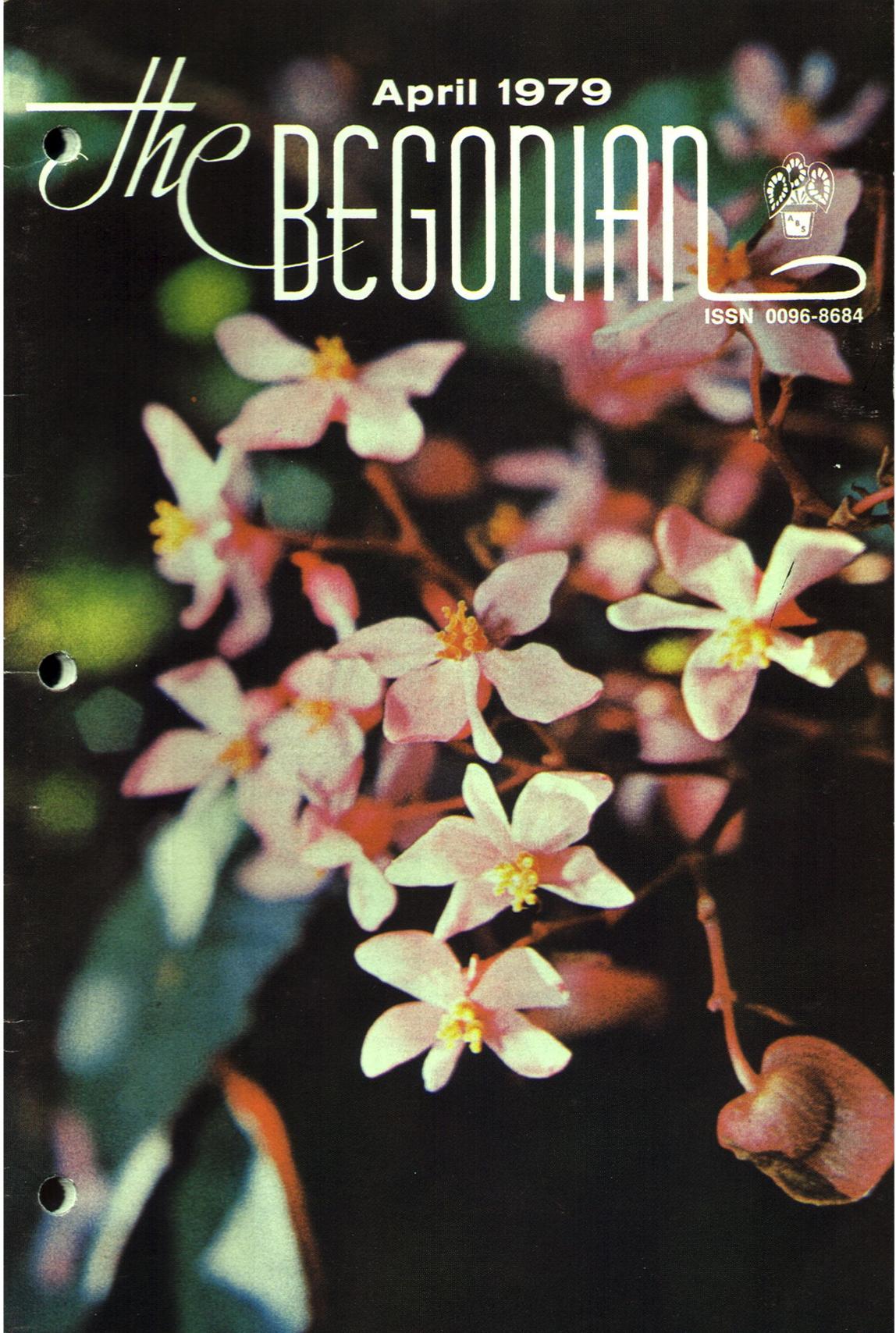


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The purpose of this Society shall be:

TO stimulate and promote interest in *Begonia* and other shade-loving plants;

TO encourage the introduction and development of new types of these plants;

TO standardize the nomenclature of *Begonia*;

TO gather and publish information in regard to kinds, propagation and culture of *Begonia* 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 *Begonia*.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to extend my thanks to those members and ABS branches that wrote to me expressing their views concerning the three proposals on what to do with the *Begonian*. The overwhelming majority of my mail was in favor of increasing the dues by two dollars and keeping the *Begonian* on a monthly basis.

A Finance Committee report to the Board of Directors indicated that the projected direct costs of the *Begonian* would be in excess of nine dollars per member. These costs assume an immediate decrease in membership. They also take into account the proposed increased cost of printing the *Begonian*. Faced with the fact that we are in an inflationary spiral, the Board of Directors voted to in-

crease the membership dues to ten dollars. It was a split vote and I cast the vote to break the tie in favor of the ten dollar dues. This increase must now be acted on by the National Representatives before it can take effect.

In closing I would like to remind you that the Directors of this organization devote a great deal of their time and THEIR money to bring you a fine service and a excellent publication. We like our begonias and we want others to know and like them too.

Give a birthday gift subscription to a friend.

Nathan Randall  
ABS President



### BEGONIA PROFILES

By Thelma O'Reilly, La Mesa, Calif.

*Begonia* 'Gene Daniels'

My first introduction to a mature plant of *Begonia* 'Gene Daniels' (*B.* 'Frieda Grant' x *B.* unknown) was in the lovely garden of Barbara Philip, Santa Barbara, Calif. Its boldness, brilliance, and beauty drew me like a magnet to its place of honor among many other outstanding specimen begonias. Bold because of its bushy, stately growth, brilliant because of its bright oxblood red coloring on all plant parts except top leaf surfaces, and beautiful because

of its large, stunning, colorful inflorescences.

Rudolf Zieshenne originated this begonia in 1973 and named it in honor of his friend, Gene Daniels. It is a chance seedling from a seed pod on *Begonia* 'Frieda Grant' which was originated by William Grant of San Diego, Calif. in 1926.

The 8" x 4" leaves are deep green on the upper surface and oxblood red below, medium thick, unequally cordate, subentire, and sparsely hairy.



*Begonia* 'Gene Daniels'

This photo of a mature plant and the close-up of the blossoms on the front cover were made by Thelma O'Reilly in the garden of Barbara Philip.

New leaves have a satin sheen that dulls somewhat as they mature, unless grown in a greenhouse.

The inflorescences are a sight to behold as they tower above the leaves because all parts are brilliant red except the open flowers. Bright red male buds have a tiny, hard, ball-like protuberance near the base. As they mature, the red color lightens to bright rose-pink with short, red, bristly hairs developing on the enlarging protuberance. When fully open the male flowers have 2 large, bright rose-pink tepals, 2 narrow, blush-pink tepals and yellow-orange stamens. The large female flowers are bright rose-pink with prominent and interestingly formed styles and stigmas.

*Begonia* 'Gene Daniels' is hardy and easy to grow. In my lathhouse it survived recent temperatures several degrees below freezing. It can reach over 6' tall and must have maximum light exposure to develop the brilliant red coloring. It propagates readily from stem cuttings and also makes a robust basket plant. I have seen it in bloom from January thru July.

*Begonia* 'Gene Daniels' bears registration No. 482. It is available from Rudolf Zieshenne, 1130 N. Milpas St., Santa Barbara, CA 93103, Logee's Greenhouses, 55 North St., Danielson, CT 06239, and The Gift Horse Greenhouse, Kit Jeans, Rt. #1 - Box 319, New Johnsonville, TN 37134.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME

By Louise Bower, Oxnard, Calif.



Mrs. Louise Bower

Louise Bower of Ventura presented the following seminar topic at the 1978 Convention at Sacramento.

To understand better the use of words as we know them today, or the spoken and written language by which we communicate with other human beings, let's go back in time to somewhere between 4000-5000 B.C., the time for which the first evidence of a spoken language was found. In the family of manlike animals, man belongs to the genus *Homo*, of the species *sapiens*. The name *Homo sapiens* means "wise man." This Latin name *Homo sapiens* was given to man and man was assigned to the Primates in 1735 by none other than the great Swedish botanist, Linnaeus.

Before any language developed, students of languages believe early man may have used a kind of sign language and could not express himself much better than could the lower animals. It is also thought that the first spoken language developed as men imitated the sounds of birds, animals, and insects. How would you try to tell someone the sound of a bee? We have in our language to-

day such words as *buzz*, *moo*, *meow*, and *bow-wow*, which to us mean the sounds each of those animals makes. Young children learn to call these animals by the sounds they make. From such beginnings languages have slowly evolved.

From science we learn that everything (a term used in its broadest sense) on this planet we call Earth belongs to either the animal, plant, or mineral kingdom and each has a name. Remember the game you loved to play when someone called out the name of something and you had to say to which of the kingdoms it belonged? Let's look for a moment now at the name "Earth." The Greeks named the land portion Ge, and the water Poseidon, for their God of the Sea. The Romans called the land *Telus* or *Terra*. (You can readily see where we get our word *terra firma*, meaning "solid earth"). In Old English, Earth was called *Ear* from a word meaning "to plow."

Going back to the three kingdoms, most present day names have come down from the many early languages spoken and written. Now and then new words are introduced in a language as needed. Now that we have a language, the next step is to invent an alphabet to be able to communicate other than by spoken word. The first evidence of a written alphabet dates back to about 1850 B.C. when the Seirites, who lived in the Sinai peninsula between Egypt and Palestine invented the first one. It is called the Sinai or Semetic alphabet and used symbols for letter sounds. Around 1200 B.C. the Phoenicians

picked up the Semetic alphabet, making some changes of their own. They used letters to write only the consonants of their words, and the vowels were not written. This method is similar to our abbreviation of the word "building" to "bldg."

More changes in the alphabet came about 600 B.C. when the Greeks borrowed the Phoenician letter symbols and used the characters they did not need for consonant sounds to represent the vowels. This was now a more complete alphabet. A people known as the Eruscans carried the Greek alphabet with them when they migrated from the eastern Mediterranean to central Italy. The Romans now enter the picture by taking the Greek alphabet and adding their changes. This is the form still in use. However, before the invention of the alphabet by the Seirites of the Sinai peninsula, the Egyptians had developed a very complicated system of picture writing called pictographs. Some of the pictographs represented ideas, others were used as words or syllables, and still others were used as single letters. Of all systems of writing, the one which uses the alphabet invented almost four thousand years ago by the Seirites, changed by the Phoenicians and Greeks, and altered further by the Romans, has proved to be the most convenient and useful.

Now, let us look at the word "name" and what it means. All languages are broken up into parts of speech which you learned in grammar. The main parts are the noun, verb, adjective, and adverb. Of these four, we will look at the noun and adjective. A noun is the name of a person, place, or thing. A noun

can be (1) descriptive — as "mountain," "flower," "animal," "town," "ocean,"; (2) a qualifying appellation — nomenclature, a name of designation; (3) or an epithet expressing some quality or relation appropriate to a person, place, or thing, like "acid," "lion-hearted" (as in Richard the Lion-Hearted), or "glabrous" (meaning bare). Quickly run through your mind the thousands of words used in all languages to identify all things by a fitting name.

Our little journey through the distant past has now brought us to the main topic of this talk — "What's in a Name" — with reference to that member of the plant kingdom known as the *Begonia*. In 1690 Charles Plumier, a Franciscan monk and botanist, discovered the first begonias while on a scientific expedition to the West Indies. Six plants were discovered and determined as belonging to a new genus. He gave them the name *Begonia*, in honor of his patron, Michel Begon. The plants were only briefly described.

Has it ever crossed your mind that dinosaurs and begonias had anything in common, although the Dinosaur lived some 145 millions of years ago and the *Begonia* is of a more recent period? First, both include many species names that are difficult to pronounce and spell, such as *Tyrannosaurus rex*, *Brontosaurus*, or *Coelophysis baurii*. Note the *rex* and *baurii*. Equally hard are these *Begonia* names: *B. gemmipara* (jem-ih-pah-rah), *B. nymphaeifolia* (nim-fee-ah-fo-lee-ah), or *B. yunnanensis* (yun-nan-en-sis). Second, both follow the rules of the International Code of Nomenclature in acquiring these names that are seemingly un-

pronounceable and meaningless. The scientific name must be a Latin or Latinized name and is reserved for species and their natural varieties only. I am sure you have wondered why some begonias have such names as *bispidavillosa*, (meaning semi-stiff — hairy), and *echinosepala* (meaning prickly sepal), or *quadrelocularis* (four-celled ovary or seed pod.) The method of naming species, hybrids, cultivars, or sports is called "nomenclature," the system of names used in a particular branch of knowledge or art for classification to distinguish one thing from another.

We are indebted to Carl Linnaeus, an 18th century Swedish botanist who recognized the need for a system of nomenclature that would be universally understood and would put in order the previously chaotic botanical systems. In 1753 Linnaeus proposed, "Let's put the names in some sort of a system". He proposed the "binomial" method of naming plants and he used Latin which was the written language used by all educated persons at that time. Binomial nomenclature simply places the plant in a system consisting of two words: the first word, the name of the *genus*, designates the group of plants to which individual plants with common characteristics belong. In our case this word is *Begonia* and is always written with a capital letter. (It in turn belongs to the family Begoniaceae.) The second name used is the binomial system is called the *specific epithet* and pins the individual plant down as to species, hybrid, or cultivar. We could call this the given name: as *B. incarnata*, *B. mazaе*, or *B. strigillosa* (all species), and *B. 'Cumbre'*, *B. 'Norah Bedson'*,

or *B. 'Emerald Jewel'* (all cultivars).

At intervals starting in the early nineteenth century, groups of scientists convened Botanical Congresses to adopt the rules for botanical nomenclature that would systematize the naming of the plant kingdom. The first Codes stirred disagreements and were not used consistently, but the later Congresses began to resolve differences and the Code has been widely accepted. The Congresses still convene to take up questions, but the basic rules are agreed upon.

In 1952, at the Thirteenth International Horticultural Congress in London, two committees of the International Botanical Congress drew up the 1953 *Code of Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants*. Subsequent revisions have been made. The latest was printed in 1969.

The International Codes of Nomenclature have sound rules to help avoid confusion and make the selection of names orderly and accurate. No name should be the same as, or even similar to, a name previously given to another begonia. An unfortunate example of the erroneous use of similar names is provided by two species, *B. velloziana* and *B. velloziana* (better known as *olsoniae*). Both plants were named for the botanist Vellozo, but the plants are entirely and confusingly different begonias. In doing some research for Barbara Rogers of Tucson, Arizona, I ran across the name *B. 'Flamingo'* for four different begonias. One was a double tuberous with pink flowers, one a member of the *hiemalis* group, one a cross (*B. dichora* x *B. undulata*) by Hunter of Rosecroft Gardens, and one a member of the *semperflorens* group. It is to avoid such

confusion that the Code was adopted.

There are two "kinds" of begonias when it comes to name, the species or wild varieties on one hand, and the hybrids, cultivars, and sports (mutations) on the other. The begonia species (those found in nature — I call them the "Adams and Eves") must bear a Latin or Latinized name, distinguished in printing by a different type, usually italics, in lower case letters and without quotation marks. These Latin or Latinized names are reserved for the species or natural varieties. There can be no abbreviations like Mr. or Mrs., and the articles *a* and *the* are never used. The names of living people should not be used without permission. The names of politically prominent people are risky to use. Two or more hyphenated words are to be avoided, but if two words are used they must be joined.

The specific epithet (the second portion of the binomial name) can be a Latin word describing the plant in some way. For example, *angularis* means "angular" and refers to the shape of the stems, *fuchsioides* means "fuchsia-flowered," *acetosa* means "sour," *odorata* means "scented," and *tomentosa* means "wooly." These are just a few examples, for there are many more.

The Latinized name used for a species may be the name of a person, place or thing that is written with a Latin ending, for example, *pearcei* named for the collector, Pearce; *bowerae* named for Constance Bower, the hybridist; and *macdougallii*, named for the collector, MacDougall. There are many begonias that have Latinized names of prominent people in the world of begonias.

Quite often a species has been named for the country or place where the plant was first discovered. Thus, *B. boliviensis* was named for the country of Bolivia; *B. cathayana* for Cathay, the old name for China; *B. chivatoa* for a mountain in Mexico; *B. andina*, meaning belonging to the Andes; *B. goegoensis*, named for Goegoe, Sumatra; *B. philodendroides*, named for *Philodendron dubium* because the leaves resemble it; and *B. pinetorum*, meaning "of the pine forest." These are a few of the names that have been given to begonias. The Latin names should always be used as the binomial pair with the genus name *Begonia* either written out or abbreviated *B.* in italics. (Where italics are not available, underlining is used.)

A hybrid is the product of cross pollination between begonia species, hybrids, or cultivars (whether it happens in cultivation or in the wild.)\* A cultivar — originating in cultivation and selected from hybrids, sports, inbreeding, etc. — is given a "fancy" name and may be the name of persons, places, or things, or made-up names. Cultivar names are written with initial capitals and enclosed by single quotation marks. A

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\*Hybrids may be designated by a formula only (formed by listing the parents' names with a multiplication sign between them) and this is usually all that is needed. Or they may be given names if found to be useful. Such names are collective names (collective epithets) and apply to all the seedlings of that cross — or any later recross of the same parents. Latin collective names must follow the rules for Latin names under the Botanical Code. Names in modern language follow the Cultivated Code.

name should preferably be of only one or two words and must not be more than three. The cultivar *B.* 'Freddie' (from *B. manicata aureo-maculata* x *B. barkeri*) is of hybrid origin. The cultivar *B.* 'Pebble Lane' (from *B.* 'Speculata' x *B.* 'Sir Percy') is a cross of two hybrid cultivars which are already the results of crosses. *B.* 'Zuensis' (*B. paulensis* x *B.* 'Credneri') is a cross of a species with a hybrid; *B.* 'Medora' of unknown origin was found at Medora, Ill.; and *B.* 'Erythrophylla Helix' is a mutation of *B.* 'Erythrophylla'. A later mutation of the same plant with a much frillier version on the leaf edge was named *B.* 'Bunchii'.

Now let's get down to the nitty-gritty of why unpronounceable hard-to-spell names are written this way. Those that are Latin words are the Latin spellings of the names. The ones that are Latinized have to follow certain rules for the spelling according to the *International Code of Botanical Nomenclature* and the *International Code of Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants*. (This may be a little technical at this point, but it does explain a few things that can be puzzling sometimes.) The latest edition of the *International Code of Botanical Nomenclature* (called the Botanical Code) and the *International Code of Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants* (called the Cultivated, or sometimes the Cultivar, Code) are the authorities used by the American Begonia Society for the spelling of begonia names. As these codes were used and became universally acceptable, many of the earlier recommendations were changed to become mandatory rules of the present Codes. The purpose of the Codes is

to provide the botanist with a precise system of nomenclature. The object of the rules is to put the nomenclature of the past in order and to provide for that of the future. Names contrary to the rules cannot be maintained.

A variety of spellings for many names has resulted from the changes in the past Codes and the lack of understanding of botanical Latin grammar. A good example of this is the spelling of the name of *Begonia carolineifolia*, as brought out by Jack Golding in the January 1972 *Begonian*. The name was first published in *Gartenflora* in 1852 by Edward August von Regel as *B. caroliniaefolia*. This spelling was used in several books and lists, but others used various spellings including *caroliniifolia* and *carolineafolia*. Fortunately this kind of confusion can be eliminated by correcting the names to comply with the present Codes. Article 73 of the Botanical Code states: The original spelling of a name or epithet must be retained, except for the correction of typographic or orthographic errors.

To ascertain the correct spelling of a name it is necessary to understand its meaning and construction. Let's look again at the name of *B. carolineifolia*. This plant was so named because the leaves (*folia*) resemble those of the *Carolinea* (the obsolete name for the genus *Pachira*, Mexican trees). Since the second part of this compound name starts with a consonant, the final vowel *a* of the stem, *Carolinea*, is reduced to an *i*, giving the correct formation of this compound: *carolineifolia*.

When a new specific epithet is taken from the name of a person, it

should be formed in the following manner:

(a) When the name ends in a vowel, for a man, the letter *i* is added, as in *B. bradei* for Alexander Brade; for a woman, *ae* is added as in *B. kenworthyae* for Eva Kenworthy Gray. An exception is that if the name for man or woman ends in *a*, then only *e* is added, as *B. mazae* for Don Maza.

(b) When the name ends in a consonant, for a man the letters *ii* are added, as in *B. davisii* for Walter Davis, and for a woman the letters *iae* are added, as in *B. kortsiae* for Edna Korts. An exception to this is that if the name ends in *er*, for a man only *i* is added, as in *B. engleri*, for Adolphe Engler, and for a woman only *ae* is added, as in *B. bowerae* for Constance Bower. These endings in Latin show possession: *B. macdougallii* means "MacDougall's begonia."

(c) When the name is used as an adjective, the adjectival suffix meaning "belonging to" or "connected with" is used with the proper ending. You will remember from your study of grammar that an adjective must agree with the noun it modifies in gender, number, and case. *Begonia* is considered a feminine word and is in the singular nominative case; therefore the adjectival suffix with the proper case ending is *ana*. When the name ends in a vowel, *ana* is added, as in *B. hemsleyana*, unless the name already ends in *a*, then that *a* is dropped. If the name ends in a consonant, *iana* is added, as in *B. masoniana*, meaning "belonging to L. M. Mason." When the name ends in *er* then only *ana* is added, as in *B. hookerana* for William J. Hooker.

(d) The Cultivated Code required that "a cultivar name published on or after 1 January 1959, must . . . be a fancy name, that is, one is markedly different from a botanical name in the Latin form." (However, an epithet in Latin form that was published before January 1, 1959 is to be kept, and the code required that the spelling of words in Latin form for cultivar names must be in accordance with the Botanical Code and spelled correctly.) The Code now specifically forbids combining parts of the name of the parent plants, which was done earlier in *B. 'Cubinfo'*, a cross of *B. cubincola* and *B. foliosa*. Some examples of "fancy" names are *B. 'Purple Petticoats'*, a rex cultivar; *B. 'Twisty Spot'* which has a distinct spiral; *B. 'Buckskin Baby'*, a star-leaved midget with elfin charm, — and have you ever heard of *B. 'Green Turnip'*? You can really let your imagination run wild for new, different names of hybrids, cultivars, sports or mutations, as long as you follow the rules of the Botanical and Cultivated Codes.

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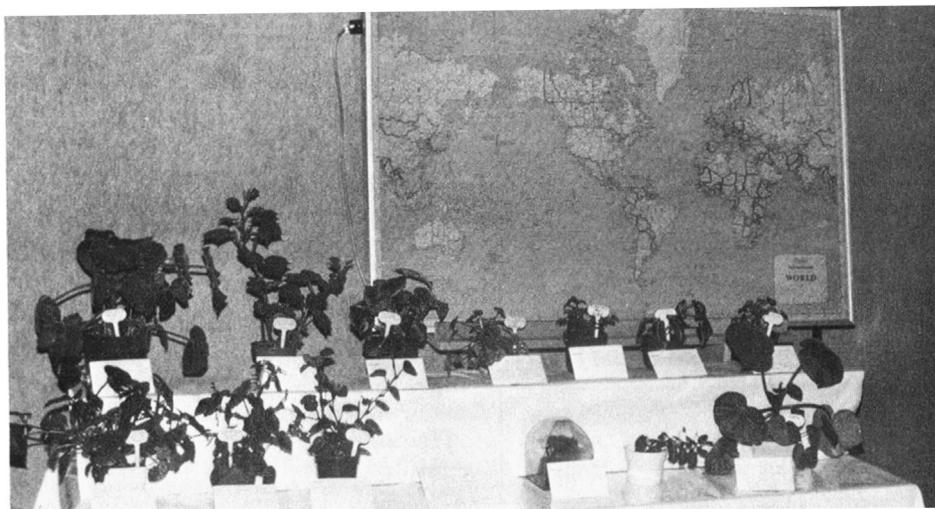
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Two Nomenclature Codirectors have been appointed by ABS President Nate Randall and approved by the Board of Directors, to continue the work carried alone by Rudolf Zieshenne for many years. We will continue to work to maintain correct species names of *Begonia* and approve and register names of newly developed horticultural varieties, within the guidance of the International Codes for Botanical Nomenclature and Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants.

Recognizing that the Society — as International Registration Authority for cultivar names of *Begonia* — has a wide responsibility, we have asked a committee to work with us, giving wider membership representation and expertise. In addition to the Codirectors (Carrie Karegeannes in Virginia and Thelma O'Reilly in California), committee members Jack Golding in New York and Phyllis Bates in California will bring years of experience in growing, study, and publication.

We also are most gratified that Dr. Lyman B. Smith, Botanist Emeritus of the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, and known authority on *Begonia*, has agreed to serve as adviser to the committee.

As Codirectors, we will share the work, coordinating all our activities and drawing on committee members for help and advice. We hope to have close relations with the Research and other ABS committees. As a working approach, Carrie will concentrate initially on species, as she has been doing for some years in the Research Committee. Thelma will concentrate on cultivars, bringing her experience as Awards Chairman and judge. Both, however, will overlap into both fields and share responsibilities.

Processing of registrations of new cultivar names will begin with Thelma. Decisions will be made jointly. Requests for information on registration, as well as completed registration application forms, should be sent to:

Mrs. Thelma O'Reilly  
Nomenclature Codirector  
American Begonia Society  
10942 Sunray Place  
La Mesa, CA 92041

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- AP 6 — *B. nelumbiifolia*: Mexico. Rhizomatous with large peltate, round, green leaves. Sometimes referred to as "pond lily" begonia, this one has pink flowers. .... per pkt 1.00
- AP 7 — *B. solanthera*. This lovely trailing species is sometimes called the "sweetheart" begonia, since its green leaves are heart-shaped. Makes a beautiful basket. The flowers are white with a crimson center, scented to some. .... per pkt 1.00
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## Speakers List

As new Chairman of the ABS Speakers Bureau, I am working to compile a list of speakers who can and will give programs on begonias and companion plants. This list will be made available to all the branches of the ABS. In order to do this quickly, I am appealing to all members who wish to have their names on this list to contact me as soon as possible, even if your name has been submitted before. Give Name, Address, Phone Number, Topics, Charge for speaking, Distance you are willing to travel, Personal background. This list is meant to serve all branches in all areas. Please contact:

Doug Frost,  
 Speakers Bureau Chairman  
 10622 Teal Drive  
 Garden Grove, CA 92643  
 (714) 534-5618

## WORKSHOP ON INDOOR PLANTS

The UCLA Extension will present a one-day workshop by noted experts on the variety, care, propagation and uses of indoor plants. Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm, May 19 at UCLA: 1178 Franz Hall. This program is open to the public.

The coordinator of the workshop is Mildred Mathias, PhD, Emeritus Professor of Botany, UCLA, and speakers include John Catlin, landscape architect and horticulturist; Barbara Joe Hoshizaki, PhD, Professor of Botany at Los Angeles City College and author of the *Fern Growers Manual*; Myron Kimmach, Superintendent of Grounds and Curator of Botany, Huntington Botanical Gardens; Elmer Lorenz, President, Bromeliad Society; Timothy Lorman, Horticulturist, LA State and County Arboretum; Thelma O'Reilly, ABS Nomenclature Codirector and Bromeliad Society Director; and David Verity, Museum Scientist, UCLA Botanical Garden.

Enrollment will be taken at the door if space permits. No visitors are permitted. Fee for the workshop is \$35. For enrollment/information, contact the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences, UCLA Extension, PO Box 24902, Los Angeles, CA, (213) 825-7093.

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## NATIONAL CONVENTION



The American Begonia Society will hold its annual Convention and Show in New York City, Thursday, September 13th through Sunday, the 16th, at the Skyline Motor Inn, 10th Avenue.

The theme for the gathering is "Begonias in the Big Apple." The use of "The Big Apple" to mean New York City began about 50 years ago when jazz musicians, playing one night stands all across the country, had a saying: There are many apples on the tree, but to play in New York City is to play *the Big Time — the Big Apple*.

To devour the Big Apple would take a couple of lifetimes, but you can still get a delicious bite in just four days (extra days can be added at the Skyline special Convention rate.) September is a beautiful time to visit. The weather is pleasant and the city comes alive after a summer drowse. Theatres, nightclubs, jazz spots, music and dance concerts begin their fall and winter season. Along with these are our regular 95 skyscrapers, 28,000 restaurants, 120 museums, more than 400 art galleries, thousands of shops, and boutiques, auction houses, beautiful botanical gardens, zoos, great sports arenas, and, and, and . . .

Plan now to attend the first ABS Convention to be held in the eastern part of the United States. More details will be disclosed later.

— Verdalee Tombelaine,  
Publicity Chairperson

## EDITORIAL

Very soon we shall be stepping down as editors of the *Begonian*. We have become over-committed to a variety of activities and it was necessary to give up some of them. We have chosen to resign from the *Begonian* at this time to allow the Board of Directors certain options they might not otherwise have. We shall continue to be active in the Society in a lesser role, but we do look forward to the absence of the monthly deadline and the monthly trip home from the Los Angeles Board meetings at midnight on a Monday.

We think there is a real need to revise the financial policies of the Society. During its lifetime, the dues have almost never covered the cost of producing the *Begonian* itself, let alone the operating costs of the Society. Always there had to be other ways and means of support just to meet the commitment of a monthly publication. The raise in dues that will be voted upon by the national directors *should* have been accomplished in two steps, the first of which was needed several years ago. We hope the persons who vote will strengthen the financial position so that the Society will have a firmer base.

The Society needs to have greater public relations efforts made not only by the Board but also by the members individually. There need to be permanent publications to assist newcomers, but there have never been funds to initiate this program. The materials which have been gathered by the research and nomenclature departments must not be left to fade back into the library walls. They must be made available and useful. More people need to be involved more actively. The Society should not think of itself as a "garden club" — which it is not — but rather as a *plant* society devoted to the study of the genus *Begonia* and other shade loving plants.

There have been attempts to accomplish some of these things, but they have been only partially successful because of divisiveness on the part of the Board members who fail to give support. Once a course of action has been decided upon, the Board members have not always joined in a concerted effort to make things work.

New programs have been started in an attempt to move forward. The new public relations director is at work, the handling of the circulation has been revised to make it more efficient, and a program for handling renewals has been started. There is still much work to be done. We urge you to support the increase in the dues so that the Society can devote itself to becoming as authoritative as it is supposed to be, as helpful to new hobbyists as it needs to be, and as interesting to collectors as it can be.

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE  
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February 26, 1979**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by President Randall in the South Gate Auditorium. Chuck Richardson led the pledge of Allegiance, and Gil Estrada gave the Aims and Purposes. President Randall read a letter of resignation from the editors, Ed and Phyllis Bates, effective with publication of April *Begonian*. A motion by Bill Walton, 2nd by Doug Frost, to add Mabel Corwin and Diane Fries to the Editorial Board was passed. The appointment of Ed Bates and Margaret Lee to serve on the nominating committee was approved. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, and approved as read.

Doug Frost reported that a new place was secured for the Board meeting. The Board approved moving to Fullerton Savings and Loan, 2310 E. Lincoln, Anaheim, California, for regular meetings, effective March 19th. The third Monday night will be the date, and Margaret Taylor will secure the key.

Gil Estrada reported a book store balance on hand \$2,359.35, sales \$562.86, Disbursements \$1,520.60, leaving a balance of \$1,401.61 on January 31st.

Ralph Corwin listed the various changes and clarifications the Bylaws Committee were working on such as definitions of membership, endowments, limitations of show dates and annual meetings.

Walter Barnett moved, 2nd by Wanda Elin, the appointment of Doug Frost as head of Speakers Bureau. Approved.

The Treasurer's report was read. Balance on hand, January 1st — \$344.00, receipts — \$3,902.99, disbursements — \$3,037.71. Balance January 31st — \$1,209.28.

The Board approved Life Membership for Joy Logee Martin and Mary Margaret Rafferty. Also, Life Membership was approved for Roy and Elsie Joyce and Annetta Lorenz from the Glendale Branch.

Business Manager, Bill Walton, reported Evelyn Cronin received a membership roster. He made a motion, seconded by Pearl Benell, that the Membership Secretary, Kathie Brown, have a \$100.00 revolving fund for postage. Passed. Since the Treasurer didn't draw the \$1,000.00 for the December printing of the *Begonian*, Bill Walton moved, 2nd by Darlene Fuentes, that the money be taken from the special fund and transferred to the general fund when needed.

Since many members have been moving without changing their addresses with the Society, Bill Walton made a motion,

2nd by Margaret Taylor, that due to increased postage fees, a \$1.00 fee per issue be charged for issues that are replaced. Passed.

Kathy Brown, Membership, reported 257 memberships processed, \$1,603.02 monies received, expenses of \$106.43 for postage and office supplies. There are 3,214 members in good standing this month.

The Secretary read the Advertising managers report. January income was \$489.50 with a credit balance of \$313.96.

Round Robin Director, Mabel Corwin, reported 23 flights came in. All lost flights have been re-started except two, and there are 95 flights.

Diane Fries sent membership blanks to Robert Hamm. Placement of ads in other magazines were discussed.

The report for the Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund was read. Linda Miller had receipts of \$322.07, and \$32.21 was sent to the Research Fund and the Catalog Fund.

Mr. Sullinger had no report on the Regional Show.

The Board approved a motion to pay \$10.00 to Arboretum of Fullerton California State University. (Annual dues)

The President reported hearing from Jack Golding concerning the National Show and Convention plans. The Board passed a motion to send \$1,000 to the Show committee for show expenses. Also, a motion was passed to discontinue perpetual trophies and return them to donors. Keeper trophies would be increased in quality. This was considered necessary in order to have shows in various areas of the country. The Show Rules and Guidelines Committee have been working on these and other changes. A motion was passed to eliminate the \$60.00 allowance to Branches for transporting plants.

There was discussion about procedure for issuing charter for Branches. Evelyn Cronin, Branch Relations Director, sends the Board Charters for Board approval after she has approved the Individual Branch constitutions.

Margaret Lee sold 12 Judging Courses, 4 Classification booklets, 4 Point Scoring booklets and special sheets. Her receipts were \$104.14, expenses \$40.61, leaving a balance of \$63.54. Margaret stated that Phyllis Wright had become a Senior Judge, and Katharine Alberti and Alma Crawford were now Junior Judges.

Chuck Richardson reported that the finance committee had reviewed the finances of the Society. They had arrived at a decision that in order to maintain the *Begonian* at the 28 page size, an increase in dues was necessary. They recommended \$10.00 per year for each member. The Secretary and President read letters from Branches and members

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# DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATED GROUPS

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT THESE MEETINGS

## Branches

### ALFRED D. ROBINSON BRANCH

2nd Tuesday, 10:30 A.M. Homes of Members  
Betty Cooper, Pres.  
4444 Arista Dr., San Diego, CA 92103

### BUXTON BRANCH

3rd Saturday, Waltham Field Sta.  
241 Beaver St., Waltham, MA  
Anthony P. Croce, Pres.  
24 Saxon Terrace, Newton, MA 02161

### CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN BRANCH

Dr. William Ireton, Pres.  
1702 Camino Primavera, Bakersfield, CA 93306

### CHEEKWOOD BRANCH

Kit Jeans, Pres.  
Rt. #1, Box 319  
New Johnsonville, Tn. 37134

### CONNECTICUT BRANCH

4th Monday, Home of Members  
Mrs. Arline Peck, Pres.  
Eagle Peak Rd., Pascoag, RI 02859

### DENTON BRANCH

Sharon Nied, Pres.  
1418 Dogwood Trail, Lewisville, TX 75067

### DESERT BEGONIA BRANCH

Barbara Rogers, Pres.  
8508 Shasta Dr., Tucson, AZ 85730

### EAST BAY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, 7:45 p.m.  
Northbrea Community Church, Berkeley, Ca.  
Susan Patrick, Pres.

### EASTERN NEW YORK BRANCH

Betty Pullar, Pres.  
411 New Karner Rd., Albany, NY 12205

### EASTSIDE BEGONIA BRANCH

4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
590 116th Avenue N.E., Bellevue, Washington  
Dale Greer, Pres.  
1704 212th Ave. S.E., Issaquah, WN 98027

### EDNA STEWART PITTSBURGH BRANCH

3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Phipps Conservatory  
Suzanne Colaizzi, Pres.  
5329 Stanton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206

### GARDEN GROVE BRANCH

3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
New Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford, Garden Grove, CA 92643  
Walter Jungkeit, Pres.  
822 N. Lenz Dr., Anaheim, CA 92805

### GLENDALE BRANCH

2nd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.  
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### GREATER CHICAGO AREA BRANCH

3rd Sunday each mo. except July, Aug., Dec., 2 p.m.  
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### GREATER CINCINNATI BRANCH

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5 Burnham St., Cincinnati, OH 45218

### GREATER ROCHESTER BRANCH

Third Sunday, Members' homes  
Betty Fennell, Pres.  
1054 Shoemaker Rd., Webster, NY 14580

### HAMPTON BRANCH

2nd Monday, 7:45 p.m.  
Parrish Memorial Hall, Southampton, NY  
Lou Padavan, Pres.  
Box 127, Remsenberg, NY 11960

### HOUSTON TEXAS BRANCH

4th Monday, 1:00 p.m., Garden Center  
1500 Herman Dr., Houston, Texas  
Mrs. B. A. Russell, Pres.  
5926 Jackwood St., Houston, TX 77074

### JACKSONVILLE BRANCH

2nd Saturday, 1:00 p.m.  
Members' homes  
James D. Koon, Pres.  
5443 Allamanda Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32210

### KNICKERBOCKER BRANCH

2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Horticultural Society of New York  
128 West 58th St., New York  
Marjorie L. Mack, Pres.  
75 Henry St., Brooklyn, NY 11201

### LONG BEACH PARENT BRANCH

2nd Sunday, 1:30 p.m., Community Room  
Great Western S & L  
6300 E. Spring St., Long Beach  
Mrs. C. R. Davis, Pres.  
5826 Barbanel St., Long Beach, CA 90815

### LONG ISLAND BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.  
Planting Fields Arboretum  
Oyster Bay, Long Island, N.Y.  
Lois Schneyer, Pres.  
111 Webster Ave., Malverne, NY 11565

### MIAMI BRANCH

4th Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.  
Simpson Memorial Garden Center  
55 South West 17th Road, Miami Florida  
Charles J. Jaros, Pres.  
2621 N.W. 23rd Court, Miami, FL 33142

### MINNESOTA BRANCH

Quentin Johnson, Pres.  
3509 Ivy Pl., Wayzata, MN 55391

### MONTEREY BAY AREA BRANCH

4th Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.  
Lighthouse and Dickman Sts., New Monterey, Calif.  
Bill Release, Pres.  
9500 Center St., #32, Carmel. CA 93921

### NORTH LONG BEACH BRANCH

2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Mercury Savings and Loan Assn.  
4140 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach  
Mrs. Edith Van Landingham, Pres.  
6925 Lime Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807

### ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Fullerton S & L, 2310 E. Lincoln Ave., Anaheim  
Cruz Sandoval, Pres.  
2221 Evelyn Dr., Anaheim, CA 92805

### PALM BEACHES BRANCH

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100 Dexter Dr., Taylors, SC 29687

### PALOMAR BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Vista Recreation Center  
Phyllis Bates, Pres.  
554 Arden Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024

### POTOMAC BRANCH

4th Sunday, 2:00 p.m., Falls Church  
Recreation Cntr., Great Falls & Little Falls Sts.  
Falls Church, VA  
Maxine Zinman, Pres.  
Rte 1, Box 73, Boyce, VA 22620

**REDONDO AREA BRANCH**

4th Friday, 7:30 p.m.  
 R. H. Dana School Cafetorium  
 135th St. and Aviation Blvd., Hawthorne, Calif.  
 Evelyn Isaac, Pres.  
 2022 Bataan Rd., Redondo Beach, CA 90278

**RUBIDOUX BRANCH**

4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., West Riverside Mem. Hall  
 4393 Riverview Dr., Rubidoux, CA  
 Claire Husted, Pres.  
 13597 Indiana, Corona, CA 91720

**SACRAMENTO BRANCH**

3rd Tuesday, 7:45 p.m., Garden Center  
 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, Calif.  
 Betty Tillotson, Pres.  
 3912 Wildrose Way, Sacramento, CA 95826

**SALINE COUNTY BRANCH OF KANSAS**

4th Monday 1:30 p.m., Homes of Members  
 Mrs. Sam Gilmore, Pres.  
 536 Crestwood Rd., Salina, KS 67401

**SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH**

1st Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., Garden Center  
 Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way  
 Sue Miller, Pres.  
 124 St. Charles Ave., San Francisco, CA 94132

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH**

2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Los Angeles State and County Arboretum  
 501 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, Calif.  
 Walter Barnett, Pres.  
 1213 S. Mullender Ave., West Covina, CA 91790

**SAN MIGUEL BRANCH**

1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Casa del Prado Rm. 104, Balboa Park, San Diego  
 Pat Maley, Pres.  
 1471 E. Madison, El Cajon, CA 92021

**SANTA BARBARA BRANCH**

4th Saturday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center  
 1232 De la Vina St.  
 Phyllis Mautino, Pres.  
 420 Calle Palo Colorado, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

**SANTA CLARA VALLEY BRANCH**

3rd Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.  
 Allstate S & L, Community Room  
 Mary & Fremont, Sunnyvale  
 Mary Margaret Rafferty, Pres.  
 18531 Ravenwood Dr., Saratoga, CA 95070

**SEATTLE BRANCH**

3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Bethany Lutheran Church, 7400 Woodlawn Ave., N.E.  
 Alice Ordway, Pres.  
 3310 N.W. 80th St., Seattle, WA 98117

**SOUTH SEATTLE BRANCH**

4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Wm. Moshier Field House  
 430 South 156th, Burien, WA  
 Clarence Eastwood, Pres.  
 P.O. Box 486, Auburn, WA 98002

**TACONIC BRANCH**

Mrs. John V. Steiner, Pres.  
 Bullet Hole Road, Mahopac, NY 10541

**TAMPA BAY AREA BRANCH**

3rd Saturday, 1:00 p.m.  
 University of So. Florida, Student Chapel Bldg.  
 Stefan K. Brown, Pres.  
 P.O. Box 565, Lutz, FL 33549

**TEXHOMA BRANCH**

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
 No. Texas S & L, Midwestern Pky., Wichita Falls  
 Robert B. Hamm, Pres.  
 2951 Elliott, Wichita Falls, TX 76308

**THEODOSIA BURR SHEPHERD BRANCH**

1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Senior Citizens Bldg., 420 Santa Clara St.  
 Ventura, CA  
 Velma Montgomery, Pres.  
 433 Arnett Ave., Ventura, CA 93003

**WESTCHESTER BRANCH**

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Westchester Women's Club  
 8020 Alverstone St., Los Angeles  
 Arnold Krupnick, Pres.  
 11506 McDonald, Culver City, CA 90230

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH**

2nd Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. every month  
 Northway Mall Community Room  
 North Hills, Pittsburgh, PA  
 Genevieve Allison, Pres.  
 221 Schaffoner Rd., Butler, PA 16001

**WHITTIER BRANCH**

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Palm Park Community Center  
 5703 South Palm Avenue, Whittier  
 Gertrude Blackstock, Pres.  
 15311 Elmbrook Drive, La Mirada, CA 90608

**WILLIAM PENN BRANCH**

4th Tuesday, Noon Homes of Members  
 Mrs. Herbert S. Webster, Pres.  
 "Millbridge" 13 Summit Dr., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

## Regional Associations

**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL ASSOC.**

Robert Hamm, Dir.  
 2951 Elliott, Wichita Falls, TX 76308

### PLEASE CHECK YOUR LISTING

The Directory has been revised to include the latest information that has been received. In most cases the name and address of the President is given. Any changes must be reported to the ABS Secretary immediately. The Directory will appear again in the July issue. The deadline is June 1 for new entries.

The Board of Directors will meet Monday, April 16, 1979, 7:30 p.m., at the Fullerton S & L, 2310 Lincoln Ave., Anaheim.

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

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concerning the raising of dues. After discussion, the Board voted to raise the dues to \$10.00 effective when ratified according to the Constitution and Bylaws. There were eleven votes against and twelve votes for the raise by Board members present. The absent members will be notified to cast their votes on the issue.

The Board expressed regrets at the resignation of the Bateses as Editors.

An invitation for a Regional Board Meeting to be held at Cruz Sandoval's home, hosted by the Orange County Branch, on July 29, 1979, was accepted by the Board. There will be a plant sale with the proceeds going to the general fund.

The meeting adjourned, after the Branch reports, at 10:20.

Logee's Greenhouses beautiful new catalog is off the press. It covers 1979-80 (not 78-79 as on back cover).

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