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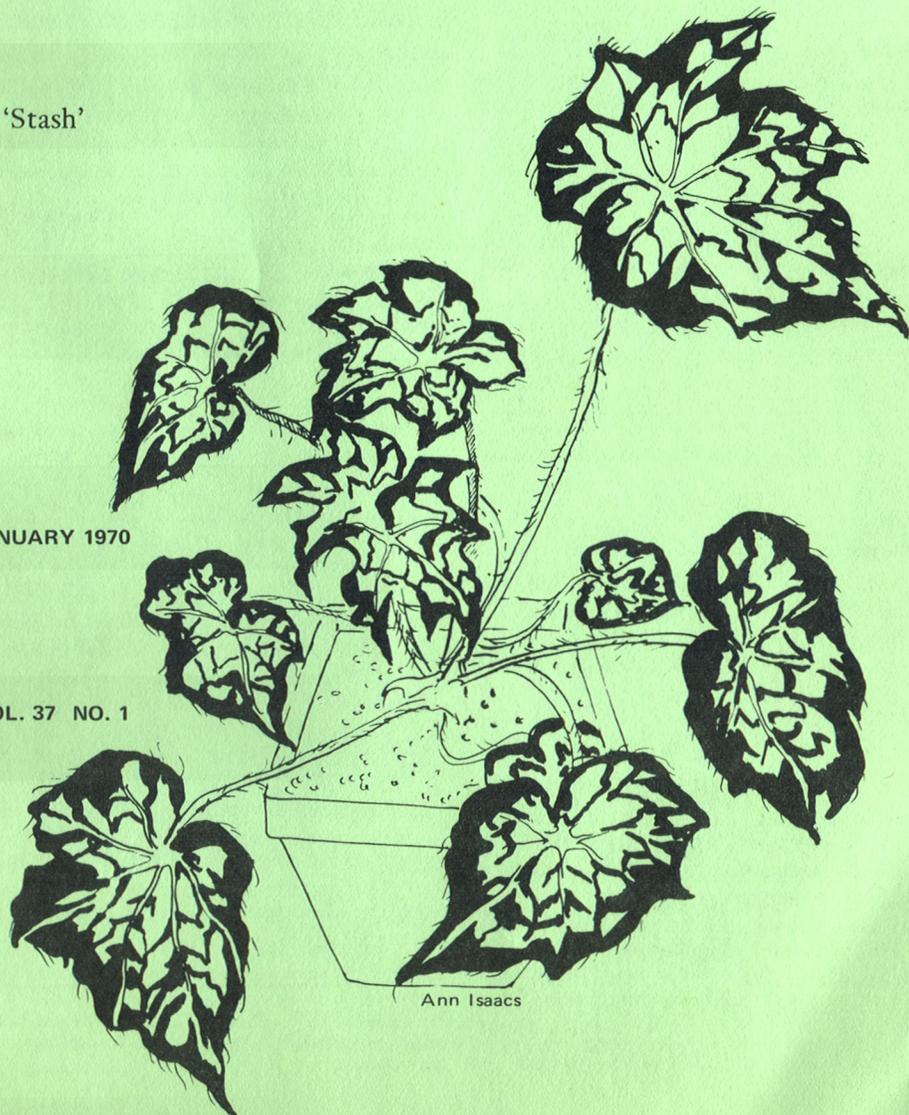


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## WHY A NEW EDITOR

There seems to be a misunderstanding in regard to "The Begonian" having a new Editor.

The reason we have a new Editor is because I received a letter from Mae Tagg, (former Editor) telling me that she would be unable to continue. At that time I was President-Elect. She also sent a copy to the President, Walter Pease. Mae said she was sorry that she couldn't continue and if she learned of someone who was interested and capable, she would let me know. I was sorry that she could not continue and appreciated her offer to help find a new Editor.

Mae did not let "The Begonian" down and I did not drop her. Verbally, Mae told me that the Doctor said that she had to let up on some of her activities. Her health or anyone else's comes first, don't you think?

Mabel Anderson, our new Editor is very capable and interested in the A.B.S. She has been a member of the A.B.S. since 1951. She is Past-President of the Glendale Branch and has held other offices in the Branch. She also served two terms as Slide Librarian. She worked for fifteen years in the printing business.

Iris Delameter, Co-Editor has been a member of the A.B.S. since 1965. She has had journalism experience in both high school and college.

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## COVER STORY

### B. 'Stash' (registered No. 178)

The following is reprinted from the description printed in the June 1963 Begonian.

In 1961 Mrs. Adam Sibiskic of Norwalk, Connecticut had the unusual experience of obtaining a pod of viable seed from her B. 'Templini' which she had pollinated from B. 'Bow Nigra'. To be sure of her identification she took the B. 'Templini' and a number of the seedlings to Logee's in Danielson and there was encouraged to name and register some of them. This star rhizomatous had dark green leaves with lighter veins and a distinctive lacy pattern of black over half the leaf. Underneath, the light green surface has similar red markings. The plant is small but husky. It has long white hairs on the petioles and leaf margins.

Anita Sickmon reports that she received a start of this plant in April 1968 and has propagated it many times. She finds that its distinct leaf pattern is easily recognized from any point in her greenhouse. It propagates easily from a leaf much like one of its parents B. 'Bow Nigra'.

Anita Sickmon says "Everytime I look at B. 'Stash' I am reminded of the generosity of its hybridizer, I enjoy growing it, what more can one ask of a *Begonia*?"

Drawing through the courtesy of Ann Isaacs, graduate of Chicago Art Institute.

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### AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY, INC.

The purpose of this Society shall be: To stimulate and promote interest in Begonias and other shade-loving plants; To encourage the introduction and development of new types of these plants; To standardize the nomenclature of Begonias; To gather and publish information in regard to kinds, propagation and culture of Begonias and companion plants; To issue a bulletin which will be mailed to all members of the Society; and To bring into friendly contact all who love and grow Begonias.

# FOURTH EASTERN REGIONAL BEGONIA CONVENTION

September 19 & 20, 1969

We of the William Penn Branch awoke on the morning of September 21st, 1969, weary, but content; the Fourth Eastern Regional Begonia Convention was over and it had been good.

To be sure, the bus for Longwood Gardens was nearly an hour late, but the happy group got there and back in ample time for lunch. Attendance, 71 registered and an estimated 50 who just dropped in, was well below our first ambitious estimates, but far above our mid-summer fears. They came from California, Ohio, North and South Carolina, Canada and points between. As usual, the Knickerbocker contingent outnumbered any other local group.

The Show was small, but of high quality. Jack Golding, of the Knickerbocker Branch, swept the board by winning the A.B.S. Sweepstakes Trophy, the Connecticut Bowl for the best collection, and the two William Penn prizes for the best cane and the best rhizomatous, respectively. Our own Fausta Waite took the A.B.S. Perpetual Trophy for the Best in Show with a gorgeous specimen of *B. r.c.* 'Fireflush'. The Western Pennsylvania Branch's prize of the best *B. Semperflorens* went to Mrs. John W. Watson, an almost new member of the William Penn Branch.

Our speakers brought substance and charm to luncheon and dinner meetings. Dr. Harriet B. Creighton left the hectic days of the opening college year to talk to us about her

research and to emphasize the importance of serious research. Carrie C. Karageannes stopped on the way from another speaking engagement to tell about the Round Robins that spread friendship, as well as *Begonia* lore among the widely scattered members of A.B.S., Mr. BEGONIA, otherwise Rudolf Ziesenhenne, came from California to speak of recent activities in our Society and to show pictures of less known *Begonias* taken during his last summers visit to European Botanical Centers.

We owe thanks to many people: to Mrs. Ernesta Ballard, Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for advice and encouragement; to "The Begonian" for generous space for our announcements; to various horticultural magazines for carrying our dates in their respective Calendars; to those guests who risked the welfare of their best plants by bringing them to our Show; and, not least, to our Speakers, who made the Convention.

by May Taft Drew

This report was "lost in the mail; hence delay in printing the article.

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## *Why a New Editor (Continued)*

Both of our new Editors are capable and interested in continuing the excellent quality of "The Begonian".

Vera Naumann  
President

The Begonian

# BEGONIA DAEDALEA LEM. AND BEGONIA STRIGILLOSA A. DIETR. NOT SYNONYMOUS

by Rudolph Ziesenhenné, *Nomenclature Director*

Determining the identity of *Begonias* sent in from the wilds is an interesting challenge. Sometimes they are immediately identifiable, especially if one has grown the plant before; but in most cases it is a long, slow, careful process, but necessary if one is not to create confusing synonyms.

Most popular books about *Begonias* are of little value in determining a plant's identity, often having been compiled by writers who include all the errors of previous books and then add their own original errors. For this reason it is important to refer to the original *Begonia* description and look at the original plant, usually a herbarium specimen or photograph of it.

In the 1800's many *Begonias* were first described in the beautifully illustrated flower periodicals of the time, and these may be used for identification although in some cases the herbarium specimens cannot now be located.

It was while trying to identify two Mexican *Begonias* collected by Mr. Thos. MacDougal that my search led me to the similar plants, *Begonia strigillosa* A. Dietrich and *Begonia daedalea* Ch. Lemaire. I checked the 1893 Index Kewensis and found that *B. daedalea* Lem. was listed as a synonym for *B. strigillosa* A. Dietr. I then searched and obtained the original publications of the two *Begonias* and a photograph of the

original herbarium specimen of *B. strigillosa* A. Dietr. which is in the Botanical Museum of Berlin, Germany, through the Chicago Museum of Natural History. In searching for the dried plant of *B. daedalea* Lem., I found no original herbarium record of this plant. However, the type article has two illustrations so we have an excellent idea of the plant's details.

In this issue of "The Begonian" is a reprint of the original illustration which accompanied the original description of *B. daedalea* Lem. This and another illustration are listed as Plate 269 in *L' Illustration Horticole* Volume VIII, January 1861, and is accompanied by three pages of text establishing the name *B. daedalea* Lem. for the plant described in the article. *B. strigillosa* A. Dietr. was named and described by Albert Dietrich in *Allgemeine Gartenzeitung* No. 42 of October 1851 on pp. 329 and 330, with no illustrations. The name *B. strigillosa* A. Dietr. is based upon a herbarium specimen of a plant sent in by Mr. Von Warszewicz from the *Chirique* (Cordillera) of Costa Rica, Central America, and ultimately deposited in the Herbarium of the Berlin Botanical Garden. This plant is pictured in a photo accompanying this article.

It is hard to understand how these two very different plants could have become confused by all the writers with the exception of Dr. E. Irm-

*Begonia Daedalea* Lem. and *Begonia Strigillosa* A. Dietr. Not Synonymous  
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scher, who wrote in Pareys Blumen-gartnerie 2, Aufl. II Band page 85, "B *daedalea* Lem. is often connected with *B. strigillosa* A. Dietrich." In horticultural literature where *B. strigillosa* A. Dietr. is pictured, it invariably is an illustration of *B. daedalea* Lem. I feel it is necessary to present the complete articles which named the *Begonias* in order to establish firmly the characteristics of each plant. First is quoted the article describing *B. strigillosa* A. Dietr. translated from the German: (Allgemeine Gartenzeitung by Friedrich Otto and Albert Dietrich. Berlin, October 18, 1951, N. 42, P. 329).

### Description of New *Begonia*

*Begonia strigillosa* Nob. by Albert Dietrich

Again we have a *Begonia* which Mr. von Warszewicz found on a trip to Central America and which he collected seed, some of which he sent to us. After the number of his invoice, he stated that the plant grew on the Chiriqui (cordillera.) It belongs with the recently described *Begonia conchaefolia* (see Allg. Gartenz. N. 33) to the division of perennials with creeping rootstock, having no stem, but grows out in clusters of leaves and flower stems, and not withstanding the very divergent habit, is still closely related to it. In outward appearance it has a similarity to *B. manicata* Cels. which however has a woody-fleshy stem. The inflorescence and leaves, and particularly the leaf-stems, are covered with tick-standing, reddish, often two-tailed scale-like hairs. They carry large, split, cuff-like scales. Owing to this appearance, this plant maintains a peculiar, roughish, and wild look which is, however, interesting because it comes between many smooth and shiny species. The following description gives

the characteristics of the plant: (Translated from Latin)

*Begonia Strigillosa.* Stemless, rhizome creeping, leaves oblique heart-shaped, red margin singular-toothed, coming to a long point, below on nerves and on margin scale-like hairs, colored red, two-divided tip filaments, densely covered above, finally sub-smooth, petiole scape fleshy and scaly, colored hairs slightly stiff, cymes two-divided, male and female flowers 2-petaled, petals equal, pod three-winged, wings slightly blunt-angled, third not very wide acute angled. Habitat in Central America. (End of Latin.)



Pictured is the type specimen of *Begonia strigillosa* A. Dietrich photographed in the Botanischer Museum, Berlin-Dahlem, Germany, furnished through the courtesy of the Chicago Museum of Natural History for whom it was made under the Rockefeller Foundation Fund for Photographing Type Specimens. This plant was collected in Costa Rica.

(German translation continued:)

The rhizome is creeping, has many divisions but no upright stem; the rhizome is covered with stipules at the base of the

*Begonia Daedalea* Lem. and *Begonia Strigillosa* A. Dietr. Not Synonymous  
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petioles of the thick cluster of leaves. The flower stems appear between the leaves and are long-stemmed and fleshy. The leaf petiole is up to one foot long, thick, fleshy, cylindrical, green, thick with reddish-streaked flecks out of which arise two and sometimes three-tailed or almost cylindrical single scales which terminate almost like a bristle hair. The entire leaf petiole has a thick, stiff, hairy appearance; the leaf blade is 4–5 inches long, 3–4 inches wide, pointed, on the base deeply heart-shaped with a very large, rounded lobe and a smaller lobe rounded the same; the margin is bordered with red and has very unequal and angular teeth; the upper surface is dark green, first shiny then dull; the underside is light green; on both surfaces the nerves and nervebranches stand out strongly. The leaf edge is covered with reddish hair-scales similar to those on the stems. The scale-hairs on the upper surface of the leaf are considerably sparser than the leaf underside to the extent that they almost or entirely disappear. The young leaves appear to be covered with stiff wool and the surface is folded up evenly and is almost cupped. The egg-shaped stipules, almost an inch long, are first green with the edges transparent; they finally dry and turn brown; the tip is set with a needle point; the margin sometimes carries the same hair-scales as the leaf, not red but transparent. The flower-stem springs up between the leaves and is almost as long as the leaf-stem and likewise is fleshy, though not as thick and is much less covered with the reddish flecks and the red, hairy scales; the flowers stand on the tip of the peduncle (shaft) in a two-divided cyme, and are enclosed by large, deciduous bracts which are oval, acuminate, light-green, boat-shaped, bare, with a reddish keel and red tip. Two longer-stemmed male and one or two short-stemmed female flowers appear in the inflorescence, each enclosed with two transparent, small, red-tipped deciduous bracteoles. The male

flowers have two petals about a half-inch long and almost as wide, almost roundish, on the base somewhat heart-shaped, at the top a little pointed, inside white, outside greenish-white with a red edge. Stamens 10, with very short filaments hardly united at the base. The female flowers are two-petaled, almost as large as the males and of a similar shape but they are somewhat sharper-pointed. The seed pod is three-celled, three-winged, with two entirely green, the larger angled, obtuse and fleshy. Stigmas 3-divided with separate standing stigma lobes, the tip of which is wide and wedge shaped, yellow, the outer edge warty.

“This species likes a median temperature and is grown like most other *Begonias*. It is now found only in the trade of the florist Mr. F. Bergemann. It is suitable like *Begonias manicata*, *dipetala* var. ‘*warszewiczii*’, *heracleifolia*, *conchaefolia*, *stigmosa* and other species to adorn the proper place in the room. D-0”

The interesting thing about this article is that it is a most complete description of the plant and it does agree with the TYPE specimen photo.

*Begonia daedalea* Lem. was published in L' Illustration Horticole as Plate 269 of Volume VIII January 1861. The article starts out with a description of the plant in Latin, translated as follows:

“*Stem creeping, robust, thick-set, polished, bare, reddish, base of petiole carrying many large white swellings; stipules cartilaginous-thin, at the base dilated, deltate tip terminated in a long hair; petioles 10-12 inches long, robust yellow-green lightly increasingly red-spotted, scale hairs large flat above many tailed, white, base red, horizontally low-lying, solitary rarely two or three; leaves large 8 inches by 5½ inches, fleshy, peltate, above subconvex, base rounded to oblique heart-shaped, the basal lobe divided and overlapping, one running in one direction and the other running in the other direction with the*

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top lobe covering the lower lobe, above olive green; below paler shining, hair rare, sparse more or less in all parts and petiole, above each leaf elegantly lightly brown-veined reticulations, though in old age reticulated then diffused; margin reddish sinuate pilose denticulate. Panicle, as is customary, dichotomously branched, bare, white with scarlet-striped, flowers of both sexes intermixed, white-pink small 2-petaled; males majority small, petals oval-roundish; stamens 5-6; filaments 2-3 rows, upper ones longer, anthers oblong tip incurved; female petals precisely round, stigmas 3, base of styles connected, 2-divided, entire notched 2-lobed, papillae yellow; fruit 3-winged, one scarcely broad, placenta bipartate."

The article then proceeds in French and I am indebted to Mr. Lucien Rose of Santa Barbara for the translation which follows:

**BEONIA DAEDALEA**

"In the miscellaneous notes of the preceding volume (page 54) we mentioned this plant to our readers, and in this issue we now give an exact reproduction of it, so that they are able to judge knowingly if the expressions we used were exaggerated, or even emphatic, when we said: *"It was the pearl, the jewel, of all the Begonias past, present, and may we almost dare to say, future."* Unfortunately the small size of our single pages (in passing, let us mention that of all the publications of this type, Illustration Agricole has the largest page size) has not allowed us to show the bearing of the plant, and all the development which is all its own. We have not only been forced to cut out the petioles, omit the flowers (see opposite page) but squeeze together and shrink the leaves so to speak. However we were able to reproduce these actual size, and as we have said before, the reader being able to rely on the precision of the drawing, will not only appreciate

the plant's beauty, but will judge also if the specific name we gave to the species, describes well the curious and charming mottiness of its leaves and their variety of colors; reticulated, zigzagging of a beautiful purplish-brown, in strong opposition to the beautiful porcelain-green of the face of the leaf, but showing also on the back but paler and less precise; mottledness finally imitating on a infinitely small scale, a maze, and in exact comparison, the famous labyrinth of the isle of Crete. (1)

"We will not repeat what we have said of the stem, of the petioles, and of the leaf-bearing, but we will say that from our previous observations, these petioles reach up to 10 inches and are still more brilliantly colored than the leaves, this due to the rich, brilliant color of the large, multiple scales they carry; that the leaves themselves grow to a length of 8 inches, with a width of 5 1/8 inches; that their dissymmetrical lobes cover one another, etc.

"The flowers that we did not observe then are very beautiful, of a rosy-white color, and disposed as a panicle, shorter than the petioles, their divisions being richly and brightly colored in fine stripes, but smooth, without hairs. The males and females pell-mell on the same stem, the first terminals having the same shape and are all bi-petal (see diagnosis). The young fruits are at the same time, pink, white, and green, spotted with crimson. We have just observed them in their perfect development at this very moment as we write, (Jan. 15, 1861).

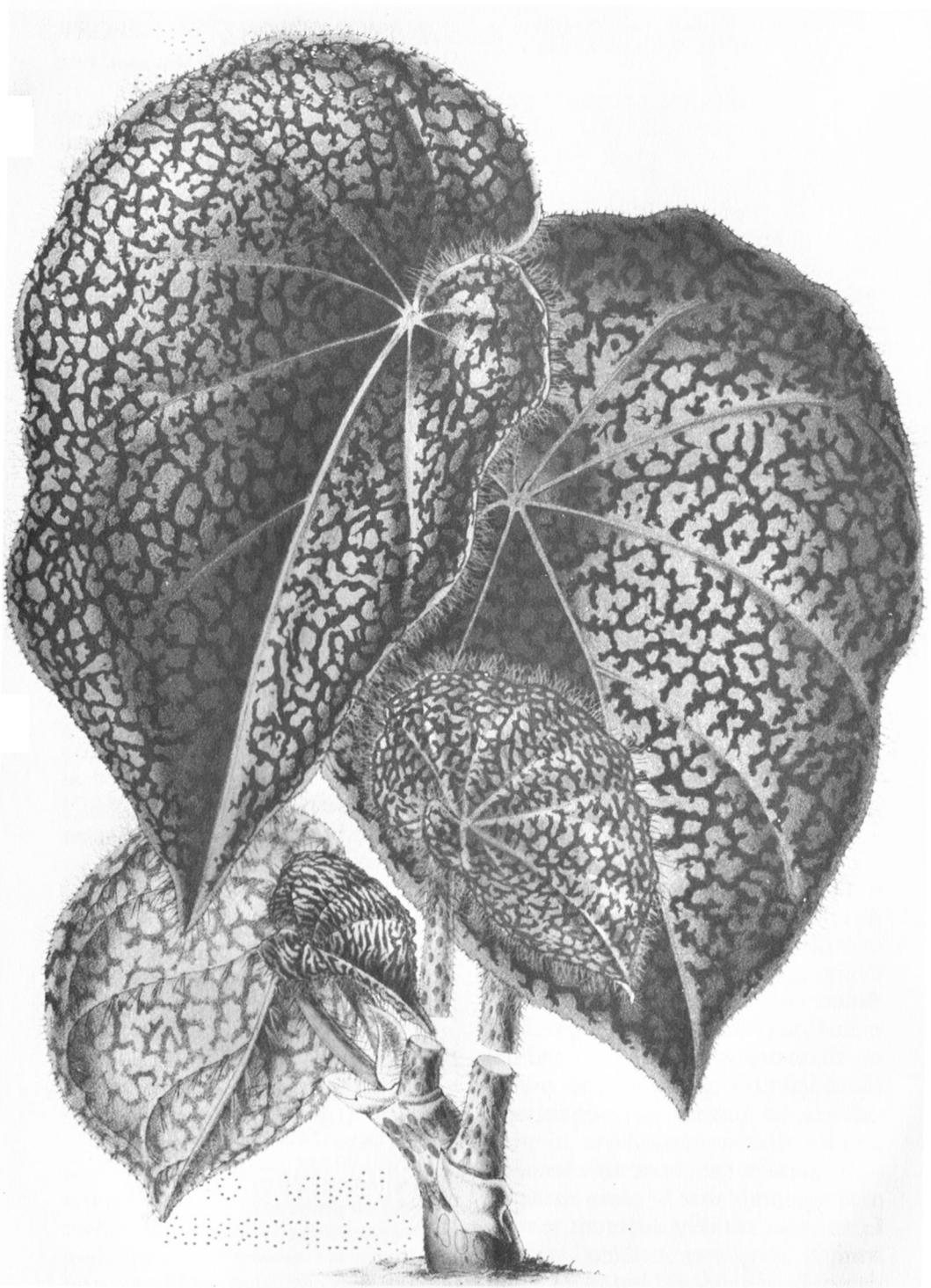
"We said that Est. Verschaffelt was indebted for this charming plant to Mr. Ghiesbrecht who discovered it in Mexico, from where it was sent directly to him.

"Will we have the fate of Cassandra. by predicting to such a plant a resounding vogue, and a long life? No. without doubt! As long as there will be in the horticultural world amateurs, well-versed, and judicious."

Ch. Lem

I am sorry to say that this lovely plant is no longer found in the gar-

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The photograph of *Begonia daedalea* Ch. Lem., Plate 269 in *L'illustration Horticole*, was obtained through the courtesy of the Library of the University of California, Berkeley. This plant collected in Mexico.

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dens. The last time I found it published in literature was 1902. I hope to run this lovely plant down by sending the photo to collectors in Mexico. The first search will be to learn if Mr. Ghiesbrecht sent herbarium specimens to institutions and perhaps if he did, there will be notations with the plant to tell where it was collected. This search is now in progress.

A look at the two illustrations of *B. strigillosa* A. Dietr. and *B. daedalea* Lem. will readily convince one that the leaves are from two different plants, being so dissimilar. The leaf of *B. daedalea* Lem. appears in the illustration to be cut but the description states that the leaf is really peltate and the basal lobes overlap. The leaves of *B. strigillosa* are cupped, while those of *B. daedalea* are bowed up. *B. strigillosa* has dark green leaves and no markings are mentioned while *B. daedalea* has porcelain-green leaves covered with a reticulated zigzagging of a beautiful purplish brown. The comparison of the male flower parts show a wide difference in the number and shape of the stamens. *B. strigillosa* A. Dietr. has ten stamens in the male flower while *B. daedalea* Lem has male flowers with only 5–6 stamens on filaments which are long and the tissue projecting above the pollen cells is as long as the pollen cells and the tip also curves over.

Because of the above differences, I must maintain that *Begonia daedalea* Lem. is an entirely different species from *B. strigillosa* A. Dietr. and the name *B. daedalea* Lem. is a valid specific name and is not a synonym for *Begonia strigillosa* A. Dietrich.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Proposed Budget: Sept., 1969 to August, 1970

### Expected Income:

Membership Dues	\$ 8,700.00
Advertising	750.00
Seed Fund	850.00
Library	200.00
Show and Convention (1969)	600.00
Sale of pins & Miscellaneous	100.00
Judges Course	100.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
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	\$11,600.00

### Proposed Disbursements:

Begonian Printing	\$ 7,000.00
Register of Copyrights	72.00
President Allowance	180.00
Editor's Allowance	720.00
Membership Secy's Allowance	600.00
Membership Secy's Expense	650.00
Seed Fund Administrator	283.00
Rent, City of South Gate	60.00
Insurance	84.00
Treasurer's Expense	15.00
Secretary's Expense	50.00
Advertising Manager's Expense	30.00
Stationery and Printing	250.00
Judges Course Expense	50.00
Dues, Arboretum and Botanic Garden	20.00
Advertising	450.00
Sales Tax	100.00
Miscellaneous	186.00
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	\$10,800.00

Estimated income available for other projects	\$ 800.00
Convention Fund balance September 18, 1969 (Note that \$375.00 was with- drawn to finance this years (1969) show)	\$ 575.85
Life Member Fund Balance, September 18, 1969	\$ 2,883.51
Annual interest on this fund is \$144.00. We pres- ently have 37 life members. At \$50.00 per life member the fund requires \$1,850.00 At \$4.00 per year 37 mem- bers would pay \$148.00 in dues.	

Walter Pease, *Chairman*  
Virginia Barnett, *Business Manager*  
Walter Barnett, *Treasurer*

## CLAYTON M. KELLY SEED FUND

### Instructions —

"*Begonias* From Seed — Sowing and Growing" gives step by step easy to follow instructions and encouragement for beginning seed growers. Price 25 cents.

### No. 1 — *B. viscida* —

Distinctive tuberous species from Mexico. Upright, hairy and dioecious (male and female flowers on different plants). Leaves are six by four inches, golden green with sparsely scattered silver spots, covered with short bristly hairs on upper surface. Lovely pale green flowers. The growers who furnished seed has this to say "I obtained a male and female plant of *B. viscida* from Rudy Ziesenhenné in June, 1967. They grew side by side in the lathouse; each producing an abundance of lovely medium-sized soft green blooms. I crossed the two plants so that this rare species could be shared via the Seed Fund. The seed was planted at four successive intervals and showed no germination. Rudy Ziesenhenné advised me to use a wetter medium. This was unsuccessful, too, so I threw remaining seed pods in the trash. In August 1968, I found the envelope marked *B. viscida* and there were a few seeds clinging inside. Just for fun, I sprinkled the few remaining old seeds on some medium. I still cannot believe that four days later those seeds started to germinate. Again, I pollinated the plants for the Seed Fund and can only say that if your first planting does not succeed, try again." Price \$1.00 per pkt.

Comment: We saw seedlings from these seed and they are strikingly beautiful with their silver spots. We suggest that you read the story by Rudolf Ziesenhenné that appeared in "The Begonian" April 1969.

### No. 2 — *B. convolvulacea* — Brazil

We have many seed of this species and hope you will become better acquainted with this very satisfactory *Begonia*. We quote from a story by Elda Haring which appeared in "The Begonian", May 1969. "One of my favorite *Begonias* and one that I find so very easy to grow is *B. convolvulacea*. As its name implies, it is a climber or twiner. First discovered in 1853 in Brazil. It deserves to be better known by *Begonia* lovers everywhere. The leaves are rounded with irregular points somewhat like those of the morning glory and they are pale green. Large clusters of white flowers appear in late winter and early spring and the clusters hang on for many weeks.

When I first saw it, I found it incredible that it would actually attach itself by adventitious roots to a wooden fence or pole as English ivy does. I had not known that in the large *Begonia* genus there are species which are considered climbers.

My original plant obtained six years ago lives under fluorescent light in my basement. Here at the edge of one shelf, it trails four to five feet and if I would permit it to do so, it would climb upward as well. Each summer it is clipped back sharply. *B. convolvulacea* is one that everyone should get to know." Price 50 cents per pkt.

*Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund (Continued)*

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**ROUND ROBIN NOTES**

There is a great opportunity for new friendships and good discussion of *Begonias* growing in the flights. Old and new *Begonias* are discussed, notes are compared on the growing in different parts of our country. Wouldn't you like to join one?

**Miniatures:**

Helen Matsubu of Fruitland, Idaho finds that miniatures sulk if planted in too large a pot.

Virginia Ott, of Griffith, Indiana has *B. violaeifolia* growing in an old fish bowl, it has bloomed once but didn't have both male and female blooms.

Marilyn Bottjer of Eastchester, N. Y. writes that she has mildew more easily on the *Begonias* on the bottom shelf of her light set up where it is cooler if she gives them the same amount of water.

Yvonne Wells of Mesquite, Texas has a miniature *Begonia* growing very well for her. It is a cross of Priscilla Beck of Mystic, Conn., a lovely plant resembling *B. brooksii* (*B. plebeja*) with white felt, parents are *B. brooksii* x *B. incana*. Roots easily from leaf cuttings, grows on open cutting bench, has all summer, and didn't seem to resent the summer heat.

**Planting Mix:**

Elaine Wilderson of Baton Rouge, Louisiana uses Redi-Earth for planting *Begonia* seeds. It is a mixture of vermiculite and peat moss, very fine and good for tiny seeds. Sometimes she adds a small amount of potting soil to give the mix more body. Seedlings grow rapidly in this until time to be potted. She uses oleo containers with about one

### Round Robin Notes (Continued)

half inch of the above, then wraps them tight in plastic wrap or a baggie. No water is required if kept tight. In about six weeks plants are ready for transplanting. If water is needed before transplanting, she gives a weak solution of any good organic fertilizer — very weak cow manure suits her best.

#### Kuslers:

Hazel Harmon of Ottawa, Kansas writes, B. 'Miyo Berger' and B. Grace Lucas' when raised from leaf cuts resemble each other when first getting started. More and more members are reporting the unusual bloom on B. 'Nancy Gail' which was first reported in this column in April 1969 *Begonian*.

Anita Sickmon of Cheney, Kansas reported in November that her B. 'Nora Hanson' and B. 'Esther Albertine' had sugar balls along with one parent B. *scepterum*. They were all in bloom.

#### Greenhouse Growing:

In a recent study of greenhouse growing from all over the country some conclusions were made. A good potting soil was probably the most important of all factors. A temperature of 55°–60° for night time and 75°–80° daytimes was considered ideal but many members found that many *Begonias* were very tolerant of more change than ideal. Humidity was another factor that was discussed, all agreed that *Begonias* liked humidity but would grow with low humidity. Daily ventilation was considered important too. The problem of very cold water for watering was discussed and members agreed that water should be warmed before use. In-

sect control is discussed from time to time.

#### Pollen:

A botanist friend told Jane Neal of Worthing, England, that pollen can fall from a partly opened male flower and lie on leaves or in leaf axils and remain up to six weeks. Even if a careful hybridizer has removed all the male flowers from seed plants, some pollen may have shaken off. Even if females open later, the female flower has a "magnetic attraction" for its "home" pollen — which also would grow faster than alien pollen and so might reach the ovary first, confusing the cross and misleading the hybridizer as to the results. Removing every male flower from seed plants as early as evident is safest.

#### B. 'Gee Dee':

Arline Peck of Pascoag, Rhode Island, commented on a plant of the new angel-wing hybrid B. 'Gee-Dee' seen at the Rhode Island Begonia Society's fall show. It grew bushy and thick and every branch end had a cluster of pink blooms, "a lovely sight."

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# BEGONIA 'CHINA DOLL'

by Elda Haring

The dwarf and miniature *Begonias* always have a fascination for me. Some of them are easy to grow, all are delightful, and they take up so little room that no collection would be complete without a few of them. B. 'China Doll' shown in the accompanying photo is truly a "doll"

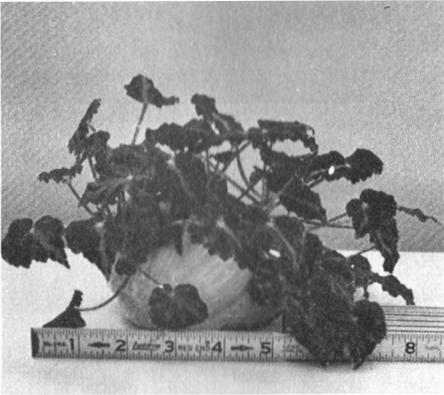


Photo by WALTER HARING

As you can see by the rule the container is a china swan not quite 5 inches long and approximately 3 inches high. I have this on a shelf at the dining room window that faces north but situated so that there is always bright light. In winter B. 'China Doll' blooms in this location with adorable clusters of pink blooms. The leaves are less than two inches long, reddish brown with a streak of green and the little hairs on the edge betray its origin. B. *Bow Arriola* x *bowerii*.

B. 'China Doll' is amendable to any soil I give it whether it be packaged potting soil or one of my own mixes of garden soil, peat moss and sand. Kept in a small container

the plant stays miniature. Once I gave it a 5 inch bulb pot and the leaves grew to 2½ inches long and the rhizomes extended well over the sides of the pot. Several times the one pictured here has become too large for the little swan. I carefully remove it, cut off some of the rhizomes, trim the roots and repot it in fresh soil. When the plant is growing vigorously it is given a little very dilute water soluble fertilizer like Rapid-Gro or Plant Marvel once every month.

The swan container has no drainage hole. Before potting, I place a thin layer of bird gravel mixed with crushed charcoal covered with a piece of paper towel, to provide a "drainage area". Between waterings, I permit the soil to become very dry and give only enough water to prevent wilting. It is very easy to over water a plant growing in a closed container. Better to err on the dry side than to take a chance of too much water at the roots of the plant.



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*Editor*

### **No. 251 — Begonia ('Norah Bedson' x 'Leslie Lynn') 'Universe' —**

B. 'Universe', a rhizomatous *Begonia*, has slightly star-shaped leaves, 4 x 7 inches, margin serrate, with short white hairs, smooth textured and of firm substance; the veins are green, raised on underside; petioles are 9 to 12 inches long, red dotted with stiff white hairs; stipules are green, but leaf color is Kelly green with a brownish-red pattern of perfect symmetry on top, and a dark pattern underneath. The flowers are white, blooming from March to may,  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in size, rising from rhizome on a 16–18 inch flower stem; both male and female flowers are 2-petaled. Originator; Thelma F. O'Reilly, 10942 Sunray Pl., La Mesa, Calif. 92041; developed in 1965, first bloomed in 1967, and first distributed in 1968 through Leatherman Gardens, 2637 N. Lee Ave., So. El Monte, Calif. 91733. Registered July 1, 1968.

### **No. 252 — Begonia ('Bow-nigra' x boweri nigramarga) 'Robert Shatzer'—**

B. 'Robert Shatzer' was originated by Edna M. Stewart, R.D. 2, Box

491, Tarentum, Pa., in 1967, and was first distributed at the 1968 Eastern Convention. A rhizomatous *Begonia*, it has leaves of cordate shape, 4" x 2½", margin serrate, white hairy edge, of smooth texture and satin sheen, pale green with few red dots, pale sinus, dark black-red areas along veins, underside dark mahogany red, bright emerald green between and underside pale green; petioles and stipules pale green with red dots. Available at Stewarts Greenhouse, address above. Registered November 1, 1968.

### **No. 253 — Begonia ('Black Polly' x goegoensis) 'Cocoroon' —**

B. 'Cocoroon', a rhizomatous *Begonia*, is textured like *B. masoniana*, an ancestor through 'Black Polly' but is said to be sturdier and chocolate colored with no markings. Of plain shape and margin, the leaf is 5" x 8". Flowers are light and dark pink with yellow stamens  $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1", semi-double, clustered on long stem above foliage, blooming in summer, fall and winter. Originator is Mrs. Harry Arndt, 20454 N.E. Sandy Blvd., Troutdale, Oregon 97060, available through Arndt's Floral Gardens. Developed 1966; bloomed and distributed 1968. Registered December 5, 1968.

### **No. 254 — Begonia ('Black Polly' x goegoensis) 'Cocoette' —**

B. 'Cocoette', originated by Mrs. Harry Arndt, 20454 N.E. Sandy Blvd., Troutdale, Oregon 97060, in 1966; bloomed and was distributed by the originator in 1968. A rhizomatous *Begonia* with 2½" x 3" leaves, rough textured and a bright rusty

*Begonia Hybrid Registration (Continued)*

red, the plant has ½" blooms and flowers in fall and winter with light and dark pink blossoms. Registered December 5, 1968.

**No. 255 — B. 'Beryl'** — Held over for February issue.

**No. 256 — Begonia ('Kallaking' x red-flowering *semperflorens* cultorum) 'Gee-Gee'** —

B. 'Gee-Gee' was developed by Chester F. Nave, 2555 West Ave. 134, San Leandro, Calif. 94577 and is available through him. Developed in 1965, it first bloomed and was first distributed in 1966; was listed in The Begonian seed fund in 1967. A large *semperflorens*, it has leaves 4" x 6", smooth margin, of heavy texture; green in shade, red in sun. Blooms April to November under glass, turkey red, 2½" x 1½", in long-lasting clusters. Is said to be extra fine as a pot-grown plant. Registered May 1, 1969.

**No. 257 — Begonia (*olsoniae* x 'Jill Adair') 'Quakertown'** —

B. 'Quakertown' is a shrub-like plant, originated by Phyllis C. Ferguson, 10722 Wiatt Way, La Habra, Calif., in 1967. It first bloomed in 1968 and in appearance and growth it is similar to Jill Adair. A heavy bloomer, it has white flowers May through August. The leaves are green, rotund, 6–7" x 5–5½", margin finely toothed, thick texture, veins depressed, petioles fimbriated scales, white, 4"; stipules are ovate acute. Registered May 15, 1969.

**No. 258 — Begonia (Rex cv. x Rex cv.) 'Hippie'** —

B. 'Hippie' has unusual, twisted leaves, heavily covered with red hairs, being hardy out of doors in California, holding its leaves the year round. It is a large rex, with round, fluted, double spiraled leaves, 7" x 9", heavy textured, almost black, the abundance of red hairs giving a red cast; petioles are green with sparse, light-pink hairs. The plant was developed in 1965 and first distributed in 1969 by the originator, Sylvia B. Leatherman, Leatherman's Gardens, 2637 N. Lee Ave., So. El Monte, Calif. 91733. Registered June 14, 1969.

**No. 259 — Begonia (Rex cv. x Rex cv.) 'Lady Frances Jean'** —

B. 'Lady Frances Jean', a rex, was developed in 1962 and first distributed by the originator, Sylvia B. Leatherman, Leatherman's Gardens, 2637 N. Lee Ave., So. El Monte, Calif. 91733, in 1966. This large, spiral rex has bronzy maroon colored leaves, with irregular, silver-blue sections, round, fluted 11" x 13". The margin has irregular points and the leaf is heavy textured; petioles are red with red hairs. Holds leaves the year around in California out of doors. Registered June 14, 1969.

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The regular board meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m., Vera Naumann presiding. After opening ceremonies the President presented the following appointments for approval: Judges Course Director, Ruth Pease; Research Director, M. Carleton L'Hommedieu; one member of Awards Committee, Herb. Warick; Flower Show Chairman, Everett Wright; Slide Librarian, Muriel Perz. Appointments approved.

September Minutes approved as corrected.

### Officer's Reports:

Treasurer, Balance \$727.28

Membership — new, 55, total 2,245

Advertising, receipts \$95.00, outstanding \$52.50

Librarian, reported difficulty in collecting postage, motion carried to add 50 cents per order for postage and handling.

Selling price for Membership Roster set at \$1.25

Judges Course Dir., reported sale of Point Scoring and Classification Booklets in conjunction with Judges Course.

Motion carried to purchase 50 ABS pins. Motion carried to increase price to \$4.50 to offset mfg's increase in cost.

Mr. Daniels reported 1970 Convention dates, August 15th & 16th, Motion carried of Board's endorsement of work done by Host Branch, Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch.

Round Robin and Research Directors report read. Motion carried to establish Research Fund by contribution from Branches and individuals and to indicate for which the fund is needed.

Motion carried to renew membership in South Coast Botanical Garden.

Branch reports given, meeting adjourned 10:45 p.m.

Irene Grannell  
*Secretary*

## Condensed Minutes of the National Board of ABS for November 24, 1969

The regular board meeting called to order 8:10 p.m., Vera Nauman presiding. After opening ceremonies roll was called. Minutes of October meeting approved as corrected.

### Officers reports:

Treasurer; balance on hand \$668.18

Advertising; receipts \$60.00 outstanding \$52.00

Judges Course; not all Judges use Point Scoring System approved by ABS, action deferred until nearer Show time.

Membership Secy; new, 44, total 2,190

Round Robin, Research, Public Relations: reports read, activity in all departments.

The President announced resignation of Muriel Perz due to prior commitments, presented nomination of Irene Grannell for Slide Librarian, motion carried to approve.

Show Treasurer reported net profit of \$426.29 for 1969 show. Motion made to donate \$100.00 to Arboretum, motion ammended to designate the money be donated to the Arboretum Show Building fund. Amendment and motion carried.

Motion carried to renew ad in Home Garden Magazine.

Motion carried to make xerox copies of last 6 mo. of 38 and entire years of 39 to 42 of "The Begonian" for resale.

Branch reports were given, meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.

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If anyone knows of a source of seed, tubers or plants please write direct to F. G. Cappell, 3770 Redwood Ave., Los Angeles, California 90066. The member wishes to use *B. baumannii* in hybridization.

## NEWS

The Elsa Fort Branch of the ABS will participate in a Spring Flower Show at the Philadelphia Civic Center, March 15th to the 22nd 1970. Major Exhibits will be staged by nurserymen, plant societies, garden clubs, private and professional growers and educational institutions.

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## EDITORS CORNER

An apology is due the Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch. Their contribution was omitted from the Trophy Fund Acknowledgement column in the November issue of "The Begonian".

Corrections for November issue:

- Cover — *B. paranaensis*
- Page 253 — *B. masoniana*
- Page 257 — Hybridizing
- Page 251 — "The Lonely Little Begonia" article was from contributor Nora Shahan

Corrections for December issue:

- Page 282 — line 5 add instead of and
- Page 283 — last line column one classification

Anyone wishing aid in problems of plant disease or other pertinent information for the home gardener may write to the United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Information, Washington D.C. 25 for your local office; or write to your state office of the Agricultural Extension Service, U.S.D.A.

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2325 Esmond, Richmond, Calif. 94804

## EASTSIDE BRANCH

4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Natural Gas Co. Bldg.  
Crossroads Shopping Center, Bellevue, Wash.  
Edith Lange, Secy.  
990 Belfair Lane, Bellevue, Wash. 98004

## EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH

3rd Friday, Members' Homes  
Mrs. Gladys Mattuket  
314 N. Pural Drive, Monterey Park, Calif. 91754

## FOOTHILL BRANCH

3rd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.  
La Verne Community Bldg.  
2039 Third St., La Verne  
Mrs. A. Esther Smith, Secy.  
309 E. Foothill Blvd., Pomona, Calif. 91767

## FORT, ELSA BRANCH

1st Saturday, 1:00 p.m.  
Miss Lola Price, Secy.  
628 Beach Ave., Laurel Springs, N.J. 08044

## GLENDALE BRANCH

2nd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.  
Glendale Federal Savings, 401 N. Brand  
Mrs. Irene Grannell, Secy.  
1431 Coronado Ter., Los Angeles, Calif. 90026

## GREATER BATON ROUGE BRANCH

Mrs. Charles H. Smith, Secy.  
4177 Flannery Rd., Baton Rouge, La. 70814

## HOUSTON TEXAS BRANCH

2nd Friday, 10:00 a.m.  
Garden Center, 1500 Herman Drive  
Mrs. Grant Herzog, Secy.  
12601 Broken Bough, Memorial Station  
Houston, Texas 77024

## INGLEWOOD BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Western Federal Savings Bldg.  
355 E. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, Calif.  
Lola Somes, Secy.  
4849 W. 130th St., Hawthorne, Calif. 90250

## KNICKERBOCKER BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
McAlpin Hotel, New York City  
Mrs. Philip Sarna, Secy.  
37 East 30th St., New York 10016

## LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

2nd Sunday, 1:30 p.m.  
Glendale Fed. Sav. & Loan Bldg.  
5535 Stearns St. Cor. Bellflower, Long Beach, Calif.  
Mrs. Bernita McClanahan, Secy.  
1020 Poppy Ave., Compton, Calif. 90221

## LOUISIANA CAPITAL BRANCH

1st Friday, Sear's Garden Center  
6201 Florida St., Baton Rouge  
Mrs. Wilma Simpson, Secy.  
3105 Belmont St., Baton Rouge, La. 70808

## MESQUITE BRANCH

Mrs. Loretta Gibbons, Secy.  
3209 Hula Dr., Mesquite, Texas 75149

## MIAMI BRANCH

4th Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.  
Simpson Memorial Garden Center  
Miss Rosamond Meriweather, Secy.  
1552 Plascencia Ave., Coral Gables, Fla. 33134

## MISSOURI BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 11 a.m.  
Members' Homes  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Miss Nine Austin, Secy.  
1104 Askew St., Kansas City, Mo 64127

## NORTH LONG BEACH BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
American Legion Post No. 560  
East 59th and Orange, Long Beach  
Ruth Hurd, Secy.  
2942 Sawyer St., Long Beach, Calif. 90805

## ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Garden Grove Grange Hall, Century and Taft Sts.  
Garden Grove, Calif.  
Mrs. William M. Hastings, Secy.  
621 Orchard St.  
Corona del Mar, Calif. 92625

## PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

2nd Friday, Members' Homes  
Mrs. W. Storie Waefelaer, Secy.  
52 W. Cedar Avenue, Merchantville, N.J. 08109

## PORTLAND BRANCH

Mrs. Ruth Olsen, Pres.  
9207 N. E. Hancock Dr., Portland Oregon 97220

## REDONDO AREA BRANCH

4th Friday, 7:30 p.m.  
R. H. Dana School Cafetorium  
135th St. and Aviation Blvd., Hawthorne, Calif.  
Mrs. Dora Aaron, Secy.  
4820 W. 135th, Hawthorne, Calif. 90250

## RHODE ISLAND BRANCH

1st Saturday, Homes of Members  
Mrs. Robert Northup, Secy.  
555 Kingstown Road, Peace Dale, R.I. 02883

## RIVERSIDE BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Dales Recreation Center  
3936 Chestnut St., Riverside, Calif.  
Mrs. Tim Smith, Secy.  
8631 Clearview Pl., Riverside, Calif. 92509

## ROBINSON, ALFRED D. BRANCH

3rd Friday, 12 noon, Homes of Members  
Constance D. Bower, Corr. Secy.  
1609 W. Lewis St., San Diego, Calif. 92103

## SACRAMENTO BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., Garden Center  
3300 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, Calif.  
Mrs. Pamela Palmer, Secy.  
3120 El Camino Ave., Sacramento, Calif. 95821

## SAN DIEGO BRANCH

4th Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., Asbury Methodist Church  
Marlborough & Polk St., San Diego, Calif.  
Mrs. Mary L. Hoffman, Secy.  
2327 33rd St., San Diego, Calif. 92104

## SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

1st Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.  
Garden Center, Golden Gate Park  
9th Ave. and Lincoln Way  
Mr. Allen Sweet, Secy.  
139 Beverly St., San Francisco, Calif. 94132

## 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. 91780

## SAN MIGUEL BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, Porter Hall 7:30 p.m.  
University & La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa  
Mrs. Margaret Lee, Secy.  
1852 31st St., San Diego, Calif. 92102

## SANTA BARBARA BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History  
2559 Puesta Del Sol  
Mrs. Marilyn Nielson, Secy.  
16 Plumas, Goleta, Calif. 93017

## SEATTLE BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 7:45 p.m., Loyal Heights Field House  
21st Ave., N.W. and N.W. 77th St.  
Mrs. Phyllis A. Wright, Secy.  
536 N.E. 98th, Seattle, Wash. 98115

## SHEPHERD, THEODOSIA BURR BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Y.M.C.A. Building, 5200 Telegraph Rd.  
David Dickler, Secy.  
Ventura, California 93003

## SMOKY VALLEY BRANCH

4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Members' Homes  
Mrs. Ruth Beineke, Secy.  
1921 Highland, Salinas, Kansas 67401

## SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH

Mrs. Leonard Thomas  
333 Harrow Dr., Columbia, S. C. 29290

## SOUTH SEATTLE BRANCH

4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Wm. Moshier Field House  
430 So. 156th Burien  
Mrs. Arthur Johnson  
12216 8th South, Seattle, Wash. 98168

## TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Monday, 10:00 a.m., Members' Homes  
Mrs. F. E. Mahler, Secy.  
1815 Sixth Ave., Forth Worth, Texas 76110

## TEXAS STATE BRANCH

4th Thursday, Sabine National Bank Bldg.  
Port Arthur, Texas  
Mrs. R. J. Wilson, Secy.  
4620 Evergreen St., Port Arthur, Texas 77640

## 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  
8020 Alverstone St., Los Angeles, Calif.  
Barbara Mack, Secy.  
424 Oregon St., El Segundo, Calif. 90245

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, 11:00 a.m., Homes of Members  
Mrs. Irene Fediaczko, Secy.  
125 Arlington Ave., Butler, Pa 16001

## WHITTIER BRANCH

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Palm Park Community Center  
5703 S. Palm Ave., Whittier  
Phyllis Ferguson, Secy.  
10722 Wiatt Way, La Habra, Calif. 90631

## WILLIAM PENN BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Noon, Homes of Members  
Mrs. Murdock Davis, Secy.  
256 Broughton Lane, Villanova, Pa. 19085

# CALENDAR

January 1 — Whittier Branch will not have a meeting in January.

January 8 — Westchester Branch Please note change of date for this month only. Speaker Mr. Chuck Tagg, "Winter Begonias, Blooms to Bubbles". Guests are welcome. Come and meet our new President, Mrs. Irene Nuss.

January 9 — San Gabriel Valley Branch 30th Annual Installation Banquet. Social Hour 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30. Santa Fe Inn, 10478 E. Valley Blvd., El Monte, Reservations close Jan.5th.

January 11 — Long Beach Parent Chapter: Speaker, Don Bingenheimer, Jr. of Fountain Valley, California.

January 15 — Foothill Branch, Speaker Rudy Ziesenhenne, "Begonias Found in Botanical Gardens of Europe", colored slides, Pot Luck 7:00 p.m., program 8:00 p.m., 1st Methodist Church of La Verne, Marshall Hall, 3205 "D" St., La Verne. San Bernardino Freeway to White off ramp, north to Foothill, west to "D" St., south two blocks.

January 20th — Seattle Begonia Society Regular Meeting, Loyal Heights Recreation Center, Seattle Wash. 7:00 p.m.

January 26 — ABS Board, 8:00 p.m. South Gate City Auditorium, 4900 Southern Ave., South Gate, Calif. Meetings are always open to members.

February 5 — Whittier Branch Speaker: Sylvia Leatherman will speak on "Fern Clinic — Keep 'Em Healthy".

February 8 — Long Beach Parent Chapter: Speaker, Joe Littlefield of Pasadena, California.

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