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COVER PICTURE: B. IMPERIALIS HYBRID

As grown by Gordon Lepisto, St. Paul, Minnesota

Seed obtained from the ABS Seed Fund, January 1972, labeled B. *imperialis* produced the plant pictured on this month's cover. But it became apparent in time that it was a hybrid and may I add, quite outstanding.

Growth habit and leaf pattern is similar to B. 'Emerald Jewel' except the leaves are more velvet. I do not find it difficult to grow and a sheltered humid climate promotes optimum growth for me.

The mature leaves and leaf edges are covered with fine red hairs and the small white flowers have stiff red hairs on back of the petals, suggestive of B. 'Fireflush' and B. *versicolor*.

I grew several plants to maturity from the same seed packet, all a little different in color and leaf pattern. None have produced flowers to date with the exception of this single plant which has been in bloom continually from seedling stage. Possibly others in the Society have similar plants from the same seed fund offering.

My plants in the *pustulata*, *imperialis* group (species and hybrids) are grown out in the open in a humid plant room under cool white fluorescent lights. Leaf color and pattern

could vary with natural light conditions I'm sure.

I provide a climate of 85% humidity, well ventilated with a 65-75 temperature range. This necessitates the growing medium to be very porous, consisting of 1 part broken up unmilled sphagnum moss and 1 part coarse pearlite. This medium I find is excellent for my Rexes grown under the same humid conditions. I fertilize each time I water 1/20th the recommended amount. I have propagated the plant successfully from leaf wedges using the Jim Wyrzten method in vermiculite.

This unnamed hybrid is most attractive and well mannered, also a little easier to grow than the species *imperialis*.

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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*.

BRANCH NOTES & CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1-3 — Santa Barbara Branch will hold its annual Begonia and Shade Plant Exhibit in Flower Hall of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta del Sol Rd., Santa Barbara. Hours weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Admission free. Hosts and hostesses will be on duty.

Sept. 6 — Westchester Branch — 6:30 p.m. September is our Birthday month and as usual will be celebrated with a potluck dinner — birthday cake and all. Also, our Birthday speaker for the last fourteen years will entertain us once again with his knowledge of Begonias. He is none other than Mr. Begonia himself — Rudy Ziesenhenné — grower, researcher, hybridizer and Begonia expert extraordinaire. He always has something for everyone. Come and learn.

Sept. 11 — Knickerbocker Branch first fall meeting of 1973.

Sept. 12 — Long Island Branch — The September program will feature the following speeches on "Propagation": Seeds, Isabel Cutler; Leaf Cuttings, Jim Wyrzten; Stem Cuttings, Carl L'Hommedieu, and The Begonia of the Month, "San Miguel" will be discussed by Lynn McMahon. The Branch meets at Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, Long Island, N. Y.

September 13 — Regular meeting of Santa Barbara Branch in Farrand Hall of Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta del Sol Rd., Santa Barbara, at 7:30 p.m.

Plant table. Speaker will explain growing begonias to beginners.

September 22 and 23 — The Santa Clara Valley Branch will present a Begonia Show at the Mayfield Mall Shopping Center, San Antonio Rd. at Alma, Palo Alto, on September 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and September 23 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. No admission charge.

September 28 — Redondo Area Branch — 7:30 p.m. Members Margaret Buell, Henry Meyers, and Lydia Williams will participate in a panel discussion on Begonias, Ferns, and Fuchsias. Question and answer period will follow. Donation plant table. Refreshments. Visitors welcome.

October 26 — Redondo Area Branch — 6:30 p.m. — President's Potluck Dinner. Past presidents will be honored. Presidents, past presidents and members of other branches are invited. Speaker for the evening will be Mae Tagg. Plant table and coffee. Visitors welcome.

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MORE ABOUT RIEGERS

By Clarence Hall

Sparingly introduced in this country in 1972, the Rieger elatior Begonia already enjoys a tremendous reputation in Europe. When it made its debut there in 1970 it won 10 gold medals and was hailed by some begonia fanciers as the greatest development since introduction of the Tuberous Begonias.

Available now in limited quantities, they come in single and double

flower forms in shades of red, orange, pink, yellow and some two-tone combinations.

The Rieger Aphrodite series, which is propagated only by stem cuttings and has a single stem, is designed primarily for basket use. The more widely acclaimed Schwabenland series, with keeping qualities superior to Aphrodite, is propagated by leaf cut-

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MORE ABOUT RIEGERS

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tings and is comprised of several stems.

Because Otto Rieger of Nurtingen, Germany, the firm responsible for hybridizing this wonderful new plant, jealously guards the secret of its parentage and prohibits unauthorized commercial propagation of it, some detective work is needed to find out more than just its simple cultural requirements.

Most nurserymen know it only is "some sort of cross between a tuberous and fibrous begonia." My own guess is that its ancestry can be traced back to the summer-flowering tuberous begonia and a species begonia called "*socotrana*." These are the same parents of the little known winter-flowering tuberous type *Begonia Hiemalis*, which shows up in florists' shops about Christmas time, more often in the East than in our area. Bay area gardeners are more familiar with these prolific bloomers. Like these colorful plants, the Rieger elatior *Begonia* forms a tuber—which indicates that it lasts from year to year.

The word "elatior" is a botanical term meaning "taller" but my own experience with some of the plants indicates that some grow upright and some pendant.

Even now, before their truly remarkable capabilities are well known, the demand for them is far ahead of the supply. Luckily several wholesale nurseries are now growing them in large quantities for distribution through retail outlets throughout the United States.

NEW SEMPERFLORENS

By Edna Stewart

Western Pennsylvania Branch

In recent years some new semperflorens have been introduced by leading seed companies. These plants are compact in growth, have larger flowers and have more resistance to sun and wind.

New for 1973 is the Ambra series. One of these is 'Stratos Rose', a sturdy, upright plant with large rose flowers and heavy bloom. All of these are hybrids of outstanding size. They are sun and rain resistant and less brittle than other wax leaved begonias and are not so easily damaged in handling.

Another new semp for 1973 is F 1 'Danica.' It is a strong, vigorous annual that grows well in morning sun or semi-shade. Unusual glossy foliage is of coppery tint mottled with purple and has a serrated red edge. Flowers are in dense clusters and come in red or rose.

Another new semp that is being introduced is called the Fortuna series. It is green leaved with either rose or red flowers. Unlike some other large flowered varieties, withered flowers do not detract from the beauty of the plant. They are earlier blooming than most.

These are the new semperflorens I am trying out. I have 20 seedlings of 'Danica' in first transplanting, and seed of Fortuna is sown. The 'Stratos Rose' I grew last year and they were strong, very showy plants with continual bloom.

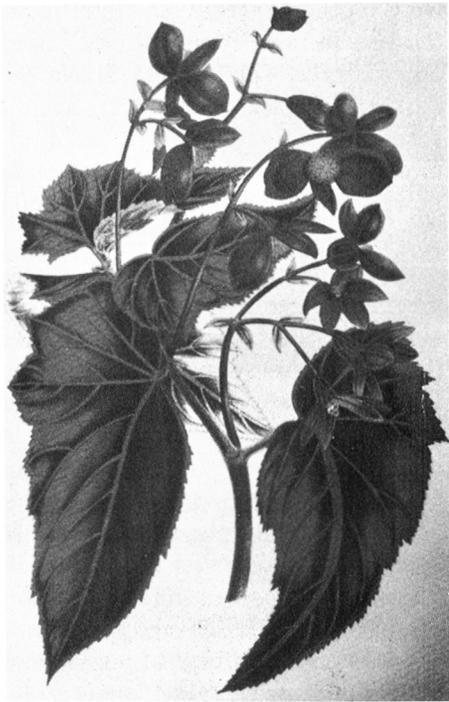
BEGONIA 'PRESTONIENSIS'

By Carrie Karegeannes
Research Department

Did you ever yearn for a *Begonia* you read about in an old book or magazine or old *Begonian* — temptingly beautiful but no longer available? Nostalgia for another day wrapped up with desire to grow a lovely hybrid once widely cultivated but not known today?

Several years ago Mac MacIntyre in England found references to *Begonia* 'Prestoniensis' in journals of the 1850's: The *Floricultural Cabinet* of 1852, 1854, and 1885, and a full description in *Florist, Fruitist and Garden Miscellany* of 1853. He shared the articles with other A.B.S. members in a round robin study group. Thelma O'Reilly in California was immediately interested, as she had been studying hybrids of *B. incarnata*, which had been mentioned as a possible parent. None of us were able to find this old hybrid in the United States, however, and neither Mac nor Jay Neal could find it in England. In 1969 Mac wrote that the Royal Botanic Garden at Kew, which had grown and flowered it in the 1850's, had no record of 'Prestoniensis' now, some hundred years later.

Mac set out to try this cross again — with the results reported in the Research Report in the March *Begonian*. After many attempts with *cinnabarina* and *nitida*, crossed both ways, he tried *cinnabarina* and *incarnata*, since both sets of parents had been suggested in the literature as possibilities. From these last par-



Begonia 'Prestoniensis'
Van Houtte,
Flore des Serres et des Jardins
Tab. 819, 1852-53

ents, also crossed both ways, Mac obtained plants that conformed to the 1853 description and filled his greenhouse with fragrance all morning long.

B. 'Prestoniensis' was originally produced by T. Frost, gardener of E. L. Betts of Preston Hall, near Alesford in England. Mr. Frost thought he had obtained his handsome, bushy plant with cinnabar-red flowers by crossing *cinnabarina* with *nitida*, using the first species as the

seed parent. Flowers and foliage did recall *cinnabarina* but the habit of growth was of a neater branching character. Flowers were brighter than those of *B. cinnabarina* and were produced freely nine months of the year in three-forked cymes, raised on red stalks (peduncles) above the dark-green, obliquely ovate-acuminate leaves. They had a scent almost as sweet as a tea rose. Male flowers were four-tepaled and female flowers had five to seven tepals.

'Prestoniensis' liked intermediate greenhouse temperatures and humid air, but did not like being "wet over the head" or sprayed with water. Drainage was important, as with most varieties of *Begonia*, the article noting that tuberous varieties were especially delicate.

A curious point, however, was that Mr. Frost's repeated attempts at crossing *cinnabarina* and *nitida* again — although yielding many seedlings — gave him seedlings all unvarying like *nitida*.

When the study group turned to Charles Chevalier's *Les Begonias* (published in Belgium in 1938 and later translated from the French by Alva Graham for A.B.S.), we found on page 310 (pp. 193-194 of the translation) that 'Prestoniensis' had first been described by Thomas Moore in 1851 and that "it probably had disappeared from culture, although it was much grown in the second half of the last century." Chevalier reported that some said it was a form of *cinnabarina* Hook., others that it was a cross of that species with *B. nitida* Dryand, "or more probably with *B. incarnata* L. & O." He added that it was a bushy

plant "with leaves resembling those of *B. incarnata* and its poppy-red flowers bloom in summer." He cited two color plates, one in *Flore des Serres*, 1852-53, and one in *Journal d'Horticulture*, 1853-54.

Meanwhile, to my surprised delight, my husband happened to find an actual color plate of 'Prestoniensis' in the Paris Flea Market, while on a business trip. It turned out to be the *Flore des Serres* plate (tab. 819) mentioned by Chevalier and also cited by Alphonse de Candolle in *Prodromus*, Vol. 15, Part 1 (1864), p. 400, with garden hybrids. De Candolle said that this plate was "mutual with" Moore's original plate in *Magazine of Botany*, Vol. 3, tab. 149. (He had also seen a dried specimen of the plant from Kew in the Boissier herbarium.) This plate is the one reproduced in black and white with this article.

From this illustration, the leaves could well have come from a cross of *B. cinnabarina* and *incarnata*. The ovary wings were different from those on *cinnabarina*, but were like those on *incarnata*. The two forms of wings (one form more mature than the other) shown in the *Flore des Serres* plate both appeared on a plate of *B. incarnata* (*Dict. Univ. d'Hist. Nat., Botanique*, Pl. 25). And a reproduction from Thornton's *Temple of Flora* (London, 1800) showed *B. nitida* (syn. *B. obliqua*) had larger ovary wings than 'Prestoniensis' carried. Further, from the plate, we wondered if 'Prestoniensis' didn't show affinities to *B. 'Mme. Fanny Giron'* (a hybrid of *incarnata* by a tuberous hybrid) and *B. 'Gil-*

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REGISTRATION OF BEGONIA CULTIVARS

Note: The American Begonia Society is the International Registration Authority for the genus *Begonia*. Information may be obtained from Rudolf Zieshenne, 1130 N. Milpas St., Santa Barbara, CA 93103.

No. 347—*Begonia* (B. *bowerae* Ziesenh. X unknown) 'Baby Down'

Rhizomatous begonia with leaves a modified star, 3 in., margin eyelashed, texture silky, soft white hairs on surface, apple green, marbled with black near edges, marbelized green and red under. Originated by Paul P. Lowe, 23045 SW 123 Rd., Goulds, Fla. 33170 in 1972; first bloomed 1973 in spring, typical pink. Available from Mr. Lowe. Reg. May 10, 1973.

No. 348—*Begonia* (B. *tuberhybrida*, *Voss gigantea crispa* X *B. micranthera venturii* S. & S.) 'Ethel Reid' var. 'Flowering Quince'

Tuberous begonia developed by Gene Daniels, P.O. Box 83, Camarillo, Ca. in 1968 has uneven heart-shaped leaves to 4 x 8½ in., deep green, shiny; flowers June-November, red changing to white in center, 3½ x 4¼ on 12-16 in. stems, males 4 petals, females 5 or 6; brilliant yellow stamens and orange stigmas. Grows to 4 ft. Reg. June 6, 1973.

No. 349—*Begonia* (B. 'Metosa' X *B. paulensis* A.DC.) 'Hikoichi Arakawa'

Shrub-like, hairy, this begonia developed by Gene Daniels, address above, in 1971, bloomed first in 1972 with flowers white with pink hairs, ¾ in., held upright on 14 in. stems. Leaves are uneven heartshaped, yellow-green, puckered, 6½ x 8¾ in., margin serrate, textured with fine

red hairs. Vigor is outstanding. Reg. June 6, 1973.

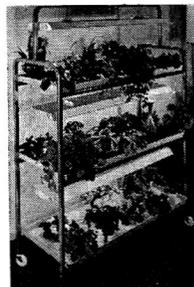
No. 350—*Begonia* (B. 'Di Erna' X *B. 'Orange Rubra'*) 'Tom Ment'

Tom Mentelos, 12070 S.W. 47 St., Miami, Fl. 33165, developed this medium cane-like begonia in 1965; it first bloomed in 1968 with pink-orange flowers everblooming in bunches on a 4-in. stem. It has rounded wing-type leaves 3 x 5 in., margin plain, tips silver, texture smooth, green with silver spots. First distributed in 1969 by originator and Paul P. Lowe, 23045 S.W. 123 Rd., Goulds, Fla. 33170. Reg. June 15, 1973.

No. 351—*Begonia* (B. *bowerae nigramarga* Ziesenh. X *B. 'Baby Perfectifolia'*) 'Olive Milliman'

This bronzy green-leaved rhizomatous begonia was originated by Paul P. Lowe, 23045 S.W. 123 Rd., Goulds, Fla. 33170, in 1971, and first bloomed with light-pink typical blossoms on short stems in the spring and summer of 1973. The 2 x 3 in. leaf is a small star with short points, margin eyelashed, silky textured, with patches of jade green. Avail-

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BEGONIA SHOWS — QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Ruth Pease

Past President ABS

Question: How can I "label" a begonia I plan to enter in a show if I do not know whether or not it is a named variety?

Answer: When you bring your plant to the show, the classification chairmen may be able to assist you in identifying it. If the plant is an unknown or unnamed cultivar, you may put on your label in the container: *Semperflorens* cultivar or *Rex* cultivar or Unidentified rhizomatous. This effort on your part will protect you if there is a need to point-score your plant in close competition.

Five points are set aside for Correct and Suitable Labeling in most of the scoring schedules included in The Point Scoring System for Judging Begonias.

Question: How can I take off the old brown stipules before I bring my plants to the show?

Answer: This is usually done as your plants come out of dormancy, when the rhizomes are bare or almost bare, when you prune back old canes and/or stems of the shrub-like or *semperflorens*. It is done as a matter of cleanliness, checking to see that there are no mealy bugs hidden under the *old* brown stipules of last year's growth.

If this is done early in the season, the plant should be clean as well as healthy at show time.

Question: I have been unable to find Begonia books to further study begonias while completing the home-

work in the Judges Course. Where can I find books to use as reference material?

Answer: Write to Mrs. Lydia Austin, ABS Librarian, listed in the front of the *Begonian*. Ask her for her list of Begonia books that may be checked out by any ABS member. Mrs. Austin also has back issues of the *Begonian* which may be checked out and some that may be purchased.

Question: What can be done at the time of registration and classification to keep exhibitors from becoming impatient?

Answer: It is difficult for someone who has not worked as a classification or registration clerk to know the time it takes to assist each exhibitor with his registering of plants after checking them and seeing that they are classified properly. The classification chairman at the Annual Show suggested the use of a numbering system, giving each exhibitor a number as he arrives at the show. He will know that others are waiting before him and that when he is called, he will be taken care of efficiently.

It isn't fair to the classification and registration chairmen to have all exhibitors converge at once and expect to get efficient, careful attention. Many times these chairmen work ten to twelve hours classifying and registering entries for the show and patience on the part of the exhibitors is important for all concerned.

It certainly is appreciated by the show personnel setting up the show.

Question: I understand that the rhizomes are not to extend over the containers on show entries. How can this be accomplished?

Answer: There are some varieties that naturally send their rhizomes over the sides of the containers. *B. richii* has always done this for us. Judges should be acquainted with the habits of the various plants they are judging.

On the other hand a variety that is known to be an excellent grower as a show plant may have had its rhizomes directed inside the container as they were growing. This can sometimes be done by placing small pins or stakes and encouraging them to grow in a certain direction.

Cutting back an unruly rhizome about six weeks before showtime should also help the appearance of the plant. The grower must make sure before he cuts the rhizome that he will not be marring the symmetry of his plant. If the plant is full to begin with, he may not have any trouble cutting some of the rhizome back and the foliage may retain the full shape of the plant through showtime.

Ruth Pease
Director, ABS Judges Course

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able from Mr. Lowe. Registered June 15, 1973.

No. 352—*Begonia* (*B. heracleifolia* Cham. & Schlecht. var. 'Sunderbruchi' C. Chevalier X *B.* 'Joe Hayden') 'Purple Star'

Originated by Paul P. Lowe, address above, this large star-leaved rhizomatous begonia blooms spring and summer with large deep-pink blossoms on 10-inch stems. The purplish black leaves, lighter purple under, are 4 x 6 in., margin hairy, texture soft hairy, veins green with red sinus. Developed 1971, first bloomed and distributed in 1973. Available from originator. Reg. June 15, 1973.

No. 353—*Begonia* (*B.* 'Chumash' X *B.* 'Bow Joe') 'Chumbow'

Jade green leaves, marked brown along veins, in elongated star shape 2 x 3 inches with star points sometimes longer, characterize this rhizomatous begonia originated by Paul P. Lowe, address above. First developed in 1971, the plant first bloomed pink in the spring of 1973. The leaf margin is eyelashed, the texture is glossy, and the veins underside are red. Available from Mr. Lowe. Reg. June 15, 1973.

No. 354—*Begonia* (*B.* 'Silver Jewel' sport) 'Green Jewel'

Jade green overlaid with old bronze on rounded heart-shaped plushy leaves, this rhizomatous begonia has small white, single flowers on 2-inch stems in spring. It is available from Mr. Lowe. Reg. June 15, 1973.

Rudolf Ziesenhenné,
Nomenclature Director

The Connecticut Branch of the American Begonia Society hosts the
**EIGHTH ANNUAL EASTERN CONVENTION
OF THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY**

Program of the Convention and Show to be held at the Sheraton Motor Inn,
Connecticut Turnpike (Conn. Rte. 52), Exit 80 — Norwich, Connecticut.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

Thursday, September 13, 1973

7:00 to 9:30 p.m.Enter Begonias for show and competition.

7:00 to 9:30 p.m.Registration.

Friday, September 14, 1973

8:00 to 9:30 a.m.Registration.

8:00 to 9:30 a.m.Enter Begonias for show and competition.

10:00 a.m.Judging of Begonias.

10:00 a.m.Nutmeg Room. Talks by
Ruth Stanley on "Hybridizing",
Edna Stewart on "New Hybrids".

12:00 noonBallroom A. Luncheon.

2:00 p.m.Nutmeg Room. Seminar:
Buxton Branch — "Propagation by Seed"
Knickerbocker Branch — "Propagation by Leaves"
Long Island Branch — "Propagation by Stems and
Rhizomes".

6:00 p.m.Ballroom A. Fellowship and cocktail hour.

7:00 p.m.Ballroom A. Dinner.
Guest Speaker — Dr. Howard W. Pfeifer,
University of Connecticut
"Collecting Plants from Tropical Lands".

Saturday, September 15, 1973

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.Registration.

10:00 a.m.Trip by bus to Mystic Seaport. Box lunch provided.

2:00 p.m.Return to Motor Inn.
Afternoon open for visits to nearby sights and
greenhouses.

6:00 p.m.Ballroom A. Fellowship and cocktail hour.

7:00 p.m.Ballroom A. Dinner.
Guest Speaker — Dr. Bruno C. Moser,
Rutgers University
"Report on the Research of Propagating Cane
Begonias from Leaves".

The Show is open to the PUBLIC 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14, 1973,
and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, 1973.

EIGHTH EASTERN DIVISIONAL 1973 BEGONIA SHOW SCHEDULE

DIVISION A — CANE LIKE

1. Superba type as *B. sceptrum*, B. 'Sophie Cecile'
2. Mallet type as B. 'Tingley Mallet', B. 'Arabelle', B. 'Faustine' (green)

All Other Canes:

3. Low canes (under 2 ft.)
4. Medium canes (2 ft. to 4 ft.)
5. Tall canes (over 4 ft.)
6. Kusler hybrids

DIVISION B — SHRUB LIKE

1. Bare leaves as B. 'Dorothy Grant', *B. odorata*, *B. parilis*, *B. foliosa*, *B. acuminata*
2. Hairy leaves as B. 'Alto Scharff', *B. listada*, *B. olsoniae*
3. Felted leaves as *B. incana*, *B. venosa*

DIVISION C — THICK STEMMED

1. Thick stems, not jointed as B. 'Rudy'

DIVISION D — SEMPERFLORENS CHARACTERISTICS

1. Green foliage, single flowers
2. Bronze foliage, single flowers
3. Green foliage, semi-double and double flowers
4. Bronze foliage, semi-double and double flowers
5. Variegated foliage
6. *B. schmidtiana* and cultivars

DIVISION E — RHIZOMATOUS Small Leaved (under 3")

1. Even margins
2. Cut or compound
3. Crested or spiral

Medium Leaved (3" to 6")

4. Even margins
5. Cut or compound
6. Crested or spiral

Large Leaved (6" to 12")

7. Even margins
8. Moderately cut margins
9. Deeply cut margin or compound

10. Crested or spiral

11. Giant-leaved (over 12")

Rhizome Jointed at Soil, Erect Stem

12. As *B. deliciosa*, *B. tenuifolia*, *B. hemsleyana*

Rhizome-Like Erect Stem

13. Even margins as *B. manicata*

14. Cut or compound as *B. kenworthyae*, *B. carolineifolia*

15. Crested margin as *B. manicata crispa*, B. 'Madame Queen'

Distinctive Foliage

16. *B. imperialis* and *B. pustulata* types

17. Exotic types as *B. rajah*, *B. herba-cea*, *B. versicolor*

18. Compact hairy as *B. acetosa*, B. 'Laura Jane'

DIVISION F — REX CULTORUM Small Leaved (under 3")

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| 1. Spiral | 2. Non-spiral |
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Medium Leaved (3" to 6")

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| 3. Spiral | 4. Non-spiral |
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Large Leaved (over 6")

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| 5. Spiral | 6. Non-spiral |
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Upright Stemmed

7. Spiral as B. 'Dottie'

8. Non-spiral as B. 'Axel Lange'

DIVISION G — TUBEROUS

1. Semi-tuberous
2. Tuberous species
3. Tuberhybrida

DIVISION H — TERRARIUMS

1. Single specimen begonia grown in a contained atmosphere
2. Terrarium of 2 or more plants, all begonias
3. Terrarium of mixed planting, begonias predominating

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DIVISION I — NOVEL GROWN BEGONIAS

1. Totem poles or trellis
2. On rocks
3. On wood or bark
4. Unique container, single plant

DIVISION J — HANGING BASKETS FROM ANY DIVISION

1. Baskets
2. Wall pockets

DIVISION K — COLLECTION

1. Three plants from same division
2. Five plants, each from different division

DIVISION L — NEW INTRODUCTIONS

1. Hybrids
2. Species and mutations

DIVISION M — STUDENT DIVISION

1. Any begonia grown in any manner

DIVISION N — EDUCATIONAL By invitation

DIVISION O — FERNS

1. Adiantums
2. Footed ferns
3. Boston ferns and derivations
4. Asparagus ferns
5. Any other not covered above

SHOW RULES

The competitive section of this show is open to any amateur grower of Begonias. No entry fee is required.

All Begonias entered in competitive classes must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least three months before the show.

An exhibitor may enter more than one Begonia in each class, provided each plant is of a different variety. However, each entry may compete in only one class.

It is important that all entries be correctly named.

Plants and containers must be clean and neat. The Show Chairman will have the right to exclude any diseased, infected or unsightly entries. Pots should be inconspicuous. Those of clay or neutral colored plastic are accepted.

The A.B.S. booklet, "A Suggested Guide to Classification of Begonias for Show Purposes" will be used in classifying entries. All entries must be checked by the Classification Committee.

The Judges will use the A.B.S. booklet,

"The Point Scoring System of Judging Begonias."

The Judges will make awards according to merit only. Each plant will be judged individually on its own merit as to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. All decisions of the Judges shall be final.

The Show Committee will safeguard the exhibits as far as possible but cannot assume responsibility for injury or loss.

Entries must be made on Thursday, September 13, between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. or Friday, September 14, between 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Begonias received after this time cannot be accepted for competition.

Exhibits may be removed from the show between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. and immediately after the banquet on Saturday, September 15. No exhibits may remain in the show room over night on Saturday.

The Begonia Show will be open to the public between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, September 14 and 15, 1973.

CLAYTON M. KELLY SEED FUND

No. 1—*B. plumieri*, A. DC.

Pretty little dwarf. Ten inches high from the base to the tip of the inflorescence with shiny dark green leaves. The flowers are white with a crimson blotch in center. Good terrarium plant or under lights where space is limited. Price \$1.00 per pkt.

When the above were offered in February we ran out of seed before all the requests were filled. If you got seed then, please let someone else have them now as the supply is limited and only through the kindness and generosity of our good friend in The Netherlands are we able to offer them again.

No. 2—*B. rotundifolia*.

Pygmy creeper that stays terrarium size for years. Small round leaves, yellowish-green; flowers pink. Price \$1.00 per pkt. Fair amount of seed.

No. 3—*B. laciniata*.

Direct import from North Thailand, a new form of this variable species quite unlike the one commonly cultivated. Stems upright, medium height, flowers pink. See picture in March 1973 *Begonian*. Price \$1.00 per pkt.

No. 4—*B. xanthina*.

Native of India, seed came to Seed Fund via Europe. Thick rhizome, ovate leaves which are unequally cordate. The flowers are medium sized and conspicuously yellow. Capsule has unequal wings, one very elongated. Price \$1.00 per pkt.

There is some confusion on *B. xanthina* — we can only give information that came with the seed.

No. 5—*B. involucrata*. Costa Rica.

The name is in reference to the ring of bracts around the flowers. Oval, green leaves of fine velvet are divided by depressed veins. New growth from the base keeps the plant bushy. Unusually tight cluster of white flowers. Keep out of hot sun. Soil should be dryish. Price \$1.00 per pkt.

No. 6—*wollnyi*, Herz.

Species from Bolivia, seed were collected from a plant from the collection of the late Dr. Imscher, Germany.

Handsome *Begonia* with palmately lobed leaves, elegantly spotted with white. The flowers appear in winter; they are greenish white with pink petals. Good *Begonia*. Price \$1.00 per pkt.

No. 7—*B. 'Maphil' or 'Cleopatra'*.

This is a *B. bowerae* seedling and the results from seed may vary. Lovely, with well-mannered growing habits — can be restrained to pot or basket. Handsome foliage — satin stars with sharply marked veins, artistically spattered between with gold or chartreuse and chocolate-brown; dainty sprays of baby-pink flowers. Price 50 cents per pkt.

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ROUND ROBIN NOTES

Big, fat packets of interesting "begonia talk" really make belonging to some of the Round Robins more than worthwhile. Novices are almost overwhelmed with all the information they receive in their first round of letters, increasing the value of their membership in The American Begonia Society! Their enthusiasm and excitement adds to the pleasure of growing begonias for the more experienced members as they lend a helping hand. You would enjoy them, too, if you belonged to them — all you need to do to join is to let me know.

Vivian Stewart, Washington, told of a flower show her Garden Club was putting on in June at an apartment complex where low-income older people live, as they were told many of these people do not get out very often to see gardens or flower shows. She was asked to show the educational display so she was going to show terrariums and explain to them that it is one way of raising plants without fuss or muss in their apartments.

Ruth Sorensen, California, reported *B. crispula* grows so nicely for her it seems each leaf takes hold right away although it usually takes a little time before it gives her any babies. But as long as the leaves are fresh and green she doesn't give up and they come through six or seven plantlets at one time.

Dorcas Resleff of Washington said she had discovered that *B. bartonea* (syn. 'Winter Jewel') is very easy to root from leaves. New plantlets are coming from several holes that happened to be in the leaf. Her first

attempt to propagate it failed a year or so ago.

Casey Carston of Texas reported difficulty in rooting cuttings of this one, too. After reading in a Robin about the ease of growing it from leaves, she removed some from the cutting and put them down to root. Although leaves were slow, she noticed a plantlet growing from the surface of one leaf she had accidentally pierced with her fingernail!

Dorcas has an old full-width refrigerator vegetable crisper set up as a propagation box with bottom heat.

Ruth said her begonias didn't seem to mind their recent "heat wave" as long as she misted them a little when it was so hot. She had given up on a few of them and thrown them away. But by putting little medicine glasses over them she saved B. 'Skeezar', and B. 'Confederate Grey', and found a little B. 'Bow Nigra' leaf on one plant she had given up. Now she gives them care and is not so hasty throwing them out.

Ben Marcus, New York, had a B. Rex 'Helen Teupel' that died in a frost a year ago last January. Since it was in a treefern pot he wished to save, he laid it aside until he could clean out the pot. Not long ago, he even ran his fingers through the mix and felt nothing so decided the plant had really gone. A few weeks ago a small B. 'Helen Teupel' leaf reared its head from the mix and now there are two leaves with a rhizome forming, although the plant had not been watered since it froze.

Patt Schumacher, Florida, said she has been using a mister on anything that is sitting in dormancy. She

doesn't water the soil, just mists the rhizome and they seem to stay nice and plump.

Priscilla Beck of Connecticut finds *B. masoniana* (syn. 'Iron Cross') comes easily from leaves but in her area it sends up plantlets only in the spring no matter when she puts leaves to root. Ruth said she had a terrible time with this one when she first bought it. She thinks it likes a rather dark place and she doesn't keep it too wet as that was one of her big mistakes in the beginning.

Pat Morrison, Oregon, finds the miniature rexes really grow larger in the ideal conditions of terrariums. She has found the only one that really stays small leaved for her in a bowl is *B. Rex* 'Chauncey Wight'. She has a time keeping her *B. prismatocarpa* going in the summer. It doesn't like hot weather at all. She lost a lovely bowl of it last summer and the ones she has now are not looking well although she gives them as much air as she can along with the humidity.

Yvonne Wells, Texas, believes anything you put in a wire hanging basket lined with moss can be considered "under potted." She likes to keep her begonias that like to be extremely dry in baskets. Anything that won't grow in a pot that doesn't have to be in a covered container can be grown in a basket. She has a beautiful *B.* 'Alto Scharff' in a hanging basket and she was never able to grow it before. She thinks all hairy begonias resent heat (including *B. versicolor*). They will survive the extreme heat of Texas summers for her if rootbound and placed in a very shady spot in her greenhouse.

Hazel Snodgrass, California, finds plants that are hairy-leaved need less water than the smooth-leaved begonias and that they can take more wind than the latter type.

Arline Peck of Rhode Island finds her plant of *B. rufosericae* (it is red hairy) can surely take water. She has it in a cylinder but will put it in a taller jug as it likes humidity.

If you are a member of ABS and don't belong to a Robin, you are missing a bargain in begonia information (all it costs is the postage to send the letters on to the next member) and you can belong to as many as you like. Read the Round Robin Notes in back issues of *The Begonian* for some idea of the many categories available. It makes growing more fun when you can share your experiences with others.

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CLEO GETS A HANDICAP

Jack O. Langrell

The moonlight shining through the greenhouse roof created an eerie world of fantasy as the sound of a soft but high pitched voice spoke.

"Man — it's sure good to get out of that sweat box" exclaimed B. 'Cleopatra', as she moved her large new leaf toward the light. "Terrariums or a Wardian case are OK for *B. goegoensis* or *B. versicolor*, but for me — Ugh!! I can't stand the humidity."

"I'm like you, Cleo, I like better circulation of air too," said B. 'Sophie Cecile'. "I understand some branches of the Begonia Society are adding that new classification of Advance Amateur again this year, to give more people hope for a trophy. Didn't Mr. Langrell suggest that idea last year," queried B. Sophie Cecile? "Ha — old Claw really thought he done something great when he came up with that idea. They had two sets of trophies for each classification — something like a dozen trophies left over because there wasn't enough entries in the novice or amateur slots. Wow!! What a waste of money, seems to me, Sophie, any cotton pickin', knuckle knockin', son of a geranium, could think of something better than that," shouted B. 'Cleopatra'.

"Well, you'll have to realize it isn't an easy task to please everyone, Cleo. After all, what good is money lying in the bank, why not use it for the good of the membership," added B. 'Sophie Cecile'.

"What's wrong with a handicap



B. Sophie Cecile
blooms again

system," asked B. 'Cleopatra'? "They use it in golf, thoroughbred horse racing, and bowling, don't they? It gives the little guy a better chance to compete and encourages new people with a, 'I could never do that attitude', real hope for a trophy. As an example, Sophie, if they judged a plant on its merits as set down by the National Begonia Society, and after they have finished judging it, look and if it was grown by an amateur give the plant two extra points. If the plant is grown by a novice give it four extra points. This method would be fair to the advanced amateur and would urge him to strive for excellence, but not allow a plant

whose qualities rate 78 points, for instance, to be given 92 points and a blue ribbon simply because it was grown by a novice, which really isn't fair to anyone.

"If a plant was judged as having 89 points, if it was grown by an advanced amateur, it would have 89 points and a red ribbon, if it was grown by an amateur it would receive two extra points and have a total of 91 points and a blue ribbon, if grown by a novice it would receive four extra points and a total of 93 points and a blue ribbon and a chance for a trophy. I think this handicap system would be the fairest of them all, Sophie," explained B. 'Cleopatra' as her leaves trembled with excitement.

"It sounds great, Cleo, and it would encourage more people to grow more begonias and strive for cultural excellence. It would also tend to stimulate and promote more interest in begonias."

"You know, Cleo, I was just thinking, — if they gave a handicap to the begonia with the biggest mouth they would put you back in the terrarium," said B. 'Sophie Cecile', her tall stems bending with laughter.

"Big mouth!! terrarium! — some pal — a good thing you're four feet taller'n me," exclaimed B. 'Cleopatra'.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

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Advertising copy and inquiries should be sent to the Advertising Manager.

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY July 23, 1973

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Begonia Society was held on July 23, 1973, in the South Gate Auditorium with thirteen officers and seven branch representatives present. After the usual opening ceremonies, the minutes of the June meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The Treasurer reported receipts of \$1,365.50; and disbursements \$1,117.40; leaving a balance on hand as of July 18th \$3,928.43.

Pearl Benell read a letter from Mrs. Ernest Stix of St. Louis, Mo., seeking information about Thomas MacDougall. It was decided that Mr. Ziesenhenné would be best able to answer the request.

The membership secretary reported new members 98; renewals 198; total membership 2843; total membership last year 2051; funds received and deposited \$1,203.59; expenses \$17.78. Circulation Manager reported total Begonians dispersed 3073; total expenses \$55.70.

2890 ballots were mailed. Advertising Manager reported receipts \$66.41; unpaid accounts \$15.00. At the Advertising

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SEED FUND

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No. 8—B. 'Edith M.'

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No. 9—B. *odeteriantha*.

No information available on this one. Price 50 cents per pkt.

No. 10—B. *friburgensis*. Brazil.

Beautiful new species. Rhizomatous, thick leathery leaves, shiny and dark green on top, red underneath. New leaves show only red and are folded like a cockscomb. Tall flower heads of white and pink. Greenhouse culture or protected place. Price \$1.00 per pkt.

No. 11—B. *valida*.

Resembles B. *dichotoma*. Rather large plant with brown stems and large leaves which are angular and green. Small pearly-white flowers. Price 50 cents per pkt.

No. 12—B. *vitifolia* syn B. *lobulata*. Mexico.

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B. 'PRESTONIENSIS'

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sonii, (also most likely an *incarnata* hybrid) — both of which Thelma was growing and studying.

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It may take years to track down an elusive *Begonia*, but Mac's patience was rewarded by his beautiful *cinnabarina* x *incarnata* seedlings (also *incarnata* x *cinnabarina*, differing only in a different color of stamens).

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BEGONIAS UNDER WRAPS

How to take Begonias from home to a flower show without damage was demonstrated to the Knickerbocker Branch by Bea Hessel.

She said to pull a sprawling plant together one must first set stakes firmly down to the bottom of the pot. Done carefully this will not hurt the roots. The weight of the soil should hold the stakes, but if the soil is too loose a small stone might be wedged between the stake and the inside edge of the pot. To tie the branches to the stakes she uses strips of ladies' nylon stockings, cut lengthwise, wound once around the stake and then around the perimeter of the plant.

Once staked and tied the plant is wrapped with florist paper and then set in a nest of crushed newspaper in a cardboard box (or even a shopping bag if one is hand-toting).

BEA'S 10 DON'TS with positive accent on grow and show

1. Don't give up trying to grow Begonias for show (and yourself); if you can't grow certain ones, try others.
2. Don't try new things on all plants; experiment on one.
3. Don't bring your one and only plant to a flower show without taking cuttings for duplicates.
4. Don't bring in dry plants; soak them a day before.
5. Don't transplant just before bringing to show.
6. Don't feed a dry plant; water first.
7. Don't treat all Begonias alike; some need more water, some need more sun.
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 Mrs. Stuart J. Bracken, Secy.
 727 Mt. Moro Rd., Villanova, Pa. 19085

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Manager's request, a motion was made and carried to have the Christmas ads in The Begonian this year as usual. Deadline for the ads is Oct. 15th. The Awards Chairman reported he had received good response and all three awards would be given this year.

The Business Manager reported the receipt of the renewal notice on the insurance policy on our library. The cost would be \$35.00 with a \$100.00 deductible. After discussion it was decided not to renew the policy. The Historian asked the members to send her any newspaper or magazine articles on begonias.

The Judges Course Director reported receipts of \$92.50 for the period May 23 to July 18th for Judges Courses, Classification Guides and Point Scoring books sold. Her expenses were \$11.48. For the record, the cost of printing 300 Copies of the Classification Guide was \$261.39. The report of the Round Robin Director was read: six flights came thru on regular flight, 18 letters were written; eleven requests were received, all answered, assigned to flights or put on waiting lists. The Show Chairman announced that it was time for all trophies to be returned. Twenty-six new members were signed up at the San Gabriel show on July 21st. Public Relations Director reported all correspondence answered, including a letter asking where to obtain "Bizzy Lizzy".

Reporting for the special committee to revise the old cultural bulletin, Peggy McGrath stated the new booklet would be ready for the Convention. The committee has used the best out of three old bulletins, added new sections on terrariums and tuberous begonias. There will also be pictures.

The president appointed Susan Wright and Pearl Benell to audit the treasurer's books on August 15th. The president also appointed Elsie Joyce, Anne Rose and Susan Wright to count the ballots, with the secretary as ex-officio member of the committee.

Walter Barnett reported that twenty-seven members from the East are coming to the Convention and plans are being made to entertain them in San Francisco. The president reported that the San Gabriel Branch, the Santa Barbara Branch, and the Show Committee are also making plans.

Arnold Krupnick presented a check for \$10.00 from the Westchester Branch to be donated to the ABS Research Fund. Following branch reports, the meeting adjourned for refreshments at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
 Irene Grannell,
 Secretary

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