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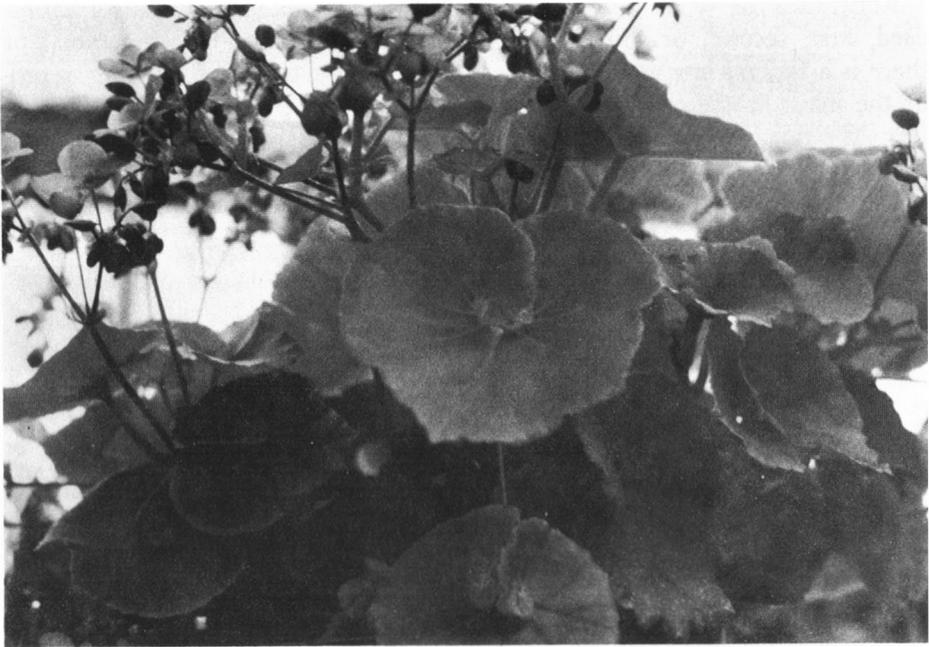
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The Board of Directors thanks Margaret Zieshenne and the members of the Santa Barbara Branch for their assistance in preparing this information and notifying branches.

BEGONIA PROFILES

By Thelma O'Reilly, La Mesa, Ca.

BEGONIA 'CURLY CLOUD'



B. 'Curly Cloud'

Photo by T. O'Reilly

Begonia 'Curly Cloud' (*B. socotrana* X *B. 'Bokit'*) is another of Fairyland's magic crosses; I say "magic" because Leslie Woodriff's wand creates the near impossible. This time, and to my knowledge for the first time, a hybridizer has made a successful crossing between *B. socotrana* and a rhizomatous type begonia.

I made the acquaintance of *Begonia* 'Curly Cloud' on a visit to Fairyland Begonia Garden in May, 1977. When I entered the nursery, my eyes fell upon the beautiful pink clouds of bloom you see on the cover of this issue of the *Begonian*. The

pendulous bloom stems were nearly three feet long. A close-up view revealed lovely, solid green leaves with the double spiral that is typical on the progeny of *B. 'Bowtique'*.

Leslie Woodriff writes, "It is amazing that the spiral leaf which is a sport characteristic of *Begonia* 'Bowtique' (*B. kenworthyae* X *B. bowerae*) on *B. 'Tiger Kitten'* can break a peltate leaf to a spiral, but it did it on both *B. socotrana* and *B. conchifolia* var. *rubrimacula*. If you go into the history of begonias you will find that the major begonias that have been propagated vegetatively into the millions have been derivatives of

B. socotrana, likely because of the lovely pink color and lasting quality of the flowers of *B. socotrana*."

Begonia 'Curly Cloud' blooms with literally clouds of lovely deep pink flowers. It should have been named *B. 'Pink Curly Cloud'* but the Cultivar Code prefers that a new cultivar name consist of one or two words. The 3½ inch light, clear green leaves are shaped like a valentine heart. At the juncture of the leaf and stem, the leaf splits and widens, forming a small opening or eye as the leaf edges swirl around to meet again and form the mirror image curls. Light green stems and petioles are streaked with short red lines. The stipules are interesting because they vary in number

from three to five, have a squatty shape because they are short and wide and form a ring around the stem in a daisy-like manner. *B. 'Curly Cloud'* seems to be everblooming with 1½ inch deep pink flowers that have four male tepals and five female tepals. All plant parts are glabrous.

Propagation is successful from leaves, leaf wedges and stem cuttings. It prefers a light potting mix that drains rapidly and responds to slow release fertilizer with an occasional liquid feeding.

Begonia 'Curly Cloud' bears registration #625. It is available at Fairyland Begonia Garden, 1100 Griffith Street, McKinleyville, CA 95521.

SHOWER POWER

By Gloria Quinn, Houston, Texas

In Texas last June it rained begonias! I know, because they rained on me.

It all started when thieves entered my back yard at night and stole all my begonias and other plants. They cleaned me out! Among the missing were many large terrariums from my greenhouse and about 35 baskets of begonias, including my prized Kusler hybrids just getting ready to bloom.

I was crushed. Many friends said, "Come on over and get all the cuttings you want," but I just didn't have the heart to start all over again.

Several weeks later Hinds Poth, then president of our Houston branch, asked me to come over and see his plants. He has many rare begonias in terrariums and a beautiful tropical garden, so I was happy to go. Several of my begonia friends said they wanted to come too.

It was a hot summer evening. There certainly were a lot of cars parked around Hinds' house. But someone said, "I think they're giving a party across the street," and I thought no more about it.

The house was very quiet. We walked toward the back. Then — SURPRISE! Voices shouted, the room was filled with people, and everyone was looking at me.

I nearly fainted — but instead, I burst into tears. Yes, it was a begonia shower. A table was stacked with boxes and pots and mysteriously wrapped cuttings. Among them were *B. morelii* and "Orpha C. Fox," plants I had especially wanted, and dozens more. I was in shock as I looked at them all.

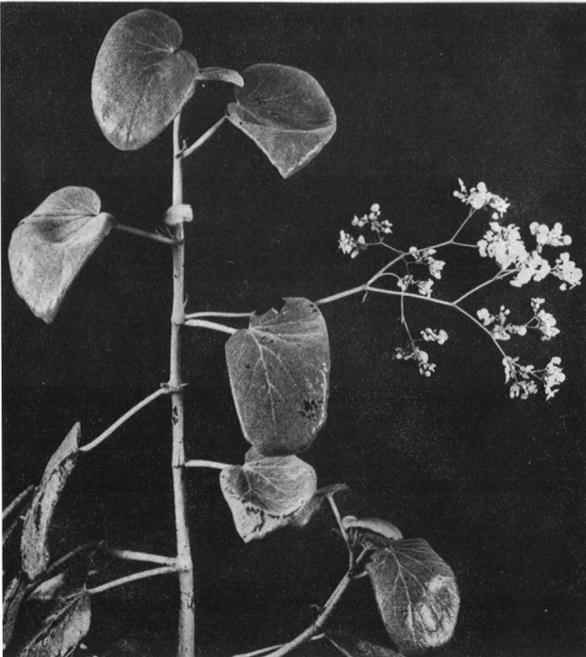
I never knew how many true friends I had until that night — the night it rained begonias.

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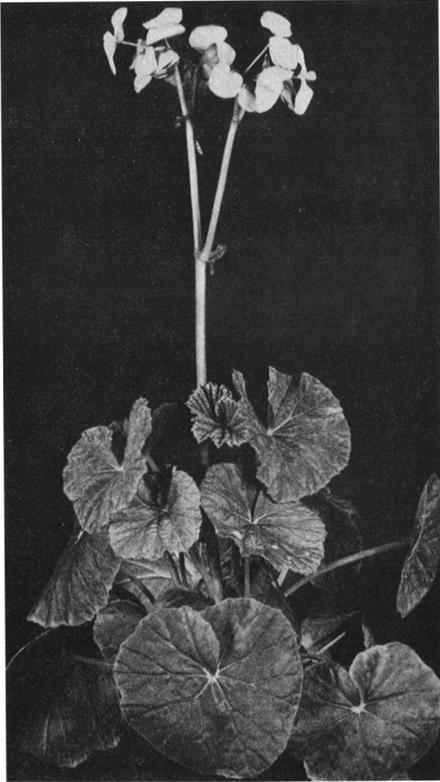
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- DC 6 — Unidentified Madagascar sp.: rhizomatous with round leaves, up to 10 in. across and large inflorescences with large pink flowers. It is a showy begonia, easy to grow. Germination time: 11 days. (See photo.) per pkt 1.00



Left: *Begonia kuhlmannii* Brade. Both this photo and the one on the next page were from prints made by R. Jansen, and the seeds and information were supplied by J. Doorenbos.



HYBRIDS

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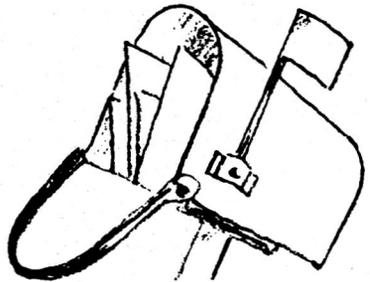
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Write to: Elda Haring
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You will receive a prompt personal reply.

Question: I saw a beautiful vine growing in a greenhouse but they don't know the name of it. The leaf is emerald green with silvery white spots down both sides. Do you know this begonia? *Answer:* The plant you describe is not a begonia. It is *Cissus discolor* sometimes improperly called

"climbing rex begonia". It is in the same botanical family as the grape-ivy.

Question: Is *B.* 'Thurstonii' the old begonia formerly known as "Beefsteak Begonia"? *Answer:* "Beefsteak begonia" was a common name given to *B.* 'Erythophylla'



which at one time was called *B. 'Feastii'*. It has a round leaf, red under. *B. 'Thurstonii'* is a result of a cross of *B. metallica* and *B. sanguinea*. Many people who are unfamiliar with begonias call any begonia with red leaves "beefsteak".

Question: I have *B. gracilis*, one of the "Hollyhock" begonias. It is ten inches tall and beginning to lean. Does "Hollyhock" refer to the leaves or the flowers of this plant? Leaves are slightly curled but it does not seem to have mites. Should I pinch it back or grow it like a trailer? *Answer:* *B. gracilis* is a tuberous species and is tall growing. If pinched it will continue its upward growth. "Hollyhock" refers to the way the flowers grow on the stem. This begonia always curls its leaves for me even in the high humidity of the greenhouse.

Question: I bought a *B. 'Phyllomaniaca'*. It is about ten inches tall. Is it a cane? Should I pinch it? Why is it called "crazy leaf"? *Answer:* *B. 'Phyllomaniaca'* is not a cane. It is classified as "thickstemmed". It may be pinched if you wish. It is called "crazy leaf" because of its habit of growing plantlets on the surface of the leaf.

Question: How many descendants of "Angel Wing" are in existence? And is this 'Corallina de Lucerna'? *Answer:* *The Thompson Begonia Guide* tells us there are 190 different species and cultivars of cane-like (angel wing) begonias now in cultivation. *B. 'Corallina de Lucerna'* now properly called *B. 'Lucerna'* is a cultivar (hybrid) developed in Switzerland in 1892.

Question: I have trouble with my prop box. It is a 20 gallon aquarium. Should I raise the soil level for everything wilts or rots. *Answer:* Raising the soil level will not help. If your aquarium is where the sun shines on it, too much heat will build up if it is tightly covered. Fluorescent lights could also add a little too much warmth. Since it would appear that the aquarium has excessive build-up of condensation, I would suggest that you keep the cover pulled aside to permit heat and moisture to escape.

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ROUND ROBIN NOTES

By Mabel Corwin, Round Robin Director

Growing from seeds

Everyone seems to be planting seeds. Mary Ludwig, New York, reports: I have recently come across an almost foolproof method for planting seeds. A piece of matting is put in the bottom of a sweater box. Small pots filled with coarse perlite are placed on the matting. The pots are watered, seeds planted and labeled. After that the matting is kept wet. I used to lose a lot of seedlings to careless watering and rotting. So far, using this method I've lost none.

Cleaning pots

Marsha Melone, CA, had this good suggestion for an unpleasant task. She wrote: I do not find pot washing a chore. I have a plastic laundry tub in the patio behind a bench so it is not in plain sight. I fill it with water and let the pots soak overnight. Then I pull up a stool and start scrubbing while I watch the birds and flowers and sky and just daydream for awhile. The tub is on legs which raises it to counter height so I don't have to bend over it.

Rex culture

Eleanor Hollis, Calif., grows most of her rex begonias in 6" plastic pots. She puts a handful of sphagnum moss in the bottom of the pot, then plants in Supersoil. She does not fertilize her rexes, but gives fresh Super-

soil when she repots. Her rexes do poorly if overpotted.

Margaret Bong, Wisconsin, grows most of her rexes under lights, but she has two in a west window that has a two foot overhang. They are doing fine although the humidity is only 40 percent. They get about 2 hours of afternoon sun. She grows her rexes 1 month in a large aquarium and 1 month out and is most successful in growing them this way.

Plant labels

In answer to questions about shipping cuttings, Kit Jeans, Tenn., wrote: The best label is a piece of Pellon (medium weight) about 3 1/2 inches long. Pellon is a material used in dressmaking and is readily available at yardage stores. Make a slit in one end, write on it, and then wrap it around the stem and put name end through the slit. It doesn't come off, and doesn't weigh anything.

Fungus

Kit also reported on botrytis: It will attack the stems of begonias. Some stems will look like the end of an exploded firecracker, and you think it is a chewer at work. That's botrytis. The best treatment I've found for this is Phalthan. It is also the cheapest fungicide you will find.

Is anyone interested in a robin on scented begonias? We are starting a new flight on Organic Begonia Growing. If you are interested in this subject, let me know.

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No. 672 — Begonia (B. 'Big Red' X B. 'Big Boy') 'Currency'

With leaves of silver and green, turning soft pink, this rex cultorum originated in 1974 by Bob Cole, 18007 Topham St., Reseda, CA 91335, bloomed in 1977 but has not yet been distributed. Leaves are spiral, 9 x 7½", margin lobed, texture lightly puckery, 11-nerved, 8" petioles, and ½ x ¾" stipules. Flowers are pink. Registered June 12, 1978.

No. 673 — Begonia (B. 'This 'N That' X B. 'Silver Giant') 'Steve & Charlene'

This rex cultorum has leaves of silver pink with dappled dark veining; shape subentire; 6½ x 5"; margin lobed; texture puckery; 7-nerved; petioles 4", reddish with few hairs; stipules ½ x ¾". Originated in 1976 by Bob Cole (address above); has not bloomed nor been distributed. Registered June 12, 1978.

No. 674 — Begonia (B. 'Midnight Cowboy' X B. 'Big Boy') 'Wintergreen'

Developed in 1976, this rex cultorum has not yet bloomed nor been distributed by the originator Bob Cole (address above). Blackish bronzy-green leaves with red discolor are spiral shaped, 8½ x 8", margin ciliate and lobed; textured top surface with light hairs; underside is red; 11-nerved; petioles 6½" covered with red hair; stipules ½ x ¾". Registered June 12, 1978.

No. 675 — Begonia (B. 'Ho Hum' X B. 'Big Boy') 'Hooligan'

Distinguished from other rex cultivars by its vigor, this begonia has silver-pink leaves with green edge and center. Originated by Bob Cole (address above) in 1976, this plant first bloomed with salmon-pink flowers in 1978. Leaves are spiral shaped, 8½ x 7"; margin ciliate, cleft; texture lightly puckered, with few hairs; 11-nerved; 8" petioles; stipules ½ x ¾". Registered June 22, 1978.

No. 676 — Begonia (B. 'Lee's No. 9' X B. 'Big Rex') 'Neat Thing'

Colored lavender pink over silver, with green on vein edges, this rex cultorum's leaves are subentire, 8 x 5", margin crenate, texture slightly hairy, 8-nerved, 5" petiole, and ¼ x ¼" stipules. Developed in 1976 by Bob Cole (address above), this begonia has not bloomed nor been distributed. Registered June 22, 1978.

No. 677 — Begonia (B. 'This 'N That' X B. 'Lee's No. 9') 'Babe Lewis'

Originated by Bob Cole (address above), this rex cultorum has maroon, green, silver and pink leaves with lobes overlapped, subentire, 10 x 8", lobed margin, puckery texture, eight nerves, 8" petioles, and ¼ x ¼" stipules. Registered June 22, 1978.

No. 678 — Begonia (B. rex Putz X B. 'Old Witch') 'Tintype'

This rhizomatous rex cultorum was developed in 1976 but has not bloomed nor been distributed by its originator, Bob Cole, address above. Leaves are green with metallic silver, subentire; 7 x 6", ciliate margined,

smooth textured; six nerves; 8" petiole; stipules $\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Registered June 22, 1978.

No. 679 — Begonia (B. 'This N That' X unknown) 'Keeper'

A rex cultorum, this rhizomatous begonia was developed by Bob Cole, address above, in 1976; it has not bloomed nor been distributed yet. Leaf is silver and green with some pink overlay; subentire; 2 x $\frac{1}{2}$ "; margin serrate; texture smooth; 7-nerved; petiole 4"; stipules $\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Registered June 22, 1978.

No. 680 — Begonia (B. 'Big Boy' X 'Lee's No. 9') 'Delightful Mystery'

Developed in 1976 by Bob Cole, address above, this rex cultorum with rhizome jointed at/below soil, has a subentire leaf, green, silver, maroon, with a silver overlay over the entire leaf; $5\frac{1}{2}$ x 3"; margin lobed; texture puckery; 7-nerved; $5\frac{1}{2}$ " petioles; stipules $\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Registered June 22, 1978.

No. 681 — Begonia (B. 'Lee's No. 9' X B. 'Silver Giant') 'Ester Velez'

Considered by the originator, Bob Cole, address above, as one of the best of his new rexes, this rex cultorum was developed in 1976 but has not yet bloomed nor been distributed. Leaves are silver, dark red, maroon; spiralled, 5 x 4"; margin lobed; texture lightly puckered; nerves 12; petioles 5"; stipules $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{8}$ ". Registered June 22, 1978.

No. 682 — Begonia (B. 'Pam Sue' X B. 'Green Frills') 'Delta Queen'

A rex cultorum rhizomatous, the leaves are silver pink, veins green, with silver dots overlying, subentire, 7 x 6", margin crenate, texture heavily puckered, 9-nerved, 7" petiole, and stipules $\frac{1}{4}$ x 12"; developed in 1976

by Bob Cole, address above, this plant has not bloomed nor been distributed. Registered July 1, 1978.

No. 683 — Begonia (B. 'Madame Queen' X B. hidalgensis) 'Doug Frost'

Developed by Goldie Frost, 10622 Teal Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92643, this rhizomatous with distinctive foliage was originated in 1975, first bloomed in 1977, and first distributed in 1978. Leaves are red, with red reverse; ovate, pointed; 6 x 8"; margin crenate; texture thick, leathery; 7-nerved; petioles spotted with red hairs; stipules red, hairy. Flowers are dark pink, two petaled, small $\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ "; arranged in large clusters on 12" flower stem; blooms winter to early spring. Plant is distinct because the leaves are wavy though not crested; there is a dark red collar of red hairs at stipules; petioles are dotted with red hairs; back of veins have a row of white hairs. Registered July 16, 1978.

No. 684 — Begonia (B. 'Leslie Lynn' X B. hidalgensis) 'Teton'

Distinct because of upright growth habit of leaf stems with full and heavy foliage, this rhizomatous resembles the stem-erect rhizome-like begonias but the rhizome is not erect. Leaves are bright green, grape-leaf shaped, 6-8", margin moderately notched, texture smooth, thick, leathery; nerves 7, petioles smooth, green, to 12"; stipules smooth. Flowers are white to very light pink; $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1"; two petaled; arranged on 15" flower stem, blooms in late winter to spring. Developed in 1975 by Goldie Frost, address above, it first bloomed in 1977 and was first distributed in 1978. Registered July 16, 1978.

No. 685 — Begonia (B. hidalgensis X B. carrieae) 'Friendship'

This rhizomatous with bright pea green leaves was developed in 1977 by Goldie Frost, address above, bloomed in 1978 when it was first distributed. Leaves are elliptical, 6 x 8", margin even; texture coarse, slightly pustulated; 8-nerved; petioles are rough, covered with fine white hairs turning to brown as they mature; stipules are smooth. Flowers are white, 1/2 x 1"; two-petaled; arranged on 12" stem, blooming winter and spring. Bloomed six months after germination. Registered July 16, 1978.

No. 686 — Begonia (B. mazaе f. nigricans X bowerae var. nigramarga) 'Baby's Breath'

Goldie Frost, address above, developed this rhizomatous hybrid in 1973; it first bloomed in 1974 and was first distributed in 1978. The originator states this plant is quite compact but of a spreading habit suitable for hanging baskets; during its season of bloom, February - August, it is loaded with a solid mass of tiny pink flowers, 1/4 x 1/2", resembling gypsophila or 'Baby's Breath'; 2-petaled, huge panicles are arranged on a 6" stem. Leaves are green with dark veining; elliptical; 1 x 2"; even margin; soft velvety texture; 5-nerved; petioles and stipules smooth. Registered July 16, 1978.

No. 687 — Begonia (B. 'Chumash' X B. 'Black Knight') 'Lakewood Gardens'

This very compact-growing hybrid was originated by Goldie Frost, address above, in 1973; it first bloomed in 1975 and was first distributed in

1978. Leaves are dark green, splashed with brown; star shaped; 2 x 3"; margin moderately cut with white "eyelashes"; texture is thick, leathery; 6-nerved; petioles have white hairs along stems; stipules are a white collar with white hairs. Flowers are light pink, 1/2 x 3/4", 2-petaled, arranged on a 12" flower stem; blooms February - May. Registered July 16, 1978.

No. 688 — Begonia (B. 'Lenore Olivier' X B. lubbersii) 'Margaret Taylor'

Originated by Goldie Frost (address above) this cane-like plant grows to three feet; developed in 1975, first bloomed in 1976, the plant was first distributed in 1978. Leaves are bronze green with red reverse; shape lanceolate, peltate; 3 x 10"; margin even; texture thick, smooth; 7-nerved; petioles and stipules smooth. Flowers are bright red, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2"; male petals 2, female 5; arranged in large clusters on 6" stem; blooms summer to fall. Registered July 16, 1978.

No. 689 — Begonia (B. 'Lenore Olivier' X B. lubbersii) 'Cosie'

Distinguished by its leaves deeply cut with notched and crinkled edges, this cane-like plant grows to 4'. Developed in 1975 by Goldie Frost (address above) the plant first bloomed in 1977 and was first distributed in 1978. Leaves are dark green with red backs; lanceolate, peltate, sharply pointed at both ends; 3 x 12"; margin notched, ruffled; texture thick, leathery; 5-nerved; petioles and stipules smooth. Flowers salmon pink, 2 x 2"; male petals 2, female 3 to 5; arranged on 3" flower stem; in late summer, fall and winter. Registered July 16, 1978.

No. 690 — Begonia (B. 'Lenore Olivier' X B. lubbersii) 'Cella McClish'

Beautiful dark bronze leaves and huge clusters of pure white flowers characterize this cane-like hybrid whose mature stem rises to 3'. It was developed by Goldie Frost, address above, in 1975, first bloomed in 1976, and was first distributed in 1978. Leaves have some silver spots with dark red reverse, are lanceolate and peltate with true *lubbersii* points, 2 x 10"; margin is smooth, even; texture soft velvety; 6-nerved; petioles and stipules smooth. Flowers are 2 x 2", 3 petals male and 5 female; arranged on 3" stem, summer to fall. Registered July 16, 1978.

No. 691 — Begonia (B. 'Lenore Olivier' X B. lubbersii) 'Emma Yee'

Mature stem of this cane-like plant is 15", making a very compact plant. Originated by Goldie Frost, address above, in 1975, the plant first bloomed in 1976 with white, pink blushed flowers, $\frac{3}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", 2 male petals and four female, on 3" stems, summer and fall. Plants were first distributed in 1978. Leaves are bronzy green with raised silver dots, pink reverse; lanceolate, peltate; 2 x 6"; margin crenate; texture soft velvety; 6-nerved; petiole and stipule smooth. Registered July 16, 1978.

No. 692 — Begonia (unnamed rex cv. X unnamed rex cv.) 'Corazon Rojo' (syn. 'Red Heart')

This rhizomatous rex cultorum was developed and first bloomed in 1976 and was first distributed by the originator, Mrs. Barbara Rowe Philip, 600 Iamino Campana, Santa Barbara, CA 93111 in 1978. Leaves have a red-pink edge, a silver border, and a dark-red, heart-shaped center;

leaves are heart-shaped with a long, pointed tip and single curl; 9 x 11"; 7-nerved. Blooms medium pink. Registered Aug. 19, 1978.

No. 693 — Begonia (unnamed rex cv. X unnamed rex cv.) 'Glacier Bay'

Pointed leaves with a single curl and four points, 14" x 12", characterize this rex cultorum rhizomatous begonia originated in 1976 when it first bloomed. Not yet distributed by the developer, Mrs. Barbara Rowe Philip, address above, the plant has a silver-spotted green border with a dark maroon center and edge; 7-nerved. Flowers are light pink. Registered August 19, 1978.

No. 694 — Begonia (unknown parentage) 'Burgundy Velvet'

Burgundy spots and green edge set this rhizomatous begonia with distinctive foliage apart from other begonias. Originated in 1977 by Leslie Woodriff, 1100 Griffith Rd., McKinleyville, CA 95521, it first bloomed and was distributed in the same year. Leaves are 4 x 5", margin slightly cut, serrate; texture crisp; 6-nerved. Blooms in spring. Registered Sept. 4, 1978, by Rudolf Zieshenne, ABS Nomenclature Director.

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The seminar by Millie and Ed Thompson will be an intense learning experience on what makes a good begonia plant and how to get it to grow that way. Whether you grow for yourself, for show, or for another reason, this promises to be a great chance to learn about begonias, the different types, what they should look like, and how to get them that way. Anyone taking or planning to take the ABS Judges Course will learn a great deal. Millie and Ed are great at presenting an enormous amount of material in a way that everyone from advanced to rank be-

ginner can understand.

The Holiday Inn at Arlington is a smaller facility than we used last year, but it is comfortable and convenient. It is located just off the Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike and is convenient to both. The Metroplex area contains a tremendous diversity of things to do and see, with the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens and a number of nurseries and greenhouses within a comfortable distance.

The schedule (subject to change) includes show entries and registration on Thursday, late entries and judging on Friday morning, the Thompsons starting the seminar sessions in the afternoon and the opening of the show and sale in the evening, seminars continuing all day Saturday with a banquet in the evening, and tours set for Sunday.

Use the registration forms in this issue. We must warn that while we have planned for what we feel is plenty of room, we do reserve the right to turn down reservations if we get more than we can handle. We hope to see all you Begonia Friends from last year and meet a lot of new ones.

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Many of you are familiar with the phrase "showing is sharing", and the growers who take a plant for the Show & Tell table are sharing their knowledge of growing and grooming that plant. Also, we can learn from reading a book loaned to us by a person who wishes to share their books with us, yet there are those who would prefer to buy the books if possible.

There are members who are eager to learn more about Begonias and companion plants and have, in the short time that I have been Chairman of the ABS Library Book Sales, asked me if it would be possible to buy some of the books that are **OUT OF PRINT**.

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN
BEGONIA SOCIETY
October 23, 1978**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:47 P.M. in the South Gate Auditorium by President Nathan Randall. Past President Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Gil Estrada gave the Aims and Purposes.

The minutes were read as printed, and the secretary read correspondence.

The new Treasurer, Eleanor Calkins, reported receipts of \$1,512.81, disbursements of \$1,685.04, leaving a balance of \$1,844.00 on Sept. 30th. The proposed budget for the year was presented. Bill Walton moved that it be accepted. Passed.

Bill Walton, Business Manager, explained the changeover to a computer service and mailer. This is to save money for the **Begonian**, with better service and a lower cost per month. Also, we will have a complete membership list. Mr. Sullinger moved that a bill for \$400.00 be paid to More Mailing Service for the first time set-up of labels. Passed.

Bookstore Librarian Gil Estrada reported receipts in August of \$875.57, disbursements of \$496.51, and a balance of \$379.06. The September receipts were \$2,249.46, disbursements of \$290.90, leaving a balance of \$2,337.62.

Mabel Corwin reported twenty flights received in September. Five new flights were started making a total of 99 flights in action now.

Pearl Benell read the report of Research Director Carleton L'Hommedieu. He thanked the Board for the expression of sympathy in the loss of his wife, Grace. Also, for the support of the Society during his work as Research Director. There is \$495.38 in the Fund, which he sent in with his resignation. The Board accepted it with regrets, and a unanimous vote of thanks and appreciation was passed. Gil Estrada also read a letter and gave the Treasurer the balance of the Resarch Fund. There will be some further expenses due Mr. L'Hommedieu for finishing work.

President Randall stated that Rudy Zieshenne called, and was getting his materials in order to turn over to the Society. Mabel Corwin made a motion that a letter of appreciation be sent to Rudy for his many years of labor in behalf of the Society. Approved unanimously.

The Editors reported that many pictures were received from the Show for the **Begonian**. Scott Hoover's talk and pictures will soon appear in the magazine.

The new membership secretary, Kathy Brown, reported 58 memberships processed and receipts of \$388.25 for Oct. 1 - 23rd

period.

Marge Lee reported six judging courses sold plus some lesson sheets. Income was \$44.75, expenses, \$21.72, leaving a balance of \$27.23.

Marge also presented a request by Thelma O'Reilly to change a show rule. The motion was approved that commercial plant entries for any plant not distributed or released except for testing be accepted for new introductions. Thelma wrote 13 letters and an article for the **Begonian**.

Katharine Alberti, in charge of old **Begonians**, sold five years of magazines at the Show. She made a motion that full years of **Begonians** be sold for \$6.50; single issues at 75¢ each. Passed.

President Randall made the following appointments: Awards — Thelma O'Reilly, Corresponding Secretary — Lorraine Frinchaboy, Business Manager — Bill Walton, Membership Secretary — Kathy Brown, Research — Mildred Thompson, Seed Fund — Linda Miller, Branch Relations — Evelyn Cronin, Slide Librarian — Gil Flavio, Round Robin — Mabel Corwin, Ballot Counting Committee Chairman — Wanda Elin, School of Judges — Marge Lee, Parliamentarian — Norma Taylor, Advertising — Pat Maley, Lending Library — Dolores Fernandez, Book Sale — Gil Estrada, **Begonian** Library — Katharine Alberti, Show Chairman — Cecelia Grivich, Historian — Frances Estrada, Publicity — Diane Fries. Several other appointments will be made later. These were approved by the Board.

Pearl Benell gave the report of the Ballot Counting Committee. There were 24 votes 20 approved all sections, four votes disapproved various sections. Several letters of objections were read, pertaining to cutting the **Begonian** and time to return the ballot. Motion by Walton that the ballot for the Bylaws be accepted. Passed. Mr. Walton made another motion that the Bylaws Committee review and re-instate the \$50.00 limit for paying bills without Board approval. The motion was passed. The motion was then made that the \$50.00 limit be used until the committee acts upon the question, and the proposal passed.

A Life Membership for Ben and Annie Lueck from the Westchester Branch was approved.

After the Branch reports, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10.

Virginia J. Barnett, secretary

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The Board of Directors will not meet in December.

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