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Are You Convention Bound?

From the Editor . . .

From where I am typing, looking into my tube house outside of my den, I can see many of my begonias I am grooming for the show this fall. As I look at them I sort of wonder if a lot of folks would like to know more about growing begonias, both inside and out, and wonder if our ABS isn't a little "self-contained."

It seems to me we could go on a real drive to get more folks to come to our meetings—and if they can't, like a lot of our readers, at least get our magazine. Let's face it. Our little 24 pager will do a lot more with advertisers if we can get more subscribers. Right?

Sassy and I therefore are going on a campaign of our own—with our staff's approval which we heartily have. Here it is. We want to see how many subscriptions—and that is members too, we can get during the months of June, July and August.

For each new member gotten, we are going to give a star that can be worn at your local meeting or at the National Convention in August. The more members you get, the more stars! For the members you send, either through your branch or individually to our membership secretary, please see that I get a copy of who they are, etc. This contest will be in effect as soon as you receive the magazine. New members must be new, or former members that have not received the Begonian in the last six months.

At the convention I will award stars—and for the rest of you they will be sent to you at convention time. For the one with the most members to their credit I will award through "Gordon's Garden" nearly \$100.00 worth of garden merchandise of all kinds. Folks out of this area the same will be given hard merchandise for we cannot ship plants and some plant foods into other areas.

Runner-up \$50.00, and third placer \$25.00. worth of garden supplies. Let's get going then, and see who can have the most stars! It's high time we got a wiggle on and began to increase our membership by at least a thousand this year. We can if we only will!

Sassy and I had a wonderful time meeting the folks in the San Francisco Branch and delegates from the East Bay Area and So. Alameda Branches. "Hyacinth" Smith, S.F. Branch President, and all of her co-workers, certainly were most warm and gracious to us. We both hope we can get around to other branches and to some of you even out of state. How wonderful that in every area someone we know can be found—with the warmth and friendliness only ABS members and gardeners can give.

I want to commend our Flower Show chairman, and his wife, our treasurer, for all of the fine work they do. They unceasingly give of time to our ABS work. Cal, a former branch President and ABS National President, has done wonders in his Board work and in his official capacity as show chairman. Their experience is invaluable to the ABS and I hope they will be with us in years to come. This month then, hats off to them! Why not tell them so!

Last month our President and his helpers read proof on the Begonian. Our staff didn't touch it—and they did a good job! This month we are turning it over to another group.

Have you a metal sign telling the passer-by you are an ABS member. \$1.00 to our secretary will get it to you. I have one on our television show each Sunday. About 1 foot long. Very good looking, too. Now let's all vote and get our votes in quickly! I have printed the exact material sent to me by the candidates—so vote 100 per cent!

As ever - G.L.

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Mildew on Tuberous Begonias . . .

—By GILBERT NEILL, Stanford, Calif.

Although I am a new member of the American Begonia Society, I am quite familiar with the problem of mildew on tuberous begonias. The first mildew on tuberous begonias appeared about four years ago and at that time threatened my begonia collection and also that of the entire industry. At first, the experts at Davis (an extension of the University of California) believed that this mildew was that which appeared on roses. Later they revised their theory and came up with the idea that this mildew was similar to that found on cucumbers. In any event, no matter where the mildew came from, my problem was to find out how to get rid of it and to prevent mildew from attacking my plants.

I live in the coastal regions of Central California and our atmosphere is cool and moist. While this is ideal for growing begonias, it is also ideal for growing mildew. So, I started out on a tour of the commercial growers to solve my problem.

I found that the spray most effectively used was sulfur. While I found many

Our Cover...

Ralph Holtsizer of Darby, Penn., shows us his terrarium which was made by using hard rubber slotted corners, glass sides, top fitted on to aluminum cookie pan in which were grown miniature begonias, maiden hair fern. Plants grow beautifully during entire winter. A reflector type light was arranged on top of cover glass. Picture by Mr. Holtsizer.



Editor's gallon jug, rooting begonia leaf cuttings.

people using different sprays, the most commonly used spray contained sulfur.

CALSUL is a lime and sulfur spray and is colorless when sprayed on begonias. It was used by the Carmel Valley Begonia Gardens last year and I understand that Antonelli Bros. plan on using it this year. All the plants on which it had been used were in excellent, healthy, condition. Most effective control resulted when the spray was used double strength.

ORTHORIX is a polysulfide spray and does a good job of controlling mildew. It is also colorless when sprayed on the leaves but it will burn the blooms if sprayed on them.

ORTHO GARDEN FUNGICIDE containing Captan is a fairly new product and is effective in controlling mildew. It leaves an objectionable white residue on the leaves which I think looks as bad as the mildew

itself. Most sulfur sprays are fairly successful but many leave a residue on the leaves. My best success was with CALSUL—used double strength.

In addition, I found generally,

 Mildew first appears during June or July.
 Red, dark colors, yellow, tend to resist mildew better than the oranges, pinks and lighter colors.

Some plants tend to resist mildew altogether—even when placed next to a

diseased plant.

4. Don't water begonias in the evening. The water sits on the leaves all night and is a breeding ground for mildew. Water in the mornings.

If mildew becomes serious, don't water the foliage, but water around the root

area

6. Don't overwater. Perhaps the greatest fault of begonia growers is that they tend to overwater the plants. The begonias enjoy a moist soil but they don't like it soggy wet.

7. Keep the plant healthy and strong and

it will probably resist mildew.

Work has already started on hybridizing a mildew resistant variety (Vetterle and Reinelt), however this may not be market ed for a few years. In addition, it is thought that the mildew is only temporary and occurs periodically — every twenty years or so. In any event, effective control of mildew can be maintained by healthy plants, intelligent watering, and spraying with a sulfur spray.

Poem...

Have you ever been in your garden
On the very nicest of nites
And watched the slugs and sowbugs
Take out the juiciest bites?

-TERRY OLMSTED

. . . Just for a smile that we need so badly!

EDITOR'S NOTE

On page 103, May Begonian, inadvertently the article on Begonia Abel Carriere was sent directly to the printer without any name as to author. Mrs. Mary L. Gillingwators was the author and credit should go to her for the picture, also. It is important to note that materials for the magazine should go to the editor only. This instance happened when the editor was out of town and there was certainly effort made to get the article in. The editor apologizes for the error.

Convention Plans . .

-By JOE TAYLOR

Redondo Beach Branch

I am happy to report that plans for our 23rd Annual Convention and Flower Show are progressing smoothly.

The August 12 (Friday) program for the members will begin with the opening of the Flower Show, the Preview and Reception scheduled for 7 p.m.

Saturday. August 13—the Flower Show opens at 10 a.m. This Flower Show is to be built as rustic and natural as possible. Fencing, edging for displays, racks for baskets and wall pockets, are to be made of natural logs. Exhibitors are asked to keep artificial aids to a minimum. All branches are requested to write immediately for space to Weston or Dione Williamson, 1400 9th Street, Manhattan Beach, Calif. Donations for the cash prize fund should be sent to Lillian Peters, 1213 W. 127th St., Los Angeles 24, Calif.

The annual business meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. in the patio of the school cafeteria.

The piece-de-resistance—the banquet, and those who attended the 1953 Convention will remember the excellent food and prompt and efficient service, starts at 6:30 p.m. Write to Lucille Terry, 2314 Harriman Lane, Redondo Beach, Calif., for reservations. Make your reservations early as seats are limited. Be sure to send \$2.65 per plate.

Following the banquet, in the same room, will be the ceremony of Flower Show Prize Presentations and installation of 1955-1956 officers.

Sunday, August 14th, the Flower Show will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A garden tour is being planned but details are not yet available.

Please make all checks, etc. payable to Redondo Area Branch, American Begonia Society.

Remember—the place to go August 12, 13 or 14 is to the 23rd Annual Convention and Flower Show at Redondo Union High School, Redondo Beach, California. Come you all and renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

Mid-Summer Shade Show . . .

The Mid-Summer Shade Plant Show sponsored by the California National Fuchsia Society, will be held this year in the Exhibit Hall of the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium, Long Beach, on Saturday, July 9th, and Sunday, July 10th. It will be open to the public from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday. Admission will be 65 cents, tax included.

The two Fuchsia Societies, which in the past years have put on two separate shows in Southern California, were merged earlier this year to form the California National Fuchsia Society, which is offering you this bigger and better combined show.

Displays of Fuchsias, and related shade plants, in beautiful garden settings will be entered by the Society's many branches which extend from San Luis Obispo to Chula Vista. Other garden societies will also participate.

Individual entries are open to the public as well as the society's members and anyone wishing to enter their Fuchsias, Begonias, Ferns, African Violets, Gloxinias. Bromeliads or other shade plants in competition for ribbons and trophies, are urged to do so.

Commercial displays will also be present to offer the latest in equipment, materials and gardening information.

The Houston Texas Branch of The American Begonia Society as members of the Houston International Flower and Garden Show, staged a large competitive begonia section under the chairmanship on the following members: Show Chairman, Mrs. E. H. Claggett; Staging Chmn., Mrs. Grant Herzog, assisted by Mrs. U. D. Porter, Mrs. David Kennedy, Mrs. A. F.

Morin and the Branch President, Mrs. B. A. Russell.

Judges were from the Texas State Branch and from San Antonio, Texas. Members present from the Texas State Branch: Mr. and Mrs. E. Weaver and Mrs. R. J. Wilson and Mrs. Margaret Gleckler, Mrs. Harriet Gayle, and Mrs. Nona Boeck, San Antonio, Texas.



"Riverside Bennie" Featured at Show...

The Begonia display in the Riverside Flower Show, April 23-24, was one of the most popular features of the show. In the competitive section of the show there was for the first time a Division especially for Begonias in which there were 17 separate classes listed. There were 42 entries in 13 classes and all were exceptionally fine plants in good condition which gave the judges something to study over before making the awards. The judges were Mrs. Dorothy Behrends and Mrs. Dorris Motchman, accredited by the American Begonia Society. Sweepstakes for the best plant in the show went to Mrs. Mary Gillingwators for a beautiful large specimen of B. Man-

Dear Editor . . .

"The Houston Branch is well pleased with the Begonian. The story of the begonia B. OTTO ALBERT is all too true and having brought a plant home to Houston, we would like to add that in Texas we find it a well behaved plant as it has lost only one leaf as a result of the long trip and has made a lovely blooming specimen. We would like to tell all who are interested in rhizomatous plants that they will be happy to own this one. Read page 75 of the April Begonian again, everybody!"

--POLLYANNA COOPER

"The Begonian has suited me 100 per cent this last 6 months. A fine improvement. Keep drumming for members to contribute material. Pictures are good but not too necessary. Keep up your own editorials and articles if time permits."

-S. F. Branch

COPY DEADLINE:

All copy for the Begonian must be in the hands of the Editor by the 10th of month preceding publication. icata aurea-maculata crispa. The plant was in wonderful condition and in full bloom.

The Riverside Branch of the American Begonia Society had a small garden plot next to the competitive display. In it was featured the hybrid rex Begonia "Riverside Bennie." The large parent plant was surrounded by a number of smaller plants propagated from leaves of the original and no other Begonias were used, only ferns and foliage plants. This made a very effective and striking display. Eleven new members signed up at our show, with more to join.

The Begonia "Riverside Bennie," a 1951 hybrid by Mary L. Gillingwators, a cross of Pink Lady and Fireflush, registered #70 in 1954. Mrs. Gillingwators presented the original unnamed seedling to the Riverside Branch last year and they named it "Riverside Bennie" as a memorial to L. W. Bentley, a deceased past president of the branch, and editor of a monthly newsletter sent to members which he signed "Begonia Bennie," hence the name.

The accompanying illustration is of Begonia "Riverside Bennie" as presented to Mrs. Bentley a few days before the show.



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"I Saw Them on My Mother's Plant Stand"

By CHARLOTTE M. HOAK
—Continued from May Issue—

Another amaryllid was 'Burbank's Giant' Amaryllis, very popular as a display plant on plant stands and in sunny windows. After the blooming period was over, the pots were sunken up to the rim in a semi-shaded spot in the garden to renew themselves during the summer. Ordered from eastern catalogues was the fragrant Basket Lily or Peruvain Daffodil. After the bulb had bloomed, it was set out in a permanent row in the garden. Throughout the state you often come upon long rows of them in old gardens which have not been dismantled.

Hanging baskets suspended from the arcaded posts of verandas were much used. Three begonias, the rambling B. 'Limming-hei,' Mrs. Shepherd's lovely 'Marjorie Daw' and the dainty fern begonia, B. foliosa.

Because they were so easily raised from "slips," two trailing campanulas were exceedingly popular, Campanula isophylla alba and Campanula Mayi. John Lewis Childs featured the first one as Falling Stars. In many remote places in California you still find these campanulas which have endured throughout the years. The blue C. Mayi with its clear azure stars set in soft grey foliage makes a most beautiful basket.

Brought from Windsor, Maine, carefully wrapped at its dormant stage, was one of Mother's girlhood favorites, the Shell Plant, the pink flowered Sedum Sieboldii, which woke up the next spring in its far western home and bloomed profusely year after year. From this eighty-four year old plant I am still growing plants here in South Pasadena. In old fashioned gourd baskets suspended by buckskin thongs strawberry geranium, Saxifrage sarmentosa and Creeping Charley, Nepeta hederacea, were grown in racing competition. An innocent piece of German Ivy, Senecio mikanioides, traveled all the way from Boston in a piece of damp cloth and lived to see its prolific progeny fill every gully in old Mendocino. Fine pinches of seed of Kenilworth Ivy came via post from English cousins who gathered its seed at the old historic castle. For baskets and trellises Golden Variegated Japanese Honeysuckle was much used.

Variegated geraniums found a place on the average plant stand. 'Happy Thought' or 'Butterfly' Geranium was the good luck sign more potent than the popular horse shoe. Sprightly pink 'Clorinda,' most beautiful of all the mint geraniums, was passed from household to household, and spicy velvet geranium draped its velvety folds around gracefully. There are innumerable Ivy Geraniums but none have a more beautiful zonal pattern than old 'Jeanne d'Arc.' It stood in a sunny corner of the glassed in porch and was carefully trellised to display all the beauty of its leaves. Extending over one of the plant stands was a fine specimen of wax-plant, Hoya carnosa, which was a marvel of beauty when in full bloom with its bunches of waxy, fragrant flesh-colored flowers. In those days flower lovers had either a hoya or a Stephanotis floribunda, sometimes both.

The utmost care was used in making potting mixtures. The favorite one, as I remember it, was made up one part of black adobe loam, one part of redwood leaf mold or edge-of-the-wood leaf mold (made up of mixed chaparral, horsetail rush, Equisitum arvense and hedge nettle, Stachy's bullata. Only the most devoted gardeners dared to get this out, for there was danger of snakes and poison oak. It was no woman's job,) and one part of thoroughly rotted cow manure. To four or five gallons of the mixture a cupful of Scotch soot was added. This was mixed and piled to ripen.

I still use this mixture, adding a four-inch pot of flour bone meal and a sprinkling of Sulfortone. To avoid an infestation in the mixture, I fumigate with Lawn-a-Gen. I use no commercial fertilizer either dry or liquid. My compost has a high bacterial count. I make this compost every 30 days with the well-known activator, Humisite, put out by the Organic Milling Company of Glendale. To lighten my soil and provide good drainage I use Ceres Sponge Rok. My favorite foods are a compost solution and "Cow-tea" prepared according to the time-honored formula. I learned to grow begonias in the pre-Liebig days when we had no commercial fertilizers.

In propagating begonias from seed I use redwood flats 5" x 6", 3" x 9", or 9' x 9". They are indestructable. Each flat is filled with a layer of gravel, a thin layer of charcoal, a layer of sand or Sponge Rok, followed by a top layer of prepared soil. Flats are set in water to soak up moisture. The fine seed mixed with fine sand are broadcast over the surface, pressed in and are given a light dusting of fine sand or Georgia peat. They are then set in a closed frame until the tiny plants appear

Temperature and humidity are the most difficult to maintain here in this semi-arid climate with variable temperature and low humitity. As a rule we water our begonias too much, overfeed them and grow them in too much shade.

Slate of 1955 Nominees of the A.B.S. . . .

FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

DON HORTON, Foothill Branch-Native Californian of 25, is just reestablishing himself in the horticultural world after a 2-year stint in the U.S. Army. Don has been active in the Foothill Branch of the A.B.S. for a number of years. Noted chiefly as a hybridizer, he is a charter member and publicity chairman of the newly formed American Begonia Hybridizers Branch.

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Don is employed by the Social Security Administration in Santa Ana, California. After being raised and doing most of his horticultural work in San Dimas, California, he has recently married and is now making his home in Santa Ana. In addition to being an avid horticulturist, he is also an amateur photographer, lecturer, and tropical fish breeder.

CAL TROWBRIDGE, Inglewood Branch—needs no introduction to the American Begonia Society. He is a man of long experience in the A.B.S. and has the experience needed to fulfill the office of President in the Society. He has been past president of the National Begonia Society, and President twice of the Inglewood Branch. Among the activities that occupies his time is his chairman-ship of the California Earthworm Grower's Ass'n., and his activity at the International Flower Show as chairman of the Garden Clubs on Parade Section. "Cal" is an avid gardener, which his home garden shows. His occupation is landscape gardener which gives him still more background with gardening lovers.



FOR VICE-PRESIDENT



PEARL BAUER, Ventura Branch—"I have been active in the Theodosia Beach since 1950, and now represent this branch as National Director Legical the 1955 week beach active Legical the 1955 week beach and the 1955 week beach active Legical the 1955 week beach active in the Theodosia

ector. I also edited the 1955 year book.

"I am Vice-President of the Ventura Fuchsia Society, also served as Treasurer for 2 years. Have represented the Ventura Branch as National Representative, In 1954 I served as Hostess Chairman for the Ventura City Flower Show and was recently appointed to the same position for the 1955 show. I now serve as Guardian Treasurer of Bethel No. 217 of the International Order of Jobs Daughters and of which I am a Charter Council Member. For the past 3 years I have been working voluntarily with the staff at juvenile hall for the betterment of the under-privileged children."

KEN TERRY, Redondo Beach Branch-49 years of age. Has spent his life in the service of horticulture. Has spent several years as a lecturer on horticultural subjects. Ten years designing landscapes for parks and cemeteries. Three years in the gardens of pharmacy at the University of Washington. Past president of the National Fuchsia Society, and active in many garden clubs. Author of garden articles in many papers and magazines. Has had experience as parliamentarian. Outside of growing plants, and assisting others to grow good plants, his hobby is photography. Member of Redondo Area Branch for three years.



FOR TREASURER



LOUISE CRAMER, San Gabriel Valley Branch—"First and foremost in my life is my family, Merwyn my husband, is my inspiration and constructive critic. We have seven children, four boys and three girls, ranging in age from twenty to six years. I hold degree of B.S. of Chemical Engineering. With children you are naturally active in youth work, working with the East Pasadena Youth Center, Girls Club, Girl Scouts, and P-TA Board. I am Past President of the Federation of Mother's Auxiliaries of Boy Scouts of America and past district Den Mother Chairman. Member of Assistance League, OES, White Shrine and Michalinda Community Church. Past President of San Gabriel Valley Branch of ABS and now National Rep. and Publicity Director of that branch. Write for the "Begonian" and a column for the Sunday Garden section of the Pasadena Star News.

MARIE TROWBRIDGE, Inglewood Branch—has been a member of the ABS for many years and is active in all types of ABS work on both National and Branch levels. She has been employed as a bookkeeper for the Douglas Aircraft Co. for many years, thus having the experience and knowledge that is necessary for serving as Treasurer. As Treasurer for the 1950 convention, she did an outstanding job. She served as Inglewood Branch Treasurer in 1953 and as National ABS Treasurer during the past year. Her job there has proven to be what the Society needed in records and fine bookkeeping as never has happened in month to month records, receipts and general bookkeeping.



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The Eva Kenworthy Gray Award . . .

—By DOROTHY S. BEHRENDS

Chmn. of Awards Committee

An Award presented to a Begonia Personality for having helped "cement Good Will and Harmony among A.B.S. members" or "for contributing original material—other than begonias to help members further their study and enjoyment of the Begoniacae," is a fitting tribute to the memory of our late beloved member, Eva Kenworthy Gray.

To her many intimate friends and penpals, she was known as "Lita" and was extremely generous with her practical knowledge of begonias. As literature on begonias was unavailable to the average begonia fan, she gathered her notes together in 1931 and published THE BEGONIA BOOK, the first book on begonias in this country.

The diligent research by students since that date has brought to light a few inaccuracies, but this booklet is still treasured for its fine descriptions of begonias and it is truly a collector's item.

Prior to 1920, Mrs. Gray was given two cuttings, Begonia "Margaritae" and B. "Odorata Alba." These proved to be so successful, she began collecting begonias in earnest. Her hybridizing program began in 1923, which continued almost until her passing in 1951, at the age of eighty-eight.

Her most famous crosses are the white flowered B. "Neely Gaddis," B. "Nellie Bly,' B. "Medora," and the "Superba Strain." Her last resultant hybrid was B. "Janei," in 1950.

Mrs. Gray was a close friend of the late Alfred D. Robinson, originator of the Rosecroft Begonia Gardens, perpetuated by the enthusiastic Hunters, who are to be commended for preserving this famous garden.

Mrs. Gray is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Helen McCabe and Mrs. Charles Calloway. Mrs. McCabe developed a love for succulents, while Mrs. Calloway followed in her mother's path and raised beautiful specimens of all her mother's begonia crosses. Her garden is the Begonia Show Place of La Jolla and visitors always gain the revered feeling of Mrs. Gray's vitality while visiting Mrs. Calloway's secluded paradise.

So, it is felt, that by honoring the memory of the Grand Lady of Begonias with

this Award, the American Begonia Society may show its appreciation to many of its unsung "champions."

Those of us who knew and loved "Lita" are happy to announce the advent of such an Award.

—Dorothy S. Behrends Chmn. of Awards Committee

Point System for Judging Begonias

Fibrous and Rhizomatous Begonia	
Specimens—	
Cultural perfection	
Foliage	15
Difficulty of cultivation	15
Quantity and quality of flowers	15
Correct and suitable labeling	5
_	400
	100
Rex Begonia Specimen—	40
Cultural perfection	20
Foliage 0 Distinction	10
Size of plant	
Difficulty of cultivation	
Correct and suitable labeling	5
Correct and suitable labeling	3
-	100
Tuberous Begonia Specimen Plant	100
Number and size of blooms in	
proportion to size of plant	40
Cultural perfection	25
Healthy foliage	15
Erect flowering stem	10
Quality of flower	10
	100
Corsage of Begonia Flowers	
Color combination	25
Proportion and balance	25
Suitability of occasion	. 10
Style and grace	. 25
Distinction and originality	. 15
	100
Begonia Flower Arrangements	
Color combination	
Proportion and balance	. 25
Distinction and originality	. 25
Relation to receptacle	
Condition	
Suitable combination of material	. 10
	100
	100

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1955 REVISED FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

ABS National Show, Redondo Beach, California

DIVISION A — B. Semperflorens-cultorum-1. Bedding begonias, single flowered, such as: B. s-c Carmen, B. s-c Prima donna, Class B. s-c Apple blossom, etc. Bedding begonias. double flowered, such as: B. Gustav-Lind, B. Geneva beauty. (white, rose, scarlet, etc.) 3. Distinctive hybrids and mutants of B. semperflorens-cultorum and B. semperflorens, such as: B. Rosea-gigantea, B. Corbeille de feu, B. Calla lily, etc. Hanging baskets with specimen plants of classes 1, 2 or 3 (not more than 3 plants.) 5. Wall pockets with specimen plants of classes 1, 2 or 3. (not more than 3 plants.) DIVISION B — Fibrous Begonias-6. Tree types, such as: B. lucerna, B. compta, B. Orange Rubra, B. Sceptrum, etc.
7. Intermediate types, such as: B. argentea-guttata, B. preussen, etc.
8. Low growing types such as: B. Mendora, B. Jinnie May, etc.
9. Hanging baskets with one specimen plant of climbing or scandent types, such as B. Limminghei, B. scandens, B. glabra, etc. 10. Wall pockets, climbing or scandent types, one specimen plant. 11. Distinctive, unusual or odd foliage, erect. such as: B. Mrs. Fred Scripps, B. venosa, B. deliciosa, B. luxurians, etc. 12. Hairy begonias, such as: B. Haageana, B. Nelly Bly, etc. 13. Sparsely hairy begonias, such as: B. Braemar, B. Dorothy Grant, etc. 14. Hanging Baskets, one specimen plant of classes 11, 12 or 13. 15. Wall pockets, one specimen plant of classes 11, 12 or 13.16. Other varieties not specified. DIVISION C — Rhizomatous Begonia Group-Class 17. Low-growing, small-leaved types, such as: B. Schulziana, B. Boweri, B. Spauld-18. Large star type such as: B. ricinifolia, B. Sunderbruchi, B. nigricans, etc. 19. All other star types such as: B. Silver Star, B. Maphil, B. Glendale, B. Bow Nigra, etc. 20. Spiral and crested types, such as: B. Bunchi, B. erythrophylla helix, B. Ricky Minter, B. crestabruchi, etc. 21. Large-foliage, such as: B. Freddie, B. Barkeri, etc. 22. Distinctive, unusual or odd foliage, such as B. acida, B. versicolor, B. pustulata. 23. B. imperialis and its hybrids. 24. Baskets and wall pockets of classes 17 to 23 incl. One specimen plant. 25. Totem Pole Begonias, such as: Joe Hayden, Bow Chancee, Bow Arriola, etc. 26. Other varieties not specified. DIVISION D - Begonias rex-cultorum Class 27. Large-leaved types, such as: B. r-c Lesoudsi, B. r-c Cardoza Gardens, B. r-c 28. Medium-leaved types, such as: B. r-c Helen Lewis, B. r-c Glory of St. Albans, B. r-c Chretien, etc.

29. Small-leaved types, such as: B. r-c Sir Percy, B. r-c Silver Fleece, B. r-c Lucy

30. Miniature types, distinguished from the small-leaved types by their short stubby rhizomes and very small, compact growth, such as: B. r-c Annie Robinson, B. r-c Toy, B. r-c Butterfly, and the Roy Berry miniature plants. Miniature spiral types, such as: B. r-c Berry's Brown Curl, B. r-c Berry's Gray

Curl, B. r-c Cutie, etc.

32. Helix spiral types, such as: B. r-c Countess Louise Erdoedy, B. r-c Curly Closson, B. r-c Bronze King, etc.

33. Upright and branched types, such as: B. r-c Van-ex, B. r-c Nigger Tree, B. r-c Silver Sweet, etc.

34. Wall pockets, one specimen plant of classes 26 to 32 incl.

35. Any other variety not specified.

HE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY...

DIVIS	SION	E — Tuberous Rooted Varieties (Other than Tuberhybrida) ————
Class	36.	Species, such as: B. sutherlandi, B. martiana, B. davisi, B. Macbethi, etc. Hybrids, such as: B. Lulandi, B. Weltoniensis, B. Richard Robinson, etc.
		All Socotrana and derivatives.
		Hanging baskets, one specimen plant, Classes 35 to 37 incl.
	40.	Wall pockets, one specimen plant, Classes 35 to 37 incl.
DIVIS	SION	F. — Tuberhybrida, one specimen plant————
Class		Single forms, flowers suggestive of the wild rose.
	42.	Multiflora and multiflora nana; low bushy, compact; many-flowered, both
		single and double.
		Camellia forms: flowers camellia-like, both single and double.
		Fimbriata plena: large, double, carnation-like flowers.
		Crispa: large, single, petal-margins frilled.
		Cristata: large, single, flowers with crestlike outgrowth on each petal.
		Rosebud: rose-like in appearance.
	48.	Picotee: irregular border of a different color bleeding into the dominant shade.
		Marmorata: camellia form with a rose background blotched and spotted white.
	50.	Ruffled camellia and novelty types as distinguished from fimbriata plena,
	£ 1	large blooms.
	э1.	Marginata: camellia form, petals edged with a thin, precise line of a different color.
	50	Pendula (syn. Lloydi): drooping type suitable for suspended containers; flowers
	52.	numerous, both large and small.
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		G — Collections ————
Class	ЭЭ. Ел	Collection of 3 begonias - each of a different class. Collection of 6 begonias - each of a different class.
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		H — Out of State Entries, specimen plants, limit 5 inch container—
Class		Fibrous Begonia.
		Rhizomatous Begonia.
		Rex Begonia.
		Tuberous Begonia.
	59.	Photograph: 1 - 8 x 10 inch glossy, specimen plant, grown by exhibitor in
	60	accordance with flower show rules. Photograph: 1 - 8 x 10 inch glossy, collection as in classes 52 and 53, grown by
	00.	exhibitor in accordance with flower show rules.
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DIVI	510IV	I I — New Begonia introductions, hybrids or crosses, registered since September 1, 1954. OPEN TO ALL AMATEUR AND COMMERCIAL EXHIBI-
		TORS (SPECIAL PROVISION FOR THIS DIVISION ONLY). Plants
		in this division are not eligible for sweepstakes award.
Class	61.	
Cidoo		Mature plants, up to 2 years old. (fibrous, tuberous and rhizomatous only).
		Rex seedling 3 years or older. (rex seedlings take at least 3 years before they
		attain their true coloring, hence this class).
DIVI	STON	J — Junior Growers (Children of A.B.S. Members to age 18).
		Fibrous Begonia, one specimen plant.
01400		Rhizomatous Begonia, one specimen plant.
		Rex Begonia, one specimen plant.
	68.	
DIVI	STON	NK — Ferns ———
		Mounted, large-leaved epiphytic, such as Platyceriums.
-		Ferns in soil mixture, such as: Platyceriums, Polypodiums, etc.
		Hanging basket, fine fronds or heavy fronds.
		Potted specimen, such as tree ferns.
DIVI		N L — Saintpaulias ———
		Single crown plants, general foliage, all colors.
		Single crown plants, Girl foliage, all colors.
		Multiple crown plants, all foliages, all colors.
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DIVISION M — Fuchsias —————	
Class 76. Upright Fuchsias.	
77. Hanging varieties.	
DIVISION N — Sinningias —————	
Class 78. Gloxinias - all varieties.	
79. Stroxinias - all varieties.  DIVISION O — Orchids —	
Class 80. Cymbidiums.	
81. Cattleya.	
DIVISION P — Other Shade Plants and Tropicals. ————————————————————————————————————	
Class 82. Coleus.	
83. Philodendrons, large-leaved.	
84. Philodendrons, medium-leaved.	
85. Any other shade or tropical plant.	
DIVISION Q — Flower Arrangements (amateurs only).	
Class 86. Low container, begonia flowers and foliage, other than tuberhybrida.	
87. Tall container, begonia flowers and foliage, other than tuberhybrida.	
88. Low container, tuberous begonias (tuberhybrida)	
89. Tall container, tuberous begonias (tuberhybrida)	
90. Begonias and other plant material, any type, low container.	
91. Begonias and other plant material, any type, tall containers.	
92. Rex Begonia foliage. 93. Rex Begonia foliage, with other plant foliage, no flowers.	
94. Other shade or tropical plant material, not listed.	
95. Corsages, tuberous begonias (tuberhybrida).	
96. Corsages, Begonia blossoms or foliage, other than tuberhybrida.	
97. Corsages, all other varieties.	
DIVISION R — Flower Arrangements (commercial.) ————	
Class 98. I ow container, Begonia flowers and foliage, other than tuberhybrida.	
99. Tall container, Begonia flowers and foliage, other than tuberhybrida.	
100. Low container, tuberous begonias (tuberhybrida).	
101. Tall container, tuberous begonias (tuberhybrida).	
102. Begonias and other plant material, any type, low container.	
103. Begonias and other plant material, any type, tall container.	
104. Rex Begonia foliage.  105. Rex Begonia foliage, with other plant foliage, no flowers.	
106. Other shade or tropical plant material, not listed.	
107. Corsages, tuberous begonias (tuberhybrida).	
108. Corsages, Begonia blossoms or foliage, other than tuberhybrida.	
109. Corsages, all other varieties.	
DIVISION 3 — Terrariums and Planters —	
Class 110. Planted with Begonias.	
111. Planted with other house plants.	
DIVISION T — Educational Exhibits ————	
Class 112. Educational exhibit consisting of material assembled to promote it	ncreased
knowledge and appreciation of begonias, such as: begonia seedlings,	begonia
illustrations, begonia literature, display of related begonias, begonia techniques. Amateur or commercial persons will compete together.	cultural
DIVISION U — Branch Exhibits.	
DIVISION V — Other Garden Club Exhibits.	
DIVISION W — Commercial Exhibits.	
A.B.S. FLOWER SHOW RULES AND REGULATION	iS .

1. All exhibits are, from the commencement to the close of the exhibition, in charge of the Show Committee.

2. Competitive entries must be made according to divisions and classes; nonconformity will be subject to disqualification.

3. All competitive entries must be in place by 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 12 and judging will commence at 1:00 p.m. All entries not in by 11:00 a.m. will be eligible only for non-competitive exhibition.

4. All entries will receive sealed entry

cards at time of entering plants, allowing same to remain sealed until after judging.

5. Chairman of Judges Committee will assume complete charge at start of judging, and no person will be allowed to interfere, to offer criticisms, or to distract the decisions of the judges. Only judges and their clerks will be permitted in show room at time of judging.

6. Any Chairman or members of committees engaged in the show preparation are permitted to exhibit and to compete

under the same conditions, as any other exhibitor, with adherance to all show rules.

7. No entry may compete for more than one premium, nor may more than one entry be made in any class with the exception of Division I. Additional entries in any one class will not be permissible by a 2nd or 3rd member of a family from the same garden.

8. All plants and flowers exhibited in competitive classes must have been grown by the exhibitor or been in his possession for 3 months prior to the show. This rule does not apply to flower arrangements.

9. Amateur Grower is one who grows plants for self pleasure and by self effort, and does not hold a commercial license. Any member of the family not falling into this category disqualifies the entire family as amateurs.

10. A commercial grower may enter any class for exhibition only and will not be eligible for ribbons or cash awards in that class. However, plant will be judged for the President's Challenge Trophy for the Best Begonia in the Show.

11. All plants and flowers must be clearly and correctly named. Errors in naming will not disqualify, but judges will recognize correctness and clearness of names as telling in favor of an exhibit in close competition.

12. The management shall have the right to exclude inferior or diseased plants.

13. No plant may be removed from the Show except by official permission.

14. While the management will exercise due caution and care in safeguarding exhibits, it cannot assume responsibility for loss or injury.

15. Judges shall award premiums as in their opinion an entry merits. Whether a group of entries are in competition, or an entry is without competition, it will be in their discretion to award only on the merits, or no award.

16. Trophy awards are limited to Amateur A. B. S. members only, with the exception of the President's Challenge Cup, MacLanahan Trophy and Outside Garden Club Trophy.

17. Sweepstakes Trophy will be awarded by the point system and will be awarded on total points won only in the begonia divisions.

18. All booth and island exhibits must be completed by 11:30 a.m., August 12th. A.B.S. Branch exhibits only, shall be eligible for the Jack Baily Trophy.

19. All trophies must remain on display for the duration of the flower show.

20. Individual entries in the competitive show are limited to A.B.S. members only.

21. Challenge trophies are to be returned to the A.B.S. Flower Show Chairman two weeks prior to the 1956 A.B.S. Flower Show.

#### SPECIAL AWARDS

The following Challenge Cups will be awarded:

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE TROPHY—To be awarded to the Best Begonia in the Show displayed by either amateur or commercial entrant. The large trophy was presented to the A.B.S. by Calvin E. Trowbridge. Accompanying the large Challenge trophy is a cup given by President Jack Koebig which will be the permanent reward of the trophy winner.

WORTH BROWN CUP—Given for the outstanding Tuberous Begonia in the show.

EFFIE CHAPMAN CUP—For the best Fibrous Begonia in the show.

GONDA HARTWELL CUP—For the

best Fibrous Begonia in the show.

JOHN R. WILLIAMS CUP — For the best Rhizomatous Begonia in the show.

JACK BAILEY TROPHY—To the most outstanding A.B.S. Branch booth display.

REDONDO BEACH BRANCH OUT OF STATE ENTRY CUP—For the best Begonia sent from an out of state member (five inch pot limit).

CONNIE LEIGH HENDRIX CUP—For the best amateur flower arrangement in the show. SYLVIA AND BUCK LEATHERMAN TROPHY—For the best juvenile entry by a child under 18 years of age who is related to an A.B.S. member.

MACLANAHAN NURSERY TROPHY—For the best commercial booth display in the show.

Additional special awards are:

OUTSIDE GARDEN CLUB TROPHY— For the best display by an outside garden club.

GORDON BAKER LLOYD CHAL-LENGE CUP—For the best seedling in the show.

A.B.S. SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY—To the winner of the most points in the Begonia divisions of the show.

THE NATIONAL BOARD EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY \$25.00 AWARD — To promote knowledge of Begonias. Open to all.

ALFRED D. ROBINSON MEMORIAL MEDALS—To the hybrid Begonias for 1944, 1948, 1949, and 1950.

Point system for awarding of Sweep-stakes trophy-

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First place3	points
Second place2	points
Third place1	point

# The American Begonia Society

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

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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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New seed available now are listed below:

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No. 2. B. IMMENSE. Seedling of B. rincinifolia.

No. 3. B. MRS. TOWNSEND. Hybrid. Sometimes known as B. heracleicotyle. Leaves shining green above and red beneath on short stems. Sprays of small pink flowers are held above the foliage creating a beautiful effect. Flowers are said to be fragrant during the day. A lovely begonia.

No. 4 B. RED CALLA LILY. Calla lily type with red flowers. Reports to the seed fund indicate that this begonia is difficult to grow. Have several growing at present and have found that withholding water helps. Keep reasonably moist, not wet. Above 4 packets for \$1.00

COLLECTION OF UNNAMED VARIETIES. Occasionally seeds of begonias come to the seed fund unnamed. From India came seeds identified only as semperflorens red and semperflorens pink. We do not know whether these are the same type that are grown here under various names, but thought they would be interesting to grow and see what develops. From the Phillipine Islands came seed with no identification. Perhaps some of the beautiful Phillipine species may be in this mixture. We would like for you to try these easy to grow seed and are offering the three unnamed varieties with B. Coccinea — a cane type. 4 packets for \$1.00

We still have seed from Mr. Brooks—Mexico. These begonias are all exotic and beautiful and indications are that we will not be able to obtain seed from this source again soon. They are: No. 143. B. PENDANT JEWELS. No. 142. B. BEGONIA KING. No. 141. B. BEGONIA BILL. No. 134. B. BONNIE JEAN hybrid. No. 132. B. PINETORUM. While they last —

5 packets for \$1.00.

Other genera consisting of choice, fresh seed of: PRIMULA MALACOIDES—red

and pink. Plant now for fall blooming.

CINERARIA super giants. Exquisite mix. These should also be planted now. Large, beautiful flowers.

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# From National Membership Secretary . . .

When making remittances of dues directly to this office, be sure to include your name, address AND zone number IN the envelope.

We have received envelopes containing checks with so-called forge-proof signatures that were illegible, and without other identification, not even a return address on the envelope!

This means that the check must be held until we receive a complaint from the member, that he or she has not received a membership card or Begonian, and the dues were mailed on such and such a date. This increases the work of the secretary considerably, and can easily be avoided.

Please DO NOT send currency for dues through the mail—checks or money orders are much safer, and should be made out to "The American Begonia Society," not to an individual.

If you have your expiring membership card, include it with your payment, and it will be returned to you with the new one.

> —Jack McLanahan Membership Chmn.

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## Branch Happenings

#### New Officers . . .

OCEAN COUNTY NEW JERSEY BRANCH

President—Anna Peck Secretary-Treasurer—Bessie Stout National Rep.—Bessie Stout Meeting date changed from first Monday

to first Tuesday at members homes.

#### HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

President-Mr. W. C. Cocke Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Jean Kerlin Corr. Sec'y.—Helen Murphy, 715 N. Genesee St., Los Angeles 46 Rec. Sec'y.—Mrs. Maude Cooper Treasurer—Mr. H. L. Moore Nat. Rep.—Mrs. Ethel McKougall Branch Dir.—Mrs. R. J. Coup Branch Librarian—Dr. W. C. Drummond

#### MISSOURI BRANCH

Missouri Branch of National Begonia Society met May 17, 1955. This was our last meeting at the Legion building for three months, as we meet in the homes during June, July and August, which we all look forward to.

Begonia cuttings and seedlings were given by Mrs. Calmese to the 4th grade pupils at 7 Oaks school. These plants will be given to their mothers later. Mrs. Breshears gave 7 dozen peonies to the convalescent home.

Begonia Society will have a display at the Art Gallery May 20th. Members are asked to bring their best plants for display.

Motion was made and seconded we send ten dollars to the National Begonia Society.

Mrs. Breshears talked on summer homes for begonias, each one gave their opinion how they take care of their begonias during the summer months.

Successful Begonia Culture, by Bedson, the new book on begonias, was added to

our library.

Mrs. Calmese talked on Star, or Crows Foot Begonia.—Decendants of heraclaifolia a Mexican species Nigrams is the darker one and if grown under lights is almost black. Sunder bruchi, a cross of Ricinifolia and heracliefolia; its leaves are bronzy green. It has been used quite a bit in hybridizing. Reicheimi is a beauty. Its parents are rubella and heradiefolia. Carol Star, a cross of carolinafolia and sunderbuchi. Silver Star, bright star and green star are Mrs. Freys hybrids; silver star a cross of carolinyafolia and libmanni. It has won the Robinson bronze medal. Mrs. Mary

Peall, from San Diego, it is light green. Cresta bruchi, cross of crested manicata and Sunderlnichi. Lexinfton and Glendall two more Sunderlnichi hybrids. Barkeri and sunderlnichi is a nice plant, which I got from Polly. Here is one of my own Kellernammi and Sunderbuchi, and last, but not least our starfolia one of Mrs. Lugs. Its blooms are so pretty it is the pollen parent of Mrs. Breshears hybrids. -Mrs. B. E. Wise

#### EL MONTE BRANCH

The El Monte Community Branch will have its yearly fund raising dinner on Sunday, July 17th, 1955 in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brummal, 6023 No. Putney, South San Gabriel, at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Leroy Frost, from the Inglewood Branch will speak on ferns. We invite all branches to attend our dinner.

"All you can eat"—Mixed green salad, Swiss steak, potatoes, green peas, hot rolls and butter, apple pie, coffee, iced tea, milk.

Donations adults \$1.25, children under 12, 75c.

Reservations must be in to Virginia Brandon, 3012 W. Norwood Pl., Alhambra phone ATlantic 4-5788 by Monday, July 11th.

#### SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

A surprise attraction at our May meeting was our Begonian editor, Gordon Baker Lloyd, and his charming wife Sassy. This was the first opportunity for the northern branches to see "Gordon's Garden" and both the East Bay and Southern Alameda County branches were represented. As a backdrop for his subject, "My Shade Garden and I," Mr. Lloyd set up an attractive garden backed by reed fencing from Holland. In opening his program, he gave a talk on the BEGONIAN and its problems. He urged all members to contribute their ideas or suggestions for its improvement. Then were covered a variety of gardening hints and gadgets, many of which should have been familiar to all, but which had, in most cases been forgotten. First was air layering of hard to root trees or shrubs. This was done by making an upward slanting cut one-third way through the branch and then inserting a toothpick to keep it open. This was then dusted lightwith Rootone, covered with damp spagnum moss, wrapped with pliofilm and tied tightly at top and bottom. This can be done at any season and in from four weeks to two months time, sufficient roots will have formed so that the branch can be cut off and planted. Next he exhibited

136 THE BEGONIAN a flicka duster, and reminded everyone that dusting should be done lightly.

Next he exhibited several models of ceramic planters, all of the type which had provisions for watering from below, and had a greater soil capacity than older models. Dead snail tape which can be wrapped around pots or whole planting areas, and keeps out both slugs and snails was next on the list. This remains active for four months and is reasonable in cost.

The "Aqua-Save" humidifier was described and sounded very useful. This had been fully described in a two-page article in the February BEGONIAN, but had evidently been overlooked by many. Gopher traps that were easy to set, and the best method for their effective use were next. Then came the "Plant Tower" which can replace the totem pole for ivy and philodendron and is better because it admits light into the center of the plant. This had been described fully in the December BEGONIAN. A hose connector, for shutting off water at the nozzle, a flower arrangement holder which permitted easy changing of lines, the reed fencing from Holland. and tree fern sections from Hawaii were also shown. During these demonstrations, which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, two toy wheelbarrows were given away. Mr. Lloyd concluded his program with examples of finding the stories behind the names of plants.

Pat Antonelli, of Antonelli Brothers Begonia Gardens then answered questions about tuberous begonia culture and problems. The first question was about powdery mildew. and Pat said that by dusting lightly with garden sulfur until the plants begin to bloom, and then dusting with Copotox dust, they have controlled it successfully at Capitola. He reported that the Carmel Valley Begonia Gardens used Calso, lime sulfur with an oil base, last season and had been free of mildew. Sulfur should be dusted on lightly, and it is important that it reaches the lower or underside of the leaves. Sulfur will burn flowers and during hot weather will also burn the foliage of begonias. Other growers had obtained good results with sprays containing captan. Healthy plants will resist mildew. The tubers are started in flats of leafmold and are not fertilized until after taken from the flat for potting. For his potting mixture Pat recommended roughly two-thirds leaf mold and one-third loam. The bottom third of the pot is filled with this mixture and then two tablespoons of a dry fertilizer such as "Full Bloom" or fish meal is added. This is covered with the potting mixture and the plant, which now has a good root system is removed from the flat and potted. At this time, all but the strongest shoot should be removed from the upright varieties, as this will result in larger and better flowers. These side shoots can be rooted as cuttings and will bloom and form a tuber this season. On the hanging basket variety, it is essential that all shoots be left on the tuber. After potting, the plant is watered lightly, and then should not be watered again until the soil shows dryness. Too much water at this time may cause the soil to sour and could cause the loss of the tuber. After potting, the plants should be fed at least once a month with a liquid fish emulsion, and may be fed every two weeks if a weaker solution is used. In discussing the relative merits of glass houses and lath houses for growing tuberous begonias, Pat stated that those under glass would bloom earlier but would not be larger or better 'than those grown under lath. Pat brought some beautiful specimens of gloxinias for our plant table. but because of the length of the program, did not discuss their culture.

#### PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

The May meeting of the Philobegonia Branch of the American Begonia Society met at the home of Mrs. Sally E. DeCou in Haddonfield, N.J. We had two guests from the William Penn Branch-Mrs. Geo. Decoursey of Paoli, Pa., and Mrs. Ernest Drew of Narberth, Pa. Mrs. Drew, incidently, is an honorary member of the Philobegonia Branch. We had in addition a surprise guest with us-Mrs. Helen K. Krauss, author of the book "Begonias for American Homes and Gardens." We were delighted to have her with us. She gave us a most interesting talk on her publication research work. It is amazing just how much work must be done before a book reaches the publication state. Her knowledge of begonias is, of course, established. Mrs. Krauss also has donated to the Philobegonia Branch her complete file of the BEGONIAN from it's beginning. The set will be kept at the home of Mrs. Elsa Fort, our Eastern Chairman, and may be referred to by any member of the American Begonia Society. We are quite honored by the gift. Mrs. Drew, whom we had asked to be our speaker for the day, graciously deferred to Mrs. Krauss, but has promised in the near future to give us a talk we have been waiting for. Mrs. Drew is also an authority on Begonias.

Our meeting then turned to our Flower Show to be held Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4th, at the home of Mrs. J. Weir Chew, 112 E. Maple Ave., Merchantville, N. J. I will submit full details on our show and its success which I am confident of.

#### SEATTLE BRANCH

The April 19th meeting of the Seattle Begonia Society was well attended. Mrs. Reeva Deiro, president, presented to each member who had a birthday during the

month a named variety of Fuchsia.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cole of Colewood Gardens showed their colored slides of "Beauty in the Sheltered Garden." We were especially delighted with Mrs. Cole's description of how she planted each section of their garden. She thinks of them as rooms and trys to use plants that would harmonize with each other in each roomthen on to the next. It seems like this would be a good suggestion for all of us to use-so we would finish one thing at a time! The pictures were enjoyed by all.

For the May 17th meeting we are look. ing forward to hearing Dr. John H. Hanley on "English Gardens" with colored slides and in June, the 21st, Mrs. House-

holder on "Astilbes."

Of course July 30 and 31st are the dates to remember for our FIRST Begonia and Sheltered Garden Show in Seattle.

#### TALL CORN STATE BRANCH

The "Tall Corn State" Begonia Branch of American Begonia Society held its organization meeting on October 28th, 1954 at the Y.W.C.A. Mrs. D. E. Adams and Mrs. Larry Righter called the meeting and served as hostesses. Nine persons attended the meeting. The club had seven American Begonia Society members lined up before the first meeting. They were Mrs. D. E. Adams, Mrs. Larry Righter, Mrs. Henry Wellner, Mrs. Edna Monson, Miss Betty Russell, Mrs. Fred Rodas, Mrs. Ray Worley, Mrs. Kelsey of Rudd, Iowa. Mrs. Henry Wellner is from Hanlontown. The others are from Mason City.

The purpose of the club was explained and election held. Mrs. D. E. Adams was elected president; Mrs. Larry Righter vice-president and publicity; Mrs. Edna Monson, secretary; Mrs. Henry Wellner, treasurer; and other required officers.

At the November meeting a constitution for the club was read and approved, and a name voted on. The 2nd meeting was held at Mrs. Larry Righter's home, 818 N. Conn. She grows some 40 varieties of begonias, semperflorens, rhizomatous and semi-tuberous. They were on display and discussed by the members. Mrs. Righter also has a collection of some 400 African violets, over 150 varieties. Both begonias and African violets are grown under natural light in windows and under fluorescent lights. This was Mrs. Righter's first experience in growing begonias under lights

in the basement where temperature went as low as 40 degrees through the coldest days of winter and usually held at 60 to 65 degrees, but they flowered and grew very well.

The December meeting was held at the home of Mrs. D. E. Adams, 732 2nd S.W. Propogation of Begonias from seeds was discussed. A letter from Mrs. Leora Calmese of the Missouri Branch was read, and seeds distributed to members. It was voted to hold our Begonia meetings on the 4th Friday of the month. The club's application for a branch charter was written up and mailed in.

Mrs. D. E. Adams has had lots of experience in growing begonias from seeds. She displayed some of her small plants. Her collection was discussed. She grows her begonias in a South porch with East, South and West exposure. It is large and there are many begonias of all kinds and some African violets and ferns.

The January meeting was held at Mrs. Larry Righter's home again as the member who was to have it couldn't, due to illness. "Begonias for the Amateur" was the program subject.

Each member was given small plants of the Beefsteak or Feasti Erythrophylla and Erythrophylla Helix to grow and report on their progress and methods of culture

by the hostess, Mrs. Righter.

There was no February meeting as so many members were ill with colds during that time.

The March meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Rodas, 733 2nd S.W.

The president, Mrs. D. E. Adams informed the members the club had its constitution approved by the Society and will be issued a charter as a member branch of the Society. "The King of Begonias" the Rex was discussed and seeds of Rex will be bought and grown by the members. So far none of us in the club have had much experience with Rex Begonia growing. So the information we got will help us now. A letter from our sister club of Iowa, the Hawkeye Begonia Club of Underwood was read. We were very pleased to hear about their club and that they hoped to pay us a visit this summer. (Since then I read the wonderful article about their organization in the April issue.) We have been tardy about getting our reports out as our secretary works, so I have been elected to take over and send in a report.

Mrs. Adams demonstrated transplanting seedlings. Two guests were present. Material and subjects for future programs were decided on.

The April meeting was held at Mrs. Edna Monson's, 201 Taylor S.W. Miss Betty Russell told how she grows tuberous begonias in pots and uses them to highlight her back yard flower garden. Mrs. Monson said she hopes to have 6 plants of Rex begonias for the club to see and discuss at the May meeting.

Mrs. Righter gave each member a seedling begonia that was grown from the seeds each member gets when they join the American Begonia Society. The seeds were started in November and the plants are good sized now. Some are in bud, Each member is to report on the kind of blossom their fibrous plant produces when it blooms. Mrs. Righter grew 150 seedlings from her packet of seeds and about that many were discarded. So each packet of seeds really does produce. The club hopes to enter Begonias in the local fair this fall.

-Mrs. Larry Righten

### BOARD MEETING REPORT . . .

Meeting of the National Board of the American Begonia Society, held April 25, 1955, 7:45 p.m., Los Angeles City Hall. President Koebig presiding. Pledge of Allegiance led by past-president Motschman and Aims and Purposes read by Presidentelect Taylor.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved with correction. CORRECTION: Both branches entered in Pasadena Flower

Show awarded ribbons.

Treasurer's report read and approved. Balance in General Fund \$650.88. Treasurer asked approval to take \$3.65 from special Camellia Fund and put in General Fund. Moved by C. Trowbridge, seconded by Browne that the treasurer take the sum remaining in the Special Fund and enter it in General Fund. Carried.

Communications: From American Horticultural Society asking for \$5.00 membership dues and enclosing a Certificate of Membership. Treasurer instructed to pay

\$5.00 dues.

President-elect Taylor reported on Rummage Sale which netted \$148.40. Announced Party night to be held in Redondo Beach, May 28th, proceeds to go to Nat-

ional Treasury.

Membership Secretary MacLanahan absent, report read by secretary. \$331.87 remitted to Treasurer. New members 55, renewing members 76. MacLanahan asked approval to write dropped members to encourage renewals. Moved by Motschman, seconded by Browne that membership secretary be authorized to write the members who have been dropped recently. Carried.

Librarian Sault reported 4 books on loan, 5 books sold, 25 Begonians sent to prospective new Branches. \$10.23 remitted

to Treasurer.

Slide Librarian Anderson reported \$3.67 balance on hand, several sets of slides on loan. Library in need of new slides, donations appreciated.

Seed Fund Administrator reported \$67.00 remitted to Treasurer. Balance on hand

\$100.00.

Advertising Manager Stoddard reported balance in accounts receivable \$209.84. Remitted to Treasurer \$118.49 plus agency

discount and commission \$5.37. Balance due \$85.98.

Chairman of Awards committee Behrends requested that files of former chairman be turned over to committee. Former chairman Korts stated that file had not been turned over because most of correspondence was personal. Moved by Trowbridge, seconded by Mrs. Korts that a committee of three with the president as one member of the committee, be appointed to go over the file. If they decide the file should be turned over, it be done so at the next meeting. Carried.

Mrs. Behrends requested that a list of those taking the Judges course be given the committee. Mrs. Korts stated that many taking the course had not taken the examination and she would not give the names

without their permission.

Moved by Browne, seconded by C. Trowbridge that we take Mrs. Korts suggestion of writing each member taking the course and ask their permission to turn their names over to the Awards committee. Carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Chairman of nominating committee, Anderson, stated the report was not ready. President Koebig called a special meeting for May 14th, 7:30 p.m. to hear report of the committee. Olmsted offered his home for the meeting.

Establishment of Eva Kenworthy Gray Award brought up for approval. In answer to questions regarding financing Mrs. Behrends stated there was enough in funds for three years and several Branches offered to help. Moved by Korts, seconded by Motschman that the Eva Kenworthy Gray Award be accepted as suggested. Carried.

Report of Constitution and By-Laws committee read by Browne as follows:

CONSTITUTION: Addition. Art. IV, Sec. 5. Any appointive officer may be relieved of his office for just cause, and/or for the good of the Society, by majority vote of Elective members of the Board of Directors.

Substitution. Art. V, Sec. 1—Change to read, "The Board of Directors shall consist of the six elective officers, officers appointed

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by the President, one director appointed by each Branch.

Addition. Art. X, Sec. 1—Roberts Rules of Law and Order shall govern conduct of all meetings, and decision of all questions not specifically covered by this Constitution and By-Laws.

BY-LAWS: Addition. Art. I, Sec. 6—Add to last sentence "and shall be presented at the Annual Meeting."

Addition. Art II, Sec. 1—The Secretary shall condense the minutes of the regular Board meetings, and shall transmit them to the editor for publication in the BEGONIAN, not later than the fifth day of the month following the regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Change. Art. VII, Sec. 6—Change last clause to read, "subject to the approval of the elective meetings of the Board of Directors, by a majority vote.

Moved by Korts, seconded by C. Trowbridge that we accept the recommendations of the Constitution and By-Laws committee. Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10:45 p.m. Next regular meeting May 23rd.

Respectfully submitted, Arline Stoddard National Secretary.

# By-Law Changes . . .

#### CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE IV, Section 1—Following the Historian, insert the words "Chairman of School of Judges."

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5—Any appointive officer may be relieved of his office for just cause, and/or for the good of the Society, by a majority vote of the Elective Members of the Board of Directors.

SUBSTITUTION: ARTICLE V, SECTION 1—Change to read, "The Board of Directors shall consist of the six elective officers, the officers appointed by the President and one Director appointed by each Branch.

ADDITION: ARTICLE X, SECTION 1 — Roberts Rules of Law and Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings, and the decision of all questions not specifically covered by this Constitution and By-Laws.

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CHANGE: ARTICLE II SECTION 13 to be as follows—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.

Section 13—The Chairman of the committee of Awards—to become Sec. 14.

SETION 14—to become Section 15.

Section 15—to become Section 16.

Section 16—to become Section 17.

ARTICLE V, SECTION 3-to be deleted.

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Mr. Stvart C. Smith, Secy.
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Mrs. Helen Ehret Murphy, Secy.
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Mrs. Grant Herzog, Secy.
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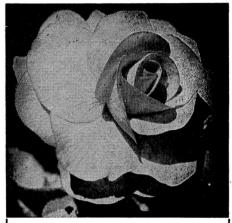
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