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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, and many Hearty Thanks to all of you who had the confidence in me to put me in "The Hot Seat". I am also most gratified with those of you who have pledged your help, both by letter and orally. The American Begonia Society can do nothing but make progress with such a wonderful team of experts all working together for a bigger and better society. To prove your sincerity in pledging your complete backing of me as President, I am happy to say that so far no one has refused any of the many assignments I have given you. I never pass out an assignment without having complete confidence for a job well done.

I wish to congratulate everyone who helped make the 1970 Convention and Show a complete success. I have yet to see any show in which people don't pray for the same foresight as they have hind-sight. It is too bad more people are not able to take advantage of the plus factors received by attending the Convention Shows. I deeply regret not being able to attend the Eastern Convention and Show and meet their Chiefs of Staff. I only hope their Convention was as well attended and made believers of their guests as our National Convention has done on the West Coast. I have talked

with A.B.S. members who attended this years National Convention and Show for the first time and they met many of the people who had been only names to them. It has given them an entirely different and pleasing insight into the persons and functions of the Board of Directors and their Committees. This is very gratifying to hear.

We all have the same love — *Begonias* — therefore all of us have something in common, to further the knowledge about them in every way. I am dreaming, as all newly installed Presidents do, of making this a banner year for The Begonian and the A.B.S. — and with your continued prayers for our Great Team of around 2,200 members, we can't miss. I love you all.

Mrs. Pearl E. Benell

BEST WISHES

Best wishes to our President and our new officers for the coming year. I wish them a very successful year. They have my support all the way.

Sincerely
Vera L. Naumann,
Past President

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* and companion plants;

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*.

HI-LITES OF THE 1970 CONVENTION AND SHOW

The 1970 Show will go down in history as the one with the Most. The most visitors that is! Long before the doors opened a huge crowd waited to get in to view the Show and purchase plants from the Plant Sales Booth. It is estimated that before the doors closed Sunday evening that well over 7,000 viewed the *Begonias* and other shade plants exhibited by enthusiastic growers. There were visitors from as far away as the Philippine Islands, Florida, from the mid-west, Seattle, Sacramento, Burlingame and from here there and everywhere. It is impossible to list all the areas as not all could or did register. In spite of a Fiesta in nearby Santa Barbara, a Horse Show and a Swap Meet in another area of the Fair Grounds, visitors continued to pour in the two days of the show.

In addition to the individual plants displayed, there were Commercial, Gesneriad and Orchid booths. There was an Educational display and the very popular Plant Sale Table, Branch Garden Displays and other items of interest to the viewers. The Glendale Branch captured top honors having received three awards, the Dr. Edgar Irmscher Memorial Challenge Trophy, The Jack Bailey Memorial Cup and the A.B.S. Trophy.

A lovely display of floral paintings were displayed in the McBride Building where the business meeting was held. They were loaned for the occasion by a member (and her friends), Kathryn Instebø of the Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch.

Thirty four of the original oil and

water color paintings by Mrs. Alice M. Clark were on display in the McBride Building. This was a singular honor as the entire collection had never before been on display. They were loaned to the A.B.S. through the good auspices of Mrs. Jean Kerlin, who made the trip to La Jolla personally to transport the paintings for the Show. Plates of the paintings were used in The Begonian in the 1940's to illustrate articles about *Begonias* by Mrs. Clark. Because Mr. Ziesenhenné could not remain for the Banquet, a brief ceremony was held at the Judges Luncheon in order to present Mr. Rudolph Ziesenhenné, of Santa Barbara, with his favorite of the paintings which was of *B. involucrata*. Because Mrs. Clark could not make the trip, Mrs. Kerlin read a letter from Mrs. Clark commending Mr. Ziesenhenné on his many years of devotion to the A.B.S. and his work in the field of *Begonias*.

The Convention and Show was honored by the presence of Mrs. Gladys Dyckman, widow of the founder of the A.B.S., Herbert P. Dyckman. Mrs. Dyckman received a standing ovation when she was introduced at the Business Meeting by Mrs. Naumann. She commented that she had missed only two of the Conventions ever held.

Around two hundred members attended the Banquet held at the Ventura Womens' Center, preceded by a social hour presided over by congenial Mr. Ralph Corwin of the San Gabriel Branch. Charming Mrs. Hyacinth Smith, of the San Francisco Branch, was installing Officer and

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Mrs. Gladys Dyckman, widow of Herbert P. Dyckman, founder of the A.B.S.



Mrs. Ruth Pease, receiver of the Eva Kenworthy Gray Award presented by Mrs. Hazel Snodgrass.



Officers for 1970-71 from left to right: Mrs. Vera Nauman—Jr. Past President, Mr. Walter Barnett—Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Grannell—Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Taylor—President Elect and President, Mrs. Pearl Benell.



Mayor Al Albinger of Ventura presenting the Theodosia Burr Shepherd Trophy to Miss Jana Dacayana.

Mr. Pat Antonelli spoke on the ever popular tuberous *Begonias*. An honored guest at the Banquet was Mayor Al Albinger of Ventura who presented Miss Jana Dacayana with the Theodosia Burr Shepherd Trophy for the Best *Begonia* in the show by a Novice Grower. The coveted Eva Kenworthy Award was presented to a very surprised and delighted Mrs. Ruth Pease, Judging Course Director, by the Awards Chairman, Mrs. Hazel Snodgrass.

The buses for the Garden Tour, provided by the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, were filled by a standing room only crowd and private cars took up the slack. Three beautiful gardens of the Ventura members were visited. They were the gardens of Mrs. Elmer Reid, Mr. Ted Peck and Mrs. Hazel Snodgrass.

A Seminar on *Begonias* was held Sunday afternoon and was very well attended. Past President, Mrs. Mabel Corwin presented a talk on the A

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to Z's on Growing *Begonias* Under Lights and Mrs. Ruth Pease, Judging Course Director talked on *Begonias* for Everyone, and touched on the subjects of the history of the A.B.S. and the advantages of belonging to the Society.

In concluding these hi-lites it should be mentioned that this very successful show could not have happened without the tireless work and effort of the members of the Host Branch, the President of that Branch, Mrs. Dorothy Moen, by the Flower Show Chairman and Co-Chairman, Mr. Everett Wright and Mrs. Jan Dacayana and everyone everywhere who helped to make the 1970 Convention and Show a very successful event.

WELCOME!

A most hearty and sincere WELCOME to the Saline County Branch of Kansas. This Branch of the American Begonia Society consists of 15 National and 12 Associate members. The Officers of the Branch are: President, Mrs. W. H. Vaupel; Vice President, Mrs. Lyle Melvin, Sr.; Secretary, Mrs. Jesse Harper and Treasurer, Mrs. Jewel Bilger. Meetings are held the 4th Monday afternoon of each month in the homes of members.

The Branch was organized by Mrs. Melvin, Sr. We know the Branch will be a great success and grow rapidly. Congratulations to all who participated in the formation of this new Branch and may you realize your hopes and dreams throughout the years.

Martha Rader
Public Relations Director

BEGONIA BASICS

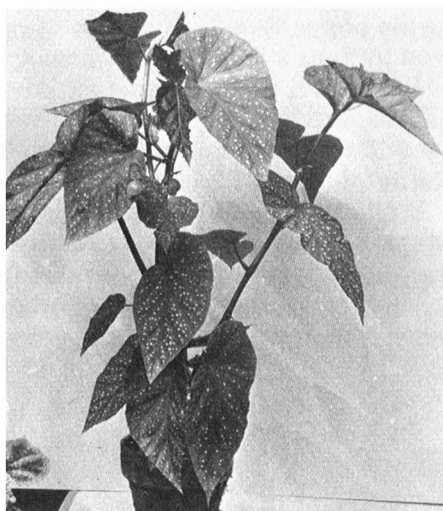
by Elda Haring,
Contributing Editor

At the request of the Editor who has had many pleas for articles meant especially for beginners, we are starting a series of "Begonia Basics" which is to be hoped will be helpful to the inexperienced. Frankly, although I have been writing these pages for several years, I consider myself a neophyte in the field of *Begonias*. There are a great many species and a most bewildering number of hybrids. The beginner might well ask "What is the difference between a species and a hybrid?" A species is a *Begonia* with definite characteristics like no other plant. Species *Begonias* are found growing native (or wild) in many tropical sections such as Africa, Central and South America, Mexico, The West Indies and India (one species from China). These have been collected and brought to this country for many years and are still sought after by dedicated and interested plantmen. Usually the species name is in latin or greek which, as a rule, indicates some feature of that particular plant. For instance, *Begonia nitida* is a species, *nitida* meaning shining. In this case referring to the condition of the leaf. Hybrids (or cultivars) are obtained by crossing two species or a species and a hybrid or by crossing two hybrids. *B. serratipetala*, with beautiful dark, reddish-brown leaves, the edges of which are deeply serrated, is a species that was found in New Guinea in 1913. *B. 'Corallina de Lucerna'* is a hybrid resulting from a cross between two species, *B. teuscheri* x *coccinea*. Leaves and flowers of the species

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B. serratifetala
Photo by Walter J. Haring



B. 'Corallina de Lucerna'
Photo by Walter J. Haring

never deviate from the original but the hybrids differ in that they retain certain characteristics of their parents. *Begonias* are so easily propagated by crossing and re-crossing that there are a great number of "look-a-likes". How can the beginner learn to identify *Begonias*? One way of course is to join the nearest

Branch of the Society for their members are enthusiastic and are constantly studying and researching. Another is to join one of the many Round Robins in which members record their failures and successes and are willing to exchange plants and cuttings. Many catalogs of the various growers contain both black and white and color photographs of *Begonias*. Logee's of Danielson, Conn. has a most attractive catalog for which they charge 50c and which is easily worth a great deal more. In this catalog are pictured in color a large number of *Begonias* as well as numerous black and white photographs. For those of you who would like to identify rex *Begonias*, many individual leaves of these unusual *Begonias* are pictured so that you might learn to recognize them. Bernice Brilmayer's book "All About Begonias" published by Doubleday contains many colored photographs and excellent descriptions of species and hybrids. This book was out of print but recently I have seen it on the shelves of bookstores and it is available through membership in the American Garden Guild Book Club. (The A.B.S. Bookstore has this book and others on *Begonias* for sale or loan. Look for the ad elsewhere in this issue. Ed.) Another invaluable source for help in identifying *Begonias* is "Exotica" by Alfred Byrd Graf, which you should be able to find in your local Library. This book contains black and white pictures of hundreds of tropical plants and contains a detailed section on *Begonias* with many photographs.

Study the advertisements in The Begonian to see if perchance there is a distributor of *Begonias* near you. If you do not live too far from the

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1970 SHOW WINNERS

PERPETUAL AWARDS

Edna Korts Perpetual Trophy for the Best Cane Type *Begonia* in the Show — won by Mabel DuShane for B. 'Di-Anna'.

Helen Bailey Perpetual Trophy for the Best Shrub-like *Begonia* in the Show — won by J. O. Gilden for B. *fuchsiodes*.

Redondo Area Perpetual Trophy for the Best *semperflorens* in the Show — won by John Ekstrand for B. 'Pink Camellia'.

Orris Martin Perpetual Memorial Trophy for the Best Tuberous *Be-*

gonia in Novice Grower Section — won by Jan and Chet Dacayana.

Bessie Raymond Buxton Branch Perpetual Trophy for the Best Collection of five *Begonias*, each from a different class — won by Avril Butler.

Arthur Strandberg Perpetual Trophy for the Best Fern in the Grower Section — won by Norris Harrison for *dicksonia antarctica*.

Dr. W. C. Drummond Perpetual Memorial Award for the Best Fern in the Novice Grower Section — won by Metta and Ernest Thomsen for *nephrolepis exaltata* var. *Roosevelti*.

Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch Perpetual Trophy for Best *Begonia* in the Show by a Novice Grower — won by Jana and Chet Dacayana.

San Miguel Branch Perpetual Trophy for the Best *Begonia* in Cultivation 25 years or longer — won by Nettie and Gene Daniels.

William L. (Jack) Taylor Perpetual Trophy for Best Hanging Container *Begonia* — J. O. Gilden.

Ferd Neels Perpetual Memorial Trophy for the Best Wall Pocket *Begonia* — won by Malcom Rich.

The A.B.S. Perpetual Trophy for the Best New *Begonia* Introduction, the Herbert P. Dyckman Perpetual Trophy for the Most Distinctive New Fibrous *Begonia* and the John Thieben Perpetual Award for the Best New Rhizomatous *Begonia* introduction were not awarded.

CHALLENGE TROPHIES

Effie Chapman Challenge Cup for the Best Fibrous *Begonia* — won by J. O. Gilden.

John R. Williams Challenge Cup for the Best Rhizomatous *Begonia*

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grower, make it a point to visit him. What small knowledge I do have, and it is very slight indeed, I have learned by visits to four very knowledgeable and delightful people who are unfailingly patient and helpful. I refer to Michael Kartuz of Wilmington, Mass., Joy Logee Martin of Danielson, Conn., Paul Lowe of Goults, Florida and Alice Musy of Valrico, Florida. There are many such dedicated people in all sections of the country and many greenhouses where all kinds of house plants are sold and most of them have a variety of *Begonias* to sell, both species and hybrids.

It is my desire to discuss in this series all facets of *Begonia* growing, taking up each class and sub-division thereof. We will cover soil mixes, light requirements, fertilizing, insects and other pests and other important facets of *Begonia* growing in such a way that hopefully, the inexperienced will understand and enjoy.

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— won by Chuck and Mae Tagg for B. *rajab*.

Gonda Hartwell Challenge Trophy for the Best Rex *Begonia* — won by Dr. Wm. Ireton for B. 'Curly Fire-flush'.

Palos Verde Begonia Farm Challenge Trophy for the Best Tuberous *Begonia* in Grower Section — won by Nettie and Gene Daniels for B. *sutherlandi*.

President's Challenge Trophy for Best *Begonia* in Show (Trowbridge Trophy) won by Nettie and Gene Daniels for B. *sutherlandi*.

Dr. Edgar Irscher Memorial Challenge Trophy for the Best Entry in Show won by the Glendale Branch.

Jack Bailey Memorial Cup for Best Branch Display won by the Glendale Branch.

A.B.S. SWEEPSTAKE TROPHIES

A.B.S. Begonia Divisions Sweepstake Trophy — Grower, John Ekstrand; Novice, Oakley Murphy.

President's Sweepstake Trophy for most blue ribbons, novice or grower; won by Oakley Murphy.



Oakley Murphy winner of the A.B.S. Sweepstakes and the President's Trophies.

Photo by Bernd Storch

DIVISION AND SPECIALTY TROPHIES

Division A — Cane-like

Grower, Mabel DuShane, B. 'Di-Anna'

Novice, Hazel Hatler, B. 'Sophie Cecile'

Division B — Shrub-like

Grower, Walter Watchorn, B. 'Preussen'

Novice, J. O. Gilden, B. *fuchsoides*

Division C — Thick stemmed

Novice, Jan and Chet Dacayana, B. 'Harvey'

Division D — Semperflorens characteristics

Grower, John Ekstrand, B. 'Pink Camellia'

Division E — Rhizomatous

Grower, Chuck and Mae Tagg, B. *rajab*

Novice, Chas. Felking.

Division F — Rex Cultorum

Grower, John Ekstrand, Rex x *dregei*

Novice, Dr. Wm. Ireton, B. 'Fire flush'

Division G — Semi-tuberous and tuberous species

Grower, Nettie and Gene Daniels, B. *sutherlandi*

Division H — Tuberous (tuberhybrida)

Grower, Ruth and Walter Pease, B. 'Lloydii'

Novice, Jan and Chet Dacayana, up-right seedling.

Division I — New Begonia Introductions, No awards.

Division J — Begonias From Seed, Novice, Oakley Murphy.

Division K — Begonia Collections, Grower, Avril Butler

Novice, Oakley Murphy

Division L — Shade Garden Displays, Glendale Branch

Division M — Photographs of Begonias, John Huebner, Deleware, B.

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THE 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 25c.

No. 1 — *B. Unidentified* — Brazil

Formerly offered as *B. epipsila* but this was an error since we have seen the plant growing, it is much more beautiful than the *B. epipsila* that we are accustomed to seeing. It has extremely dark, almost black, thick leathery leaves that swirl where joined to the petioles. It is a little stiff to be grown as a hanging type but will grow into a beautiful upright and should be pinched to make it compact. Flowers are pinkish-white and numerous. Seed were first obtained from Brazil and were collected by Ralph Spencer and sent to the Seed Fund. Several members have grown this *Begonia* and all agree it is not the *B. epipsila* that we have been growing for years. This is truly a beautiful and unusual *Begonia*. Price \$1.00 per pkt.

No. 2 — *B. coccinea*

Tallish, smooth; stems strong, erect; leaves long-ovate with one rounded basal lobe larger than the other, bright green, sometimes reddened at the margins; flowers numerous, pink, in large drooping clusters (sometimes erroneously named *B. rubra*). Price \$1.00 per pkt.

No. 3 — *platanifolia* —

Available from August — see picture in the August "Begonian". Price \$1.00 per pkt.

No. 4 — *masoniana* syn. *B. 'Iron Cross'*

Discovered by Mason in 1952.

One of the most beautiful *Begonias* in cultivation. White-hairy, reddish stems and large, roundish, firm, puckered leaves. Nile-green, marked with contrasting bold patterns of brown-red in the form of a cross. Older leaves are overlaid with silver and covered bristly red and red ciliate. Waxy flowers are greenish white with maroon bristles on back. Seed available from August. Price \$1.00 per pkt.

No. 5 — *B. gigantea* —

Medium, many stemmed, thickened at the base, light green and thickened at the nodes; leaves obliquely ovate-pointed, green, toothed; flowers white or pale pink in closely bunched terminal clusters. Unusual. The terminal leaf and flower cluster suggest the outline of a bird resting on a plant stem. Price \$1.00 per pkt.

No. 6 — *B. sanguinea*. Brazil

Medium smooth; many reddish stems arising from the base, loosely branched; leaves broad-ovate, leathery, glossy olive green above, glossy scarlet beneath; flowers small, white, in long loose inflorescence. Price 50c per pkt.

semperflorens Begonias

B. sc 'Glory of Chatelaine' — Mixture. Very compact and extremely free flowering. Sunny or shady locations. Price 50c per pkt.

B. sc 'Indian Maid' Deep metallic bronze foliage, scarlet flowers. Price 50c per pkt.

B. sc 'Indian Bride' — Pure white flowers with rich bronze colored leaves. Price 50c per pkt.

B. sc 'White Ttausendshon' — Pure white, very early, green foliage. Price 50c per pkt.

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Fern Spores

The following *platycerium* fern spores came directly to the Seed Fund from Zurich, Switzerland.

Platycerium grande — magnificent epiphyte with a regal crown of upright spreading sterile fronds of glossy vivid green, the upper lobes doubly forked and staghorn-like with dark venations, pendulous, forked pairs of fertile fronds appear with age, holding between them the wedge shaped disk bearing the sporangia. Price 50c per pkt.

Platycerium madagascariense — (Madagascar) Small, very attractive species mainly because of its deeply quilted, rounded basal frond, with the network blueish veins raised high and forming elevated ridges; small leathery, bright green, wedge shaped fertile fronds is lightly lobed and set with sori on upper edge. Price 50c per pkt.

Platycerium pumila (pumilum?) — Upright fronds, spreading abruptly fan like into a broad crest of short recurved fingers. Attractive. Price 50c per pkt.

Platycerium wilhelminae-reginae — Bare. Spores are from the true plant. A noble species from Papua. Early habit similar to *P. grande*. Price 50c per pkt.

Doryopteris pedata — *Polypodiaceae*. "Hand Fern". An excellent dwarf fern with thin leathery, bright green, palmate fronds, 6 inches across, carried horizontally on black wiry stalks, the three main divisions having black veins, parted again into linear segments and pointed lobes which are edged by a line of sori. Price 50c per pkt.

Plumosus falcatus — Deep green, wide leaves. For hanging baskets and pots. Price 50c per pkt.

Suggestions for sowing fern spores.

Sow at any time of the year. Use bottom heat of about 70 degrees. Soil mixture should be rotted leaf-mold and acid peat in equal proportions. Preferred ph range is 5.5 to 6.0.

Sow in shallow clay pans after the soil has been moistened. Spores should be sown thinly. Do not cover them except with a piece of glass or plastic sheet. Keep from direct sun and water only by setting the pans in water until tiny drops form on the surface.

In high humidity, germination occurs within three weeks. These embryos should be watered carefully with a fine spray from above, to encourage fertilization. (Spores differ from seed in this way). Fertilization takes place in from six to eight weeks; the small leaves begin to develop. Plants can be transplanted later when they are large enough to be handled without damage and placed in two and one half inch pots. Lower the temperature to about 60 degrees and use the same soil mixture throughout. All that is recommended for good growth is high humidity and a semi-shaded location.

From Germany we have the following:

Bromeliad seeds:

Vriesea perfecta — Rosette of smooth apple-green leaves. Flower spike is upright, 12 to 16 inches with deep red bracts. Much sought after by every collector. Price 50c per pkt.

Vriesea botafogensis — Small rosette with broad, stiffly recurved leaves, silvery gray and well spotted purplish

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red, especially beneath; inflorescence an arching branched stem with waxy lemon-yellow bracts and yellow flowers. Price 50c per pkt.

Vriesea flamea — A fine horticultural form of *V. splendens*. Brilliant upright flaming sword, red flower spike. Rosette of green leaves. Price 50c per pkt.

Vriesea platynema — Painted fingernail of violet tips of broad leathery leaves which grow in rosettes. Upright spike with purple bract. Striking. Price 50c per pkt.

Vriesea botafogensis var. purpurea — Like the above by same name but red. Price 50c per pkt.

Vriesea friburgensis — No information on this one. Price 50c per pkt.

Vriesea incurvata — Rosette of apple-green leaves. Upright spike sometimes branched of bright red bracts. Striking. Price 50c per pkt.

Vriesea guttata var. striata — Small compact rosette of glaucous blueish-green leaves liberally marked with maroon spots; inflorescence a pendant, lightly flattened spike of greenish beige bracta covered with silver pink bloom, flowers lemon yellow. Price 50c per pkt.

Vriesea gladifolia — No description on this one. Price 50c per pkt.

Greenhouse plants

angiosperma dicotyledonae x Cryptocereus anthonyanus — *Cactacea*

Night blooming climber in the rain forest using aerial roots; deeply lobed stems looking like fish bones; flowers intensely fragrant, lasting but a single night, beautifully colored maroon and yellow petals. Seed scarce — five seeds for 50c.

Gesneriads

Rechsteineria leucotricha — Stout, densely matted, white, later brown, hairy stems carry one or two whorls of 3-4 large obovate leaves densely covered with shimmering, long silvery-white hairs, with margins entire or obscurely crenate; slender tubular, inflated flowers soft coral pink, orange-red inside, the lobes sometimes marked with crimson. Price 50c per pkt.

Gloxinia mixed — multiflora — All colors, large blooms. Price 50c per pkt.

Streptocarpus — **Weismoor hybrids** Showy plants of various colors for greenhouse. Price 50c per pkt.

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Amaryllis — **Hybrids**. Contain many color except pure white. Four seeds for 25c.

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CHROMOSOME NUMBERS IN BEGONIAS

(continued from the September issue)

The Editor of *The Begonian* is indebted to Drs. Largo and Doorenbos for permission to print portions of their work on chromosomes. This is a valuable contribution because it will enable present and future hybridizers to assess the compatibility of the species considered for crossing. The American Begonia Society and the Editor join in gratefully acknowledging their contribution.

SURVEY OF SOMATIC CHROMOSOME NUMBERS IN BEGONIAS

African species:

Augustia	
<i>B. dregei</i> Otto et Dietr.	26
<i>B. socotrana</i> Hook. f.	28
<i>B. sutherlandii</i> Hook. f.	26
Scutobegonia	
<i>B. sessilifolia</i> Hook.	38
<i>B. staudtii</i> Gilg.	
var. <i>dispersipilosa</i> Irmsch.	34
Tetraphila	
<i>B. eminii</i> Warb.	38
<i>B. jussiaecarpa</i> Warb.	36
<i>B. parva</i> Sprague	36
Rostrobegonia	
<i>B. engleri</i> Gilg.	26

Asiatic species:

Haagea	
<i>B. malabarica</i> Lam.	60
Reichenheimia	
<i>B. goegoensis</i> N.E. Br.	34
Coelocentrum	
<i>B. masoniana</i> Irmsch.	30
Sphenanthera	
<i>B. inflata</i> Grah.	22
Platycentrum	
<i>B. bowringiana</i> Champ.	22
<i>B. cathayana</i> Hemsl.	20, 22
<i>B. cathcartii</i> Hook. f.	22
<i>B. circumlobata</i> Hance	22
<i>B. decora</i> Staph.	22
<i>B. deliciosa</i> Linden	22

<i>B. diadema</i> Linden	22
<i>B. hemsleyana</i> Hook.	22
<i>B. laciniata</i> Roxb.	20, 22
<i>B. rubrovenia</i> Hook. f.	22
<i>B. thomsonii</i> A.DC.	22
<i>B. xanthina</i> Hook.	22

Diploclinium

<i>B. acaulis</i> Merr. et Perry	28
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Petermannia

<i>B. augustae</i> Irmsch.	44
<i>B. boisiana</i> Gagnep.	30
<i>B. bornoensis</i> A.DC.	30
<i>B. isoptera</i> Dry.	30
<i>B. serratifetala</i> Irmsch.	44

Knesebeckia

<i>B. grandis</i> Dry.	
var. <i>evansiana</i> (Andr.) Irmsch.	26
<i>B. picta</i> Smith	22

American species:

Lepisia	
<i>B. foliosa</i> H.B.K.	84
Pritzelia	
<i>B. acetosa</i> Vell.	38
<i>B. acida</i> Vell.	38
<i>B. coccinea</i> Hook.	56
<i>B. convolvulacea</i> A.DC.	38
<i>B. dominicalis</i> A.DC.	56
<i>B. echinosepala</i> Regel	56
<i>B. fagifolia</i> Fisch.	38
<i>B. glabra</i> Aubl.	
(<i>B. scandens</i> Sweet)	38
<i>B. glabra</i> Aubl. var.	
<i>cordifolia</i> Irmsch.	38
<i>B. metallica</i> G. Smith	56
<i>B. parilis</i> Irmsch.	56
<i>B. reniformis</i> Dry.	
(<i>B. Longipes</i> Hook.)	70
<i>B. sanguinea</i> Raddi	56
Trachelocarpus	
<i>B. herbacea</i> Vell.	56
Gaerdia	
<i>B. albopicta</i> Bull	56

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<i>B. corallina</i> Carr.	56	<i>B. polygonata</i> Liebm.	28
<i>B. lubersii</i> Morr.	56	<i>B. popenoei</i> Standl.	28
<i>B. maculata</i> Raddi	56	Donaldia	
<i>B. teuscheri</i> Linden	56	<i>B. ulmifolia</i> Wild.	30
<i>B. undulata</i> Schott	56	Saueria	
Solananthera		<i>B. sulcata</i> Scheidw.	72
<i>B. limmingheiana</i> Morr.	56	Begoniastrum	
Barya		<i>B. acutifolia</i> Jacq.	
<i>B. boliviensis</i> A.DC	28	(<i>B. acuminata</i> Dry.)	156
Tittelbachia		<i>B. cubensis</i> Hassk.	
<i>B. fuchsoides</i> Hook. f.	60	(<i>B. cubincola</i> A.DC.)	52
Weilbachia		<i>B. cucullata</i> Wild.	56
<i>B. aridicaulia</i> Zies.	28	<i>B. kublmannii</i> Brade	48
<i>B. imperialis</i> Lem.	28	<i>B. minor</i> Jacq.	
<i>B. imperialis</i> Lem.		(<i>B. nitida</i> Ait.)	78
var. <i>smaragdina</i> hort.	28	<i>B. ottonis</i> Walp.	28
<i>B. liebmanni</i> A.DC.	28	<i>B. schmidtiana</i> Regel	32
Huzia		Knesebeckia	
<i>B. cinnabarina</i> Hook.	26	<i>B. dichroa</i> Sprague	56
<i>B. davisii</i> Veitch	28	<i>B. falciloba</i> Liebm.	28
<i>B. froebelii</i> A.DC.	28	<i>B. gracilis</i> H.B.K.	28
<i>B. octopetala</i> L'Hérit.	28	<i>B. gracilis</i> H.B.K.	
<i>B. pearcei</i> Hook. f.	26	var. <i>grandiflora</i> Gam.	56
<i>B. veitchii</i> Hook. f.	28	<i>B. incana</i> Lindl.	28
Eupetalum		<i>B. incarnata</i> Lk et Otto	28
<i>B. micranthera</i> Griseb.	28	<i>B. olbia</i> Kerch.	28
<i>B. monophylla</i> Pavon	28 (56)	<i>B. uruapensis</i> Sessé et Moc.	28
Giroudia			
<i>B. boweri</i> Zies.	28		
<i>B. boweri</i> Zies.			
var. <i>nigramarga</i> hort.	28		
<i>B. carolinaefolia</i> Regel	28		
<i>B. conchaefolia</i> A. Dietr.	28		
<i>B. fusca</i> Lieb.	28		
<i>B. heracleifolia</i> Cham et			
Schlecht.	28		
<i>B. hydrocotylifolia</i> Otto	28		
<i>B. involucrata</i> Liebm.	28		
<i>B. kenworthyii</i> Zies.	28		
<i>B. macdougallii</i> Zies.	28		
<i>B. manicata</i> Brogn.	28		
<i>B. maxima</i> A.DC.	28		
<i>B. mazae</i> Zies.	28		
<i>B. nelumbiifolia</i> Cham. et			
Schlecht.	28		
<i>B. philodendroides</i> Zies.	28		



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JUDGING AT THE A.B.S. SHOW

by Ruth Pease, Judging Chairman

Seventy-three exhibitors, Novice Growers and Growers entered the 38th Annual A.B.S. Begonia and Shade Plant Show held August 15 and 16 at the Ventura Fairgrounds, Ventura, California.

All entries in the Begonia Divisions, Fern Division, Other Shade Plant Division, Collections, Arrangements, Garden and Educational Displays, and Photographic Divisions were of the finest quality, maintaining the standards set by the American Begonia Society for the National Show.

The Judges used the point scoring system many times, not only to determine the division, perpetual and challenge awards as prescribed in the show rules, but where plants were so excellent that it was difficult to select the blue-ribbon winner in a class. The Judges did their jobs in a most conscientious manner. The A.B.S. is proud of their fairness and willingness to work hard for the exhibitors.

The Clerks assisting the Judges also had their work cut out for them and did their jobs of recording, locating entries, marking entry tags and placing ribbons in the same conscientious manner to give the exhibitors the correct awards.

All Judges were asked to select the Best 25-year or older Begonia in Cultivation, Best Begonia in Novice Grower Section, Best Begonia in Show, and Best Entry in Show. Each Judge point-scored for these special trophies and the majority vote decided the winners in each case.

Tallying of the Sweepstakes Points and the Trophy winners was done by the Judging Chairman; Hazel Snodgrass, the Awards Chairman; and Jean Kerlin.

Since this year's show was hosted by the Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch in Ventura, it was a good time to use the talents of Judges and Clerks from many areas who travel willingly to Judge and Clerk shows at their own expense.

THE JUDGES WERE:

Pearl Benell, Whittier
Wilma Blough, Glendora
Maynette Hodgins, El Cajon
Elsie Joyce, Los Angeles
Roy Joyce, Los Angeles
Marge Lee, San Diego
Paul Lee, San Diego
Alberta Logue, Long Beach
Peggy McGrath, Whittier
Vera Naumann, West Covina
Bee Olson, Hawthorne
Wilbur Olson, Hawthorne
Thelma O'Reilly, La Mesa
Muriel Perz, Long Beach
Barbara Philip, Santa Barbara
Anne Rose, Whittier
Ed Sherer, Los Angeles
Esther Sherer, Los Angeles
Lillian Steinhause, San Gabriel
Margaret Ziesenhenné, Santa Barbara
Rudy Ziesenhenné, Santa Barbara

THE CLERKS WERE:

Elsa Anderson, Ventura
Bill Barnes, Long Beach
Avril Butler, Ventura
Frank Cappell, Los Angeles
Phyllis Cappell, Los Angeles
Cliff Ebeling, Long Beach
John Ekstrand, Norwalk
Irene Granell, Los Angeles
Cecelia Grivich, Arcadia
Ed Hodgins, El Cajon
Margaret Ireton, Bakersfield
Dolores Kemsley, Ventura
Jim Lien, Long Beach
Kathy McGuire, Oxnard
Oakley Murphy, Ventura
Vickie Peterman, Camarillo
Virginia Peterman, Camarillo
Al Perz, Long Beach
John Provine, Pasadena
Martha Rader, Whittier
John Tapia, Santa Barbara

ROUND ROBIN NOTES

Fall is with us, interest is increasing in all flights and requests are coming in to join flights. All in the Round Robins are looking forward to a year more satisfying in growing *Begonias*.

Hybridizing:

Elaine Wilkerson of Slaughter, Louisiana has grown many seedlings of crosses that could pass for one or the other of the parents. When this becomes apparent, she immediately destroys them, "There's no point in circulating a plant when it could bring confusion." And she does not like to give away or sell unnamed seedlings, preferring to grow on only the ones she has selected as best. Jay Neal of Worthing, England had warned that seedlings of a cross favoring a dominant parent might often, in later circulation, get mistaken for the parent, confusing things greatly. Arline Peck of Pascoag, Rhode Island was growing seedlings from *B. 'Lulu Bower' x B. goegoensis*. They germinated in three weeks. She noted three weeks germination for *B. goegoensis* itself, also. She also had a plant from a cross between *B. foliosa* and *B. fuchsiodes* that she found much easier to grow than the parents. In her Branch, seedlings of Geraldine Daly's cross (Coventry, Rhode Island) of *B. manicata aureo-maculata crispa x B. kenworthyii* were given members to grow as a project. Trait of *kenworthyii* showed in the upright rhizomatous habit and leaves showed influence of both parents. Geraldine got one seedling that has crispy leaves quite close to the stalk, grows upright also and carries a tint of red on edges of leaves. "A beau-

ty". Arline tried crossing this one with the plant she raised but thinks it is sterile. No seed developed from any cross she tried with it.

B. taylorii:

Seed fund seed produced a small, intensely furry plant for Jay, about nine inches tall, with an overall rosy glow. Leave sars slightly fleshy. Inflorescence is quite distinctive; reddish, hairy, two inch long peduncles rise from leaf axils, divide into two, with four minute greenish bracts that persists, and divide again, with another tiny bract. Then, on fine short pedicles, come the flowers, first a leading male and then two more males each with a tiny female close under it.

Bloom:

Yvonne Wells of Mesquite, Texas reported in July that her *B. versicolor* was blooming and seems to bloom constantly. She had used pollen from it on Mae Blanton's (Mesquite, Texas) *B. violaeifolia* and the seed pods were still hanging.

Priscella Beck of Mystic, Connecticut writes her *B. listida x B. olsoniae* has one bloom at a time but is almost continuously in bloom. It seems to set seed readily and is almost as much a nuisance as "Woolly Bear" with seedlings coming up in other things.

Ferns:

Vivian Stewart of Redmond, Washington took a lot of blue ribbons and trophies at the area show for her plants of ferns and cacti, *Begonias* and arrangements of driftwood with plants or stone and mosaic pictures. She also took sweepstakes on her

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arrangement in Washington State Primrose Show. Her fern collection entry included native and cultivated varieties, deer fern, lady fern, stag-horn, *Pteris*, *Adiantum*, *Polystichum* and others. In addition to ribbons and silver trophies, she won a \$10.00 gift certificate and a salmon fishing trip where she and her husband could fish and hunt driftwood and rocks.

B. xanthina varieties:

Carl L'Hommedieu cited an old gardening book that listed two varieties of this Asiatic rhizomatous species. *B. xanthina pictaefolia* was described as having leaves of deep green, spotted with silvery white, flowers rich yellow. *B. xanthina lazuli* was said to have a most indescribable leaf, the whole surface a uniform metallic purple, flushed with a light blue shade, flowers yellow. Anita Sickmon of Cheney, Kansas has copies of three *B. xanthina* illustrations with descriptions taken from March and April 1859 and November 1852 issues of Curtis Botanical magazine. She finds they are questioning the name on *B. xanthina pictifolia* at that time.

Wanda Welch of Whittier, California reported she had germination on *B. xanthina* in May, she also wrote that her husband in Indonesia saw a staghorn fern with five foot fronds. Natives tell him many *Begonias* grow in a Botanical Garden 50 miles away from Djarkata.

B. rex:

Carl reported finding in the same book, a colored plate of the species *B. rex*, whose name is given to a large group of cultivars that show its influence. Leaves were deep olive-green with a metallic hue and a

broad intramarginal band of silvery-white. Flowers were a soft rose color. Members of flight No. 50 rex, are trying different ways in growing their rex *Begonias* and each one seems to be having about equal success. David Allen of San Francisco, California has put several of his rex *Begonias* in pots with wicks and writes that plants have shown a marked improvement. Yvonne is experimenting with growing her rex plants in nothing but perlite, so far they have done well. Rosetta White of Newton, Kansas has hers on a bench enclosed with plastic and they do better than when grown out in the open room. Delores Willems of Bozeman, Montana splits the stem ends of rex leaves two ways up to about one and one-half inches of the end of the stem and puts the split ends of the leaf in water causing the four pieces of stem to curl four different ways. When they have separated sufficiently she puts the leaf to root. She says in this way they make gorgeous plants and so much faster also. This can be done with African Violet leaves or other *Begonia* leaf cuttings.

B. subnummularifolia:

Yvonne reports she had *B. subnummularifolia* seedlings, light green in color and put them in potting mix in a bubble bowl, they turned a lovely reddish brown with thick red hairs around the edges. The stems and even the rhizomes turned red and were growing faster in the bowl.

Gesneriads:

Alan Kemper of Jonesboro, Georgia places his *Episcia* plants in moss in plastic baggies and closes the bags then hangs them at a north win-

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

by Ruth Pease

Question from Des Plains, Illinois: My Tuberous *Begonias* have suffered from brown edges of leaves, flowers and the branches so that they either fall off or I have to cut them off. What should I do?

Answer: It is difficult to answer your question without knowing whether you are growing your Tuberous *Begonias* in the ground, in containers, in hanging baskets, under lath protection, out in the sun, in the wind!

Checking the map you are about 14 miles inland from Lake Michigan. A warm dry wind blowing on your Tuberous *Begonias* would bruise them as you describe. If you are showering the plants, foliage, bloom and all, to keep them cool during the hottest part of the day, you may actually be burning your plants or causing them to rot.

It would help to know if the

blooms, leaves and stems are a "dry" brown as though the moisture has gone out of them or if they are a "wet" mushy brown as though they had been too wet.

Question at the 38th Annual A.B.S. Show in Ventura: What do the 25-year ribbons mean on some of the plants entered in competition?

Answer: There is an award given at the National Show each year by the San Miguel Branch, San Diego, for the best *Begonia* in the show that has been in cultivation for 25-years or more. The ribbons are an aid to the judges to locate those particular *Begonias* that are 25-years or older. It further helps to give recognition to those *Begonias*.

Similar awards are given by some Branches to such *Begonias* entered in their A.B.S. Branch Shows. It is interesting to note how many *Begonias* have withstood the test of time, are still being grown and enjoyed by *Begonia* growers in many parts of the world.

Attention is called to the fact that these answers are given at the time "The Begonian" goes to press and appear in your magazine one month later.

Write to the Questions and Answer Editor, Mrs. Ruth Pease, 8101 Vicksburg Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90045.

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dow during the winter. The plants only have to be watered once or twice during the winter. In the summer he puts them in a porch box which gets the morning sun. He reports they are blooming beautifully in August.

A few requests have come in for growing mounted plants, this could include growing on boards or rocks, if you are interested in joining this flight or any of the others, write:

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Division N — Photographs of Branch
Garden Displays

Knickerbocker Branch

Division O — Planters

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Division P — Miniature Gardens

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Division Q — Ferns

Grower, Norris Harrison, *dicksonia antarctica*.

VENTURA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TROPHIES

Division R — Other Shade Plants:

African Violet or other Gesneriads,

Lloyd Haslip, Tommy Lou

Orchid or Bromliad, Billy Myen

Fuchsia, Irene Merriman

Bonsai, Charlotte Pack

Shade Plant (not listed), Metta
and Ernest Thompson

Division S — Collections of Other
Shade Plants

African Violets, David Dichter

Orchid or Bromeliads, Billy Myen

Bonsai, Charlotte Pack

Division T — Arrangements and
Corsages

Arrangement, Cecelia Grivich

Class H — Best Hanging Container
Begonia

Grower, Mabel Duchane

Novice, J. O. Gilden

Class W — Best Wall Pocket

Grower, Malcom Rich

Novice, Elsa Anderson

Class E — Best Enclosed Container

Grower, Chuck and Mae Tagg

Novice, Oakley Murphy

A.B.S. CULTURAL CERTIFICATE AWARDS

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Fireflush'

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Tagg, B. *rajah*

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Board of the American Begonia Society was held in the Mc Bride Building at the Fair Grounds in Ventura, California on August 15, 1970. Mrs. Naumann, President, opened the meeting with a few words of welcome to the members present and thanked the Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch for hosting the Convention and Show.

Mr. Paul Riviere led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Aims and Purposes were read by President Elect, Mrs. Pearl Benell.

Sixteen Officers and thirteen Branch Representatives answered roll call. Total attendance was sixty, Officers and members.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Mr. Walter Barnett, Treasurer, reported for the year; balance on hand as of August 18, 1969, \$503.47; receipts \$11,431.91; total \$11,935.38. Disbursements were \$11,821.54; leaving a balance on hand as of August 7, 1970 of \$113.84. For the period 7/19/70 to 8/7/70 receipts \$771.74; Disbursements \$1,087.65.

Mrs. Edna Burkett, Historian, reported that the History Book has been completed to date and thanked the Secretaries who had sent her information about the activities of their Branches.

Miss Anne Rose, Advertising Manager, reported for the month of July 19 to August 7, 1970, receipts of \$58.95; unpaid accounts \$60.00. For the year July 19, 1969 to August 7, 1970 advertising receipts were \$940.25.

Mrs. Virginia Barnett, Business Manager, reported all business taken care of.

The report of the Judging Course Director, Mrs. Ruth Pease, was read by the Secretary. Eighteen Judging Courses were sold during the year. A class for the Judging Course is being planned and will be announced as soon as a convenient time and place has been determined.

The Membership Secretary, Mr. Cliff Ebeling, reported for the period July 21 to August 7, 1970, new members 27; renewals 73. Total members 2,151. Total "Begonians" disbursed 2,435. Funds received \$413.00. Mr. Ebeling's annual report shows 607 new members, renewals 1,605; members in good standing on July 18, 1969 totaled 2,313; on August 7, 1970 2,151. Total funds received and deposited \$9,182.71.

The Secretary read the annual report from Mr. Carleton L'Hommedieu, Research Director, giving detailed information about the various activities of the members of his Committee. They have all been very busy carrying out their assignments. Mr. L'Hommedieu has concentrated his efforts on establishing a Research Fund. To date, nineteen Branches and two individuals have donated a total of \$456.25.

The Secretary read the annual report of the Nomenclature Director, Mr. Rudolph Ziesenhenné. He has registered nineteen new cultivars during the year. Mrs. Jean Kerlin now has the duplicate set of registration Record Cards which had formerly been in the possession of Mrs. Edna Korts. Mr. Ziesenhenné reports that he is working on Supplement No. 4 of the Buxton

Check List which he hopes will be ready in 1971. He has given much thought to a new list of Begonias which should be entitled "Begonia Catalog of the American Begonia Society." He had conferred with Mr. Gil Daniels of the Hunt Botanical Library in Pittsburg, Pa. to learn how that organization compiles information similar to what our catalog should be. They use the latest computer-type programming methods, however it is unlikely that the A.B.S. could find \$10,000 for this purpose.

Dr. William Covey reported that he and Mr. Carl Tolle, comprising the Audit Committee, had examined the books and records of the Treasurer and found them to be in order.

Mrs. Naumann introduced Mrs. Herbert Dyckman, widow of the Founder of the American Begonia Society, who expressed her pleasure at seeing the beautiful Show and said that her husband would have been proud of the growth of the Society and the many beautiful plants on display. Mrs. Dyckman was honored by a standing ovation.

Mrs. Naumann also introduced Mr. Bernd Storch who was temporarily replacing Mr. Gene Daniels as Photographer.

The Secretary read the report of the Round Robin Director, Mrs. Anita Sickmon. Mr. Barnett reported for Mrs. Florence Gee, Seed Fund Director.

Mrs. Dorothy Moen thanked all members of Branches who had worked so hard and co-operated so well to make this a successful show.

Mrs. Martha Rader, Public Relations Director, reported that the "hi-lite" of the year was to issue a Charter to a new Branch, The Saline County Branch of Kansas. She regretted that the San Diego Branch had disbanded.

Mr. H. E. Rixstine reported for the Ballot Counting Committee that 399 ballots had been received and all Officers duly elected. New Officers are: President Elect, Mrs. Margaret Taylor; Treasurer, Mr. Walter Barnett; Secretary, Mrs. Irene Grannell; Vice President, Mrs. Helen Matsubu.

Mrs. Hazel Snodgrass reported on the activities of the Awards Committee. There would be no Herbert P. Dyckman and Alfred D. Robinson Awards this year. The Eva Kenworthy Gray Award would be presented at the Banquet.

Many Branch Representatives read written reports of activities during the past year, including Sacramento, San Francisco and Santa Barbara, which were well represented.

Mrs. Naumann asked if any Branch would like to volunteer to host next years Show and Convention. There were no volunteers.

Mrs. Naumann called attention to the exhibit of Mrs. Alice Clark's original paintings which had been arranged by Mrs. Jean Kerlin of the Glendale Branch. These and many other original paintings were on display in the room where we were meeting.

Walter Barnett expressed his appreciation to the Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch for their

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wonderful co-operation. A motion was made by Muriel Perz, seconded by Anne Rose, to send a letter of thanks to the Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch, also to the Ventura Chamber of Commerce and to the Orchid Society for their co-operation and participation. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Irene Grannell, Secy.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Questionnaires are available to each of the Branches of the American Begonia Society. These questionnaires are based on one previously used by the San Francisco Branch of the A.B.S. with great success. They are not compulsory but designed to be helpful to each Branch President. The primary purpose is to evaluate and implement the desires of the members of each Branch. The American Begonia Society is like a business and every business is required to take inventory at least once a year. With the use of these questionnaires, the Board of Directors of the A.B.S. as well as the Officers of each Branch will be able to have a better understanding and knowledge of what the members would like and what those in charge can do to satisfy more fully the needs and desires of the Branch as a whole. We feel that the use of the questionnaires will help gain new members also. If your Branch is interested in participating, please write to the Public Relations Department, giving the number of questionnaires needed. The Branches will have complete charge and a resume of the results should be sent to the Public Relations Department.

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Typographical errors: Copy for The Begonian is checked and double checked but sometimes errors do occur. The Editor apologizes to Mr. Chuck Tagg for the error in the title of his article, "Bubbles and Bowls".

The Branch Directory had to be omitted this month for lack of space. It will resume next month. Please check the listing of your Branch for correct names, addresses, zone numbers, time and all other pertinent information. Thank you.

NOTICE

The Regional Board Meetings are back by popular demand. The next one will be at the South Coast Botanical Gardens in November. (See Calendar for details). If you have never attended a National Board Meeting this is an excellent opportunity to see your Board in action. Come early and visit the Botanical Gardens.

NOTICE

The Research Director of the American Begonia Society is looking for someone that can translate a new German Begonia book into English. It will be necessary for the translator to be a *Begonia* Expert, and to be able to translate German technical terms into English. Anyone capable and interested, please contact the Research Director.

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 10th — 7:00 p.m. San Gabriel Valley Branch. A.B.S. Luau at the home of Vi Tate, 6446 Trelawny, Temple City, California, phone 355-4326. \$5.25 per person, reservations closed on October 5th. No host cocktails.

OCTOBER 11th — Long Beach Parent Chapter, 1:30 p.m. Speaker, Mr. Chuck Tagg, "Begonias and Shade Plants in General".

OCTOBER 20th — Sacramento Branch 8:00 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. Charles Coleman, "Growing and Using Biblical and Modern Day Herbs".

OCTOBER 20th — Seattle Branch 7:00 p.m. Speaker, Phillip Aaron "Culture of Gesneriads".

OCTOBER 23rd — Redondo Area Branch Annual Birthday Pot Luck 6:30 p.m. Jean Kerlin, Speaker. Dana School, 13500 Aviation Blvd., Hawthorn, California.

OCTOBER 26th — A.B.S. Board: South Gate City Auditorium, 4900 Southern Avenue, South Gate, Calif. Meetings are always open to members. 8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 5th — Westchester Branch, 7:30 p.m. Speaker, Sylvia Leatherman, "The King of Begonias".

NOVEMBER 22nd — A.B.S. Board: Regional Meeting hosted by the Westchester and the Redondo Area Branches. 1:30 p.m. South Coast Botanical Garden, 26701 Rolling Hills Road, Palos Verde. Refreshments — Donation Plant Table. All members are invited to attend this meeting.

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