humidity requirements as you have found them for the individual plants and thus provide a guide for the rest of us who would so love to have this information. If any of you members have more precise information on this subject I would be most happy if you would send it along to me.

M.C.S. of Columbia Mo. asks: "I'd like some help in finding the best cigar smoke tolerant begonias suitable for a 70 degree plus temperature with south, west and eastern exposures. I can control humidity so that's not my problem. I want to start plants this spring and summer to be used this fall and winter indoors so any information you can give me will be appreciated."

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Open 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5,  
and Monday, Sept. 6

Plans are being made for an outstanding show for our members and friends to bring their plants for competition. Only by your participation can this be accomplished.

Please read the rules and regulations and special awards as adopted by the National Board. Competition is open to the public.

We are looking forward to meeting old friends and making new ones. Happy growing!

BERT SLATTER, *Show Chairman*

### Special Awards

The following awards are competitive and are open to all exhibitors in the Novice and Amateur divisions.

Sweetstakes trophies will be awarded in both Amateur and Novice divisions. (See Rules and Regulations no. 16).

**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 distinctive new Fibrous Begonia exhibited each year will be honored with this award.

**PRESIDENTS CHALLENGE TROPHY —** To be awarded to the Best Begonia in the Show displayed by either novice, amateur, or commercial entrant. The large trophy was presented to the A.B.S. by Calvin E. Trowbridge. Only plants which win division trophies may be considered for best plant in show.

**PALOS VERDES BEGONIA FARM CHALLENGE TROPHY—**Given for the outstanding Tuberous Begonia in the Amateur Division.

**ORRIS R. MARTIN PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY —**For the outstanding Tuberous Begonia in the Novice Division.

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

**DR. W. C. DRUMMOND PERPETUAL MEMORIAL AWARD** for best Fern in Novice Division.

**GORDON BAKER LLOYD CHALLENGE CUP—**For the best Seedling in the Show (less than one year old).

**A.B.S. SWEEPSTAKES TROPHIES—**To the winner of the most points in the Begonia divisions Novice and Amateur.

**THE GLENDALE BRANCH AWARD —** For the highest rating NEW CULTIVAR shown in Division K.

**THE INGLEWOOD BRANCH AWARD —** For the most distinctive species in Division S.

**JACK TAYLOR PERPETUAL TROPHY —** Donated by the Orange County Branch. For the best hanging basket Begonia.

**EDNA KORTS PERPETUAL TROPHY —** For the best Cane type Begonia in the Show.

**ALFRED D. ROBINSON MEMORIAL MEDAL —** To the hybrid Begonia for 1960 back to 1957 see May Begonian page 107-8.

**JACK BAILEY MEMORIAL CUP —** For the best Branch Garden Plot Display.

**SAN MIGUEL BRANCH CHALLENGE TROPHY —** For a Begonia that has been in cultivation for 25 years or longer. A member winning the trophy three times, not necessarily consecutive, has the privilege of retiring it from competition. See Division W.

**EDWARD L. KORTS PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY—**Donated by Mrs. Daisy Walker. For the best three Rex Begonias under one year old.

**ARTHUR STRANDBERG PERPETUAL TROPHY —** Donated by the Inglewood Branch. For the best Fern in Amateur Division.

**BESSIE BUXTON BRANCH PERPETUAL AWARD—** An eight-inch Paul Revere bowl of Sterling silver. For the best entry of six begonias of different varieties from the following: Semperflorens, Fibrous, Cane Type, Hairy Fibrous, Rhizomatous Small Leaf, Rhizomatous Large Leaf, Rex Plain Leaf, Rex Spiral Leaf (no Tuberous).

# 1965 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE OF

## DIVISION A—SEMPERFLORENS BEGONIAS

- Class 1. Foliage green, flower 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.  
 6a. Bicolor leaves such as 'Charm,' 'Cally Lily,' 'Kallakings.'

## 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.

## 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,' 'kellermanni,' 'San Miguel,' etc.  
 14. Distinctive foliage, erect growth, as 'Mrs. Fred Scripps' *luxurians*, etc.  
 15. Any other varieties not covered in the above classes.

## 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, *carolinefolia*, *kenworthyi*, etc.  
 25. Any other varieties not covered in the above classes.

## 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 the new rexes that are available.  
 28. Small leaves, as 'Dew Drop' and others of approximate size.  
 29. Large spiral-leaves, as, 'Bronze King,' 'Mt. Baldy,' 'Green Pastures,' etc.  
 30. Medium spiral-leaves, as, 'Bronco,' 'Curly Haze,' 'Mary Ann,' etc.  
 31. Branching Types, as, 'Van Ex,' 'Silver Van Ex,' 'Silver Sweet,' etc.

32. Miniature leaves, as 'terfly,' etc.  
 33. Miniature spiral-leaved 'Curl,' etc.  
 34. Any other varietal classes.

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

- Class 35. Species, as, *suth*  
 36. Cultivars, as, 'Wel' etc.  
 37. All *socotrana* and c  
 38. Any others not cov

## DIVISION G—"TUBERHYBRIDA," o

- Class 39. Single forms, flow  
 40. 'Multiflora' and 'Mu  
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 41. Camellia forms, fl  
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 42. 'Fimbriata Plena,'  
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 43. *crista*: large, single  
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 45. 'Rosebud,' rose-like  
 46. 'Picotee,' irregular  
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 47. 'Marmorata,' came  
 ground blot and a  
 48. Ruffled camellia ar  
 ed from 'Fimbriata  
 49. 'Marginata,' camel  
 thin, precise line c  
 50. *pendula*; drooping  
 containers; flowers

## DIVISION H—WALL POCKETS. S

- Class 51. Fibrous begonias,  
 52. Rhizomatous bego  
 53. Rex begonias, Cla  
 54. Tuberous begonias  
 No limit on entries

## DIVISION I—HANGING BASKETS.

- Class 55. Fibrous begonias (c  
 56. Rhizomatous bego  
 57. Rex begonias, Cla  
 58. Tuberous begonias  
 No limit on entries

## DIVISION J—GORDON BAKER LI

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## DIVISION L—BEGONIAS GROWN

- Class 60. To be classified  
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# THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY

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## BEGONIAS (TUBERHYBRIDA')

'Irlandi,' 'martiana,' 'davisi,' etc.  
'eltoniensis,' 'Richard Robinson,'

derivatives.  
covered in the above classes.

## ONE SPECIMEN PLANT

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## INTRODUCTIONS

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## DIVISION M—NOVICE CLASSES

Any amateur 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, for a period  
of three consecutive years. These will be staged  
separately and judged accordingly. Class ribbons  
and trophies will be awarded in this division.

## DIVISION N—COMMERCIAL GROWERS

In this division Commercial Growers may exhibit  
plants in any of the classes in this schedule. A  
trophy will be awarded to the best plant entered,  
which also may compete for the President's  
Trophy. See Rules and Regulations No. 11.

## DIVISION O—FERNS. Novice and Amateur Divisions.

Class 61. Mounted large-leaved epiphytic, as *Platyserium*.

62. Hardy North American species, as *Woodwardia  
fimbriata*.

63. Hardy tropicals, as *Pteris* and *Polystichum*  
varieties.

64. Tender and rare tropicals, as *Polypodium* varieties.

65. *Adiantum* (Maidenhair) varieties.

66. Hanging baskets, fine or heavy fronds.

67. Wall baskets, fine or heavy fronds.

67. a. Tree ferns.

67. b. Davallias.

## DIVISION P—OTHER SHADE PLANTS

Class 68. African violets.

69. Bromeliads.

70. Fuchsias, upright.

71. Fuchsias, basket.

72. Gloxinias.

73. Any shade or tropical plant (not orchids).

## DIVISION Q—FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Class 74. Begonia flowers and foliage, other than "Tuber-  
hybrida."

75. Low container, tuberous begonia flowers.

76. Begonias and other plant material.

77. Rex begonia foliage only.

78. Corsage using tuberous begonias.

79. Corsage of begonia blossoms or foliage other than  
"Tuberhybrida."

## DIVISION R—PLANTERS AND TERRARIUMS

Class 80. Plantings of begonias.

81. Plantings with other house plants.

## DIVISION S—BEGONIA SPECIES

Open to all. No limit on entries by any exhibitor.

## DIVISION T—ORCHIDS

Class 82. Cattleya.

83. Phalaenopsis.

84. Species.

85. Other varieties.

## DIVISION U—MINIATURE GARDENS

Not to exceed 30 inches square.

## DIVISION V—SNAPSHOTS OF A POTTED BEGONIA

Open to all members outside of California. Pic-  
tures should be 3½" x 5" in size. Trophy for best  
snapshot.

## DIVISION W—BEGONIAS IN CULTIVATION 25 YEARS OR LONGER

Species or cultivars. The *Buxton Check List of  
Begonias* will be the authority as to the age of  
the plants.

## 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 division and classes.

3. All competitive entries must be in place by 9:30 a.m., Saturday, September 4 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 times 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 will be permitted to exhibit and to compete under the same conditions as any other exhibitor, with adherence to all show rules.

7. Each entry may compete for only one class award and only one entry per exhibitor may be made in any class with the exception of Division K.

8. All plants and flowers exhibited in competitive classes must have been grown by the exhibitor and have been in his possession for three months prior to the show. This rule does not apply to flower arrangements. Only class award blue ribbon winners may be considered for trophy awards in the novice, amateur, and commercial divisions.

9. *Novice*: A novice is an amateur who enters A.B.S. competition for the first time and he remains a novice for three consecutive years, after which he must enter in the amateur class. In the event a novice wins a total of five blue ribbons or wins one of the A.B.S. trophy awards prior to the expiration of this three year period he must thereafter enter as an amateur.

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

11. *Commercial Grower*: A commercial grower may enter any class. However, his plants will be judged only against other commercial entries. A commercial grower is a person who obtains his livelihood from the sale of plants.

12. The management shall have the right to exclude infected 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 is in competition, or an entry is without competition, it will be at their discretion to award only on merits. The decision of the judges is final.

16. Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded on total number of blue ribbons only in begonia divisions. In case of a tie, second and third place ribbons will be counted on the basis of 3 points for first place, 2 points for second place, and 1 point for third place.

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

18. Individual entries in the competitive show are open to all, members or non-members.

19. Challenge trophies are to be returned to the A.B.S. Flower Show Chairman four weeks prior to the 1966 A.B.S. Flower Show.

20. Any container, wire, clay, ceramic, wood, or metal, without hanger wires, may be entered as a potted plant.

21. Pictures submitted in Division V should be accompanied by the following information, which will be needed if they are reproduced in *The Begonian*: Name and address of exhibitor, name of exhibitor's Branch, name and approximate age of the begonia, and any interesting facts about its culture and growth.

22. Pictures submitted in Division V will not be returned to exhibitors.

23. Snapshots submitted in Division V should be sent to Mrs. Bee Olson, Research Director. They must be received no later than August 15, 1965.

24. Perpetual and challenge trophies must score 90 points or over.

25. Perpetual and challenge trophies are for A.B.S. members only.

26. Divisions H and I. You may enter one plant in both Division classes 1 to 50.

27. Synonymous names of plants are acceptable.

28. A.B.S. Perpetual and Challenge Trophies can only be won by A.B.S. members.

# Round Robin News

HERB WARRICK, ROUND ROBIN DIRECTOR  
6543 26TH AVENUE, N. E., SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98115

When we speak of a "General Interest" Robin there may be questions by the ABS membership about the type of items that appear in the letters.

Well, this last cycle of Flight #3, of which Mrs. Evelyn Hurley in Lexington, Mass. is Chairman really hit the jack-pot. This cycle, which began in February and completed in late spring seemed to stimulate discussion on many subjects.

All of the members who are in the ABS Round Robin program will recognize in the following list many of the features that appear in their respective Flights. However, to the other ABS members it may seem impossible to cover so much territory in the ten letters in this Flight. It is true that only a few of the items are discussed in detail but every statement gives cultural ideas to other members.

Partial list of entires in Flight #3. Experience with certain begonias such as, Sophie Cecile, Dancing Girl, Rossi, Princess Irene, Emily Clibran, paulensis, Anita Rosanna, venosa, picta, Crinkles, scabrida, Erthrophylla, cathayana, Giant Silver, etc. Efforts at hybridizing.

Comments on attending Begonia Clubs.

How Jasmine is grown.

Planning to exhibit in flower shows.

Growing winter and summer blooming tuberous begonias.

Offers and requests for exchange of certain seed and cuttings.

Problems with mildew, certain insects and other pests.

Growing special amaryllis, such as a purple one.

Dormancy of rexes and other begonias.

Effects of over-watering.

Identification of certain begonias by word descriptions.

Pruning and grooming of begonias.

Fragrance of begonia blossoms.

Source of supply for certain begonias and other plants.

Culture of African Violets.

Growing ferns from spore.

Notes on the culture of Gloxinias.

Troubles with wintertime heating and comparisons of coal, oil and electric heaters.

Growing plants from seed.

Troubles when transplanting seedlings.

General culture of Gesneria.

Greenhouse troubles, structures, etc.

General discussions about the ABS.

Notes on cacti and other succulents.

Rooting and growing media for plants.

It is really a pleasure to read all of the letters. Each member includes a short discourse for every other member in the Flight, either by comments on the various ideas or by questions on additional cultural features.

Since the specialty Flights were offered in the April and May issues of the

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Begonian several requests have been received for assignments to the various categories. It is interesting to note that some Round Robin members are also mentioning a desire for added Flights for themselves in certain specialties. It will probably take some time before enough requests arrive to form a complete Flight for any one specialty. To date, the greatest amount of interest seems to be in growing plants under fluorescent lights and also in growing begonias from seed. A few other subjects such as growing in greenhouses, identifying begonias, and culture of rexes, have had individual requests.

The ABS Round Robin program is still available to all members, so if you want to take part in it for the first time or to join additional Flights just write to me.

## CONVENTION BOUND?

Members from areas outside the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area who are planning to attend the Annual Convention and Show and who wish assistance in locating the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, assistance in finding hotel or motel arrangements, being met at a plane, train or bus may contact Anne Rose, Chairman, Hospitality Committee, 1255 Ramona Drive, Whittier. In fact, she would like to hear from all those folks coming from distant parts whether they wish assistance or not.

## THANK YOU FRIENDS!

"Thank you good friend who have sent me get-well notes and cards since I have been here. The Western Pennsylvania Branch sent a beautiful card with all their names written on it. Isn't that wonderful?" Charlotte M. Hoak, 1625 Meridian Ave., South Pasadena, Calif.

Editor's Note: It is not often a magazine carries a note like this, but this is unusual for the person writing has done more for plants — begonias especially, over the years, more than any other Californian living. This grand old-lady should have notes and letters from all of us!

## ABS Convention

September 4, 5, 6, 1965

## REGIONAL BOARD MEETING

The National Board Meeting will be held at the Glendale Federal Savings, 401 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale, on Sunday, July 25, at 1:30 p.m. The Glendale Branch will be our hosts. All Begonia Society members are cordially invited to attend.

There will be a donation plant sale following the meeting. If we each bring some of our surplus plants we can add a nice sum to the treasury.

A social hour will follow the meeting.

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BY BEE OLSON, 13715 CORDARY AVENUE  
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Queries by letter and within the Round Robins have asked for help in packaging and sending of begonia cuttings and rooted plants. Our Round Robin Director, Herb Warrick, has passed along some excellent suggestions as follows:

"In the grocery store get two sizes of transparent plastic food bags. "Baggies" or "Glad-Bags" are two trade names out here. The sizes are about 5" x 8" and 10" x 14". Get your cuttings in some form of pan, and sit down somewhere with time and sort them into piles of 4 or 5 cuttings each. Small cuttings for the small and large for the large bags. I sometimes send large rex leaves up to 10" in diameter and stem cuttings of canes, etc. up to 10" long. I carefully label all cuttings if the names are known. I use a laundry marking pen on pieces of white medical adhesive tape. On leaves the names just stick to the top surface. For stem cuttings or smaller leaves I just wrap one end of the adhesive strip around the stem and stick the tape to itself. Any exposed sticky portion of the tape can be rendered non-adhesive by putting a little talcum powder or dry dirt or dust on it. I just shake a little powder on the table where I am working and use my finger to pick up a little talcum to rub on the bare "stickum" of the tape. After sorting and labeling I put several cuttings in each plastic bag. I also select a small but strong cardboard box that will hold all bags snugly. I then take all bags to the sink or bring a cup full of water to where I am working. I put about one or two drops of water in each bag of cuttings. Then I seal each bag with a small rubber band such as those used for girl's pony-tail hairdos. I blow enough air into each bag to lift the bag slightly off the cuttings. The cuttings must be held lightly by the

bags and not be able to bounce around in the bags. I sandwich the cuttings of leaves and stems in each of the bags so that leaves don't lie tightly together. Put all small bags into one or two of the larger bags. Blow up the larger bag or bags to just fill the cardboard box. Also seal the large bags with small rubber bands. This arrangement makes the lightest possible package and I use air mail only for all distances over 100 or 200 miles. The cuttings go anywhere in the United States within two days and they rarely lose leaves or deteriorate in any way. Retrim the ends of cuttings before putting into propagating pans or flats. I have sent cuttings in 90 degree weather and at 40 degrees. Don't put stems in wet moss or wet facial tissue because the wet wads are just excessive weight and can act as hammers as they slosh back and forth in the bags. I have received cuttings that were pounded into a mush-like mass from such movement. By putting only a few cuttings in each plastic bag there is little possibility of movement and damage. A package of about 30 good size cuttings is only about 8" x 8" x 8" and costs about 80 to 90-cents for coast to coast shipment. It is a lot of fun both to send and receive cuttings. The only difficulties that I have found in trading cuttings are that your nicest plants can be trimmed to death to get cuttings and it takes quite a bit of time to properly prepare and seed packages.

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## Calendar For July

July 9 — San Gabriel Valley Branch. Steve Talnaddge of Fern Gardens in Chula Vista will speak on Ferns.

July 15 — Long Beach Parent Branch. 7:30 p.m. Mr. Floyd E. Neff speaks on Rex begonias. Meeting held in Floral Hall of Community Savings and Loan Bldg., 3901 Atlantic Ave. Plenty of good parking spaces.

July 15 — Foothill Branch. 6:30 pot luck. 8:00 p.m. meeting. Marie Turner, who everyone knows, and is a real treat as a speaker, will talk on "Grooming Begonias".

July 8 — Orange County Branch. Edna Korts will talk on "Ten years—Ten Begonias—Ten Medals".

July 18 — Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch will hold their annual Garden Tour. 1 to 4:30 p.m. There will be five or six gardens on display. The Tuberous Begonia collection of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reid will again be one of the features. Their 500 or more plants provide a most colorful sight. This will be a good starting place for those coming from other areas. Their address is 526 Jones St. Ventura. Maps showing the location of the other gardens open will be issued at the Reid garden. Last year over 500 people attended from more than 30 states.

July 28 — Glendale Branch. Speaker will be Jean Kerlin on Rhizomatous Begonias.

### August Dates

August 4 — The San Francisco Branch will hold its 9th Annual Begonia Show. It will be in the Auditorium of the Garden Center, 9th and Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park at 8:00 p.m. This is the night members will compete for trophies. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

August 8 — Orange County Branch. No regular meeting. Instead potluck dinner in the Floriculture Bldg. at

the Orange County Fairgrounds on Sunday the 8th at 1:00 p.m. This is to plan and so work for the shade plant show on the 14th and 15th.

August 14, 15 — Orange County Branch will hold their 12th Annual Shade and Plant Show at the Orange County Fairgrounds 88 Fair Dr. in Costa Mesa. Snack bar, plant sales, organ music. For more info call Beth Bath 545-3174 or Margaret Taylor 535-2652. Schedules are available. This show will also be in conjunction with the dahlia people and their showings.

## SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR FLOWER SHOW

### Date

August 27, 28 and 29

### Event

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There is a new pattern to our Show this year, with a greater out-door area. The demonstration gardens have been started and guided tours of the Strybing Arboretum will also be given — all for the admission charge of 50c.

It will be fun to welcome any of the members of the Begonia Society Branches, who might be traveling this way, to our Show. We know they will be thrilled with our "Sky of Flowers" — a display of basket plants in full bloom!



## NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

he regular meeting of the board of directors of the American Begonia Society was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by the president, Mrs. Mabel Corwin, on May 24, 1965, in the South Gate Auditorium.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Mrs. Muriel Perz, president-elect, who also read the Aims & Purposes of the society.

20 persons answered roll call which was called by the secretary. She then read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved as read.

The president-elect, Muriel Perz, told of her visits among the branches.

Harold Burkett, treasurer, reported a balance of \$630.12 on May 18, 1965.

Mrs. Daisy Austin, membership secretary, reported 43 new members, 135 renewals and 2515 Begonians disbursed.

Advertising manager, Miss Anne Rose, reported \$62.00 received, and \$63.25 in unpaid accounts as of 5-18-65.

The president read the report of Mrs. Vera Naumann, Public Relations Director, which included bylaws revisions for Louisiana Capitol Branch. On motion of Muriel Perz, these bylaws revisions were approved.

The flower show chairman, Bert Slatter, presented the Second Prize ribbon won at the Fern Show for the Begonia Society display this past week end. The San Gabriel Valley Branch show chairman and the Glendale show chairman will be asked to work with Mabel Corwin to put in a display at Descanso Gardens in July. The question of a display booth in the Nat'l. Fuchsia Show was brought up for discussion. The Orange County Branch will put in this display.

Terry Olmsted reported that the library is moved and installed in her new home in Fallbrook and open for business, as always. She paid high tribute to Carl Naumann for his help in moving the library and requested that he be reimbursed for his gasoline. A motion by Edna Korts that Terry be authorized to pay this expenditure from the library funds, carried.

A book "Breck's Book of Flowers" by Joseph Breck, published in 1861, was presented to the library by Roy Joyce and was on display at the board meeting.

Branches reporting were: Glendale, Inglewood, No. Long Beach, Orange County, Riverside, San Gabriel Valley, Theo. B. Shepherd, Westchester, and Whittier. Those reporting by mail were Foothill, East Bay, Eastside, and Sacramento.

Mabel Corwin had a plant on display which she had grown from a leaf cutting

sent last September by Carl-Alex Jansson of Sweden. Plants of this begonia "sudjanae" will soon be available for sale in very limited quantities.

The report of the nominating committee was read by Terry Olmsted. Pearl Parker and Chas. Richardson complete the committee. The candidates selected for offices are: Vice-president — Wilbur Olson; Treasurer — Harold Burkett; and for Secretary — Mrs. Evelyn Keaster.

Mrs. Korts moved that the ballot be included in the July issue of the Begonian in the least expensive manner possible. Carried.

Mrs. Korts nominated the Begonia "Sophie Cecile", hybridized by Mrs. A. J. Kusler of Frederic, Wisconsin, for the Alf. D. Robinson award. Another of Mrs. Kusler's begonias, "Dorothy Barton" was also recommended highly as one members should look for and grow.

Larry Stallings moved that the Flower Grower advertisement be renewed for another 3 months. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Peggy McGrath, Secretary

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3rd Saturday, Homes of Members  
Mrs. Percy Merry, Secy.  
109 Brookside Rd., Needham 92, Mass.

## DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS BRANCH

3rd Monday, 10 a.m. Member's Homes  
Mrs. George Wilkins, Secy.  
3625 N. Fitzhugh St., Dallas, Texas

## EAST BAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:45 p.m., Willard School  
Telegraph at Ward, Berkeley, California  
Miss Dorothy F. Osburn, Secy.  
5015 Cochrane Ave., Oakland 18, Calif.

## EASTSIDE BRANCH

4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Natural Gas Co. Building  
Crossroads Shopping Center, Bellevue, Wash.  
Lois C. Donahue, Secy.  
2508-108th St. N.E., Bellevue, Wash.

## EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH

3rd Friday, Members' Homes  
Daisy Morrow, Secy.  
2821 Musgrove Ave., El Monte, Calif.

## FOOTHILL BRANCH

3rd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.  
La Verne Community Bldg.  
2039 Third St., La Verne  
Mrs. Isabel A. Hall  
358 E. Arrow Highway, 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  
Mildred Radcliffe, Corresponding Secretary  
1607 Kenneth, Glendale, Calif.

## GRAY, EVA KENWORTHY BRANCH

2nd Saturday, 1:30 p.m. (except Dec. & Jan.)  
Seacoast Hall, 3rd and E St., Encinitas, Calif.  
Mrs. Alice E. Roberts, Secy.  
523 Hermes Ave., Encinitas, Calif.

## HOUSTON TEXAS BRANCH

2nd Friday, 10:00 a.m.  
Garden Center, 1500 Herman Drive  
Mrs. Grant Herzog, Secy.  
12601 Broken Bough, Memorial Station  
Houston 24, 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

1st Tuesday, 7:45 p.m., American Legion Hall  
3208 West 85th St., Inglewood, Calif.  
Mrs. Frances Jean, Secy.  
8212 Reading Ave., Los Angeles 45, Calif.

## KNICKERBOCKER BRANCH

2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Library, Horticultural Society of N.Y.  
157 West 58th St., New York  
Luis Lopez, Corr. Secy.  
421 East 64th St.  
New York, N.Y. 10021

## LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Social Hall of Community Savings and Loan,  
3901 Atlantic  
Mrs. Mabel Gage, Secy.  
3214 Delmar Ave., Long Beach 7, Calif.

## LOUISIANA CAPITAL BRANCH

1st Friday, Sear's Garden Center  
6201 Florida St., Baton Rouge  
Mrs. Louis Sicard, Secy.  
4520 Clark St., Baton Rouge, La. 70811

## MIAMI BRANCH

4th Tuesday 8:00 P.M.  
Simpson Memorial Garden Center  
Miss Rosemond Meriweather, Secy.  
1552 Placencia Ave., Coral Gables, Florida

## MISSOURI BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 11 a.m.  
Member's Homes  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Miss Nina Austin, Secy.  
1104 Askew St., Kansas City 27, Mo.

## NORTH LONG BEACH BRANCH

3rd Friday, 7:30 p.m.  
3901 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach  
Ruby Tessier, Secy.  
1625 Appleton  
Apt. H Long Beach, Calif. 90802

## ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Garden Grove Grange Hall, Century and Taft Sts.  
Garden Grove, Calif.  
Maybelle L. Woods, Secy.  
604 S. Helena St.,  
Anaheim, California, 92805.

## PASADENA BRANCH

Meetings on Call, Homes of Members  
Col. C. M. Gale, Secy.  
2176 N. Roosevelt Ave., Altadena, Calif.

## PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

2nd Friday, Members' Homes  
Mrs. Anne W. Siles, Secy.  
R.D. No. 2, Box 43B, E. Delaware Trail,  
Medford, N. J.

## REDONDO AREA BRANCH

4th Friday each Month  
Lincoln School Recreation Center  
Ernest and Vail Sts., Redondo Beach, Calif.  
Opal Murray Ahern, Secy.  
1304 N. Poinsettia Ave., 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. Lillian Maddox, Secy.  
7172 Mt. Vernon St., Riverside, Calif.

## ROBINSON, ALFRED D. BRANCH

3rd Friday, 12 noon, Homes of Members  
Constance D. Bower, Corr. Secy.  
1609 W. Lewis St., San Diego 3, Calif.

## SACRAMENTO BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., Garden Center  
3300 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, Calif.  
Miss Marie E. Smith, Secy.  
5218 J St., Sacramento, Calif. 95819

**SAN DIEGO BRANCH**

4th Monday, Barbour Hall  
 2717 University Ave., San Diego  
 Mrs. Nellie Castillo, Secy.  
 5443 Bonita Dr., San Diego, Calif. 92114

**SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH**

1st Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.  
 Garden Center, Golden Gate Park  
 9th Ave. and Lincoln Way  
 Lillian A. Beach, Secy.  
 3006 Castro St., San Francisco 12, Calif.

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH**

2nd Friday, 8:00 p.m.  
 Los Angeles State and County Arboretum  
 501 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, Calif.  
 Mrs. Ruth Eppley  
 9133 E. Longden Ave., Temple City, Calif.

**SAN MIGUEL BRANCH**

1st Wednesday, Youth Center, Lemon Grove, Calif.  
 Mrs. Irene Cretin, Secy.  
 3060 Crane St., Lemon Grove, Calif.

**SANTA BARBARA BRANCH**

2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History  
 2559 Puesta Del Sol  
 Mrs. A. D. Yost  
 888 La Milpita Rd., Santa Barbara

**SEATTLE BRANCH**

3rd Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.  
 Loyal Heights Field House,  
 21st Ave., N. W. and N. W. 77th St.  
 Mrs. Janice W. Barnette, Secy  
 2735 N. E. 53rd St., Seattle, Wash., 98105.

**SHEPHERD, THEODOSIA BURR BRANCH.**

1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Alice Barlett, C.H., 902 E. Main, Ventura, Calif.  
 Mrs. Truman Stearns, Sec.  
 230 E. Vince St.  
 Ventura, Calif.

**SMOKEY VALLEY BRANCH**

2nd Monday of each month  
 Mrs. Lyle L. Melvin, Secy.  
 833 E. Jewell, Salina Kansas 67401

**SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BRANCH**

3rd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.  
 Lorenzo Manor School  
 18250 Bengal Ave., Hayward, Calif.  
 Jack Dunaway, Corresponding Secy.  
 1650 Plaza Drive, San Leandro, Calif.

**TALL CORN STATE BRANCH**

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

**TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH**

2nd Monday, 10:00 a.m.  
 Members' Homes  
 Mrs. F. E. Mahler, Secy.  
 1815 Sixth Ave., Fort Worth, Texas

**TEXAS STATE BRANCH**

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

**TEXASTAR BRANCH**

3rd Thursday, 10 a.m., Garden Center  
 1500 Herman Dr., Houston, Texas  
 Mrs. V. O. Harman, Secy.  
 306 Cody, Houston, Texas, 77009

**WESTCHESTER BRANCH**

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Westchester Women's Club  
 Sec. Mrs. Frances Jean  
 8212 Reading Ave.  
 Los Angeles 90045

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH**

2nd Wednesday, 11:00 a.m., Homes of Members  
 Mrs. Alfred Slee, Secy.  
 211 Arlington, Butler, Pa.

**WHITTIER BRANCH**

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Palm Park Community Center, 1643 Floral Drive  
 Mrs. Evelyn Shute, Cor. Secy.  
 15344 E. Leffingwell Rd., Whittier, Calif.

**WILLIAM PENN BRANCH**

3rd Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., Homes of Members  
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