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**The Cover:**

Can you recognize this *Begonia* from a portion of its leaf? Its shiny, rugose surface and the ivory "eye" from which the veins radiate are distinctive. It is a connoisseur's plant and comes from Brazil.

## ABS NEWS

### ELECTION RESULTS

Elected in the recent balloting for ABS officers were:

President: Margaret Lee  
First Vice President: Arlene Davis  
Second Vice Pres: Howard Berg  
Third Vice Pres: Tamsin Boardman  
Secretary: Jeannette Gilbertson  
Treasurer: Eleanor Calkins

They were installed by Past President Mabel Corwin at the annual meeting in Sacramento on September 7th.

### EASTERN REGIONAL JUDGING SEMINAR—BOSTON AREA

The Buxton Branch will host a day-long seminar and show for training judges on Saturday November 2nd. There is a \$5.00 registration fee.

Both current judges and potential judges are invited to participate. After morning discussion sessions by Evelyn Cronin, Corliss Engle, and Mildred Thompson, attendees will actually judge a begonia show. ABS judging points will be awarded to those who take part.

Plants for the teaching and learning show will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. the day of the seminar. Anyone who wishes to participate in either the show or the seminar is urged to contact Millie Thompson, the Eastern Regional Coordinator, or Wanda Macnair, chairman for the Buxton Branch, at (617)926-1356.

### EASTERN REGION WEEKEND STUDY GROUP

Millie and Ed Thompson will conduct two duplicate weekend seminars at the Thompson Begonia Museum, Southampton College Campus, New York on October 19, 20 and October 26, 27.

The Saturday sessions will include a seminar on African species, demonstrations of various planting techniques, and cultural information on care and propagation of rhizomatous begonias.

The Sunday sessions will cover American and Asian species, canelike species, horticultural terrariums, and other topics, as time permits.

Extensive use of slides and live begonia collections will provide the participants with much knowledge that they could not attain in so short a time in any other manner. A limited number of plants will be available for purchase.

Those wishing information about the hours, directions, and possible motel accommodations for the two-day sessions should contact Millie Thompson immediately at (516)283-1633.

**The Cover:**

Did you recognize *Begonia paulensis*? It was grown by Nina Vecchio at Selby Gardens and photographed by Christ Fergis of the Miami Branch. See related story on page 108.

## 1985 MIAMI SHOW WINNERS

**BEST BEGONIA IN SHOW**—Anne and Crist Fergis Trophy for *B. petasitifolia* entered by Marie Selby Botanical Garden, Nina Vecchio, grower.

**SWEEPSTAKES**—Southwest Regional Trophy to Eve Sullivan and Charles Jaros, a tie with 14 blue ribbons each.

**SHOWING IS SHARING**—Edward and Mildred Thompson Trophy to Eve Sullivan for most entries.

<i>DIVISION</i>	<i>PLANT</i>	<i>EXHIBITOR</i>	<i>TROPHY</i>
Cane	<i>B.</i> 'Tom Ment'	Patti Patterson	Dallas Area Branch
Shrub	<i>B.</i> 'Withlacooche'	Eve Sullivan	Midge Grasheim Memorial
Distinctive			
Foliage Shrub	no award		Palomar Branch
Thick-Stemmed	Unidentified begonia	Edythe Ropiek	Mae Blanton Branch
Semperflorens	Unidentified begonia	Eve Sullivan	Bernice Brillmayer Memorial
Rhizomatous	<i>B. bowerae</i> sport	Eve Sullivan	Jacksonville Branch
Crested/Spiral			
Rhizomatous	no award		O'Reilly
Distinctive			
Foliage Rhiz.	<i>B.</i> 'Silver Jewel'	Eve Sullivan	Potomac Branch
Rex	Unidentified begonia	Eve Sullivan	Paul Lee Memorial
Tuberous	<i>B. partita</i>	Audrey Bell	San Francisco Branch
Trailing/Scandent	no award		Eve B. Sullivan
Contained			
Atmosphere	no award		Wanda Elin Memorial
Species	no award		Buxton Branch
Hanging Basket/ Wall Pocket	<i>B.</i> 'Makessa'	Eve Sullivan	Howard & Barbara Berg
Old Begonia	<i>B.</i> 'Orange Rubra'	Charles Jaros	San Miguel Branch
Novel Grown	no award		Sacramento Branch
New Introduction			
(Grower)	no award		Murray Morrison Memorial
Introduction			
(Commercial)	no award		Gilbert A. Estrada
Seedling	<i>B. petasitifolia</i>	Edythe Ropiek	Joy Porter
Novice	<i>B.</i> 'Lawrence Fewkes'	Shawn Patterson	Desert Begonia Branch
Terrarium	Begonias	Charles Jaros	Edna Stewart Pittsburgh Branch
Photograph			
(Cultural)	no award		Avril Butler Memorial
Photograph			
(Artistic)	<i>B.</i> 'Orange Rubra'	Christ Fergis	Greater Chicago Area Branch
Florida Hybrids	<i>B.</i> 'Tom Ment'	Anne Fergis	Palm Beaches Branch
Planter	Dish Garden	Audrey Goodall	Connecticut Branch



*Begonia* 'Makessa', Best Hanging Basket Trophy  
Exhibitor, Eve Sullivan

Fern	<i>Platy. willinckii</i>	Anne Fergis	San Gabriel Valley Branch
Other Shade Plants	<i>Anthurium magnificum</i>	Charles Jaros	Robert & Juana Curtis
Art	<i>B. 'Fairyland'</i> watercolor	Pat Maley	R. H. Terrell
Artistic Design	"On the Bay" (arrangement)	Mrs. V. Dunaway	A. D. Robinson Branch
Professional Grower	<i>B. petasitifolia</i>	Selby Gardens, Nina Vecchio, grower	

**ABS AWARDS FOR CULTURE—Certificates awarded to:**

<b>PLANT</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>GROWER</b>
Unidentified semperflorens begonia	97	Eve Sullivan
<i>B. 'Charm'</i>	96	Eve Sullivan
<i>B. bowerae</i> sport	96	Eve Sullivan
<i>B. 'Makessa'</i>	96	Eve Sullivan
<i>B. U002</i>	95	Eve Sullivan
<i>B. partita</i>	98	Audrey Bell
<i>B. 'Orange Rubra'</i>	95	Charles Jaros
<i>B. 'Tom Ment'</i>	96	Anne Fergis
<i>B. petasitifolia</i>	98	Selby Gardens, Nina Vecchio, grower
<i>B. brevirimosa</i>	95	Selby Gardens, Nina Vecchio, grower
<i>B. hidalgensis</i>	97	Selby Gardens, Nina Vecchio, grower
<i>B. partita</i>	95	Selby Gardens, Nina Vecchio, grower



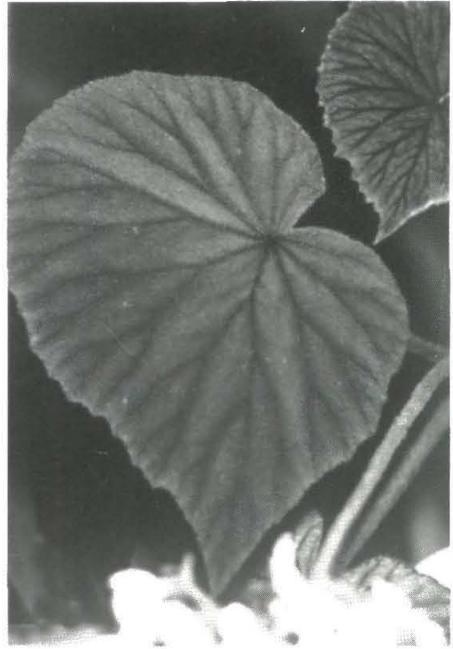
*Begonia squamulosa*  
Exhibitor, Selby Botanical Gardens



Best Artistic Display  
Exhibitor, Mrs. V. Dunaway



*Begonia* 'Washington Street'  
Exhibitor, Jay Jennings



Unidentified thick-stemmed species  
Exhibitor, Edythe Ropiek

## 1985 AWARDS PRESENTED AT MIAMI CONVENTION

*Mabel Corwin, Awards Chairman*



*Joy Porter honored for service  
with Dyckman Award*

Though half a world separates them and their tasks have been completely different, both of the awardees this year have in common a love for the *Begonia* and have devoted numerous hours in service to the American Begonia Society.

The Herbert P. Dyckman Award for Service was presented to Joy Porter. She has been the seed fund director for five years. She has diligently worked to improve the seed fund. She has secured seed from various sources to bring new and interesting species to serious *Begonia* enthusiasts. She meticulously prepares seed packets and does everything possible to insure their safe arrival to seed fund customers.

She has worked with collectors in cataloging and distributing collected seeds of species. Joy has traveled abroad to meet *Begonia* growers, and has contributed articles to the *Begonian*. She answers questions from novice seed growers and provides follow-up advice. Joy is most deserving of the Dyckman Award.



*Hikoichi Arakawa accepts Eva  
Kenworthy Gray plaque at ABS banquet*

Hikoichi Arakawa was the recipient of the Eva Kenworthy Gray Award. He has contributed to the goodwill and harmony between members of the ABS and the Japan Begonia Society. He has contributed to our knowledge and enjoyment of begonias through his translations of Japanese begonia books.

Hiko has furthered friendships between two groups devoted to *Begonia* by attending ABS national conventions and by acting as unpaid guide and translator to ABS members who visit Japan.

The Alfred D. Robinson Medal was not presented this year.

*Mabel Corwin has completed the 3-year term on the Awards Committee, and will now be replaced by a new appointee.*

## BEGONIA STARS

*Thelma O'Reilly*

Star studded begonias entered by Marie Selby Botanical Gardens prompted the creation of a separate division, professional growers, at the ABS Annual Show in Miami.

Nina Vecchio, the magic touch behind the 'begonia stars,' is young, enthusiastic, and a superb grower. She demonstrates a true love for these beautiful plants with exotic foliage. Nina manages the collection at the famous gardens.

Visitors crowded this display area, admiring the handsome plants grown so culturally perfect and jotting down notes about their favorites.

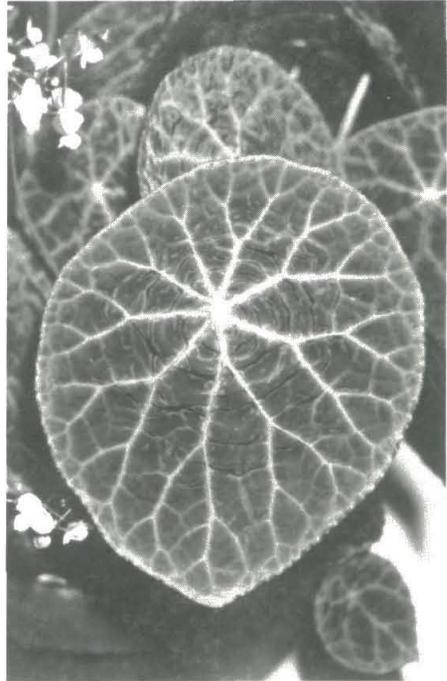
I felt privileged to have the opportunity to judge this group of outstanding begonias. Most entries qualified for a blue ribbon but only one could be awarded per class because ABS applies the competitive system for judging begonias.

*Begonia petasitifolia* was cream of the crop, winning the Best of Show Award. This distinct *Begonia*, which can be difficult to grow, was 42'' high and a near perfect specimen. It received 98 points, deserving of every one. I counted 35 large leaves on eight petioles and ten upright stems. Many white-flowered inflorescences formed a canopy above the leaf tops.

*B. hidalgensis* took top honors in its class and was the most handsome specimen of this species I have seen. Thirty-three, glossy, green, black-veined leaves measured 8×9''. Many arching, white-flowered inflorescences towered over the plant. *B. paulensis* with one leaf measuring about 14'' and a lovely *B. goegoensis* with airy, pink inflorescences presented close competition.

Exotic *B. breviramosa*, a blue ribbon winner, was a show-stopper. Visitors constantly crowded around this entry, discussing the

Though much experienced in judging, Thelma O'Reilly of 10942 Sunray Place, La Mesa, CA 92041, was awed by the plants from Selby Gardens.



*Begonia goegoensis*  
Exhibitor, Selby Botanical Gardens

stunning rich colored foliage and lovely, large, pink-rose flowers. Many wanted to know where it could be purchased.

A shower of orange flowers in a hanging basket, *B. 'Mandarin Orange'* was a joy to behold.

Charming is the only word to describe top winner *B. partita*. Its large caudex, planted in a white-footed bonsai dish, supported three strong stems. Masses of white flowers above the white container presented a pristine picture of delightful harmony.

I wish there were space to share and discuss each entry in this division. It was a bonanza, winning awards galore. Four plants scored above 95 points!

For several years friends have shared their enthusiasm about their discovery of the wonderful collection of tropical plants at Marie



*Begonia 'Mandarin Orange'*

*Exhibitor, Selby Botanical Gardens, Nina Vecchio*

Selby Botanical Gardens. The O'Reillys visited this plant paradise in March 1985, and I now share our enthusiastic reactions with ABS members.

Situated on one of the loveliest stretches of waterfront in Florida, Selby Gardens is world-renowned for its spectacular collection of tropical plants. Founded in 1975, it combines the functions of a scientific research institute, an educational facility, a museum collection of living and preserved plants and a park for enjoyment and education of residents and visitors. It specializes in the study of epiphytes. Many *Begonia* specimens are included in their large plant collection.

Upon our arrival at the Gardens we were met by Harry Luther, director of the Mulford B. Foster Identification Center for Bromeliads and Libby Besse, plant recorder and keeper of the herbarium. Harry Luther started our tour in the begonia and bromeliad sections of the greenhouse. I was captivated with the marvelous collection of superbly grown plants.

When Nina Vecchio joined us, my husband Tim decided to move into the gardens to capture the landscaped plant beauty with a camera in case closing time arrived before I could break away from the greenhouse. He is such a wise man, as the sun was low and visitors long gone by the time Harry guided me through the beautiful plantings of orchids, bromeliads, begonias and many other rare tropicals. I can hardly wait to return. I envy the Floridians who have this plant collection within driving distance.

To keep in close touch, we have taken a membership in the Selby Gardens. Although we cannot participate actively in many of the educational activities and courses offered, our membership entitles us to a subscription to their quarterly bulletin, free admission, 10% discount on shop purchases and two free distribution plants annually. Individual membership is \$25.00 annually. Checks made payable to Selby Botanical Gardens should be mailed to South Palm Ave., Sarasota, FL 33577.

## BEGONIAS OF TRINIDAD

Tracy McLellan and John A. Endler

Trinidad is an island in the Caribbean Sea near the coast of Venezuela. Being about 75 miles by 50 miles, it is about the size of the Great Salt Lake. Geologically and ecologically it is very similar to South America; the eight miles between the northwestern tip of Trinidad and Venezuela have been separated for only about a thousand years.

We have been going to Trinidad for a number of years to study the fish in the streams of the mountains along the northern edge of the island. Recently we have also been looking at the plants, particularly the begonias. Five species of *Begonia* have been described from Trinidad. One, *B. eciliata* is only known from the type specimen, collected in 1911 in an area that is now part of a town. We have found the other four, as well as three more.

There are three species along the road over the Northern Range of mountains. *B. humilis* grows right next to the pavement, between the stones of bridge abutments, and in the mowed areas along the road, where it gets a lot of sun and the humidity is probably lower than in the forest. It is a small, annual plant, which starts flowering when there are only four or five leaves. Its triangular leaves have sparse hairs, and the height and fullness of the plants seem to vary a lot with the many environments it inhabits. It has the widest distribution of any species of *Begonia* in Trinidad, from the moist northern mountains to the drier southern end of the island. It is usually found in areas near human activity where soil is disturbed and dry, and deserves the name roadside weed.

With a little more searching along the same road over the mountains, we located another, very different species, *B. glandulifera*. We found this plant growing with its roots in the cracks of vertical rock faces, near streams and small waterfalls, where its leaves were con-

*The husband and wife research team of Endler and McLellan is now in England for a year at the Botany School at Oxford.*



*Begonia* U172

Simla Research Station, Trinidad

stantly dripped on. These places felt cooler than the area right near the road, and were very humid. One of the densest areas of *B. glandulifera* was a cavernous area next to a stream bed where oilbirds have nested at the Asa Wright Nature Centre; we found another large group of plants near the summit of a mountain, in deep forest at elevations between 2300 and 2400 feet. When we were in Trinidad during March and April, the larger plants each had a single inflorescence, a tall stalk on which flowers were opening sequentially from the bottom toward the top.

In one place along the same road there is a large group of another *Begonia*, one which we think is probably not native to Trinidad. The plants are growing over a large granite boulder along the side of the road, exposed to a good bit of sun, and with little soil under their stems. The plant, designated *B. U172*, has large rhizomatous stems, light green, shallowly lobed leaves, and tall inflorescences with whitish green flowers, again many with seed.

## PROPOSED REVISIONS

The wording to be added to this document is underlined and the wording to be deleted is bracketed and ruled through.

### CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1 - This organization shall be known as the American Begonia Society and shall be conducted on a non-profit basis. The main office of this Society shall be within the [~~County of Los Angeles,~~] State of California.

#### ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1 - 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.

#### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - All persons who are interested in begonias shall be eligible to membership, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may revoke the membership of any member for just cause.

Section 2 - There shall be five classes of membership in this Society, known as Annual, Life, Honorary, Sustaining, and Benefactor.

[~~Annual Members.~~] Annual members shall have all the usual privileges of membership and shall pay dues of an amount as established by the Bylaws. Annual membership shall be for one year from date dues are paid.

[~~Life Members.~~] Life members shall have all the usual privileges of membership. The payment of a life membership fee shall exempt a member from paying further dues during his/her lifetime. Life membership shall not be subject to cancellation or refund of any part of dues for any reason.

Honorary members [~~Any person~~] are persons whom this Society shall deem worthy of the honor and may, at any regular board or annual meeting, be elected an honorary member by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present, at which time a determination shall be made as to the duration of said honorary membership. For each person elected as an honorary [~~life~~] member, [~~a life~~] the proper membership fee shall be transferred from the current funds of the Society to the life membership fund, even though said honorary membership shall be less than for life. Honorary and life members shall have all the usual privileges of membership. The Board of Directors may not approve more than four honorary members per year.

Section 3 - Each annual, life, [~~or~~] honorary, sustaining, or benefactor member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters brought before the Society and shall receive the official publication.

Section 4 - Each annual, life, [~~or~~] honorary, sustaining, or benefactor membership may include a [~~spouse~~] member of the household of the previously listed member with the annual dues payment of [~~two dollars~~] the amount set by the Board of Directors, which shall entitle [them] him/her to vote and to be eligible to hold elected or appointed office.

Section 5 - A sustaining membership shall [~~may~~] be awarded to any person upon annual payment of twice the amount of the regular dues. [~~entitling him to the privileges of the Society including receipt of the BEGONIAN.~~]

Section 6 - A benefactor membership [~~may~~] shall be awarded to the donor of \$500.00, or more, to the current funds of the Society, and it shall entitle

the holder to all privileges of the Society for one year. [~~including receipt of the BECONIAN~~]

#### ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1 - The officers of this Society shall be Immediate Past President, President, First Vice President, [~~and two other Vice Presidents,~~] Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, one director from each Branch Society, [~~and,~~] Regional Organization and the Representative of the members-at-large.

Section 2 - The following officers shall be elected annually in [~~August~~] July by ballot: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each member of the society is entitled to one vote. All officers shall serve for one year and be installed at the annual meeting. No elected officer named in this section, except the secretary and treasurer may serve in the same position for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 3 - A director shall be elected by each branch society, or regional organization to assume office and be installed [~~with the remaining National Officers~~] by said branch or regional organization.

Section 4 - Any appointed or elected officer may be relieved of his/her office for just cause, as described in Robert's Rules of Order, page 555, 1970 revision, by a majority vote of the Executive Board, subject to the approval of two-thirds of the elected board present at a regular meeting

#### ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 - The Board of Directors shall consist of the six officers elected by the entire membership of the society, the Immediate Past President, Branch and Regional Organization Directors, [~~and the~~] Department Heads, and the Committee Chairmen appointed by the President.

Section 2 - The Executive Board shall consist of the President, First, Second, and Third Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President.

#### ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

SECTION 1 - There shall be an annual meeting of the society at a time and place to be designated annually by the board of directors to be held within sixty (60) days of the close of the fiscal year.

#### ARTICLE VII - BRANCH SOCIETIES

Section 1 - Any group of seven or more members of this society who wish to affiliate themselves to forward the work and purposes of the Society may be organized into a branch society, and upon approval of the Board of Directors, shall be issued a charter.

Section 2 - The charter of any branch, upon approval of the majority of the Board of Directors of this Society may be suspended, and after due hearing before said Board, upon action of a majority of [~~the~~] said Board, may be withdrawn.

#### ARTICLE VIII - FUNDS

Section 1 - The current funds of the Society shall be expended only upon order of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 - Neither the Board of Directors, nor anyone delegated by them, nor any of the officers, shall incur any debt or liability in the name of the Society beyond the available funds in the hands of the treasurer. [~~excluding money and securities held for a specific purpose.~~]

Section 3 - All monies received for Life and Honorary Memberships shall be invested by the treasurer as may be directed by the Board of Directors, and only the interest accrued therefrom shall be used for the current expenses of the Society.

Section 4 - The fiscal year shall end on July 31.

#### ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by a [~~two-thirds~~] majority vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting. Such amendments written as part of the entire section being changed shall then be submitted to the membership in accordance with Section 2 of this article.

Section 2 - The Secretary shall initiate the [~~mailing~~] distribution of a ballot covering the proposed Amendment (s) to each member of the Society within sixty (60) days after the Annual Meeting at which the Amendment(s) was initiated, with the request [~~that the member~~] for a vote upon said Amendment(s) [~~and mail his ballot~~] be mailed to reach the Ballot Counting Chairman within [~~ninety (90)~~] one hundred twenty (120) days after the Annual Meeting at which the Amendment (s) was initiated. If [~~two-thirds~~] a majority of the votes cast are in favor of its adoption, the Amendment (s) shall be declared adopted at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. A notice of said adoption shall be published in the next issue of the official publication, herein after to be known as the BEGONIAN.

#### ARTICLE X - RULES OF ORDER

Section 1 - Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the conduct of all meetings and the decision of all questions not specifically covered by this Constitution and Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XI - ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION

Section 1 - This Constitution shall be subject to the same Rules of Adoption laid down in Article IX concerning amendments, and upon adoption shall go into effect immediately, superseding all former Constitutions when officially declared, or published in the official publication of the Society.

### BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY

#### ARTICLE I - DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Section 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors. He/she shall appoint the heads of various Departments with the exception of the Editor of The BEGONIAN, and these appointments shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. He/she shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2 - The First Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, or whenever the President is unable to perform the duties of the office. A vacancy in the office of [~~the~~] President shall be filled by the First Vice President. The First Vice President shall be included in planning and policy making during his/her years of service as a method of training for possible succession to the presidency.

Section 3 - The Second and Third Vice Presidents shall perform such duties as are assigned to them by the President and shall, in sequence, fill the office of President and/or First Vice President as required.

Section 4 - The Directors elected by each branch and regional organization shall attend the meetings of the Board of Directors of the American Begonia Society when possible, shall make such reports and recommendations as will further the interests of the Society, and shall file an annual written report of the branch or regional organization activities with the Recording Secretary of the American Begonia Society at the Annual Meeting.

Section 5 - The Treasurer shall receive and account for all monies of the Society and shall [~~pay out~~] disburse the monies under the direction of the Board of Directors. The books shall be closed as of the last day of each month and a written report prepared and presented to the Board of Directors

at the following Board Meeting. The ~~[ABS]~~ American Begonia Society shall obtain a bond with a surety company in such sum as the Board of Directors may determine. He/she shall make to the Board of Directors monthly, and to the Society annually, a report of all receipts and disbursements. The annual report made by the Treasurer shall be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society and shall be accompanied by a report of audits made by an Audit Committee of two members appointed by the President.

Section 6 - The Secretary shall keep complete and concise records of the proceedings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, and shall have charge of the records of the Society except for such basic records kept by the various departments and offices as are necessary for ~~[the] their~~ proper functioning. ~~[of their departments and offices.]~~ The Secretary shall transmit the minutes of the regular Board Meetings to the Editor for publication in the BEGONIAN not later than the first day of the month following the regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE II - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 - The Board of Directors shall be the administrative and executive body of this Society, shall transact all business of the Society between Annual Meetings, arrange for Annual Meetings and any Special Meetings, establish and approve such Special Committees as may be necessary to promote the objectives of the Society, approve the establishment of branch societies and regional organizations and issue charters to them, and make such regulations as may be necessary for the good of this Society.

Section 2 - The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times a year and/or monthly on call of the President, or in his/her absence, by the First Vice President, the time and place to be published ~~[in the official publication]~~ in the BEGONIAN.

Section 3 - When it is not feasible to hold a regular Board Meeting the Executive Board may transact necessary business which must be approved by the Board of Directors by mail. Of the mail returned, a majority opinion shall determine approval or disapproval. The result of the voting must be recorded in the minutes of the next Board of Directors meeting.

Section 4 - Each elected and each appointed position on the Board of Directors is entitled to one vote in matters that come before the Board. In the event of a committee or department having co-chairmen, or co-directors, each co-chairman or co-director is entitled to one vote.

#### ARTICLE III - APPOINTED OFFICERS ~~[AND THEIR DUTIES]~~

Section 1a - The officers to be appointed by the President as Committee Chairmen or Department Directors and to serve as Directors on the Board of Directors for the duration of his/her term, or until replaced ~~[shall be as follows: The Business Manager, the Membership Secretary, the Research Director, the Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Director, the Nomenclature Director, the Branch Relations Director, the Public Relations Director, the Chairman of the Speakers Bureau, the Slide Librarian, the Historian, the Director of the Judging Department, the Parliamentarian, the Circulation Manager, the Advertising Manager, the Lending Librarian, the Book Sales Librarian, the BEGONIAN Librarian, the Corresponding Secretary, the Round Robin Director, the Chairman of the Awards Committee, the Flower Show and Convention Advisory Chairman, the Chairman of the Ballot Counting Committee, and the Show Classification and Entry Chairman.]~~ may consist of, but are not limited to (in alphabetical order) Advertising, Audit, Awards, Ballot Counting, Book Stores, Branch Relations, Business Manager, Conservation, Consulting Begonians, Finance, Historian, Judging, Librarians, Membership, Members-at-Large, Nomenclature, Nominating, Parliamentarian, Program (Slide and Speakers), Publications, Public Relations, Research, Round Robin, Seed Fund (Clayton M. Kelly), Show, Show Advisory, and Show Classification and Entries.

Section 1b - The Editor shall be selected by an Editorial Board consisting of the President, who shall act as Chairman, the First Vice President, the Immediate Past President, and two other members chosen by the President. The

Editor shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 -

- [a ~~The Business Manager shall act as business agent for the Board of Directors and for the Publications Department, and shall perform other duties as the Board of Directors may require.~~]
- [b ~~The Membership Secretary shall receive all dues which shall be deposited immediately with the Treasurer; keep an accurate roster of the membership of the Society; and have charge of the mailing and selling of back numbers of the BEGONIAN less than one year old.~~]
- [c ~~The Research Director shall have charge of the Research Department; of arranging for the testing of Begonias in test gardens in different locations throughout the country; and of collecting information relative to the culture, propagation and housing of begonias and companion plants. A financial report shall be made monthly to the treasurer.~~]
- [d ~~The Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Director shall have charge of the importation of seeds of begonias and companion plants and the distribution of these to the membership. A financial report shall be made monthly to the treasurer.~~]
- [e ~~The Nomenclature Director shall have charge of determining and establishing correct names of species and established varieties of begonias, of approving and registering all newly developed horticultural varieties of begonias, and shall work with the editor in the publication of the results of his work.~~]
- [f ~~The Branch Relations Director shall have charge of interbranch relations. He/she shall promote and assist in the formation of new branch societies and review branch constitutions, bylaws and their revisions.~~]
- [g ~~The Public Relations Director shall promote the Society with the general public. He/she shall appoint assistant directors as needed, to be approved by the Board. He/she shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding advertising of the ABS in other publications.~~]
- [h ~~The Chairman of the Speakers Bureau shall provide lists of speakers and program suggestions.~~]
- [i ~~The Slide Librarian shall maintain a slide library for the use of the branches and members.~~]
- [j ~~The Historian shall maintain a complete history of the Society.~~]
- [k ~~Director of the Judging Department shall have charge of the instruction and examination of potential begonia judges, and shall accredit those qualifying. He/she shall file a regular monthly report to the Board of Directors which shall include the names of the newly qualifying judges and a financial statement.~~]
- [l ~~The Parliamentarian shall see that all proceedings of the meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors are conducted according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society. Where the Constitution and Bylaws do not specifically cover a situation, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern.~~]
- [m ~~The Circulation Manager shall supervise preparation of and/or prepare the BEGONIAN for mailing and delivery to the Post Office.~~]
- [n ~~The Advertising Manager shall solicit and handle advertising to be published in the BEGONIAN, including billing and collecting, and shall make a monthly financial report.~~]
- [o ~~The Lending Librarian shall establish and maintain a circulation library for the use of the officers and members of the Society. He/she shall have three copies of each new BEGONIAN preserved and bound into volumes annually.~~]
- [p ~~The Book Sales Librarian shall handle the sale of new books, pamphlets, and reprinted material.~~]
- [q ~~The BEGONIAN Librarian shall have charge of sales of all available issues of the official publication, the BEGONIAN, over one year old.~~]

~~[r - The Corresponding Secretary shall assist the President with typing, mailing, and related secretarial duties.]~~

~~[s - The Round Robin Director shall coordinate all Round Robin activities and prepare a monthly article for publication in the BEGONIAN]~~

~~[t - The Chairman of the Awards Committee shall coordinate awards activities for the Annual Convention and Show.]~~

~~[u - The Flower Show and Convention Advisory Chairman shall furnish available information and suggestions to any branch or regional unit planning to host a local flower show, a regional flower show, or the Annual National Convention and Flower Show.]~~

~~[v - The Chairman of the Ballot Committee shall conduct the counting of ballots in accord with Article VII, Section 3.]~~

The duties of the appointed officers shall be set forth in leaflet form, and copies will be available from the Recording Secretary.

Section 3 - Appointed Officers shall serve as voting members of the Board of Directors.

Section 4 - Materials, records, and information developed or accumulated in the performance of duties by the appointed officers and their committees shall be the property of the ~~[ABS]~~ American Begonia Society. A retiring officer shall transmit society property to the officer succeeding him/her.

Section 5 - Appointed officers shall make a monthly written activity and financial report to the Board of Directors.

Section 6 - Appointed officers working with a decentralized committee or department shall conduct business by correspondence. Recommendations based on action of the committee shall be submitted through the chairman or department head to [of] the Board of Directors in writing.

#### ARTICLE IV - ~~[OPERATING]~~ COMMITTEES

Section 1 - The activities of the Society shall be carried out under the direction of the various committee chairmen or department heads elected and appointed for such purpose.

Section 2 - The Committee Chairmen or Department Heads may recommend the appointment of special officers, assistants or specialists as may be necessary to properly conduct the affairs of the committee or department.

Section 3 - Each Committee Chairman or Department Head shall make a report at the Annual Meeting and such reports as may be required by the Board of Directors.

Section 4 - A guideline ~~[manual]~~ leaflet to explain the duties of the ~~[Operating]~~ Committees shall be available from the Secretary.

Section 5 - The ~~[Operating]~~ Standing Committees shall be ~~[the following: the]~~ Finance, ~~[Committee the]~~ Audit, ~~[the Hosting Annual]~~ Convention and ~~[Flower]~~ Show, ~~(and Show Advisory)~~, ~~[Committee, the Committee of]~~ Awards, ~~[the]~~ Publications, ~~[Committee, the]~~ Judging, Show Classification and Entries, ~~[Committee, and the Horticultural Classification Committee], and~~ Nomenclature.

Section 6 - The organization and responsibilities of the ~~[operating]~~ standing committees shall be as follows:

a - Members of the Finance Committee shall be the Immediate Past President as Chairman, Treasurer, Business Manager, ~~[President Elect]~~ First Vice President, and one additional member familiar with current accounting practices and reports to Governmental agencies dealing with ~~[ABS]~~ American Begonia Society non-profit status.

b - The Audit Committee shall be two members appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors to audit the financial records of the Society ~~[for the previous year.]~~ as required.

c - ~~The [Hosting Annual Convention and Flower Show]~~ branch or group hosting the Annual Show and Convention shall appoint its own Chairman for approval by the Board of Directors. The Chairman shall form his/her own on-site organization and appoint assistant chairmen

~~[in charge of hotel accommodations, banquet and food arrangements, plant sales, publicity, programs, seminars, etc. Advice will be available from the Flower Show and Convention Advisory Chairman. Names of accredited ABS judges eligible to serve at the Annual National Flower Show are on file with the chairman of the School for Judges] as outlined in the official Guidelines for National Conventions and Annual Shows.~~

- d - The ~~[Committee of]~~ Awards Committee shall include six members and the Nomenclature Director; two members to be appointed yearly ~~[for a three year term]~~ by the President for a three year term, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. In the event of a vacancy, it shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, for the balance of the unexpired term. The Committee of Awards shall periodically review the system of awards and make its recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Committee of Awards shall grant the awards of the American Begonia Society, including the Alfred D. Robinson Medal, the Eva Kenworthy Gray Award, the Herbert P. Dyckman Award, and such other special awards as may be established and approved by the Board of Directors, and subject to such regulations as the Board of Directors may adopt.
- e - The Publications Committee shall consist of the Editor as Chairman, the Business Manager, the Nomenclature Director, Advertising Manager, ~~[President-Elect]~~ First Vice President and two others chosen by the President. It shall meet to consider matters relating to the publications of the Society. The editor shall, under the direction of the board of directors, prepare and issue such publications as the board of directors shall authorize and ~~[shall]~~ perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall require. ~~[of him/her.]~~ If the development of a special publication ~~[shall require it]~~ be required, the Editor may, with the approval of the Publications Committee, appoint an ad hoc assistant. This appointee shall serve on the Publications Committee during the period ~~[the]~~ that the special publication is in progress.
- f - The Show Classification and Entries Committee, with the approval of the Director of the Judging Department, shall establish rules for the classification and entry of plants at the National Annual Show.
- g - The ~~[Horticultural Classification]~~ Nomenclature Committee shall be the authority on classifying all Begonias horticulturally.

ARTICLE V - OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS ~~[MANUALS]~~

~~[Section 1 - A written statement or outline of the basic duties, in looseleaf form, shall be available for the following: ]~~

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| <del>a - Finance Committee</del>             | <del>r - Director of Judging</del>        |
| <del>b - Audit Committee</del>               | <del>Department</del>                     |
| <del>c - Flower Show &amp; Conventions</del> | <del>e - Parliamentarian</del>            |
| <del>Advisor</del>                           | <del>t - Circulation Manager</del>        |
| <del>d - Publications Committee</del>        | <del>u - Advertising Manager</del>        |
| <del>e - Corresponding Secretary</del>       | <del>v - Lending Librarian</del>          |
| <del>f - Business Manager</del>              | <del>w - Book Sales Librarian</del>       |
| <del>g - Membership Secretary</del>          | <del>x - Back Issue Begonian Sales</del>  |
| <del>h - Research Director</del>             | <del>y - Editor</del>                     |
| <del>i - Clayton M. Kelly Seed</del>         | <del>z - Editorial Board</del>            |
| <del>Fund Director</del>                     | <del>aa - Nominating Committee</del>      |
| <del>j - Nomenclature Director</del>         | <del>bb - Branch Directors</del>          |
| <del>k - Chairman of Speakers Bureau</del>   | <del>cc - Members at Large Director</del> |
| <del>l - Branch Relations Director</del>     | <del>dd - Public Relations Director</del> |
| <del>m - Slide Librarian</del>               | <del>ee - Show Classification and</del>   |
| <del>n - Round Robin Director</del>          | <del>Entries Chairmen</del>               |
| <del>o - Chairman of Ballot</del>            | <del>ff - Past President</del>            |
| <del>Counting Committee</del>                | <del>gg - All officers elected to</del>   |

~~p~~ Historian  
~~q~~ Chairman for the  
Committee of Awards

~~the Board of Directors~~  
~~hh Horticultural Classification~~  
~~Committee Chairman~~

~~[Section 2]~~

Section 1 - A complete set of ~~[operating]~~ instructions ~~[manuals]~~ leaflets shall be maintained in the files of the Secretary.

#### ARTICLE VI - ANNUAL DUES

Section 1 - The dues of annual members shall be determined by the Board of Directors of this organization at necessary intervals of not less than one year through a majority vote by signed ballot of the Board of Directors including one signed ballot by mail from the nonattending representative of each branch, ~~[and]~~ regional organization~~[r]~~, and the representative of the members-at-large. Ballots with clarifying explanation shall be prepared by the Secretary and verified by the President and Parliamentarian. Ballots shall be mailed with instructions to return them to the Ballot Counting Committee within 30 days.

Section 2 - Members in arrears thirty days shall be dropped from the rolls of the Society and their names removed from the mailing list of the official publication.

Section 3 - A Life Membership fee shall be ~~[ten]~~ twenty (20) times the current annual dues.

#### ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

Section 1 - The President shall appoint, not later than 150 days before the ~~[Annual Meeting]~~ end of the fiscal year, a Nominating Committee of three members who shall be Presidents, or Past Presidents of branch societies, or active elected or appointed members of the Board of Directors of the American Begonia Society. This Committee shall ~~[diligently attempt to obtain at least two nominations for each elective office. All nominees must be members in good standing.]~~ follow the guide-lines as set forth in the instructions leaflets for the Nominating Committee, [This Committee, not later than 90 days before the Annual Meeting, shall report to] and shall, not later than 120 days before the end of the fiscal year, report to the Board of Directors the nominees for each elective office.

Section 2 - Additional nominations may be made by a petition signed by at least ~~[14]~~ 15 members of the Society, ~~[if made]~~ and delivered to the Secretary at least ~~[80]~~ 90 days before the ~~[Annual Meeting]~~ end of the Fiscal Year.

Section 3 - Before the ballots are printed the President shall appoint ~~[a]~~ the Ballot Counting ~~[Committee including a Chairman and two members]~~ Chairman and two other committee members to be approved by the Board of Directors who shall receive the mailed ballots from eligible voters. Instructions to the voters shall be printed on the ballot, ~~[to mail it to the Ballot Counting Chairman,]~~ including mailing instructions. The ballots shall be opened only in the presence of the Ballot Counting Committee.

Section 4 - The official ballot containing the names of all nominees shall be mailed to each eligible voter at least ~~[30]~~ 45 days prior to the ~~[Annual Meeting]~~ end of the Fiscal Year. Only ballots received ~~[seven]~~ 10 days prior to the ~~[Annual Meeting]~~ end of the Fiscal Year shall be counted.

Section 5 - ~~[Six]~~ Nine days before the ~~[Annual Convention]~~ end of the Fiscal Year the Ballot Counting Committee shall open and count the ballots. The Committee shall invalidate any ballot containing any writing other than the marks necessary to register votes for candidates nominated under the procedures provided for in these bylaws. The Committee shall make an immediate report in writing to the President and the Secretary. All candidates shall be notified ~~[of]~~ as to the results of the election immediately, by the ~~[Secretary]~~ ballot counting Chairman.

Section 6 - Vacancies in office, ~~[either]~~ elective or appointive, shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at any one meeting.

#### ARTICLE VIII - QUORUM

Section 1 - Fifty members, including the President, or the First Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall constitute a quorum for the Annual Meeting. Substitutes approved in advance by the Board of Directors may serve in the absence of the Secretary and/or Treasurer.

Section 2 - Fifteen members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for any Board meeting or special meeting.

#### ARTICLE IX - BRANCH SOCIETIES

Section 1 - Any member of this Society may affiliate with any branch society provided he/she meets the requirements for membership in that branch.

Section 2 - Each branch society shall have a Constitution and Bylaws, both of which shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the American Begonia Society; it shall require that one member of each [~~family~~] household maintain membership in the American Begonia Society; it must include among its officers a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a National Director; it may determine its own officers other than those specified [~~above~~]; it may make additional qualifications for membership; it may determine the manner in which its local activities shall be financed; and it may determine its own activities and meetings provided that those activities and/or requirements in no way conflict with the [~~National~~] Constitution and Bylaws of the American Begonia Society.

Section 3 - Each branch [~~society~~] shall file with the Membership Secretary of the American Begonia Society the names and addresses of all new members together with their dues as received.

Section 4 - Each branch [~~society~~] shall furnish the Secretary of the American Begonia Society with the names and addresses of all officers of the branch immediately following elections.

Section 5 - Branches shall operate as non-profit units of the American Begonia Society. They shall not carry on any [~~other~~] activities not permitted by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Upon dissolution of a branch, after paying, or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the branch, the remaining assets shall be distributed to the parent organization or a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or religious, and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE X - EXPENSES AND COMPENSATION

Section 1 - The Board of Directors may budget and authorize the reimbursement to any officer, committee chairman or Department Head, editor, or any other member, for expenses incurred in response to activities approved by the Board. The Board of Directors may also establish suitable compensation for certain persons or agencies directed to perform services for the Society.

#### ARTICLE XI - PROPERTIES

Section 1 - All properties and physical assets of the Society are under the control of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 - Approval must be obtained from the Board of Directors before the disposal of any property of the Society. [~~This applies to material to be given to individuals and institutions and to material to be destroyed.~~]

Section 3 - Each officer, [~~whether~~] elected or appointed, shall be responsible for a complete accounting of the Society's properties in his care through [~~equipment~~] lists, [~~book lists~~], or inventory. He/she shall file this record with the [~~First Vice President~~] Secretary at the time [~~accounting for the year is closed~~] of the close of the fiscal year [~~prior to the Annual Meeting~~].

#### ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - Amendments to the Bylaws may be initiated by a majority vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting or by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Such amendment, written as part of the entire Section to be changed, shall then be submitted ~~[by mail]~~ to the membership in accordance with Section 3 of this Article.

Section 2 - Ballots ~~[for approval or disapproval of the proposed amendment including]~~ and clarifying explanation (s) shall be prepared by the Secretary and verified by the President and Parliamentarian before printing. All ballots shall be returned by mail to the Ballot Counting Committee and opened only in the presence of that committee.

Section 3 - ~~[The Membership secretary shall mail a ballot]~~ The Secretary shall initiate the distribution of a ballot for approval or disapproval of the proposed amendment to each eligible voter of the Society within 60 days after the amendment is initiated, with the request ~~[that the member]~~ to vote upon said amendment and mail his ballot to reach the Ballot Counting Committee within ~~[90]~~ 120 days after the meeting at which the amendment was initiated. If ~~[two-thirds]~~ a majority of the votes cast are in favor of its adoption, the amendment shall be declared adopted at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. A notice of said adoption shall be published in the ~~[next]~~ following issue of the BEGONIAN.

#### ARTICLE XIII - ANNUAL CONVENTIONS AND [FLOWER] SHOW STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS

Section 1 - The annual Convention and ~~[Flower]~~ Show may be held anywhere in the United States when approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 - The Board of Directors shall require compliance with the ~~[following standards and conditions]~~

~~[a - Plants of quality and quantity worthy of a national show and national awards must be available.]~~

~~[b - Qualified ABS judges will be used.]~~

~~[c - There must be assurance that a proper quorum will be in attendance to conduct the Annual Meeting (See ARTICLE VIII)]~~

~~[d - Sale plants will be grown and available for sale to members and public during the Show as a money making activity for the ABS.]~~

~~[e - Transportation will be paid for the President, or President Elect and the Banquet Program Speaker.]~~

~~[f - All funds remaining after the Show expenses have been paid will be forwarded to the ABS treasury.]~~

standards set down in GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND ANNUAL SHOWS.

Section 3 - Transportation will be paid for the President or First Vice President and the Banquet Program Speaker.

Section 4 - All funds remaining after all expenses have been paid will be forwarded to the American Begonia Society treasury, except for 10% of the net profit which may be retained by the hosting group.

#### ARTICLE XIV - ANNUAL CONVENTION HOST

Section 1 - Any branch, group of branches, or regional organization may request that the Board of Directors consider their invitation to host the Annual Convention and [Flower] Show. A written invitation shall include ~~[information regarding the hosts area facilities, flower show hall, seminar meeting rooms, hotel rooms, banquet and food facilities, plant sale area to defray costs, available transportation, home gardens and places of horticultural interest, etc]~~ all pertinent information as set forth in the Guidelines for National Conventions and Annual Shows.

Section 2 - Invitations to host the Annual Convention and ~~[Flower]~~ Show shall be offered one (1) year or more in advance, if possible, and presented in writing ~~[at the Annual Meeting]~~ not later than at the Annual Meeting Preceding the end of the current fiscal year.

Section 3 - The final decision of the site selection for the Annual Convention shall be made by the Board of Directors, ~~[After a site and a proposed hosting group has been selected the Board of Directors may advance~~

~~a loan to cover preliminary Convention costs.]~~ after which a loan may be advanced to cover preliminary costs.

ARTICLE XV - REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1 - The ~~[ABS]~~ American Begonia Society shall encourage the formation of regional organizations to promote and coordinate voluntary activities, shows, etc., for both members-at-Large and organized branches. A regional organization shall combine several geographically adjacent States whose ~~[ABS]~~ American Begonia Society members voluntarily request to be included.

Section 2 - A regional organization shall be launched voluntarily by ~~[ABS]~~ American Begonia Society members who shall establish their own organization and elect their own officers including a National Regional Director.

Section 3 - A duly elected National Regional Director ~~[duly elected]~~ shall serve as a voting member of the ~~[ABS]~~ American Begonia Society Board of Directors. He/she [shall] may represent the Members-at-Large within his/her region.

Section 4 - A regional organization shall operate in accordance with the Aims and Purposes of the ~~[ABS]~~ American Begonia Society ~~[and]~~, the Constitution and Bylaws and enjoy the benefits therefrom.

REVISIONS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
of the AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY

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Art. IX			Sect. 3 ( )	( )	Sect. 1 ( )
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Art. XI			Sect. 6 ( )	( )	Sect. 3 ( )
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Section 5 - When a regional organization or a group of branches is planning a regional [~~flower~~] show the Board of Directors of the American Begonia Society may advance a loan to cover preliminary costs, provided plants are grown and sold during the Show as a fund-raising activity. The loan and any agreed upon share of the profits, shall be repaid within [~~30~~] 60 days after the close of the Show.

ARTICLE XVI - BRANCH DIRECTORS

Section 1 - Each branch society shall elect, from its membership, one representative [~~who shall~~] to serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors. He/she shall present the branch's position on matters before the Board.

Section 2 - When a Branch Director is unable to attend Board meetings, he/she shall communicate to the President or Secretary the positions on items of importance to his/her branch.

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You may use this ballot to vote secretly on each of the sections if you cut it from the Begonian OR you may photocopy this ballot to vote, provided you (1) mark the ballot after copying and (2) include this signed statement to the Ballot Counting Committee:

I prefer to use a photocopied ballot, and this is the only ballot which I have mailed for this election. I am a member of the American Begonia Society in good standing.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Additional members who reside at the same address should follow the copy procedure.

Mail your ballot to the **BALLOT COUNTING COMMITTEE**  
**LORRA ALMSTEDT, CHAIRMAN**  
**1965 CELESTE LANE**  
**FULLERTON, CA 92633**

The only other places we found this begonia were around buildings, growing with the roots in between the rocks the foundations, and on one abandoned building growing all over the roof.

While descriptions of each of these three plants might include the location as along the road over the mountains, their habitats were very different from each other in the location of the roots, in the amounts of humidity and sunlight, and perhaps also temperature. The requirements for each type of plant in cultivation would also be quite different.

Two species of *Begonia* which are widely distributed throughout northern South America are known from Trinidad. We found *B. ulmifolia* in only one place, growing under some banana trees along the ridge of a hill at about 2000 feet elevation. The area was steep and the soil seemed dry; even in the rainy season it would be well drained. *B. glabra* we saw in one area along a trail between 1700 and 2300 feet, where it grew profusely, climbing up the aerial roots of epiphytic plants in the trees above and on rotting logs and the ground nearby. The most vigorous plants, and the only ones we saw with flowers, were those ascending vertically as much as forty feet into the trees, while the plants growing directly on the ground were smaller, had much smaller leaves, and had been chewed by insects.

The former director of the research station where we work in Trinidad grew orchids there, and found a *Begonia* growing in one of his pots of orchids. It has large, deeply lobed leaves, with black margins and light green interiors, similar to those of *B. heracleifolia*, but the flowers are different. Neither he nor we have found it growing anywhere else in Trinidad; we refer to it as *B. U174*.

While searching for fish along a river one day towards the end of our last visit, we came across an unexpected *Begonia*. Unexpected, because we had already found all of the species recorded from the island. But there, growing in a shallow covering of moss over wet rocks along the river, were plants with the growth form and flowers of the genus. Since we have not yet been able to indentify this plant, it is currently being designated as *B. U175*. It is a small plant, with narrow, pointed



*Begonia glandulifera*

In natural site near a stream bed

leaves that hang down from the stem. The leaf shape and arrangement are very similar to a fern we found growing in the same place. The larger plants had flowers, not very different from those of *B. glandulifera*, and there were a few seeds. We do not yet know whether this is a species found in other parts of South America which had just not yet been recorded from Trinidad, or whether it is an undescribed species.

Trinidad has an ideal climate for cultivating begonias, with warm, but rarely hot, temperatures, high humidity, and gentle breezes. Begonias in pots were a frequent sight as we travelled around. When we visited people in their homes and admired their plants, they would start to dig up part of the plant with a kitchen knife. No one seemed to know that begonias will root on almost any part of the plant. Several familiar cultivars appeared on peoples' porches, and we brought home cuttings of several unfamiliar ones. There are reports that many of the cultivated varieties have become naturalized on the island, but we never found any *B. cucullata* hybrids or *B. 'Erythrophylla'* in the forests.

## Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund

Joy Porter, director

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*B. leathermaniae*: tall canelike species from Bolivia with bulbous root at soil line. Velvety textured, deeply lobed with silver shadings along the main vein, the leaf blade has a cuff of pale green spines where it joins the petiole. See cover and story in the *Begonian* Vol. 50 Nov-Dec 1983.

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*B. glandulifera*: not known to be in cultivation. This species has 5-inch ovate-acuminate and sparsely hairy leaves, red petioles and stems, and requires high humidity. Seed collected in Trinidad by Dr. Tracy McLellan. See "Begonias in Trinidad" in this issue.

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*B. glabra*: trailing-scandent species native from Mexico to South America. Small to medium, glossy leaves. Bears large clusters of small white flowers in winter and spring. Seed collected in Trinidad.

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*B. U172*: rhizomatous species with 4- to 5-inch cleft leaves having brown felting on leaf reverse and on petioles. Easy to grow. White flowers in winter. Seed collected in Trinidad.

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*B. U174*: rhizomatous species having 4- to 6-inch leaves with wide black margin around a green center. Seed collected in Trinidad.

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*B. rhopalocarpa*: trailing-scandent species from southwest Africa with narrow, 4-inch dark green leaves; leathery texture with a touch of reddish brown on main vein. Narrow-petaled pink flowers on short peduncles, the female with a red fusiform ovary. See cover and story in the *Begonian*: 47, April 1980.

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*B. johnstonii*: thick-stemmed species from Africa with fleshy leaves having a scalloped margin. Large pink flowers borne in profusion late winter and spring.

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*B. crispula*: a charming terrarium subject. This species from Brazil has rounded 3-inch gray-green leaves, with sunken nerves giving a quilted appearance. Tiny white flowers. Prefers cool temperatures.

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*B. U067*: this elegant species from Nicaragua has an upright rhizome. The glossy 'patent leather' leaf with its shallow but sharply pointed lobes is a perfect foil for the pink flowers in early spring.

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*B. malabarica*: thick-stemmed species from India. Bushy with 3-inch sparsely hairy leaves and 1-inch fragrant pink flowers in great abundance summer and winter.

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*B. U167*: Collected by Roberto Brin in La Mesa, Panama, this trailing-scandent species is much like *B. glabra* except stems and petioles are red, and flowers are reddish pink. Strong grower.

S-O 12 per pkt 1.00

*B. listada*: Absent from the Seed Fund for several years, this unique shrublike species is from Brazil. Name means 'striped.' Elongated oval, velvety, 4-to 6-inch leaf, pointed at each end, has a light yellow-green stripe down the middle. A moderate bloomer in fall and winter. The white flowers have red hairs on tepal reverse.

For those of you who missed out on *B. hemsleyana* and *B. olsoniae*, fresh seed is available at \$1.00 per packet.

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Orders from U.S., Mexico, and Canada require 45 cents over seed price for postage (60 cents if over 12 packets). Foreign orders require \$1.20 for postage. Send checks or money orders in U.S. funds made payable to the Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund. Mail to Joy Porter, 9 Bayberry Lane, Framingham, MA 01701.

## NEW CULTIVARS

### Official International Registrations Numbers 885-889

Carrie Karegeannes, Nomenclature Director

*Applications to register Begonia cultivars may be obtained from Carrie Karegeannes, 3916 Lake Boulevard, Annandale, VA 22003. Each form must be typed or printed in ink and accompanied by a \$2 check or money order payable to the American Begonia Society. Photos, drawings, and dried specimens of new cultivars are encouraged. ABS is the International Registration Authority for Begonia cultivar names.*

*In the citations of cultivar parents below, the female(seed) parent is listed first.*

#### **Begonia 'Nimbo'**

No. 885—*Begonia bowerae* var. *nigramarga* X 'Sunderbruchii' x 'Maphil' 'Nimbo'

Rhizomatous cultivar with short, creeping rhizome about 5/8" thick. Thick, black, star-shaped, 4 5/8" x 3 7/8" leaf blades reflect a bluish sheen. They have scattered long white hairs on the surface and white-hairy (ciliate), crenulate margins. Main veins number 7. Petioles are green with red lenticels and almost 6" long; stipules are green, persistent, 5/8" x 3/8". Pale pink, 2-tepaled male and female flowers, 3/8" x 3/8", are carried high in dichotomous clusters on 15 3/4" peduncles in the spring. The developer reports 'Nimbo' is a compact grower and prolific bloomer. Originated in 1970 by M. C. R. Sharrad, 11 Lumsden Ave., Ridgehaven, 5097 South Australia; first bloomed in 1971; tested by the Australian Begonia Society. Registered July 15, 1985.

#### **Begonia 'Pindah'**

No. 886—*Begonia manicata* 'Aureomaculata' x 'Nimbo' 'Pindah'

Large rhizomatous cultivar with thick (1 3/8"), short-noded rhizome. Green, reddish brown edged, 12 1/2" x 11" leaf blades are 7-lobed, subcordate, and thick, with margins red-ciliate and toothed at vein ends,

and main veins numbering 8. Petioles 1/2" long, red-flecked, and clothed with long "comblike" hairs. Stipules covering the rhizome are green and triangular, with long hairs at the tips. Pale-pink, 2-tepaled male and female flowers have 3/8" x 3/8" tepals with females bearing ovaries 3/4" x 3/4" including the wings. Males are deciduous (falling quickly). The cymes are borne on 30" peduncles in the spring. Originated in 1972 by M. C. R. Sharrad (address above); first bloomed in 1973; first distributed in 1979; tested by the Australian Begonia Society. Registered July 16, 1985.

#### **Begonia 'Tara'**

No. 887—*Begonia conchifolia* var. *rubrimacula* x 'Wanita' 'Tara'

A compact, slow-growing rhizomatous cultivar with thin (3/8"), short, creeping rhizome covered with dried stipules. Peltate, brown-flecked green leaf blades with red center are 3 1/2" x 3 1/8", round with a sharp point and entire margin, thick texture, and 7 main veins. Petioles are 6 1/4" long; stipules are 3/4" x 3/8", keeled, green soon drying brown. Reddish-spotted pink, 2-tepaled male and female flowers have round 3/8" tepals; the 3-winged ovaries are 5/8" x 3/8". The dichotomous (forking) clusters are borne on 6 1/4" peduncles in the spring. Originated in 1972 by M. C. R. Sharrad (address above); first bloomed in 1974; name first cited in the *Begonia Journal of Australia* in 1980; tested by the Australian Begonia Society. Registered July 16, 1985.

#### **Begonia 'Yakagura'**

No. 888—*Begonia* 'Orange Rubra' x 'Laura Engelbert' 'Yakagura'

Canelike, heavy-blooming, compact cultivar with 15 3/4" to 24" stems. The name in Japanese means 'Night Dance in Shrine'. Shiny, deep bronze-green, ovate, angel-



*Begonia* 'Yakagura', Reg. No. 888

wing leaf blades with red reverse are 7 7/8" to 8 1/4" long by 2 3/4" to 3 1/4" wide, smooth and wavy with almost entire margin, 5 main veins, short petioles, and green stipules. Huge drooping clusters of large, brilliant orange-red flowers, with 4 tepals on both males and females, are borne on 2 3/4" to 3 1/8" peduncles the year around. Originated in 1981 by Sadakichi Kawanami, 2612 Hajicho Sakai, Osakafu, Japan; first bloomed in 1981; first distributed in 1982; tested by Hikoichi Arakawa, Nishinomiya, Hyogo, Japan. Registered July 16, 1985.

***Begonia* 'Wichita Falls'**

No. 889—*Begonia schmidtiana* x *leptotricha* 'Wichita Falls'

Hairy-leaved shrublike cultivar with 12" long, spreading stems. Slightly hairy, green, 5 1/2" x 3" leaf blades are ovate, acute-tipped, shallowly and obliquely cordate at the base, and serrate, with 9 main veins. Petioles are 3/4" to 1 1/4" long and brown-fuzzy; stipules are persistent. Everblooming white to pink-flushed flowers, 3/4" x 1/4", include 2-tepaled males and 4-tepaled females on 2" peduncles. Originated in 1980 by Bob Hamm, 2951 Elliott, Wichita Falls, TX

76308; first bloomed in 1980; first distributed for testing in 1981; tested by Glennis Crouch, Denton, Texas. Registered July 16, 1985.

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## ROUND ROBIN NOTES

Joan Campbell, director

If you would like to join a robin—a packet of letters circulated among begonia lovers—write for details and a list of flight topics to Round Robin Director Joan Campbell, 814 NE Honey House Lane, Corvallis, MT 59828.

Members of the Research Flight have added a **project** suggested by Mary Weinberg: to try to grow one of the U-numbered (unidentified) species begonias in various areas of the country to see how one particular plant does under a variety of growing conditions. Mary will gather the results into a report. Interested persons should contact her. Growers would not have to be a member of the Research Flight to join this project.

Getting **pollen from begonias** for selfing and hybridizing is not always easy, and members on the Seed and Hybridizing flight exchange many comments about this problem.

Some hybrids may be sterile in spite of the fact they may produce flowers and pollen, notes Mickey Meyer, Australia. If seed is set and harvested, it will not germinate. A sterile plants looks like a normal plant, just as sterile animals look like fertile ones. Mickey has heard sunlight is detrimental to pollen, so when she sets a male blossom aside to release its pollen, she makes sure strong light will not reach it.

Daniel Haseltine, Illinois, comments that just setting pollen sometimes ia a problem. He lets the bloom dry and applies it more than just once a day. He tries to assure the stigmas are dry, as pollen may cake on wet stigmas. Dull, cloudy days can cause a pollinated flower to drop, so he thinks light intensity is a factor. Ruth Wills, Oklahoma, doesn't think light is important in getting pollen. She has had good results in low light situations.

Crossing a plant which may be believed

to be sterile with a good strong pollen parent, especially a species, generally will produce seed. For example, Ruth has crossed *B. 'Christmas Candy'* with *B. dichroa* and has three plants from the seed. Not all the seed may be viable, but if she gets two or three seedlings from a so-called sterile plant, she's happy. *B. 'Phantom'* never produces mature pollen for Ruth, although it blooms continuously.

Mae Blanton, Texas, stores pollen in small compartments such as those used for screws. She lets the flower dry a bit, then places it on a piece of cotton inside the box and the box is stored in a small Ziploc bag with a dry packet of dessicant taped to the inside of the lid to absorb condensation or moisture. A small bag of dried milk could substitute for the dessicant and pill bottles substituted for the compartment. Mae finds pollen of *B. rajah* will keep several months and that of *B. 'Chumash'* also stores well. She suggests all members start their own pollen "banks" and share the results.

To test the viability of pollen, Bob Dodd, Oklahoma suspends a few grains in distilled water on a glass slide, then views it under a microscope. If the pollen is viable, the pollen tube extending from the grain will be visible.

Fighting **plant pests** and resisting **mildew** attacks requires time and vigilance. Flight members are anxious to exchange advice about their problems and discoveries. Mary Harbaugh, Wisconsin, has read of research being done with citrus oil to see if it might have insecticidal properties. Scored citrus peels were put in a container with insects and in a few minutes the insects died.

Bob Dodd, Oklahoma, keeps Temik to control scale, but he is cautious as it is one of the most poisonous agents to mammals. He has heard of a product called Oxymil which is not in the same group as Di-Syston and Temik. It has no smell and has been approved for use in restaurants. It is said

to work well on all sucking insects and arachnids.

Art Sackenruther, California, has tried Oxyml and felt it did a good job with Brazilian mites on his fuchsias and with scale insects on ferns and on bromeliads. After applying the systemic, even snails avoided those plants.

Doug Hahn, Kentucky, notes that Safer makes a 50% solution of their soap as well as the 2%. Doug bought the 50% solution, but diluted it before use as a soil drench. He thought it wiser to test it at lesser strength before using it indiscriminately. Mary Harbaugh agreed and suggested that water be flushed through the soil after the drenching; since it is a contact insecticide with no residual effects, there would be no need for it to remain in the soil.

Charlotte Kuhnle, Oregon, shares a recipe for white fly treatment which for her is effective, safe, and inexpensive: dilute 2 tbsp of soap powder (not detergent) with one quart of warm water, add 4 oz rubbing alcohol and shake well. Spray the undersides of leaves at five day intervals. After the third spraying, mist with clear water before using again.

Charlotte uses Physan for mildew. Elaine Ayers, Ohio, heard that Tinactin foot spray would deter mildew. She used it twice and it did clear up the problem. If you have mildew in the spring more than at other times, Judy Hansen, California, has heard an explanation: mildew occurs when the days are very warm, but the nights still cool. Thus, some plants transpire a lot late in the day in spring, remain moist, and become a host to mildew in the cold moist micro-environment.

Gwen Stephens, California, says the insecticide Orthene, which is available commercially, has xylene as its major vehicle to dissolve the powder. This solvent is toxic to

some plants. It is possible to buy Orthene as a bulk powder and make up your own stock solution with a less toxic diluent.

Bob Moore, Florida, reminds members that Malathion is a contact insecticide and does its work in about 20 seconds. Then plants can be rinsed with clear water.

Ruth Wills, Oklahoma, says if you have a 'problem' begonia, change its location. If that doesn't help, replace the soil. If that doesn't work either, set the plant aside and ignore it. Several plants have responded for Ruth after this treatment.

Discussing **species tuberous begonias**, Ruth Wills, Oklahoma, has learned that *B. morelii* will root from a leaf. More bulbil producing begonias mentioned in the flight are *B. 'Pink Parasol'*, *B. bhutanensis*, and *B. viscida* which is one of the rare dioecious begonias. Flight members report that some bulbils may sprout leaves while still attached to the parent plant. This has been noted on *B. sandtii*, *B. gracilis*, *B. sutherlandii*, and *B. grandis*.

Russ Hammer, Texas, feels a **potting mix** consisting of all, or mostly, peat produces rampant root growth. He says pre-mixed mixes usually contain a wetting agent which

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is helpful, as sphagnum can be slow to wet thoroughly.

Clara Tuoto, California, prefers to add canary gravel to her potting mix to improve the drainage. It also contains charcoal and oyster shell which are desirable additions. Clara has found the simplest way to water plants in a fruit ripening bowl is to pour some water into a pie plate, set the bowl into the pie plate, and bottom water that way.

Gwen Stephens, Davis, California, uses a modification of a mix developed for her climate and for greenhouse growing where plants are often overwatered: 1 part each sand, redwood ground bark compost, sphagnum moss and perlite. For plants which require an especially loose mix, three parts of this mix added to one part of pumice. Add 1/4 cup of each bonemeal and ground dolomite lime per eight gallons of mix.

Albert Weatherhead, England, uses a mix for canes and rhizomatous begonias which he feels produces good leaf color and strong growth. The proportions are: 2 gallons of peat moss; 1 gallon of an equal mix of granite sand, perlite and vermiculite; 4 oz of a commercial fertilizer (5.3-7.5-10) with trace elements (which include magnesium oxide at 3% of the whole elements); and a large handful of burned wood ash crushed to a powder. After his plants have been four or five weeks in this mix, he feeds with a water soluble fertilizer (10-10-27) once a week.

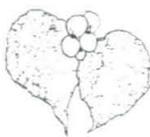
Art Sackenruther, California, a **species** grower, received seed of *B. salomonensis* from a friend in the Solomon Islands. Every seed germinated, but Art had some problems with fungus forming on the mix and seedlings. This species resembles a cane, having pink flowers of good size.

*Please, robin members, remember your courtesy postcards to your chairmen. It saves expense, aggravation, and loss of letters.*



*Close view of leaves of B. glandulifera*  
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### BEGONIA STARS RECAP

Show Chairman Charles Jaros reported that there were 373 entries from 49 exhibitors on display in Miami. There were 160 registrants at the Convention.

Many members agreed to report on the various events. The next issue of the *Begonian* will continue with articles from the convention which had to be postponed because of the mandated requirement to include the matters pertaining to the American Begonia Society Constitution and Bylaws.

### BEGONIAS IN LANDSCAPING

The entryway to my bank is rimmed with tall stalks of purple and white lily-of-the-Nile flowers in front of which are masses of pink and white *semperflorens* begonias. During the summer and fall months, I hope you have been watching for begonias of any kind in landscaping.

Now is the time to send your report to the *Begonian*. Explain briefly the scene including the names (or types) of begonias used, the companion plants, the sort of place where the planting occurred, the grower, or any other interesting facts. Photographs are welcome but not necessary. Please include your own name and address and a stamped, self addressed envelope if you want photographs returned.

### BOARD MEETING

There will be a meeting of the board of directors on Sunday, October 27st, at 1 p.m. at The Mariner, Naval Station Commissioned Officers Mess Club, 32nd Street at Main Street, San Diego. Those who wish may remain after the meeting for a no-host buffet dinner, starting at 5 p.m.

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 28, 1985

The bimonthly meeting of the American Begonia Society was called to order at 2:10 pm, at the home of Mabel and Ralph Corwin, after a pot luck luncheon. The Aims and Purposes were read by President Bob Ammerman. The minutes of the last board were read by Secretary Arlene Davis. The treasurer corrected the figure in the previous minutes to \$30,484.09 income year-to-date. The figure in the last minutes was the complete total in all bank accounts. The treasurer reported that the year-to-date income is now \$35,971.04, taking in \$1,876.86 in May and \$2,637.42 in June.

It was moved and seconded to accept with regret the resignations of Gil Estrada as public relations chairman and Dan Haseltine as first vice president.

Committee chairman reports were made by Phyllis Bates, John Ingles, Jr.; Arlene Davis, Thelma O'Reilly, Carrie Karegeannes, Marge Lee, Bobbie West, and Pearl Benell. Branch Rep. Jeannette Gilbertson announced that the Palomar Branch will be having a show on August 24-25.

The Alice Clark begonia (engraving) plates will be placed in the storage unit until it was decided what to do with them. A suggestion was to keep them for an ABS museum.

A new Seed Fund director is needed. Joan Campbell said that she would be interested in taking the position if some one would take the Round Robin. The board would like to hear from anyone who is interested in volunteering.

The board is considering having more begonia pins made. Bobbie has about 12 left at this time.

Those planning to attend the annual meeting in Sacramento were reminded to make dinner and hotel reservations immediately.

The revised Constitution and By-Laws will be presented to the members at the annual meeting by the parliamentarian.

A committee has been appointed to go over the duties of the officers and compile it for a pamphlet. It will be chaired by Thelma O'Reilly.

Life memberships were petitioned for Betty Tillotson and Elizabeth Glover. The board has accepted and is sending lifetime member cards to them.

The audit committee will have the books done and a report will be made at the annual meeting.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting in Sacramento, California, on September 6.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

### IN MEMORIAM

Ada Perry, a member of the Alfred D. Robinson Branch, died of cancer in September. She was chairman of the 1976 Convention in San Diego.

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**BOOKSTORE** – See information in this or next issue.

**JUDGING DEPARTMENT** – Mail order course for a member who wishes to become an accredited begonia show judge is \$10. Also available are a booklet on point scoring (\$2), the old (unofficial) classification booklet (\$2), information on fuchsia and fern judging, and other requirements to become a judge. Add \$1 for postage and handling on all orders and 6% tax for California residents.

**LIBRARY** – Books about begonias and gardening may be borrowed by mail from the lending library. Contact the librarian for list of books and procedure.

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**ROUND ROBINS** – Members exchange information about begonias and their culture through packets of letters which circulate among a small group of growers. There are dozens of these packets, called flights, on many specialized subjects. Contact the director for information.

**SEED FUND** – The Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund offers seeds of begonia species and cultivars by mail. New offerings are listed in the Begonian. Donations of seeds are encouraged.

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