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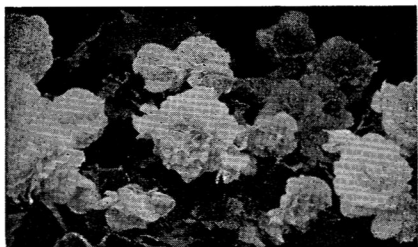


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# Multiflora and Hollyhock Begonias

by Pat Antonelli, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Two forms of Tuberous Begonias that are becoming more and more popular as decorative plants for window boxes and gardens are the MULTIFLORA and the HOLLYHOCK. These differ from the more familiar Tuberous Begonia in several respects.

The Multiflora form is a very colorful plant. Its small flowers of an inch and a half in diameter may be seen in colors of red, yellow, salmon, pink, or bronze and are produced in great profusion on the plants. The blossoms may be single or double and they bloom continuously throughout the summer months. The multiflora is a compact plant and seldom attains a height of more than eighteen inches. The leaves of this form are smaller than the regular Tuberous Begonia, measuring about three inches long and two inches wide.

They are commonly propagated by cuttings although they may be produced by seeds. The tubers of this form are somewhat deformed in their appearance. The making of cuttings is not too difficult and anyone desiring to make cuttings of the Multiflora or any other variety may do so successfully by following a few simple rules and suggestions. Cuttings are made from the tuber when the sprouts are about three or four inches tall. The sprout is cut so that the basal rings are included and these rings appear where the sprout grows from the tuber. It is not necessary to cut deeply into the tuber. Before planting the sprouts in flats, the leaves are trimmed sufficiently to prevent too rapid evaporation. The flats are filled half full with a good potting mixture and the remaining half is filled with sand. The roots grow and develop in the potting mixture. As the tuber produces several sprouts it is possible to make more than one cutting from a tuber.

The growing habits of the multiflora are the same as any other tuberous Begonia, however, the multiflora is much hardier. This form will stand more direct sun than the regular tuberous varieties. The tubers remain dormant during the winter months and bloom from June through October. The same care should be afforded the multiflora begonia, that you would the more familiar form, with the exception that all sprouts are left on the multiflora and you do not pinch. Like the regular tuberous Begonia the multiflora has shallow feeder roots and will not grow well under heavy cultivation. A light mulch of well decayed leaf mold or cattle manure is beneficial and mulching is especially recommended for outdoor group plantings, borders and window

boxes. They are very effective planted among ferns or as a border plant around ferns or Begonia beds. Older tubers of the multiflora form that are quite large give huge bushy plants that may be used as hanging baskets. Some of the more important varieties are "Fire Flame" (red), *Madame Richard Galle Superba* (red), *Helene Harmes* (yellow), *Madame Richard Galle* (Salmon) and *Flamboyant Red* (vermillion).

The Hollyhock form may easily be mistaken for a small hollyhock plant on a casual glance but closer observation would show the characteristic begonia leaf and flower. The plant grows from three to four feet high and sends up several stems from the tuber. The flowers are a delicate pink color and grow along the upper part of the stem. They produce single blossoms about two inches in diameter. Usually a staminate and pistillate flower grow from a single stem and in the Hollyhock form the pistillate flower is as large and as colorful as the staminate flower. They may be distinguished from each other by the number of petals. The staminate flower has four petals and the pistillate flower has five petals. This form produces bunches of "bulblets" at the base of all the flower stems and this is one of its ways of reproducing. The growing habits and care are similar to the regular tuberous begonias. The Hollyhock forms do nicely as potted plants and are very attractive included with other forms of begonias and with ferns.

These two forms are definitely finding a place in the gardens across the country in giving color to borders and as a background for flowers and ferns.

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## MULTIFLORA ROSEA RED

### *Cover Picture*

This beautiful specimen was grown by Ed Sherer, president of the Santa Monica Branch. As multifloras are rather rare in this vicinity, it was a pleasure to question Mr. Sherer as to their merits in this climate. He gave it the same culture given tuberous begonias and finds they grow very strong, not needing stakes, but will not stand quite as much sun as the large flowered tuberous. (Multifloras are a tuberous begonia, with small flowers). The source of supply seems to be limited, as most catalogs do not list them. Information on a source of supply, will be welcomed.

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Give the *BEGONIAN* this Christmas.

# The African Violet

by Mrs. Carolyn Rector, President of the Los Angeles Branch of the African Violet Society

The Saintpaulia, popularly called African Violet, is as easy to grow as a geranium, and much easier than a Begonia. Moreover, being strictly a house plant, and one of the few which can be depended upon for bloom in the winter, when even in California our gardens are apt to look rather dull, its popularity is easily understood.

Nevertheless, wherever three or four people foregather someone is sure to ask, "Why won't my African Violet bloom?" So let us consider the reasons why African Violets may not bloom.

Maybe you water it too much. Many more Violets are ruined by excessive kindness than have ever died from neglect. Do not water your Violets unless the soil in the pot is really dry. You can test this by digging in a little bit with a finger tip. If you are not sure the soil in the pot is dry enough to need water, it probably isn't, and you had better not water it till at least the next day.

Always use warm water, not hot enough to cook the plant, of course, but pleasantly warm. Cold water will often cause the bud and flower to drop off, and will sometimes give the plant a setback that it may not get over for months.

Watering from the bottom is the best way. Stand the plant in a bowl or pan of warm water, and leave till thoroughly soaked, then let drain. Do not let any water stand in the saucer under the plant, unless you want to take a chance on losing it with crown rot. Of course you can, and many people do, water from the top. If you do that, water until the water comes out the bottom of the pot, or you may have a plant in soil wet on top and dry as a bone in the bottom.

Give it plenty of light, and a little sun if possible. You can tell if the light or the sun is too strong, because the leaves will bleach out to a light color, and the veins will show darker. Strong light will often force a plant into bud and bloom. If you insist on keeping your plant on the sideboard across the room from the window because it looks more artistic there, it will probably live, but don't expect it to blossom.

Does it stand in a draft? Violets do not like drafts. They need fresh air, of course, but not in front of an open window or in line with a open door.

Do you have a gas fire in the room? Natural gas does not seem to harm them much, but if your gas fire is from manufactured gas,

the plants will not die, but they will probably never bloom, either.

Probably the most common cause of failure to bloom is lack of humidity. Our California climate tends to be naturally dry in summer, and our heating arrangements keep it too dry in our homes in winter. A kettle of water on the stove or radiator is not always sufficient. The surest way to overcome this difficulty, and put the moisture where it will do the most good, is to stand the flower pot on a couple of inches of coarse sand, or sponge rock, or pea-sized coke, and keep this constantly very moist. The evaporation from this damp bed will put the moisture on the under side of the leaves, where it is needed. If you have only one or two plants you can put this sand in a plate or shallow bowl under them. But not in a jardiniere—the air must circulate freely over the sand.

Another important item is temperature. The ideal temperature for Violets is about 60 degrees at night and 70 degrees in the daytime, but some variation does not harm unless it is too extreme. Below 50, however, buds will not form, and above 80 the flowers have a tendency to fall off as soon as they open, and sometimes even before. Especially if the air is too dry.

Finally, if your plant has been in the same soil for a year or so, and has bloomed in the past, it may need some feeding. Almost any of the complete commercial fertilizers recommended for Fuchsias or Begonias will do. Use according to directions for pot plants, and remember, never give a plant fertilizer when the soil is dry. Water it thoroughly at least two hours beforehand with plain water.

Most varieties will take a rest of from six weeks to three months at the end of a long blooming period, so do not be too impatient if they do not bloom continuously, though some will always produce one or two blossoms. You like to rest sometimes, don't you. So do the Violets.

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## Correction and Omission

The Begonia pictured on the September issue of the *BEGONIAN* was grown by Mrs. Grace L. Bayer, not Mrs. Turner.

The Begonia *Imperialis* x *Dayii* is a Rudolph Ziesenhenné hybrid and he states that he has many variations of this cross.

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# A.B.S. Annual Convention at Ventura

As can always be expected, when the A.B.S. has a Begonia Show, the weather turns *hot*.

Clarence Hall made the statement in Glendale in '48, that he could guarantee the need of a sweater, if we held the Convention in Ventura in '49. Wot happened, Clarence?

As most of us are well acquainted with weather comparable to that 'prevailing' in Ventura on August 27th, it was really nothing unusual!

Approximately five hundred Begoniaites were on hand, to renew acquaintances and enjoy the hospitality extended by Ventura and the Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch.

The A.B.S. is especially grateful to Mr. Austin Perley and Mrs. Dora Hodgins for their fine cooperation, in staging the two separate and lovely Shows. The non-competitive show took many of the specimen begonias away from the competitive show, but the begonias were there and distant points were well represented.

A member at large, Mr. Harpster of Moro Bay (160 miles north), had exceptionally nice tuberous begonias, winning the Mary Hazel Drummond Cup for the best Tuberous Begonia.

Mrs. Mary C. Choate of Inglewood (75 miles south), won the Ventura Sweepstakes Cup, with her many entries, including a huge *B. Fischer's ricinifolia*, miniatures and new seedlings.

Mrs. Elsie Frey of Santa Barbara (30 miles north), won the Gonda Hartwell Cup for the best Rex Begonia and many Firsts on her other entries.

Mrs. Gullipher of Santa Barbara won the Gordon Baker Lloyd Cup for the best Rhizomatous Begonia.

Mr. Harry Meyers of Ventura won the Effie Chapman Cup for the best Fibrous Begonia.

The aforementioned were also Division Award winners, with the exception of Mrs. Choate. Other Division winners were Mrs. E. Weber of Santa Barbara, Clarence Hall of Ventura and the Seed Fund, (most of these begonias having been grown by the Seed Fund Members).

One dollar per point was given to the winners, plus five dollars for a Division winner. There were many other winners too numerous to mention now, but we congratulate them all.

The most popular place at the show was the Armchair Explorer's booth. This is the visible outlet for the Research Department, one of the most important functions of our Society, so it was very gratifying to see the keen interest shown in this booth. As the show was open to the public, the Seed Fund

was introduced in this way, to many members and non-members, unaware of the service offered through membership in the A.B.S.

See the Armchair Explorer's Column elsewhere in this issue, for a more detailed description of the booth. Our thanks to Mrs. Maud Nichols and Mr. Austin Perley (both are also stamp collectors) for this inviting booth.

The large Welcome sign, fashioned with hundreds of huge tuberous begonia blossoms on a green background by Mr. and Mrs. Knecht, were sent to the Convention by the Antonelli Bros. of Santa Cruz.

A large table in the non-competitive Show, was completely covered with tuberous blossoms sent by Vetterle and Reinelt of Capitola.

Our sincere thanks are extended to both of these generous firms.

The Annual Meeting was held during the afternoon (see condensed minutes) and the wide spread representation was very encouraging.

Humboldt County Branch representation was new to us this year (700 miles north) and the ever enthusiastic San Francisco group attended in a large number. In fact, the brochures distributed with a comment of "San Francisco in '51", gave us all hopes of an invitation next year. (S. F. please note!) Sacramento's representative was on hand, to claim the cymbidium drawn for Mrs. J. L. Ryan of Sacramento. Mrs. H. J. Maltei of Ventura drew the camellia and Mrs. T. E. Topham of Riverside drew the Rex *Begonia Theodosia*, a Walter Knecht cross.

A super Bar-B-Q was served out of doors, featuring plenty of ham and spare-ribs.

The evening meeting was very ably handled by past president Harold Hart of Glendale, as M.C. He installed each new officer *informally* and Col. Carroll M. Gale thanked his retiring Officers, Chairmen and the members for helping to make his year so successful.

On behalf of the A.B.S. Jr. Past President Mary Hazel Drummond, presented Col. Gale with a set of Bailey's, autographed.

The speaker of the evening was Gordon Baker Lloyd, Southern California Garden Consultant. He told of "Why I Like Begonias". Having a small portable lathhouse and a Wardian case filled with Begonias of all sizes, on display, he showed us the attributes of each, intermingling his talk with bits of philosophy so inspiring and acceptable to all gardeners.

This was a fitting climax to the 16th Annual A.B.S. Convention.—Dorothy S. Behrends.

# Glancing Back

In '34, the late Mr. Roy Berry gave an instructive talk on raising Rex Begonias from cuttings.

## SOILS

1. Good sharp sand is a little more sure than any other kind of soil, but the cuttings must be potted as soon as rooted, or they will go backwards.

2. If sawdust is used, it should be wet at least two weeks before planting, to prevent burning.

3. Mr. Berry said he now starts his cuttings in leaf mold because if he does not have time to pot them when they are rooted, they will not be injured by remaining in the leaf mold. There is more trouble with *damping off* when using leaf mold. The leaf mold should be wet a few days before putting it in the cutting bed. It should not be necessary to water again until the plants are up, which should be in about six weeks. When putting the leaf mold into the cutting bed, fill the bed level (full). There seems to be less trouble with *damping off* when the bed is full, than when there is an inch or two of space left at the top. This is probably caused because there is a better circulation of air when the bed is level (full).

## CUTTINGS

Best results are sometimes secured in using old leaves and other times, newer leaves. If a small or medium sized leaf is used, the whole leaf is planted. The main veins can be cut and pegged down. About one and a half to two inches of stem is left on the leaf and planted a half inch deep. If large leaves are used, they can be cut cross-wise into strips from 1½ to 2 inches wide. These strips are placed in the cutting soil on edge at an angle of about 60 degrees. The plants are left in the cutting bed until they have developed three fair sized leaves. The best percentage of "strikes" is usually secured in March.

In '40, past president Ferd P. Neels, wrote suggesting a need for a glasshouse.

To many readers the joy of a glasshouse has been but a dream. Until it has become real, the pleasure of working with growing things cannot be enjoyed throughout the year.

The size will be determined by space available and the good old pocketbook. I would suggest 7 x 12 as very practical and any amateur who is handy with tools can be his own carpenter.

There are two types, the V-roofed and the lean-to. The former is more fully efficient but the latter less expensive and quite adequate.

### *Protect from Wind*

Either kind should have its length run north and south and be out of severe winds and

from under shade trees. Now, if you do not have this supposedly ideal location, how about the roof of the garage?

There are two kinds of gardeners bench to have in the glasshouse. One for potted plants and one for propagation. Place a layer of pebbles on the bench for potted plants, as they will retain some of the water and as it evaporates, will help to maintain the humidity. There should be a layer of coarse, fresh water sand on the propagating bench.

Whether you buy new or second hand glass, be sure it is freshly whitewashed in the spring. This will remain until the rains come in the fall and as the plants need more sun in the winter, this condition is favorable to them.

### *Use Aluminum Paint*

Another thing of importance that has only recently been discovered, is that by painting the interior woodwork an aluminum color, a refracting light is obtained.

Even in a Southern California climate, it is necessary that we install an adequate heating system. I am using the method described by Mr. Day in the November 1939 issue\* of the *BEGONIAN* and find it very successful.

I think anyone that owns a glasshouse should own a coldframe, also. It is a convalescent home for the more delicate plants where they may gather strength before being transplanted into the garden.

The first temptation, when one has a glasshouse, is to grow everything. However, since space is restricted, you must soon arrive at selective growing. Choose the types of plants that interest you most, especially those that you are not apt to grow outdoors.

One of the most interesting developments of the past few years is the acceptance of the orchid as a popular glasshouse plant. Where it was once considered a rich man's hobby, it is now a favorite of anyone who has a bit of glass.

In addition to the orchid, I would suggest growing some of the rarer and more tender Begonias. Also streptocarpus, gloxinias, Saint-paulias, tropical ferns and vines. Or your glasshouse may be used mainly as a propagating center where seedlings and cuttings are advanced through preliminary stages.

Now, if you find that you do not have the time to build your own house, it is possible to buy one ready-made surprisingly reasonable. And, let me add, if you are really desirous of possessing a glasshouse, plan it now and have it completed before the too cold weather. You will enjoy it from the first and you will find it much easier to construct than first expected.

\*See next month's *BEGONIAN*



CONSTITUTION  
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OF THE  
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ARTICLE I

NAME

1. This organization shall be known as the AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY. The main office of this Society shall be within the County of Los Angeles.

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PURPOSE

1. This Society shall be conducted on a non-profit basis, and its purpose shall be to stimulate interest in begonias and shade loving plants; to encourage the introduction and development of new types of begonias and related plants; to gather and publish information in regard to the kinds, propagation and culture of begonias and other shade loving plants; and to issue a bulletin which shall be mailed to all members in good standing.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in this Society shall consist of three classes: Life Memberships, Memberships-at-Large, and Memberships through affiliation with any recognized Branch Society.

2. Any person interested in the purpose of this Society may make application for membership, accompanied by the regular dues, either to the Membership Secretary direct or to any recognized Branch. Membership-at-Large shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

1. The Officers of this Society shall be President, President-Elect, Past President, three (3) Directors-at-Large, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Editor, Business Manager, Research Director, Nomenclature Director, Public Relations Director, Librarian, Publicity Chairman, Chairman of the Speakers' Bureau and Slide Library, Flower Show Chairman, Historian, Chairman Committee on Awards, and one Representative Director from each recognized Branch Society, and shall be members in good standing.

2. Commercial growers or dealers shall not be eligible to hold any elective office in the Society.

3. The President-Elect, the Treasurer and one (1) Director-at-Large shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Society; the President-Elect shall serve one year as President-Elect, one year as President and one year as Past President; the Treasurer shall serve one year and the Director-at-Large shall serve for three years. These elective officers shall be installed at the annual meeting.

4. A Representative Director shall be elected annually by each Branch.

5. All remaining officers shall be appointed annually by the President subject to the approval of the Board by a majority vote.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of this Society and shall be the administrative and executive body of the Society.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society at a time and place to be designated annually by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

BRANCH SOCIETIES

1. Branch Societies may be organized by any group of seven or more members of this Society who wish to affiliate themselves to forward the work of this Society; and upon approval of the Board of Directors shall be issued a Charter. Upon approval of the majority of the Board of Directors, the Charter of any Branch may be suspended and, after due hearing before said Board, upon action of a majority of the Board may be withdrawn.

ARTICLE VIII

DUES

1. Dues for Life Membership shall be Fifty dollars (\$50.00).

2. The annual dues of this Society shall be One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50), payable in advance. Members in arrears thirty days may be dropped from the membership and their copy of the official publication discontinued. Membership covers the immediate family, except that only one member may receive the official publication and exercise the right to vote unless additional dues are paid. Annual Memberships shall run one year from the date paid.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, provided that each member of the Society shall have been informed in writing or through the official publication, of the proposed amendment at least ten days previous to the annual meeting or special meeting.

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ARTICLE I

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society or the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties usually pertaining to his office.

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2. The President-Elect shall serve in the absence of

3. Directors shall serve as Vice-President in the order of their seniority.

4. The Secretary shall keep the records of all transactions of the Society and of the Board of Directors; shall conduct all necessary correspondence; and shall have charge of the records of the Society.

5. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Society; shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements; shall pay out monies only on the order of the Board of Directors; shall prepare an annual budget; and shall file bond in such surety company and in such sum as the Board of Directors may determine.

6. 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 inform the Business Manager of all changes in membership and have charge of the mailing list of the official publication; of the mailing and selling of back numbers of the official publication, and of the sale and distribution of all other special bulletins and directories.

7. The Editor shall have charge of the Publications Department; shall edit the official publication and all other publications of the Society and shall cooperate with the Directors of other departments.

8. The Business Manager shall act as the business agent for the Board of Directors and for the Publications Department; shall act as advertising manager for the official publication; shall act as Purchasing Agent for the Society; and shall file bond in such surety company and in such sum as the Board of Directors may determine.

9. The Research Director shall have charge of the Research Department; of the importation and development of new kinds of begonias and allied plants; of the administration of the Special Seed Fund; of collecting information relative to the culture, propagation, and housing of begonias and allied plants.

10. The Nomenclature Director shall have charge of determining and establishing correct names and species and established varieties of begonias; of approving and registering all newly developed horticultural varieties of begonias; and shall cooperate with the Editor in the publication of the results of his work.

11. The Public Relations Director shall have charge of the Public Relations Department; of contacting prospective members and promoting and assisting in the formation of new Branch Societies.

12. The Librarian shall establish and maintain a circulating library for the use of the of-

ficers and members of the Society and shall preserve three copies of each issue of the official publication and all other publications of the Society.

13. The Publicity Chairman shall see that the affairs of the Society receive the fullest publicity.

14. The Chairman of the Speakers' Bureau and Slide Library shall provide lists of speakers and a slide library for the use of Branches.

15. The Flower Show Chairman shall prepare show schedules and encourage begonia shows and the use of begonias in flower shows.

16. The Historian shall maintain a complete history of the Society.

17. Chairman Committee of Awards. (a) The Committee on Awards shall consist of six members and the Nomenclature Director. Two members will be appointed yearly for a three year term by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. In event of a vacancy it shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to approval of the Board of Directors, for the balance of the unexpired term. The President shall appoint the chairman of the Committee on Awards. (b) The Committee on Awards shall study each year the system of ratings and awards and make its recommendations of general policy to the Board of Directors. (c) The Committee on Awards shall submit yearly to the Board of Directors for their approval a list of accredited judges in various parts of the country. (d) The Committee on Awards shall receive and study carefully the reports of the judges and on the basis of this study shall make its recommendations to the Board of Directors. (e) The Board of Directors shall grant the awards of the American Begonia Society, including the Alfred D. Robinson Memorial Medal, subject to such regulations as the Board of Directors may adopt.

## ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times a year and/or monthly on call of the President or in his absence, by the President-Elect, the time and place to be published in the official publication. The Board of Directors shall be the administrative and executive body of this Society; shall transact all business of the Society between annual meetings; pass on applications for membership; arrange for the annual meeting, any special meetings, and any special elections; establish and appoint such special committees as may be necessary to transact the work of this Society or any of its departments; approve the establishment of Branch Societies and issue Charters to them; adopt an annual budget; elect honorary Vice-Presidents; and make such regulations as may be necessary for the good of this Society.

### ARTICLE III

#### DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

1. The activities of the Society shall be divided into departments and committees under the charge of officers elected or appointed for such department or committee.

2. The Department Directors may recommend the appointment of such special officers, assistants, or specialists as may be necessary to properly conduct their department.

3. Each Department Director shall make a report at the annual meeting and such other reports as may be required by the Board of Directors.

4. The funds of each department, and of the Special Seed Fund, shall be kept separately by the Treasurer, and each department shall operate under the general budget adopted by the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE IV

#### ELECTIONS

1. The President shall appoint each year, not later than 120 days before the Annual Meeting, a Nominating Committee of three, who shall be Presidents of Branch Societies. This Committee not later than 60 days before the Annual Meeting shall report to the Board of Directors at least two nominations for each elective office to be filled at the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made by a petition signed by at least fourteen active members, if made and delivered to the Secretary 50 days before the Annual Meeting.

2. An official ballot containing the names of all nominees shall be sent to each eligible voter at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

3. Members of Branch Societies may cast their ballots at the first meeting of the Branch Society succeeding the receipt of the ballots; the result of such balloting, together with ballots cast, shall be mailed immediately to the Secretary of the Society.

4. Eligible voters may mail their ballots to the Secretary of the Society at least ten days prior to the annual meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a detailed record of the ballots and make due report in writing at the annual meeting, together with ballots cast.

5. The fiscal year shall start on September the first.

6. The newly elected officers, together with those still in office, shall meet at the annual meeting, or as soon after as practicable, to select the appointive officers.

7. Vacancies among the officers, elective or appointive, shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors by a majority vote.

### ARTICLE V

#### QUORUM

1. Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum for the Annual Meeting or any special meeting.

2. Seven members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for any Board Meeting.

### ARTICLE VI

#### BRANCH SOCIETIES

1. Any member of this Society may affiliate with any Branch Society, provided he meets the requirements for membership in that Branch.

2. Each Branch Society must have a Constitution and By-Laws both of which shall be approved by the Board of Directors; it shall require that all members maintain active membership in the American Begonia Society; it must include among its officers a President, a Secretary, and a Representative 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 requirements in no way conflict with the National Constitution and/or By-Laws.

3. No officer of this Society shall be eligible to hold an elective office in any Branch, except that the Representative Director shall be a member of the Board of Directors of this Society, and shall attend meetings of that Board when possible, and shall make such reports, recommendations or communications as will further the interest of this Society.

4. The Representative Director of each Branch shall file an annual written report of his Branch activities with the Board of Directors of this Society at the regular monthly meeting of the Board the month prior to the annual meeting.

5. Each Branch Society shall file with the Secretary a copy of its Constitution and By-Laws and all subsequent amendments.

6. Each Branch Society shall file with the Membership Secretary the names and addresses of all new members together with their dues, as received. Each Branch Society shall furnish the National Secretary with the names and addresses of all the officers of the Branch immediately following elections.

### ARTICLE VII

#### AMENDMENTS

1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting of the Board, or by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting or any special meeting called for this purpose.



## Armchair Explorers

October Newsletter

We had a fine time at the Annual Convention in Ventura and hope you all did, too. It was jolly to visit with so many of your Armchair Explorers and we hope to meet and talk with still others of you, next year.

For the benefit of those unable to attend our Convention, we want to tell you about our exhibit. Our assistant, Mrs. Maud Nichols deserves the full credit for the success of the unique booth. A background of Chinese matting lent a tropical effect to the booth, decorated with colorful paper parasols, a bright Mexican serape, hat and mask. The envelopes from the various collectors of seeds in foreign countries were tacked on the wall and proved to be of great interest. Small potted begonias filled the back shelves, centered by some lovely gloxinias in bloom, grown by Mr. E. O. Sherer of Los Angeles. These were all sample plants grown from seed from the Seed Fund. Banana palms, grass skirts and paper leis festooned the framework of the booth and the Armchair Explorer's sign, framed with driftwood, beckoned the old and new Armchair Explorers. We displayed a plant of *Ipomea tuberosa* (wood rose of Hawaii), trained on a trellis, a large box of the wood roses, two beautiful vanda orchid corsages and a lovely *Anthurium scherzianum* plant in bloom. These were sent to us by air mail, by Mrs. Virginia Gillespie of Hawaii. Mrs. John Cheney of Pasadena had a table of ferns, in all stages of growth. This was a highly educational as well as beautiful display and the demonstration created a great deal of interest in growing ferns from spores. Some of our members brought in plants for our exhibit and we won a First, Second and Third prize in the competitive exhibit. Mrs. E. T. Boeshar of Hollywood, brought several jars of seedlings and many potted Seed Fund Begonias. All members who brought plants to our booth will receive a 1950 membership to our Seed Fund. We were very disappointed not to have had more plants on display as many who had promised plants, failed us completely.

The booth next to us was that of your Membership Secretary, Capt. Roy Dere, who had a grand educational display that fitted in well with ours, for he showed just about all the



Photo by Harold Hart

### ARMCHAIR EXPLORER'S BOOTH EXHIBIT

known plant and seed growing mediums, giving an excellent talk on how to start begonias from seed and all the best methods. This alone was worth the trip to Ventura. Capt. Dere had begonia seedlings and cuttings on display with out any sign of mold or damping off.

We are now calling all Armchair Explorers to "set sail" with us on another *seed hunting expedition*. Your ticket costs you \$2 for advanced growers and \$1 for beginners. Our plans for the coming season are to have two seed collections, the \$2 one to be of more rare seeds which seems to be the most difficult to grow. Then a \$1 collection for beginners which will be made up of the easier and more hardy type of begonias. Many times we receive but a very small amount of some especially rare seeds and these should be grown by only those experienced growers. Then too, many have expressed the wish that we send out more rare seed and not so many packets. At this writing we cannot tell you how many packets of seed there will be in each collection, but there will be just as many as we can possibly send you, be sure of that. We are not urging you to join the Seed Fund, only warning you that if you want this seed you had better get your name in early, for seed will go just so far.

I suggest that those of you who only want a few seeds try a mixed package. We have seed ordered from India, Philippines, Guatemala, Mexico, Brazil and Colombia so far. Our South Africa collector has moved to England so there will be no more seed from South Africa, we still have some on hand, see back issues of *Begonian*.

The wood roses were very popular, many at the Convention were wearing them as corsages. Mrs. Gillespie writes that the vine grows very large, possibly will need some winter protection, the flowers are yellow and she does not

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know if they are fragrant. They are of the morning glory family with deeply cut leaves and my plant is making a very strong growth. I intend to plant it in the yard soon.

I should like to report that my patio and garden are coming along quite well. The red tile floor is finished and the rock work flower bed borders all in, the new parakeet and canary houses finished and painted green, the wishing well of rockwork, shingle roof, bucket and all is finished. Now we are busy with the planting and getting things in shape when all is completed, we would be most happy for you to come see us sometime.

We haven't too much to offer this month—although we still have some wood rose seeds at 3 for 25c and can offer a large mixed package of begonia seeds for 25c. Please save begonia seeds for the Seed Fund, we will either exchange with you or buy your seeds. We need them.

Cheerio until next month,  
Your skipper,  
Florence Carrell

#### SHELTERED GARDEN BOOK REVIEWS . . .

*CAMELLIAS AS A HOBBY*, publ. by the Oregon Camellia Society. Sixty cents.

This excellent booklet of 55 pages is published as an annual, by the Oregon Camellia Society, and is intended as guide for those who wish to raise camellias as a hobby. Every page gives evidence that much thoughtful care has gone into its preparation and that it has been compiled by those who have a genuine enthusiasm for the subject.

Detailed instructions are given for propagation from cuttings, grafts and seeds and the culture of the growing plant. Chapters on flower arrangements, the making of corsages and the proper methods of packing for shipment by air, are included.

Eight beautiful color plates, numerous illustrations, including several "how-to-do-it" sketches, plus good paper and excellent printing, all contribute to the value of this very worthwhile booklet.

*THE TUBEROUS BEGONIA*, by Allan G. Langdon, publ. by the Mendip Press, Ltd., Bath. 1949.

The early history of the species tuberous begonia is very well presented, followed by methods of propagation, feeding, cultivation, etc. The 92 pages contain 28 very fine illustrations, two of which are drawings reproduced from *The Tuberous Begonia*, 1888.

The very clear, large print on a fine grade of paper, encourages one to read and use this book as a source of reference for growing this spectacular flowering Begonia.—Frank H. Overton.

#### LIBRARY NOTES

It is not too early to begin thinking of the holidays ahead and I am sure we can offer no finer gift to a lover of shade plants than a copy of a fine book on a favorite plant. It will not only prove a source of reference but will bring a great deal of joy and pleasure to the recipient. The following are available thru your library at the present time and I would suggest you get your order in early, for delivery in plenty of time before the holiday rush:

*Begonias and How to Grow Them*, Bessie R. Buxton, \$2.25.

*Begonias for American Homes and Gardens*, Helen K. Krauss, \$4.00.

*Tuberous Begonias*, Worth Brown, \$2.75.

*Successful Methods of Propagating*, A. A. Longmire, \$3.00.

*Tuberous Rooted Begonias and their Culture*, Geo. Otten, \$2.00.

*Orchids are Easy to Grow*, Logan and Cosper, \$6.00.

*All About House Plants*, Montague Free, \$3.50.

Numerous pamphlets on growing Tuberous Begonias and Camellias are always on hand and you may refer to your back *BEGONIANS* for further information on these. It would be greatly appreciated if you would include postage (about \$0.10 per volume) when forwarding your order.

Gladys C. Nolan, Librarian

#### THE GESNERIA FAMILY

by Mrs. E. T. Boeshar, Hollywood, Calif.

May I tell you of a Gesneria (jes-neé-ri-ah), which along with the Saintpaulias, are my favorites. The *Naegelia* (*Smithiantha*) is a beautiful plant native to South America, having soft, heart shaped leaves, brilliant tubular flowers and can be grown successfully in California. If they never bloomed, I would still grow them, just to enjoy their beautifully colored leaves. They are a most beautiful velvet. *N. zebrina's* leaves are a soft plum, flowing out to an edge of lovely green. The flowers are a soft red and yellow, with spotted throat. Red monarch leaves are a rich, dark red velvet. Orange king has leaves much like zebrina. The flowers remind me of the pentstemon flower. They are really a greenhouse plant and must be pampered to a certain extent.

They increase by runners and off-shoots and may be propagated by leaves. The rhizomes are shaped like tiny pine cones.

Another Gesneria, the *Aeschynanthus* (*Trichosporum*, pronounced tri-kós-poh-rum) *lobbianum* has been satisfactory in growing from seed. They propagate from cuttings easily and make an exceptionally beautiful pot subject.

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The seed pods are most interesting, looks as though the seeds were dropped in and gently wrapped with the finest of hair and I have found the seeds viable. The plants are epiphytic in their native state, but may be fastened to fern trees or sphagnum totem-poles in our greenhouses or window gardens. They have lovely shiny green leaves, darker than the *Hoya carnosa* but similar in shape. As hanging pot subjects, they trail over the pot naturally, making a beautiful sight when they are in bloom, having scarlet flowers and yellow throats.

#### YOUR EDITOR RECEIVED

A Tuberous Begonia Blossom by air mail, in a transparent, plastic container, from the Antonelli Brothers of Santa Cruz. The container measured six inches across and three and a half inches high, and completely filled the box. These modern methods of transporting fragile flowers are startling, but can be highly recommended.

A warm welcome at Rosecroft during a recent visit with a group of Glendale Branch members. Rosecroft is a *must* on all Begoniaite's itineraries. Mrs. Kathryn Hunter is a most gracious hostess and knowing the background meant so much to us (as it does to all Begoniaites), she spent a great deal of her time explaining the many points of interest, of which the late A. D. Robinson was responsible of conceiving and leaving, where the Hunters have restored and maintained this living memorial, so the rest of us may visit and bask in its tradition. This is one of the most natural and beautifully arranged Begonia displays we have had the pleasure of viewing. By all means, include Point Loma (San Diego) as a place to spend as much time as you can spare, on your next trip south. (125 miles south of Los Angeles.)

A letter from Mrs. L. M. T. in Missouri, explaining her method of bringing her begonias (about seventy five nice plants) in for the winter months, and how beautifully they fit in with her antiques. It has been your Editor's pleasure to find many lovers of begonias are also lovers of antiques. It would be interesting to know just what the percentage is. I am intensely interested in both, how many of you are?

**ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH:** Have been busy entering a few shows and coming out with top honors and money. They won the Trophy a second time, winning First place at Long Beach along with fifty dollars. They took Second at Orange County Fair, winning a red ribbon and thirty dollars.

Mrs. A. M. Peterson, *Secy.-Treas.*

#### A.B.S. OFFICER'S POT LUCK

The Annual Officer's Pot-Luck at the Miller's Begonia Garden in Whittier, was held Sunday, September 11th. As usual, a friendly feeling predominated in this large group.

Viewing the many Rex Begonias is always a keen enjoyment. Many of the crosses made by Mrs. Miller are named for officers of the A.B.S.

It is always interesting to see how *Ferd Neels* weathered the freeze, or whether *Mary Hazel Drummond* had survived the severe set back, suffered during the cold spell. *Dorothy Behrends* looked rather abject, due to several reasons, one being insects. *Rose Hixon* and *Gonda Hartwell* always seem to hold up to expectations, with *Rosita* and *Midnight* drawing equally admiring glances.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Miller are very generous in holding this annual affair and also show many colored slides of their named Rex Begonias plus group pictures taken of previous annual meetings in their garden.

The attending officers appreciate the Miller's hospitality and offer a humble 'thank you'. Those unable to attend, regret having had to miss such a delightful affair. D.S.B.

**HOLLYWOOD BRANCH:** Extends an invitation to one and all, to hear Mr. Rudolf Ziesenhenné of Santa Barbara, talk on Begonias, Thursday, Oct. 13th, at 7:30 p.m. The Ziesenhenné name is synonymous with rare and unusual Begonias, due to his keen interest in new introductions and his hybridizing.

Mr. Bill Walton, national president, will install the new officers; Gordon Baker Lloyd, president; Mrs. Mary Hazel Drummond, vice president; Mrs. Madge Butt, recording secy.; Mrs. Alberta King, corres. secy.; Mrs. Zella Otto, treasurer; Mrs. Laura Crandall, national representative; Mrs. Vera Lynde, branch director; and Dr. W. C. Drummond, librarian. A five minute 'shade plant lesson' will be a regular feature, with refreshments and a plant exchange climaxing the evening.

Mary Hazel Drummond, *Program Chmn.*

**MIAMI BRANCH:** Held their September meeting in Simpson Park and had a pot-luck supper. A discussion of how to enroll new Begoniaites and create new enthusiasm produced some splendid ideas. The plant sale consisted of 'donated' plants exclusively and there are two door prizes, one for guests and one for members.

Mrs. A. E. Sackett, *Nat'l Director*



*Cut courtesy of Sacramento Branch*

A Portion of the Sacramento Branch Exhibit

**SACRAMENTO BRANCH:** Walked off with top honors in their entries at the California State Fair. The Early California Garden, depicting a Mission scene, won a First, and the rhizomatous, rex, fibrous and tuberous Begonias won ten Firsts (blue ribbons) and two Seconds, plus a total of four hundred and sixty eight dollars in prize money. This will be a record difficult to top! Mrs. J. C. Young, our president's wife was the Chairman and as the Branch is not even two years old, we feel very proud of our Chairman and her committee. Two judges, Norvell Gillespie of San Francisco and Gordon Baker Lloyd of Los Angeles, (A.B.S. members) commented on the very beautiful

display of all types of Begonias. The tuberous blossoms were so large, there was some doubt in the judge's minds, as to whether they were actually grown in Sacramento. However, proof was forthcoming and the branch was able, not only to compete, but WIN.

The August meeting was a pot-luck supper held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Flannigan. The September meeting was held at the regular place, McKinley Park, with most of the evening spent in discussing the Fair exhibits. A plant sale and refreshments climaxed the evening.

Mrs. Arthur Root, *Publicity Chairman*

**SANTA MONICA BRANCH:** Held their August meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McLanahan, enjoying a pot-luck dinner. The National President and President-Elect attended along with visitors from Inglewood, Mar Vista, Hollywood and El Monte. The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Sylvia Leatherman of El Monte, followed by a plant sale.

The September meeting was held at their new meeting place, the Bowling Club House in Santa Monica. Calvin Trowbridge was the speaker of the evening, with Mr. E. O. Sherer, president, presiding.

Mrs. R. J. Hall, *Secretary*

Pamphlets on Rex, Fibrous and Tuberous Begonias may be had for fifteen cents each, by writing to the Membership Secretary.

**PETALUMA BRANCH:** Held their Annual Pot Luck Dinner in August, and food always attracts good gardeners. A large crowd turned out, bringing an abundance of good food. A 'plant table' climaxed the evening and everyone had an opportunity to swap garden 'difficulties' and experiences.

Mrs. E. Schlener, *Secretary*.

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BRANCH:** Have changed their meeting place. Mrs. Grace Bayer showed slides, from her own collection, of Begonias and Companion Plants at the September meeting. As Encino is a more centrally located meeting place for the Valley, it is hoped all A.B.S. members near this vicinity will visit or affiliate with their friendly group.

Mrs. N. Schoenbrom, *Secretary*

### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH:

Invites you all to a ham dinner on October 26th (4th Wednesday) at their regular meeting place. They will serve from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., for only one dollar. Mrs. Kathryn Hunter of Rosecroft, will be the speaker. It is to be a banner night, so save the date and plan to attend.

Mrs. A. N. Hartwell, *Secy.*

### ROUND ROBIN NEWS FOR OCTOBER

The Collectors and the Swap Robins are flying with new directors.

The Amaryllis Robin has been divided—one group is composed of members living in cold climates—the other groups consists of those living in warmer sections and are able to leave their bulbs outside during the winter. The two Robins should be better able to serve their members.

The General Hybridizing Robin has a new Director. An interesting Robin with room for a few more members. Hybridizing of Begonias No. 2 has room for more members.

There is room for members in the following Robins: Semperflorens; Research; Soil; Pelargonium; Ivy Geranium; Lily; and Fern.

New Begonia Robins are being formed and will welcome new members.

We shall miss our good Director of the African Violet Robins, Mrs. Jo Kehl, who has been directing five Saintpaulia Robins, giving a great deal of her time helping others to grow the charming plants successfully. We are sorry that she finds she must give up this work. A new Director has been secured and the Robins will not miss a single flight.

A Gloxinia Robin has been requested. Mrs. Thelma Delgado has offered to direct the group, now open for members.

The Nut-House Begonia Robin No. 3 is flying. These Robins dealing with the difficulties of growing Begonias under adverse conditions are carrying much "know how" of real value to their members.

Next month brings real frosts—Thanksgiving and turkey. How time flies—and my begonia seedlings are past their baby stage—now to bring them through the winter.

Send me a card if you are interested in joining the Robins.

Frances Downing, *Round Robin Chairman*  
Rt. 1, Box 11, Calera, Alabama.

### FAVORITE RECIPES

... compiled by members of the Hollywood Branch of the American Begonia Society is now available. Attractive glossy cover, moisture resistant, with Wire-O binding permitting the book to lay flat when open. Price \$1.10 postpaid.

A Suitable Xmas Gift

MRS. W. C. DRUMMOND

1246 N. Kings Road Hollywood 46, Calif.

**WHITTIER BRANCH:** Had a capacity crowd at their August meeting, held in Miller's Beognia Garden. Rudolf Ziesenhenné of Santa Barbara, spoke on the care and the growing habits of Begonias, followed by a question and answer period. He brought many of his rare and unusual crosses, which were later put on the plant exchange table. Mr. Perry Miller, president, presided and welcomed the more than one hundred and forty-five members and guests. Mrs. Haidee Hackler, *Secretary*

Ventura, Calif., Aug. 27th, 1949

**CONDENSED MINUTES**—The 16th Annual Convention and Flower Show of the American Begonia Society was called to order at 2:05 with President Gale in the Chair. Invocation by Dr. Harold Eaton, Pastor First Baptist Church, Ventura. Gracious welcome extended by Hon. Edwin Lee Gardner II, Mayor of Ventura to which Mr. Hart responded.

Board members present—Messrs. Gale, Bozon, Moore, Dere, Walton, Hixon, Trowbridge, Bailey; Mesdames Behrends, Drummond, Schwerdtfeger; Sommerfield, Bayer, Hartwell; Branch Representation from Inglewood, Redondo Beach Area (new Branch, Riverside, San Diego, LaMesa, San Francisco, Santa Monica, Petaluma, Bellflower, Glendale, San Gabriel Valley, East Bay, El Monte, So. Alameda Co., Santa Barbara, Pasadena, Sacramento, Long Beach Parent, Southgate, Whittier, Hollywood, Alfred D. Robinson, Eva Kenworthy Gray, Humboldt Co., Ventura.

President asked for a motion approving his action in appointing Mrs. Hartwell, Mrs. R. Ziesenhenné and Frank Clark as a committee to tally the votes; action approved.

Mrs. Edna Korts, Begonia Pin Chairman, reported the pins have been well accepted and there are only a few remaining. Anyone desiring a pin, contact Mrs. Korts.

Reports from the various officers—Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Public Relations Director and Editor.

Public Relations Director Louise Schwerdtfeger submitted Constitution and By-Laws for the newly organized Branch, Redondo Beach Area and asked that they be accepted by the Board. CARRIED. Amendment changes to the Glendale and Southgate Branches read and accepted. Read report from Mrs. Downing, Round Robin Chairman, showing keen interest in this department.

President Gale promised a ribbon to each Branch secretary, of the members living in that vicinity, after the new stencils are cut. Write to Membership Secretary, so stating if desired.

Attention was called to the magnificent display of tuberous begonia blossoms spelling out the word "Welcome".

Tally of the votes cast were read, electing Frank S. Moore, President, Calvin Trowbridge, Treasurer, Mrs. J. Jensen, Director for a 3 year period. Increase of dues lost, adding to the number of Directors carried and Clarifying Art. IV (4) Par. 1 carried.

Historian Hixon reported the first volume of the A.B.S. history is now ready to be placed in the library for loan. Librarian Nolan reported much activity in the library and asked for a \$50.00 revolving fund, to increase the number of books in the library. Kodachrome Slide Librarian Bayer reported the keen interest in this department, one set of slides having been loaned 44 times in 11 months.

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**SALEM BRANCH:** Held their first Fall meeting indoors, after several outdoor meetings during the summer. To start the schedule off right, they heard Mr. Leslie Woodriff of Harbor, Oregon, talk on propagation and the culture of Begonias. As he is a Begonia Hybridist of note, he was able to bring some of his unusual and outstanding crosses. He has crossed the camellia form of tuberous with *B. imperialis*, *B. glaucophylla scandens* with tuberous and *B. dichroa* with tuberous, which is against the rules in the book, but produces startling results. He is now working on a cross to create a plant having beautiful Rex leaves, with tuberous blossoms. He showed us a scented tuberous Begonia and one that had three different colored flowers, on the same plant. He also showed us his *B. ever-white*, a tuberous x *Sunderbruchi*, that has beautiful clusters of white, camellia-like flowers that will bloom in the house twelve months of the year.

Our branch had a very nice display in the Oregon State Fair, which created a great deal of favorable comment.

Miss Ellen Quail, *Secretary*

### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Etta Morant, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Small and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnston are to be commended for the very attractive exhibit they installed for the San Gabriel Valley Branch of the A.B.S., at the Los Angeles County Fair. It is estimated over a million people viewed this exhibit.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Dyckman were not in attendance at the Annual Convention and Flower Show. The reason for this is because they were visiting in Billings, Montana. Mr. Dyckman gave a very interesting talk on Begonias at the Billings Garden Club. Most all of the members are proud possessors of begonias, and were glad to have the Founder of our Society speak to them. Mrs. Robert Hamilton, president of the club, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Dyckman as judges of their novel flower-millinery contest.

Redondo Beach Area Branch is our new 'baby branch'. The Constitution and By Laws were accepted at the Annual Meeting.

If there are seven Begonia enthusiasts in your vicinity, and there aren't any branches near you, write to the Public Relations Officer (address on page 219) for information on organizing a new branch.

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**GLENDALE BRANCH:** Heard Mr. Franz Mangold talk on Flowering Bulbs and Fall Plants at their August meeting. He showed many lovely colored slides of his subjects and advised preparing the soil several weeks in advance before planting. Refreshments and a lively plant sale climaxed the evening, with Mrs. Edna Korts, president, presiding.

Mrs. Isabel Mullen, *Press Chairman*

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P. Knapp, Secretary  
6144 Blackthorne Ave., Bellflower, Calif.

### EAST BAY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.  
Willard School, Ward Street  
Mrs. H. E. Thorpe, Sec.  
1692 San Lorenzo Ave., Berkeley 7, Calif.

### EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, Oct. 20, 8:00 p.m.  
Columbia Grammar School, Rm. 160  
Mrs. Mary Bradley, Cor. Sec.  
701 Asher St., El Monte, Calif.

### FOOTHILL BRANCH

1st Friday, Oct. 7, 8:00 p.m.  
Woman's Club House, 1003 Azusa Ave., Azusa  
Mrs. Phyllis Heth, Secretary  
228 Bonita Ave., Azusa, Calif.

### GLENDALE BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Oct. 25, 8:00 p.m.  
206 West Cypress  
Mrs. F. M. Brown, Sec.  
3633 Revere, Los Angeles 26, Calif.

### GRAY, EVA KENWORTHY BRANCH

3rd Thursday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.  
Community House, LaJolla  
Tillie Genter, Corres. Secy.  
7356 Eads St., LaJolla, Calif.

### GRUENBAUM, MARGARET BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m.  
Home of Members  
Box Lunch 12:30, Program following  
Mrs. Frank H. Mather, Cor. Sec.  
515 Windover Rd., Hatboro, Pa.

### HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Miss Marjory Robinson, Sec.  
1137 No. Orange Dr., L. A. 46.

### HUB CITY BRANCH

3rd Monday, Oct. 17  
Roosevelt High School Cafe  
1200 E. Olive, Compton, Calif.  
Mrs. Mildred Ogden, Secy.  
114 East Olive St., Compton 3, Calif.

### HUMBOLDT COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Monday, Oct. 10, 8 p.m.  
Los Amigos Club, Loleta, Calif.  
Miss Margaret Smith  
P. O. Box 635, Ferndale, Calif.

### INGLEWOOD BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Oct. 13, 8:00 p.m.  
325 No. Hillcrest, Inglewood, Calif.  
Leo McBride, Secretary  
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### LA MESA BRANCH

2nd Monday, Oct. 10, 8 p.m.  
La Mesa Grammar School, La Mesa, Calif.  
Mrs. Ida M. Barker, Secy.  
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### LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

3rd Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m.  
Robert Louis Stevenson School, 5th & Atlantic  
Cafeteria, Lime St. Entrance, Long Beach, Calif.  
Mrs. Mary Congdon, Treas.  
1506 East 4th St., Long Beach, Calif.

### MIAMI, FLORIDA BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.  
Simpson Memorial Garden Center  
Mrs. Elizabeth S. Hall, Sec.  
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4th Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m.  
Member's Residence  
Mrs. Bruce Dill, Sec.  
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### NEW ENGLAND BRANCH

2nd Saturday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m.  
House Plant Show  
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2nd Monday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.  
Houghton Park Club House  
Harding & Atlantic, No. Long Beach  
F. John Nachbor, Secy.  
6217 Butler Ave., Long Beach 5, Calif.

### ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

1st Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m.  
Farm Bureau Hall, 353 So. Main St., Orange  
Sec.-Treas., Ann Peterson, 414 E. Palmyra,  
Orange, Calif.

### PASADENA BRANCH

1st Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m.  
Longfellow High School, E. Washington St.  
Mrs. Fred E. Distel  
1320 Elizabeth St., Pasadena, Calif.

### PETALUMA BRANCH

3rd Friday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.  
Danish Hall, 19 Main St.  
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2nd Wednesday, Oct. 12, 8 p.m.  
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### ROBINSON, ALFRED D. BRANCH

4th Tuesday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.  
3030 Homer Street, San Diego 6, Calif.  
Mrs. R. K. Whitney, Secretary  
4661 Brighton Avenue, San Diego 7, Calif.

### SACRAMENTO BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m.  
Garden Center, McKinley Park  
Miss Mona Carnahan, Sec.  
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### SALEM, OREGON BRANCH

1st Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m.  
Salem Y.M.C.A.  
Miss Ellen Quail, Sec.  
202 Rural Ave., Salem, Oregon

### SAN DIEGO BRANCH

4th Monday, Oct. 24  
Hard of Hearing Hall, 3843 Herbert Ave.  
Mrs. D. M. McDaniel, Sec.  
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2nd Monday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.  
Encino Park, 17301 Ventura Blvd., Encino, Calif.  
Mrs. Nel Schoenbrom, Secretary  
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### SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

1st Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.  
American Legion Hall, 1641 Taraval St.  
Sec., Mrs. Walter L. Morrison  
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### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH

4th Wednesday, Oct. 26, 6 p.m., Dinner  
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### SANTA BARBARA BRANCH

2nd Thursday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.  
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Santa Barbara, California  
Roy G. Pierce, Secy.  
914 Olive St., Santa Barbara, Calif.

### SANTA MARIA BRANCH

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Nipomo, Calif.

### SANTA MONICA BAY BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.  
Bowling Club House at Douglas Park  
Chelsea and Wilshire, Santa Monica, Calif.  
Mrs. J. R. Hall, Secretary  
933 17th St., Santa Monica, Calif.

### SANTA PAULA BRANCH

4th Thursday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m.  
Steckel Park  
Mrs. Shirley Friedrich, P. O. Box 888  
Santa Paula, California

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### SEATTLE BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, Oct. 18  
Member's Homes  
Mrs. W. A. Walker, Secy.  
4727-34 N. E., Seattle, Washington

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Girls Scout Clubhouse, Southgate Park  
Miss Ellen P. Dionne, Secy-Treas.  
3139½ Illinois Ave., Southgate, Calif.

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Cleveland, Ohio  
Mrs. Fred McCune, Secy., 1470 Waterbury Rd.  
Lakewood, Ohio

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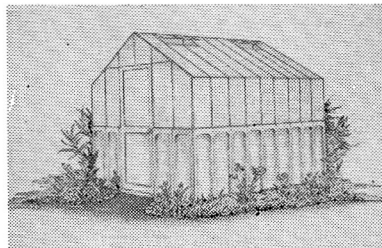
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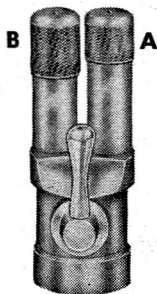
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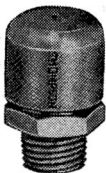
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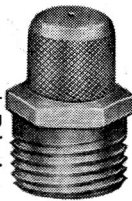


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