

Convention Program

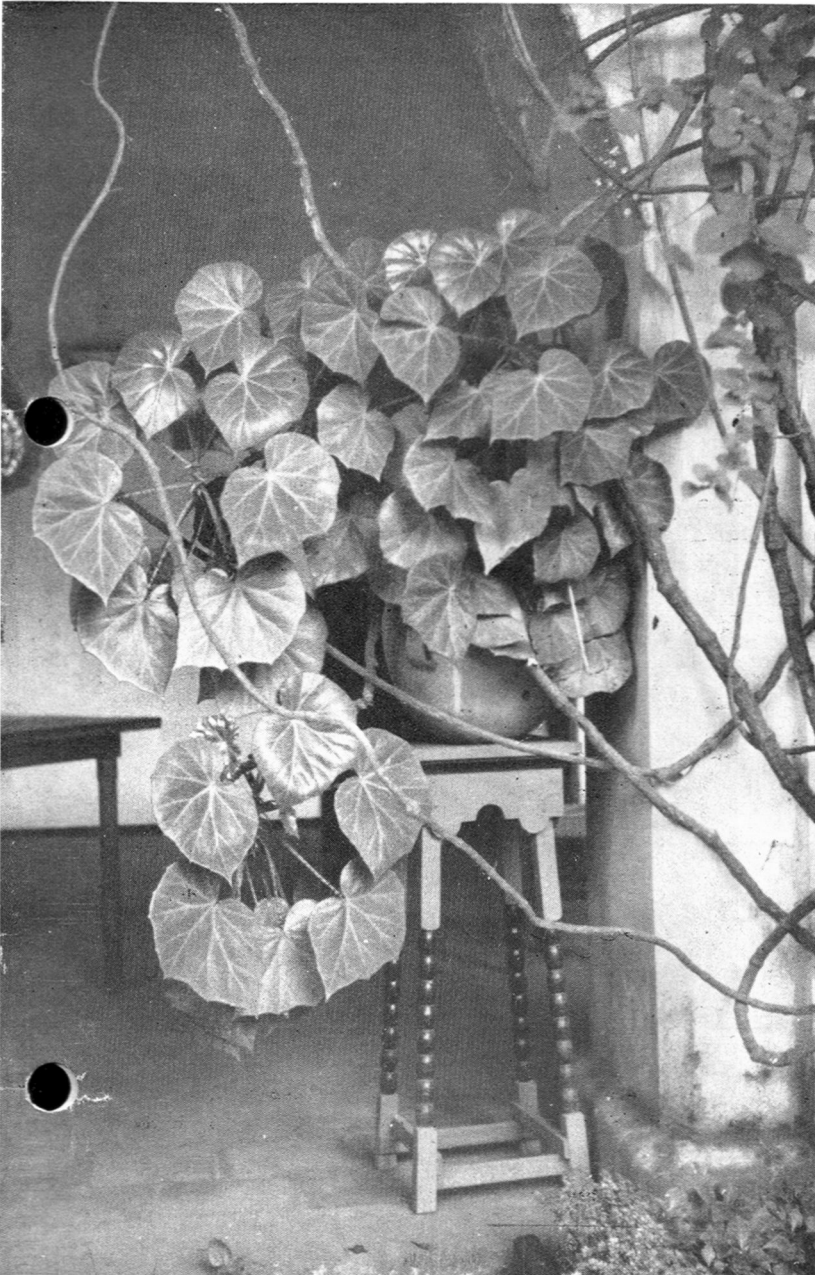
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California

From the Editor . . .

First off—your issue this month has been cut a few pages—8 to be exact, to give us a good big convention issue at no extra cost. We will have all kinds of things to show you and tell you about—so we will make it up to you then, and I am sure you won't mind.

The convention program is listed inside—and any convention is successful in ratio to those who come. This means all of us—and even you folks who can't come will have a chance to participate if you wish. This is our big year to go ahead with getting more members, and more readers, too, so the BEGONIAN will have a real booth at the show where you can come and say hello to Sassy and I.

I can't stress the importance of our California members in following rules for reservations, and so on. I can't stress either too much what's going to happen, not only on the dinner night, but business meeting too . . . and the wonderful show. Everyone come out . . . not just four hundred, but all of us!

The BEGONIAN hereafter will be checked and double checked on begonia names by Mrs. Louise Schwerdtfeger. . . . Hats off to her for lending a hand to help clarify begonia name spelling.

One of the things we need to do quick, is to start an advanced meeting date program, schedule of events, etc., farther enough ahead so we can plan. Will you cooperate by listing events and special programs two months ahead for me? I will put them in a special column.

Some of our mail is getting rather heavy on branch reports. Suggestions are that we keep them to what was discussed horticulturally, and not who did this or that and so on. I will leave that up to you. Shortly we will begin a new series of studies on Begonias for the beginner and as we get more begonia material we will trim the other. To date I have been very liberal in putting in most of everything sent. But we have got to build a real magazine now filled with info. So watch out!

This month I want to say hats off to the Stoddard family. Here is Mrs. Arline Stoddard who takes notes at each board meeting, handles all of our society correspondence and always gets the stuff to me on time! She goes unsung, as most board members do, who work hard the year around behind the scenes. Mr. Emri Stoddard does a top job getting our ads together, seeing they are lined up each month for our magazine. I never have to worry about them, for his leg work does it all. These workers give so much time to us, with so little to work with at times too—why not give them a little reward with our thanks to them—and their addresses for those cards are on the ABS Society page.

I must also say here—look, let's have less talk about misspelling and a little more work in helping us to get articles. If the same energy could only be spent in helping! Wow! That's hitting hard, right! I mean it. We know we could do a lot better with more time and more proofs . . . but we will do the best we can now with the budget. Overlook some of the obvious, to a few of you, and pitch in and help your branch to grow—in other words, lend a hand, not a kick!

How are the new members coming—Remember about the award?

And have we got a swell MC for our coming convention? A member from Eva Gray Kenworthy Branch of La Jolla will do our honors. He is a lot of fun and should make the evening move along in good shape.

LET'S GET CONVENTION BOUND!

As ever, growingly yours, G L.

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"Growing Begonias" . . .

by LOUISE CRAMER

from a Program given by Mrs. Julius Jensen at San Gabriel A.B.S.

Mrs. Jensen, one of the first growers of begonias in this area and early member of the Begonia Society is a well-known grower of African violets and begonias in Bellflower. Her business developed from a hobby which she said, "Got out of hand both in size and financially." She has grown begonias for twenty-eight years.

Our "hats are off" to any lady, who being a registered pharmacist in Bellflower since 1918, decided she needed more research to carry on her hobby successfully. To attain this end, she studied during her spare time and received her Masters degree in Horticulture from California Institute of Technology. Mrs. Jensen has the distinction of having her own hybrid begonia "Lady Clare" being raised in the Kew Gardens in England. "Lady Clare" has a dark green palmate, five fingered leaf with red underneath. Its leaf is about the size of one's hand and smaller than that of B. "Mrs. Fred Scripps." This begonia produces, in late summer, white flowers on short stems. This plant is sturdy and self-supporting. It has withstood 20 degree temperature in her patio.

Her light experiments show specifically on Begonia "American Beauty." Strong

light, not direct sun, develops the bright red chromosomes in the leaves, making the leaves a bright red. The same plant when kept in reduced light maintains the silvery leaves with only a hint of hidden pink.

Mrs. Jensen has a large specimen plant of begonia "Dayii" of which she is quite proud, but when asked her favorite, she replied, "I love all begonias—period."

She hybridizes begonias and grows others from tip cutting and leaves. The mix she recommends for successful growing of both African violets and begonias is: (using a gallon measure), 3 leaf mold, ½ sponge rock, ½ Nitro-Humus and 1 compost. To this mixture she adds 1 teacup of charcoal. She does not recommend the use of peat because it holds too much moisture which causes rot. When this mix is used for African violets, she sterilizes it first, then uses it not too wet. Her plants are well watered and then not again until the newspaper on which the pots are resting, dries out.

Isolate new plants, no matter from what source they are secured, for at least two weeks. Most bugs will develop in six days and be large enough to be identified in two weeks isolation period. If at the end of that period, no pests are found, the new plants may be integrated with others. This bit of advice she offers to save the buyer a tremendous amount of work or the heartache of losing many valuable plants.

One cannot go through the Jensen patio containing many fibrous, rhizomatus and

Our Cover...

Let's bring our plants to the show. Here is begonia manicata, groomed and ready. (Photographer and grower unknown)

rex begonias without being stopped by the neon like florescence of the epiphyllum in the wall pocket. The tuberous begonias have giant flowers. For inland areas, Mrs. Jensen suggests keeping moist peat under the plant so that humidity can get to the underside of the leaf. Overhead fog nozzles produce the humidity needed for successful growing of large flowered tuberous begonias. In the rex patio, begonia "Silver Lake" in a wall pocket, has a spread of at least three feet. It is a magnificent specimen only two years old, with giant silvery leaves about a foot in diameter.

After going through the begonia lath houses, one can not help getting all excited about the hundreds of African violets which beckon you to enter the greenhouse and revel in their beauty. I marveled at the variety of the flowers, their colors and foliage texture and shape. Mrs. Jensen mentioned the first "spoon violet, Gorgeous," exhibited in a show. The judges were going to throw it out because they thought it was a diseased plant. Now it is followed by "Fairy Boat," an interesting violet with elongated cupped leaves, with white undersides, which resemble tiny boats.

The violet growing hobby spread from an original collection of 30 plants to about 5000 plants. Be discriminate, she advises. Don't put down every leaf that breaks off. One of her specimen plants has a spread of 24 inches. The leaves of "Edward Kay" are the size of the palm of the hand. The leaves she wants to propogate are put into wet sponge rock in a large mayonnaise jar and the lid of the jar is screwed on. When the leaves are rooted, she puts them in her growing mixture because she feels the plants which soon will develop, need food. To keep violets in continual bloom, she follows a regular feeding program. She advises the removal of old blossoms so they will not fall on the leaves to cause rot.

In the terrarium or fancy jar or bottle, Mrs. Jensen places her regular potting mix, sets a violet plant, waters once and seals. No more water is needed and violets grow with a profusion of bloom. These

make ideal gifts for the shut-in or those who love beauty without work.

Other violet plants which our speaker likes are: "Holly," with it's dark bronze, leathery leaf which is ruffled and cut like a holly, makes an outstanding plant by itself; "Grotei," the climbing violet, has been hybridized to make a fuller plant which will hang around a pot; "Clementine," the best white frilled violet with girl foliage.

One of Mrs. Jensen's new hybrids, "Louisa," is a pale orchid, semi-double with five petals on the flower with two standing up inside. The new double pinks are being developed, but they are now for the connoisseur because the lack of quantity makes their price high.

Riverside Picnic . . .

The Riverside Branch will have their Annual Picnic and Pot Luck Dinner at the home of Mrs. Mary Gillingwaters, 1083 North Benson St., Upland, Calif., at 6:30 p.m., August 10th, 1955. A cordial invitation is extended to all other branches and interested friends to come and enjoy seeing Mrs. Gillingater's beautiful begonias and to hear our guest speaker Mr. Joe Littlefield, of Radio and Television fame.

For Sale . . .

Small mesh shrimp netting for creating wind break or shade areas. 36 feet by 44 feet, \$25.00 per bale. Will sell all or part of 4 bales, cash or time payments.

16 spoke wagon wheel 42 inches in diameter, 2 inch iron rim. Can be used as fence gate, garden ornament, made into a light fixture for den or game room. To be sold for benefit of National Treasury. Bids will be accepted up to time of National board meeting, July 25th. Will deliver within 50 miles of Redondo Beach.

JOE TAYLOR, Ways & Means
301 Anita St., Redondo Beach,
California

ARE YOU CONVENTION BOUND?

August 13, 14, 15 — Redondo Beach, Calif.

A Begonia Study . . .

—By MABEL ANDERSON, Slide Librarian

Here is a basic fundamental study for begonia growers, both the fancier and the beginner alike. Sooner or later either group is faced with the need to learn more about some of the terms applied to begonias. This study will acquaint them with their identification and basic information.

For those wanting actual "ABS study sheet," all they need to do is to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to me at the Slide Library of the A.B.S. (Take a copy of this to study begonias at the Convention or your local show.)

BEGONIA STUDY

Family—Begoniaceae

Genus—Begonia

BEGONIAS HAVE—

Leaves alternate

Leaves one-sided

Leaf buds enclosed in sheaths that remain as stipules

BEGONIAS—

Produce their flower clusters at the junction

of stalk of plant & leaf stem (auxiliary)

Produce branching flower clusters

THEIR—

Flowers lack the green calyx common to flowers of other plants

Stamens are numerous (pollen bearer, male flower)

Pistil consists of three or more each, usually twisted corkscrew fashion (pollen receptacle, female flower)

Ovary or seed receptacle is outside the flower segments, usually consists of three winged cells

Ripened seed pods split to release powder fine seeds

PARTS OF A BEGONIA

Stalk—main axis

Branches—divisions of a stalk

Node—a joint in a stalk, a part of a stalk or stem that normally bears a leaf

Stipule—a leaf-like appendage at the base of the petiole

Petiole—a leaf stalk

Peduncle—a flower stalk

Pedicle—an ultimate division of a common peduncle

LEAF SHAPES—

Acuminate—tapering to a point

Cordate—heart-shaped

Cuspidate—furnished with, or ending in a point, usually sharp and stiff

Elliptical—long narrow, both sides equal or nearly so

Lanceolate—narrow and tapering toward the apex

Palmate—shaped like an open palm or like a hand with the fingers extended

Peltate—having the stalk attached to the lower surface at a distance from the margin

Reniform—kidney shaped

LEAF MARGINS

Ciliate—hair fringed—provided with eyelash hairs on the margins

Crenate—with teeth rounded

Crenulate—minutely crenate

Dentate—with tooth-like notches

Laciniate—cut into narrow irregular lobes

Serrate—notches like those of a saw

LEAF TYPES

Hirsute—hairy, covered with long rather stiff hairs

Glabrous—smooth, devoid of hair

Chatoyant—changing in luster or color

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE TERMS

Lobed—having lobes or divisions extending less than halfway to the base of the leaf

Pubescent—covered with down or fine soft hair

Tomentose—closely covered with down or matted hair

Tomentum—pubescence consisting of longish soft entangled hairs pressed close to the surface

Succulent—having fleshy and juicy tissue

Begonia Library . . .

Attention, all members who have books out on loan from the Library. All book loans are for a period of thirty days. Please check the date on your loan card, and if the book has been in your possession for more than thirty days, it should be sent back to the Library at once.

We have a waiting list for these books, and it is only fair to them that over-due books be returned.

Our annual report is due in a very short time, and it will be necessary to show all over-due books on that report. Your prompt action will be appreciated.

LUCY A. SAULT,
Librarian.

A. B. S. STUDY SHEET

NAME..... SYN.....

Species Discovered by..... Year.....

Hybrid Country..... Described by.....

Seedling Introduced by..... Year.....

Sport Seed Parent..... Pollen Parent.....

Fibrous Growth Habit..... Height.....

Rhizomatous Hardy Lath Some Sun

Tuberous Glasshouse Outdoor Complete Shade

TYPE

LEAF SHAPE

Hirsute Palmate Lanceolate Palmately Lobed

Glabrous Peltate Cordate Broad Ovate

Chatoyant Orbicular Reniform Acuminate

Elliptical Palmately Lobed Laciniate

Basal Lobes Overlapping Cuspidate

MARGINS

Color

Entire Veins

Crenate Size..... Sinus.....

Dentate Underside Color

Serrate Collar..... Petioles.....

Laciniate Stipules

Ciliate

FLOWER

Color..... Fem. Petals..... Ml. Petals.....

Ovary Wings..... Peduncles..... Pedicle.....

Position..... Season.....

Cyme Erect Cluster Raceme

Close Cluster Pendulous Cluster

Close Stem Cluster Panicle

Similar Plants Pictured

Reference.....

Convention News . . .

Information about the 23rd Annual Convention and Flower Show may be found in the February, June and current issues of the *BEGONIAN*.

The June issue of the *BEGONIAN* contained the Flower Show Schedule, rules, and list of awards. This schedule indicates the type and extent of exhibits expected. Each year the number of individual competitive entries seems to increase, which is a good measure of the interest and confidence in a properly conducted Flower Show. All exhibitors are urged to check the Flower Show schedule and decide where their exhibit fits *BEFORE* bringing it to the Registrar for entry. The above procedure will help the clerks, typists and other exhibitors to register in a quick and efficient manner. Be sure your container is clean, know your plant name and how to spell it and all will run smoothly. Bring in the plants, everyone—we are ready.

The Annual Banquet and Installation on Saturday, August 13th, 6:30 p.m. will be \$2.65 per person. Send *now* for reservations, as seating is limited, to Lucille Terry, 2314 Harriman Lane, Redondo Beach, Calif. Food and service is excellent.

If you have never before done so, plan to attend the annual business meeting on Saturday, August 13th, 2:00 p.m. in the patio of the cafeteria. Here you will see and meet your National Board Officers and take part in one of the regular activities of our Society. This is the meeting when the By-Law changes come up for decision as well as several other committee recommendations. Therefore, come in and be a part of it. You will find it interesting, educational and sometimes humorous.

A final plea to each and every member. Please do come with the intention of visiting. Stay and meet out-of-town and out-of-state members, discuss varieties and means of growing begonias and other shade plants. Visit our Nomenclature Room, ask questions of those in charge—they have volunteered to be there to help you.

Come one, Come all, to **YOUR**

23rd ANNUAL CONVENTION
and FLOWER SHOW

Union High School
Diamond St. and Pacific Coast Hwy.
Redondo Beach, Calif.

August 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1955

—by *DIONE WILLIAMSON*

There is a lot of excitement down Redondo way these days. Convention time snuck up on us like a jet propelled rocket from outer space.

We are looking forward with much pleasure, to welcoming all Begonianites and their friends to the A.B.S. Convention.

In order to have that breathtaking display of specimen plants, flower arrangements and garden plot exhibits we hope for, we need the help of all of you. You want to know something? We bet we get it, too!

We just know that all Begonia and shade plant enthusiasts have been grooming plants and planning flower arrangements in every spare minute. And that every branch that can possibly make it will enter a floor display. After all, the convention represents all of us, doesn't it?

If we can help you in any way, just drop us a card.

Looking forward to seeing you in August.
WES and DIONE WILLIAMSON
Flower Show Chairman & co-chmn.
1400 9th Street, Manhattan Beach
California. Phone FRontier 9-1935

Housing . . .

— by *SAM SAULT*

To our members who come from afar —

A study has been made of the housing situation in and around Redondo Beach, our Convention City this year. It is evident that there will be no housing problems, and there will be plenty of rooms in both hotels and motels.

A list of available places to stay while you are here will be maintained at our Convention Headquarters. There are good hotels and some very comfortable and attractive motels, most of which are only a few minutes drive from headquarters and the Flower Show.

To those who wish to make advance reservations, please contact the Housing Chairman, S. C. Sault, by letter. Address 26938 Dapplegray Lane, Rolling Hills, Calif., not later than July 25. A deposit of \$5.00 is required. We have to know how much per day you wish to pay, how many in party, single or double beds, bath attached, hotel or motel, when you will arrive and when you will leave. Checks or money order should be made payable to the Chairman, S. C. Sault.

We will be looking forward to seeing you, and will do all we can to make your visit a pleasant one.

Redondo Area Branch

Announces as Hosts the . . .

23rd Annual A. B. S. Con

EVERYONE . . . Member

South Bay Union High School (Pacific Coast Highw

Events To See and Hear

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Set up booths and displays all day and evening.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

All entries must be in by 11 a.m.

Judging (closed to public) 1 to 5 p.m.

Flower Show Preview, members and guests, 50 cents. . 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Flower Show, open to public, 50 cents 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Banquet, Installation and Presentations 6:30 p.m.

Annual Business Meeting (Members only) 2:00 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies for evening, F. C. Quintana, La Jolla

Presentations of Awards and Cups by Cal Trowbridge,
A.B.S. Flower Show Chairman

Speaker of the Evening (with special stage setting with
plants and props from his own garden)

Gordon Baker Lloyd in "My Begonias and I"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Flower Show open all day (admission 50 cents. . 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Garden Tours (to be announced) in the afternoon

Special Begonia Program on "Gordon's Garden", America's only
outdoor T-V show from the Lloyd's own garden 4:00 p.m.

Channel 7, ABC-TV, Hollywood

Convention and Begonia Show

and Friends . . . COME!

(at the corner of Broadway and Diamond Street), Redondo Beach, California

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For Those Who Can't Come

ENTRIES:

Send your entries by photo. See schedule last issue.

Your photo has just as good a chance to win awards as the real thing.

Here is Your Chance, out-of-State Branches!

REPORTS:

The Begonian is set up to get last-minute reports in its issue for the September printing. If you are not there, you will hear about it. Feel then, that you are all a part of this convention. Reports will give lots of information, boiled down to be of value to growers and officers alike.

The American Begonia Society

51 BRANCHES STRONG

The A.B.S. is the "Life Line of
Shade Gardening in Your Community"

Aims and Purposes of the American Begonia Society, Inc.

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.

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BOARD MEETING REPORT . . .

Meeting of National Board of American Begonia Society called to order at 7:30 p.m., May 23rd, 1955, in Los Angeles City Hall, by President Koebig. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by C. Trowbridge, Aims and Purposes of Society read by President-elect Taylor.

Minutes of Special Board Meeting, May 14th, read and approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved, Balance on hand in General Fund \$375.24.

Communications: Letter from Veterans Association of New York thanking us for material sent for Flower Show. Invitation to June 22nd meeting of Glendale Branch. Letter from Elsa Fort Branch expressing approval of the "increasingly interesting Begonian."

President-elect Taylor reported he had charted membership and a loss is normal for this time of year. He announced Party Nite to be held in Redondo May 28th.

Membership Secretary MacLanahan's report read by Mrs. Gee. \$411.05 remitted to Treasurer, new members 64, renewing members 97, lost 49. Bulletins sold 4.

Seed Fund Administrator Gee reported income \$44.75. Expenses \$3.00, remitted to Treasurer \$41.75. Balance on hand \$100.00.

Librarian Sault reported books on loan 4, books sold 3, Begonians sold 40. Remitted to Treasurer \$9.29.

Flower Show Chairman Trowbridge stated that the Show Schedule had been made up and some changes made. He stated that the Judges chosen for the show were not members who had taken the A.B.S. Judging Course, but were bonified members qualified in every way. President Koebig stated he felt Chairman Trowbridge to be capable of handling the matter as he saw fit as long as it doesn't conflict with the Constitution and By-laws.

Advertising Manager Stoddard reported balance in accounts receivable \$85.98. April Advertising \$96.50. Remitted to Treasurer \$68.43, plus agency discount \$5.37. Balance due \$108.68.

Report of Awards committee read by the Secretary in absence of Chairman Behrends. Committee recommended Mrs. Bessie Raymons Buxton for the first Eva Kenworthy Gray Award.

President Koebig read Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution in regard to nominations and election.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. to meet June 27th at 7:30 p.m.

CONDENSED MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING NATIONAL BOARD May 14, 1955

A special meeting of the National Board of the American Begonia Society called to

order at 8:10 p.m. by President Koebig, at home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Olmsted.

Minutes of the previous board meeting read and approved.

Report of nominating committee given by Chairman Anderson. Report signed by Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Stoddard. President-elect Don Horton, Foothill Branch; Calvin Trowbridge, Inglewood Branch; Vice-President: Pearl Bauer, Theodosia Burr Shepard Branch, Kenneth Terry, Redondo Area Branch; Treasurer: Louise Cramer, San Gabriel, Marie Trowbridge, Inglewood Branch.

Moved by Browne, seconded by S. Sault that a vote of thanks be given to the nominating committee for their hard work. Carried.

Mr. Trowbridge, Chairman of Constitution and By-law Committee stated that Mrs. Behrends requested that Art. V, Section 3 and 4 be deleted and Chairman of School of Judges be added to list of appointed offices, so following recommendations were made by committee.

Art. IV, Sec. 1—Constitution—Following Historian, insert words "Chairman of School of Judges."

By-Laws, Art. II, Section 13 — to be changed to the following:

Section 13—The chairman of the School of Judges shall have charge of the instruction and examination of potential begonia judges, and will accredit those qualifying, the names of whom shall be submitted to the National Board with his regular monthly report.

Present Sec. 13—The chairman of the Committee of Awards to become Sec. 14.

Present Sec. 14—to become Sec. 15.

Present Sec. 15—to become Sec. 16.

Present Sec. 16—to become Sec. 17.

Art. V, Sec. 3—to be deleted.

Moved by Lloyd, seconded by S. Sault we accept the recommendation of the Committee as read. Carried.

Mrs. Bauer, representative from Theodosia Shepard Branch stated they would have a Jitney Pot-luck Picnic to make money for the National Expense Fund on a date agreeable to Board. July 24th agreed upon.

Stoddard reported that a letter had been found in regard to Julian Seide Ad. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Bauer that bill be put in hands of Collection Agency. Carried.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,
ARLINE STODDARD,
National Secretary.

Round Robins . . .

—By *MARIE REED*

It will soon be Convention Time again and I am going to ask all directors for a report on the Robins you are now directing. How many you direct at present and the names and addresses of each just like last year.

I must have this in time to get my records in order before I can send in my report.

I have had a request for a Foliage Plant Robin which would be interesting to include Philodendrons, Caladiums, Crotons, Alacacias. Anyone interested please let me hear from you. We also have room for more Beginners Begonias, General Begonias, Fuchsias, and Annuals, in the garden.

Now that the growing season is here let us all get very interested and exchange our ideas with our Robin friends.

Good growing to you all!

Peace . . .

—By *JEAN CROSS, Alhambra, Calif.*

I saw a troubled soul find peace in my lath house.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "There is one mind common to all individual men. Every man is an inlet to the same and to all of the same."

We know it is man's nature to think. In a begonia this same nature turns it pink.

Mind in man is awake and aware to opportunities. The begonia by nature is aware of these lovely cool spring rains, thereby taking advantage of the storehouse of treasures.

Man operates creatively through intuition, inspiration and reason. There is certainly no confusion nor misunderstanding in the nature of begonias. If man provides a small shelter, their potential is, and they must use it. Their expanding expression is made manifest to all mankind to view. They respond to kindness, care and love. The fresh leaf mold high from the mountain top is a pulsating power in their ongoing. They feel no restriction, and unfold in unbounding joy and beauty.

When a troubled weary soul seeks shelter, in the beauty of a cool refreshing shade garden, they accept the activity and progress of nature. They dwell in infinite good, their very thought is directed toward a fuller expression, and the troubled soul surely finds peace.

Southern Alameda Begonia Show . . .

With Vincent Peck as show chairman and designer, the Branch captured a blue ribbon that paid \$365 for its display at California Spring Garden Show, Oakland.

Commencing June 24 and lasting thru July 7, the Branch will exhibit in a "Fern Garden" exhibit at Alameda County Fair at Pleasanton, Calif. Peck is chairman.

July 22, members will hold their annual rummage sale at IDES hall, Hayward. President Mrs. Gwen Guerich will supervise. On Sunday, August 7, the branch is planning its annual tour and picnic to the Antonelli and Reinelt begonia gardens at Capitola.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, members are holding their tenth annual Begonia and Shade Plant show at Veterans' Memorial building, Main street, Hayward, Calif. Open to the public without admission fee. Bob Oliver is chairman.

The regular July and August Branch meeting will be "garden meetings" in the patios of members—entertainment and lots of good eats will highlight the gathering.

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1st Friday, July 1, August 5, 10:00 a.m.
Lounge, Florida Power Co.
Winter Park, Florida
Mrs. Lou Mankamyer
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DALLAS COUNTY BRANCH, TEXAS

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Member's Residences
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3113 Parker Drive, Dallas, Texas

EAST BAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, July 14, August 11, 7:45 p.m.
Willard School, Telegraph at Ward, Berkeley
Mr. Stuart C. Smith, Secy.
3147 Standley Blvd., Lafayette, California

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Sunday, July 17, 1:30 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Brummal's Garden, 6023 North
Putney, South San Gabriel
Mrs. Virginia Brandon, Secy.
3012 W. Norwood Pl., Alhambra, Calif.

FOOTHILL BRANCH

3rd Thursday, July 21, August 18, 8:00 p.m.
La Verne Recreational Building, College Park,
2nd and D Streets, La Verne, Calif.
Mrs. C. W. Hall, Cor. Secy.
358 E. Arrow Hwy., Upland, California

FORT ELSA BRANCH

1st Saturday, July 2, August 6, 2:30 p.m.
Miss Lole Price, Secy.
628 Beech Ave., Laurel Springs, New Jersey

GLENDALE BRANCH

4th Wednesday, July 27, August 24, 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 North Central
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coe, Cor. Secy.
1420 El Rito, Glendale 8, California

GRAY EYA KENWORTHY BRANCH

3rd Monday, July 18, August 15, 7:30 p.m.
Community House, La Jolla
Tillie Genter, Cor. Secy.
7356 Eads Ave., La Jolla, California

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2nd Monday, July 11, August 8, 8:00 p.m.
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Mrs. Jessie B. Hoyt, Secy.
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Home of Members
Box Lunch 12:30, Program following
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HAMSHIRE, TEXAS BRANCH

Mrs. Roland Ruth, Secy.
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3rd Friday, July 15, August 19. Members homes
Ruth Anderson, Secy.
Underwood, Iowa

HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

3rd Wednesday, July 20, August 17, 7:30 p.m.
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.
Mrs. Helen Ehret Murphy, Secy.
715 N. Genesee St., Los Angeles 46

HOUSTON, TEXAS BRANCH

2nd Friday, July 8, August 12, 10:00 a.m.
Garden Center, Herman Park
Mrs. Grant Herzog, Secy.
12600 Broken Bough, Houston 24, Texas

HUB CITY BRANCH

3rd Wednesday, July 20, August 17, 7:30 p.m.
Room 19, Roosevelt Jr. High School,
1200 E. Olive St., Compton, California
Mrs. Kathryn Hodgson, Cor. Secy.
813 South Pannes, Compton, California

HUMBOLDT COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Monday, July 11, August 8, 8:00 p.m.
Los Amigos Club, Loleta, California
Miss Margaret Smith, Secy.
P.O. Box 635, Farnedale, California

INGLEWOOD BRANCH

2nd Thursday, July 14, August 11, 7:45 p.m.
325 North Hillcrest, Inglewood, California
Mrs. Pearl Parker, Secy.
776 West 81st St., Los Angeles 44, Calif.

LA MESA BRANCH

2nd Monday, July 11, August 8, 7:30 p.m.
V.F.W. Hall at Imperial & Lincoln, Lemon Grove
Mrs. Ida Barker, Secy.
7591 Central Ave., Lemon Grove, Calif.

LONG BEACH PARENT BRANCH

2nd Tuesday, July 12, August 9, 7:30 p.m.
Fox Home at 2295 Elm Ave.
Mrs. Alice Waldow, Secy.
2175 Cedar Ave., Long Beach 5, California

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

4th Wednesday, July 27, Homes of Members
Mrs. Mildred Dunham, Secy.
914 Howard St., Venice, Calif.

LOUISIANA CAPITAL BRANCH

2nd Thursday, July 14, August 11, 7:00 p.m.
Homes of Members
Mrs. R. L. Wilkenson, Secy.
5764 Robertson Ave., Baton Rouge, La.

MIAMI, FLORIDA BRANCH

4th Tuesday, July 26, August 23, 8:00 p.m.
Simpson Memorial Garden Center
Mrs. Vivian J. Ennemoser, Secy.
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MISSOURI BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, July 19, August 16, 7:00 p.m.
In Members' Homes (Summer Months)
Mrs. Lucille Taylor, Secy.
6130 Chestnut, Kansas City, Missouri

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH

3rd Saturday, July 16, Homes of Members
Mrs. Lester H. Fox, Secy.
170 Marsh Hill Road, Dracut, Mass.

OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY BRANCH

1st Tuesday, July 5, August 2, 12:30 p.m.
Members Homes
Mrs. Selma Braun, Secy.
37 Broad St., Apt. 4-D, Toms River, New Jersey

ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, July 14, August 11, 7:30 p.m.
Grange Hall
1 block South Center of Garden Grove, Calif.
Mrs. Maybelle Woods, Secy.
604 South Helena St., Anaheim, Calif.

PASADENA BRANCH

2nd Wednesday, July 13, August 10, 8:00 p.m.
Homes of Members
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PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

2nd Friday, July 8, Aug. 12, Members homes
Mrs. Robert York, Secy.
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4th Friday, July 22, 8:00 p.m.
Journal Building Auditorium, Front & Yamhill Sts.
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SACRAMENTO BRANCH
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Mrs. C. E. Crouch, Secy.
2209 Murietta Way, Sacramento, California

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1st Tuesday, July 5, August 2
The Chapel, 685 Winter St., Salem, Oregon
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863 Edina Lane, Salem, Oregon

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4th Monday, July 25
Hard of Hearing Hall, Herbert & University
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SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH
1st Wednesday, July 6, August 3, 8:00 p.m.
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Mrs. Edward O'Brien, Secy.
234 Gates St., San Francisco 10, California

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH
4th Wednesday, July 27, August 24, 8:00 p.m.
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Arcadia, California
Mrs. Dorothy DeHart, Secy.
5329 N. Rosemead Blvd., San Gabriel, Calif.

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Girl Scout Clubhouse, 1838 San Andres St.
Seth C. Langdon, Secy.
1419 Quinientos, Santa Barbara, California

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3rd Thursday, July 21, August 18, 8:00 p.m.
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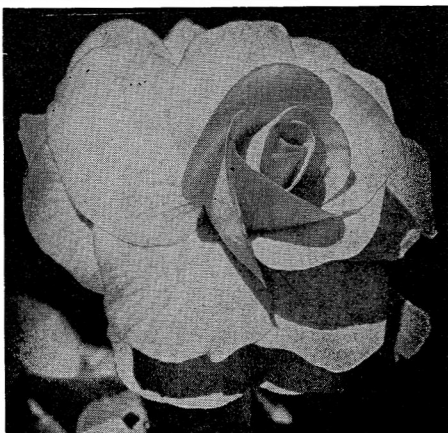
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