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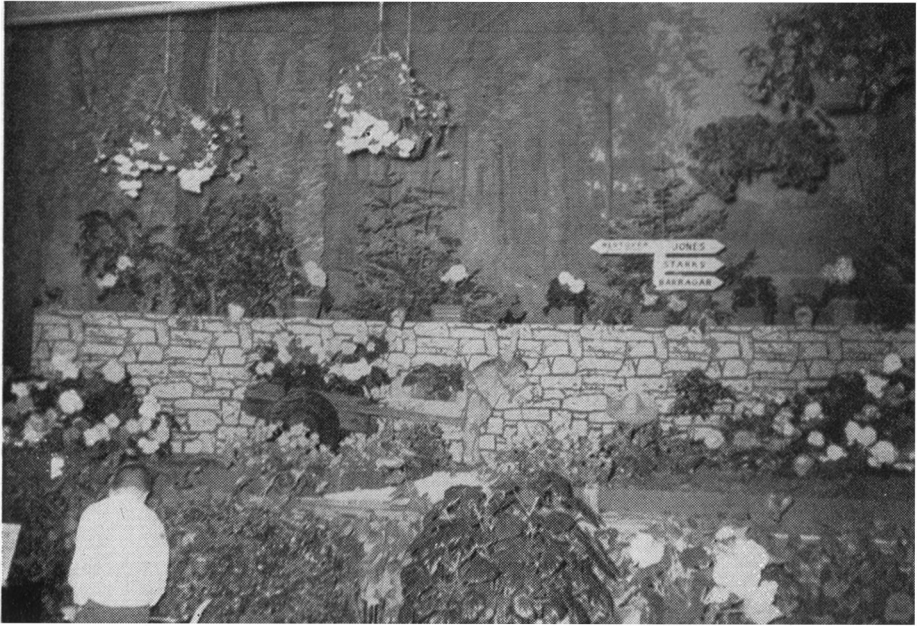
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Seattle Begonia Show

WE ARE happy to report that the Seattle Branch has again presented a Begonia and Sheltered Garden Show. It was our fourth annual show and was held on Aug. 2 and 3. This was the only flower show on the annual program of Seattle's famous Seafair, which ran from Aug. 1 through 10.

We competed for attendance with many other events during our two-day show, but did attract about 2,400 paying guests. A 25c admission charge was made to defray expenses. There were 82 sports and civic events on the Seafair Program this year. These included the wonderful Gold Cup Hydroplane Race and Aqua Follies.

Our show was held in the Loyal Heights Fieldhouse in the Ballard District of Seattle and was co-sponsored by the Seattle Park Department. There were 15 large landscaped gardens on the gymnasium floor and stage, an area 60' by 130'. Most of the gardens were planned and set up by our amateur members. There was also an area about 30' by 60'

in the foyer filled with horticultural exhibits and decorative arrangements. In addition, in the gymnasium, there was an educational section about 40' long featuring information on Begonias, Fuchsias, African Violets, and Ferns. Exotics and general house plants also received their share of discussion.

While we had an ample number of tuberous begonias for color in the show this year, we did have to lean rather heavily on the beautiful foliage begonias, fuchsias, gesneriads, ferns, and the general and exotic house plants for our garden exhibits. Our unusually warm winter, spring, and summer provided the pests and heat that took a heavy toll on the quality and quantity of all types of show plants.

Our local African Violet and Fuchsia Societies made splendid contributions to the show with their excellent exhibits. And again our Park Department and the Commercial flower growers, many of whom are members of our Society, added

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Growing Begonias Through the Summer in Port Arthur, Texas

By MRS. R. J. WILSON

MOST of the cane and rhizomatous begonias can take it out of doors in the summer here provided they are shaded for the extremely hot part of the day. They like to be as cool as possible, but, when they have plenty of humidity, but, heat doesn't seem to bother too much.

The hairy varieties, either rhizomatous or cane types, do not like to be outside. They do nicely in my house or greenhouse which has a solid shingled roof. They apparently do not like the rains or the hose water sprinkled on them and will die if put outside. So I keep them inside along with "Silver Star," "Brocade" and others of that type. I have managed for several years to keep *olbia* through the summer but it seems to like the outdoors in the coolest and most protected spot.

For a number of summers I have kept my plants in a lath house that is protected on one side by huge mulberry trees, and on each end by pecan and Chinese tallow trees. The lath house is about fourteen feet wide and thirty feet long. The length is from north to south. A bed, made by laying chunks of concrete on the ground and filling in with partly rotted sawdust, garden soil, burned rice straw, barnyard manure, coarse sand, and leaf mold from the oak and piney woods, is built around the sides and across the ends of the lath house. This bed is about 24 inches wide and is filled to a depth of about eight or ten inches. Another bed about the same width is built through the middle of the house lengthwise. The begonia pots I either set on the surface of these beds or sink them down in the soil. Some are placed on stands of boards set at varying heights above the ground, depending on how much drainage is needed, and how large the pots are. The 12" and 15" pots may be set several feet above the ground be-

cause they have so much soil that it keeps the plants fairly cool.

I find that during rainy seasons, regardless of temperature, the large pots of rhizomatous begonias tend to become water logged and roots and rhizomes will rot unless special care is given them. Plenty of drainage material in the bottom of all pots, up to one third off the pot, will eliminate much of this danger. Also, lots of sand or easily drained soil mixture helps.

My lath house faces west, 2 and 3 o'clock until almost sundown my plants get most of the afternoon sun. If they appear wilted or their leaves have a whitish look, I spray the whole lath house with a fine misty spray from a plastic soaker suspended from the overhead supports. This lowers the temperature almost immediately and provides water for the pots and humidity for the leaves.

I have baskets with begonias, *bromeliads*, *episcias*, etc., hanging in the lath house. I make most of my own baskets from scraps of wood salvaged from the waste piles of the planing mills. I like to use redwood or cypress if I can find them. The baskets last longer.

There are many varieties of ferns planted in the beds and about six or seven kinds of wandering jew, *tradescantia*, that form a cover for the soil. The latter has to be cleaned out by the wheelbarrows full several times a year.

Planted on the outside of the lath house are two vines, a passion vine, and a *climatis virginiana*, which make almost complete shade at times, and they too have to be torn off and cut back several times during the summer.

On one side of the greenhouse, which joins the lath house at one end, there is a lean-to made of celloglass (?). Such begonias as *ulmifolia*, and *scabrada*, are kept in there and they grow to huge

sizes. At the top of the Greenhouse or lean-to is a strip of unbleached muslin for a little bit of added shade. But the *episcias*, *gloxinias*, and the *hirsute* begonias seem to like this spot very much. Everyday I spray them with a fine spray from the garden hose sometimes twice or more.

I have good luck starting new plants in avocado boxes lined with aluminum foil and peat moss and sand or peat moss and vermiculite. Also I like to use sponge rock and sometimes just plain sand. The material used depends on what I happen to have on hand at the time I'm setting them up. For rooting leaves I use bottles of water placed in a north window. I like to use root-tone on both cuttings and leaves before placing them in the rooting medium.

My husband and I have built our flower houses of odds and ends and while it has cost us quite a bit, it has been done so gradually that the expense has not been too painful at any one time. The toil and sweat has been the greatest item of expense, but the beauty of the plants and the pleasure derived from them more than makes up for that.

Some of the readers may be interested in our lath-house and I shall describe it before closing this article. As I said before, the dimensions are about fourteen by thirty feet. The framework is made of cedar posts treated with creosote and set on concrete blocks. The cross pieces are of redwood and the roof is about eight or ten feet high at the center while at the sides it is about seven feet high. The whole house is covered with slats made of aluminum blind material which was damaged during the war and could not be used for making Venetian blinds. This material was cut in lengths that would fit the place where they would be used. They were nailed with large headed nails one way either across or lengthwise and then the ones going the other way were woven over and under at right angles. The strips were fastened at each end and wherever they passed over a cross piece. The meshes varied in size from $\frac{1}{2}$ " to four inches between the

strips. The thicker part of the weaving was put in places that would receive the hottest rays of the sun. The sides had only enough cross weaving to keep the vertical ribbons from twisting and swaying in the wind. Strong wind will snap or break the aluminum if it is not properly anchored.

The south end of the house was finished with cross pieces of chicken wire because the laths were not needed for shade and the wire served to fasten Spanish moss, and for ferns to climb on. Trees nearby give adequate shade for that end. The north end was slatted at the top and finished with wire below. The wire was covered with unbleached muslin sheeting 36" or more wide and this extended across both ends and the length of the lath house to break the wind. The north end and part of the east side has another row of muslin above the first to break off the north and east winds. The south wind does not seem to do so much harm. The muslin is treated with "wood-tox" to preserve it from mildew and decay. This extends the life of the muslin and the very thinnest and cheapest muslin will last two years.

The west side has the close meshed aluminum up about three feet high and then the wide meshes from there to the top. A large opening near the middle of the west side serves as a door with nothing to keep off the sun. Often the plants which grow in front of this opening do better than anywhere else.

Several members of our branch have other methods of managing their plants but all must provide some sort of shade, because the plants do better outside during the greater part of the year, with the exception of winter and early spring. From the middle of November until the first of March we must keep the plants where we can cover them when our sudden cold spells come up, and also provide at times, indoor shelter for some varieties of begonias.

These are random thoughts but I hope that they will give you some idea of how we grow plants here and carry them through the summer.

Mother's Plants

By MARION DECOURSEY

MRS. H. C. SANBORN of Thetford Center, Vermont, who is very generally known as "Mother Pearl" to many readers of horticultural magazines, has sent us an account of the begonias that she first remembers as "Mother's plants" and later grew herself. She writes:

One plant that I remember was a rex, called a beefsteak, a most spectacular plant filling the whole of the lower half of the window. It stood on a stand and leaves extended above the middle of the window and beyond the sills on both sides; it never dropped a leaf in winter and the plant was always lovely; red on the back of the leaves with a wide silver band on top; but I can't recall the rest of the markings. Mother had another that was a lovely plant which I have learned is *B. "Templini;"* I have also raised fine specimens of this plant. She also had another green leaf similar to *B. "Feasti,"* always lovely with pink and yellow markings; I have learned that this one is *B. manicata-aureo-maculata.* One which she called the angel wing had leaves shaped like *B. "Rossi"* but instead of pink flowers this plant had salmon-red flowers as nearly as I can remember, possibly orange-salmon; I have not seen it for a long time and so do not know what it was. Of course she had *B. "Feasti"* and one which we called *B. "President Carnot,"* also known as angel wing; its leaf was thin, the edge of the leaf was toothed and there was a pinkish cast to the green—such huge clusters of bloom I have never seen anywhere else and I dare not tell you the size of each flower for I am sure that you would not believe me.

Her method of growing plants was simple: They went out to the back of the horse barn after the spring clean out and took up the very rich dirt and well rotted manure, filled the pots and put any plants she had into this soil; and she always had beautiful plants.

It is only the last few years that I

have raised any plants worth talking about; after 1944 to be exact. My list is a long one and it would be impossible to choose ten that I love best; *B. "Dru-ryi,"* "*Carolina de Lucerne,"* "*New Hampshire,"* "*Oadi,"* *haageana (scharffi),* "*Rossi,"* "*Noordi,"* *kellermannni,* "*Lecco,"* "*Abel Carriere,"* *diadema* seedling, "*Margaritacea,"* "*Helen Lewis,"* *foliosa,* "*Thurstoni,"* "*Adrien Schmidt*" are a few that come to mind as having been spectacular. Leora Calmese came to see me and took a picture of the *foliosa* that was growing in a ten quart sap bucket and completely covered one half and more of the bucket; standing at least six inches above and falling far below the bucket which was ten or twelve inches high. I had a *haageana* in a similar bucket and such very large clusters of beautiful bloom. *B. diadema* seedling was between four and five feet tall and had five canes with lovely pale pink salmon blooms in large clusters. *B. "Carolina de Lucerne,"* brought to me by a daughter-in-law, was set in the ground the first year; the leaves were almost a black they were so dark green with the white spots so vivid; the large clusters of bloom were dark red; strong stalks and several clusters of bloom. One year grown upstairs in my mother's room where no sun touched it, the leaves were like emerald satin; but no bloom. Another year in the plant room on a high shelf near the glass roof where it received the noon and afternoon sun the leaves were a reddish green, huge clusters of deep rose pink bloom; the most beautiful blooms I ever saw on a begonia.

My soil? One part rich dirt of partly rotted horse manure, one part sifted leaf mold of oak leaves mixed with maple leaves, one part roadside sand, one part garden soil and one part of mixed woods dirt with a pot of bone meal and a couple of handfuls of Vigoro; all well sifted and mixed.

Demonstration Gardens

Your readers will want to know that they soon can visit four home demonstration gardens at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum. The gardens were designed with one thought in mind: to help homeowners discover the exciting world of home gardening in Southern California.

Designed by Landscape Architects Betler Baldwin and Owen Peters, members of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the gardens are sponsored by California Arboretum Foundation, Inc. and Sunset Magazine.

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their displays. The total was a very high-class show.

It was a pleasure to have Mr. W. C. Kirker, president of the A.B.S. Branch in Inglewood, California, as one of our guests. A group from Bainbridge Island, Washington, which is across Puget Sound from Seattle, also visited us. They are thinking of applying for an A.B.S. branch membership, and putting on their own show. Our other friends in the various local flower and garden clubs and societies likewise attended in gratifying numbers. They can always be depended upon to do this.

As usual, when the show was over and the "let down" came from the worry and hard work, many exhibitors said, "Never again." But after a rest during the winter and many pleasant discussions of plant growing and show experiences, the old love of plants and flowers will very likely get the upper hand and "off we will go" again.

E. B. COLE, *President*
H. H. WARRICK, *Show Chairman*
C. H. TUSLER, *Co-Chairman*

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If grass won't grow under a tree maybe shade plants will. Often it's the lack of sun not the tree's thirst that's to blame.

An Experiment

By MRS. ANNA OEHRLE

HAVE you ever grown four different begonias from cuttings all taken from the same plant? I have and you can too.

Most houses have four walls all facing in different directions, therefore four exposures. This spring or summer take four cuttings from one of your strong growing plants that is resistant to most diseases and root them. Try to have them in the pots you expect them to grow in thru the winter by mid August. Make your soil mixture for all the pots the same. Soon after Labor Day bring them into the house. Place one in a window on each side of your house and by mid October you will begin to notice the difference.

My favorite for this is *B. "Druryi."* In Mrs. Buxton's book, "Begonias and How to Grow Them," the description reads, "Druryi is a cross between *B. sanguinea* and *B. "Cypraea"* raised by Miss Constance Bower of San Diego in 1932. It is the darkest-leaved begonia of its type, and in California reached a height of six feet. The leaves inherit the sheen of the mother plant, *B. sanguinea*, and are very dark green, maroon-red beneath and lightly hairy. The white flowers are borne on long, red stems."

When in full sun the leaves will be brownish-green on top with a dark crimson underneath—the sheen will make you think of the richest taffeta you have even seen. The plant in the eastern window will be much lighter with green leaves with a brownish cast on top. The one in the western window will show no brown hint of color while the one in the northern window will be rich velvety green on top and watermelon pink beneath. The southern plant while it is the most brilliantly colored, will have the smallest leaves while the northern one will grow tallest and have the largest leaves. I have also found that it will stand colder temperatures than any other hairy type I have.

*reprinted from the Bulletin
for Eastern Fans*

Seeds, Seedlings and Hybrids

By DON HORTON

WANDERING the aisles of the very successful shade plant show put on by the Orange County branch at the Orange County Fairgrounds I encountered a number of very interesting plants.

Of course, there were beautiful begonias and fuchsias galore. But, in addition, there were other shade plants that deserve mention such as the two commercial displays of orchids that greeted your eyes as you came in through the main entrance.

Bob Potter of Garden Grove had a lovely display of Cattleya orchids. Cattleya orchids are those large-flowered indoor varieties that come to mind when we think of florist orchids.

The other orchid exhibit was staged by Emerson Charles of Costa Mesa. His exhibit featured botanical orchids of many sizes, shapes, and colors. Few people realize that the orchid family is the second largest flowering family, containing thousands of species. Very few have flowers as large as the Cattleyas but many are extremely interesting.

One of his exhibits was a species of cymbidium. But unlike the cymbidium hybrids that we are familiar with which have flowers four and five inches across, the blossoms on this plant were about an inch in diameter. There were about two dozen of these brownish flowers on an attractive pendant spike.

Mrs. Cecil Houdyshel of La Verne had a display of a number of the newer African Violet varieties. The forms and colors that these plants come in never cease to be a source of amazement. She also exhibited a blooming blood lily *baemanthus* which has been described as the most beautiful of flowering bulbs.

Another interesting and unusual plant was exhibited by Mrs. Gladys Vernon of Costa Mesa. It was a species of wax vine or *hoya*. The wax vine usually encountered is *hoya carmosa* which grows several feet in height bearing heavy leaves and clusters of waxy flowers. Mrs. Vernon's

plant was a dwarf form, *hoya bella*. The plant was full of blossoms yet on a trellis no higher than 18 inches.

William Taylor of Anaheim, president of the California National Fuchsia Society, exhibited quite a number of hanging basket fuchsias—one of them taking the cup for best fuchsia in the show. He also exhibited a magnificent specimen of the rabbit's foot fern *davallia canariensis*. This fern gets its common name because it spreads by means of a fuzzy rhizome that looks like a rabbit's foot.

This creeping stem will branch and crawl around a basket until the whole basket, top and bottom, is crossed and crisscrossed with a network of stems each bearing fronds (fern leaves are called fronds) every inch or so. Seeing his large wire basket completely covered with leaves made this plant a memorable sight indeed.

Although definitely not shade plants, the Dahlia Society had a table loaded with cut dahlia blooms. Here every type and color of dahlia could be seen from the two-inch-in-diameter pompons to the huge "dinnerplate" giants.

Always of interest in a begonia show are the new begonia hybrids. Mrs. Darrell Bath of Santa Ana took winning honors in this division with one of the most attractive new plants seen in years. Named "Madame Queen" (named by her family in her honor) this plant has large reddish-brown leaves that are curled and crested at the margins.

..B. "Madame Queen," both the person and the plant, stirred a lot of talk from the judges and visitors, for Mrs. Bath also walked off with the sweepstakes trophy for the third year in a row, having the most prize winners in the begonia divisions.

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It Can Be Done

By R. H. TERRELL

THEY who live in hot dry regions can be assured that they can grow begonias, not only mediocre plants, but first prize winners, even including rex begonias—considered the most difficult to grow under such conditions. This has been proven repeatedly by members of the Riverside (Calif.) Branch of ABS, by their winnings at flower shows where they have exhibited.

Riverside has a climate in which the thermometer often soars above the 100 degree mark in summer, and, since there is rarely any rain between May and October, and being situated inland with a range of mountains separating from the seacoast, the humidity is very low, ranging from the seacoast, the humidity is very low, ranging from 10% down to almost zero.

The Riverside branch was organized in 1941 by the late Herbert P. Dyckman, father of the American Begonia Society, with a few members who believed that with care they could grow begonias under their climatic conditions.

Riverside first exhibited at the ABS Convention and Show held in Inglewood in 1950, where various members with individual entries won 40 points of the 239 points awarded in that show. Since then they have been consistent winners wherever they have shown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Maddox, members who joined the ABS about six years ago when they had about a half a dozen begonias, have, during the past year, exhibited a garden setting of begonias in three of the largest shows in Southern California, and won first place in each show. These were the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona, the largest county fair in the United States, the National Orange Show in San Bernardino, and the Flower Show of the Southern California Exhibition and San Diego County Fair at Del Mar.

The latest winning at Del Mar was an especial triumph as San Diego County is considered as the best climate anywhere for the growing of begonias, with high
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Spreading the Joy of Begonias

By AUGUSTA W. PASCHALL

DID YOU ever stop to think how the thoughtful act of one person can bring immeasurable joy to many?

Last August, Mrs. Alfred Bailey, president of our Philobegonia Branch of the A.B.S. here in the East, flew to California. While visiting there she wanted to visit all the begonia gardens she could find.

One day she spied some seeds in one of the gardens and began to think of her begonia group back home. "How I would love each of my group to have some of those seeds," she thought. "It would be such fun to see what results they could get back East."

The thought became the deed, and they were tucked with her hostess' consent in a knitting bag and flown back across the continent.

On arriving home she put them in an old tin can formerly labeled "Welsh Rarebit," planting them in sand and peat

moss. Under the kitchen sink they went, and on top was placed the glass of an old picture frame.

It was not long before the tiny seedlings were tall enough to touch the glass and so the old can was cast aside, and a new home (pots) was found.

Each member of the Philobegonia Branch was given a pot of seeds with the admonition to give it her best and get the finest results obtainable.

We vied to outdo each other—to have the earliest bloom, and to show what membership in the A.B.S. had done for us.

Today nearly a year later, there is a bit of glory in each of our gardens. The old can like the legend of the ugly duckling, brought beauty to all of us. Mine was planted under a dogwood tree where the lovely pink and red blossoms greet me the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night.

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humidity and no extreme heat, because of its location on the seacoast. Besides this it was the home of Alfred D. Robinson, during his lifetime known as the "Dean of Begonias," famous for his many hybrids. It was also the home of Eva Kenworthy Gray, another well-known early hybridist. Their begonia collections are still maintained by their successors.

In the San Diego area there are four branches of the ABS. Going into the San Diego County Show was to meet the stiffest competition, yet Mr. and Mrs. Maddox entered their Riverside-grown begonias and won first place.

As you can see by the accompanying photo, the majority of the plants in the garden setting are rex begonias, one of the types most difficult to grow under the best of conditions, yet Mr. and Mrs. Maddox have hundreds of beautiful speci-

men plants growing in Riverside where near-desert conditions prevail.

We recommend that you do not listen when people say begonias cannot be grown under your climatic conditions—whatever they may be—but that you do as we have in Riverside, and prove that with proper care—it can be done.

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EASTERN P.R. CHAIRMAN WRITES

On September 20th the Elsa Fort Branch of the ABS is holding a lunch and Begonia show at the home of Mrs. Mildred Tait, Ashland, New Jersey, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. This show will be held regardless of weather. If any of the Western members of the ABS are planning for an Eastern vacation in September, we would be so pleased if they can arrange to attend this affair which will be most instructive in the raising of Begonias under Eastern conditions.

ELSA FORT
*Eastern District Chairman
Public Relations*

Registered Begonias Not in Buxton Check List

No. 131—*B.* "Hansel"

Originated by Mrs. Elsie Frey, 1820 Laguna Street, Santa Barbara, in 1956. Hybrid of *B. incarnata* x *B. rex* "Moss Agate." This is a rex begonia, medium to miniature size. Leaves are colored dark rose with silver. Will be available to trade in 1958. Is recommended by Rudolf Ziesenhenné and Louise Schwerdtfeger.

No. 132—*B.* "Gretel"

Originated by Mrs. Elsie Frey, 1820 Laguna Street, Santa Barbara, in 1956. Hybrid of *B. incarnata* x *B.* "Moss Agate." A new rex begonia, medium to miniature size. Leaves colored dark rose to red. Flowers are pink with tiny auxiliary leaf. Has a slightly upright growth, sends up new growth from the base. Recommended for registration and released for sale by Rudolf Ziesenhenné, Santa Barbara.

No. 133—*B.* "Venice"

Originated by Mrs. Elsie Frey, 1820 Laguna Street, Santa Barbara, in 1957. Hybrid of *B. acetosa* x *B. venosa*. This is a rhizomatous, hairy begonia. Leaves are medium size, heavy texture, color light green, pink backing, red edge as leaf unfolds. Plant is compact in growth and has the sheath of *B. venosa* and

some hair. Flowers should be white. Recommended for registration and released to trade by Rudolf Ziesenhenné. Also recommended by Louise Schwerdtfeger.

No. 134—*B.* "San Miguel"

Originated by Virgil E. Stark, 3711 29th Street, San Diego, in 1953—bloomed in 1956. Seed parent *B. venosa*, pollen parent *B. scharffiana*. Plant upright, bushy, entirely covered with fine, white hair. Leaves are ovate pointed, margin irregular, texture heavy, veins depressed on top and red underside. Petioles are red with white scurf or tomentum and stipules are large, pale green and persistent. Color of leaves is olive green above, wine red under. Flowers are white, small, similar to *B. venosa*. Recommended by Mrs. Sylvia Leatherman and Mr. and Mrs. Lee of San Diego. Released for trade by Leatherman's Gardens, El Monte.

No. 135—*B.* "Emerald Jewell"

Originated by Mrs. Susie Zug, 307 West Gladstone, San Dimas, in 1955. Hybrid from *B. imperialis* x *B. pustulata*. Plant is rhizomatous, rather small leaves and compact growth. Leaves are average 3x4, cordate shape, pustulated



B. "Silver Jewel" (left), "Emerald Jewell"

and hairy, color emerald green, overlaid with silver along depressed veins. Petioles curving, white, hairy and stipules are green. Flowers are white, small in clusters and grow from rhizome. Flowers are held well above foliage.

Recommended for registration by Mrs. Louise Schwerdtfeger and released to trade by Mrs. Susie Zug.

No. 136—B. "Silver Jewell"

Originated by Mrs. Susie Zug, 307 West Gladstone, San Dimas, California, year 1955. Hybrid of *B. imperialis* x *B. pustulata*. Plant rhizomatous, rather small leaves and compact growth. Leaves cordate, dentate, rough and velvety. Veins are depressed, average size 3x4. Color silver blotched with emerald green between the veins. Petioles are white, hairy. Flowers are white and small with two petals and growing from the rhizome in clusters. Recommended for registration by Mrs. Louise Schwerdtfeger and released to trade by Mrs. Susie Zug.

No. 137—B. "Pebble Lane"

Originated by Mrs. Susie Zug, 307 West Gladstone, San Dimas, in 1955. Hybrid of *B. "Speculata"* and *B. "Sir Percy."* Plant is rhizomatous and quite bushy. Leaves are cordate, wavy, with depressed veins, average size 4x5, texture pustulate, heavy. Leaf color light green, pustulated silver over light green, darker green veins and darker green on edge of leaf. Stipules are green and flowers are light pink and small, held above the foliage. Released to trade by Mrs. Susie Zug.

No. 138—B. "Rover"

Grown by Don Horton, 683 Congress Street, Costa Mesa, in 1954. Hybrid parents unknown. Plant rhizomatous, plain leaved. Leaves ovate, 4x5 size, margin widely dentate, texture glabrous, color dark green and red on reverse side. Veins lighter in color, petioles red flecked and stipules white flecked. Flowers are light pink, small, cyme arrangement, held well above the foliage. Has ascending rhizome.

No. 139—B. "Fido"

Grown by Don Horton, 683 Congress Street, Costa Mesa, in 1954. Parentage unknown. Plant rhizomatous, plain leaved. Leaves ovate, 4x5 size, margin widely dentate, texture glabrous, color dark green and red on reverse side. Veins lighter in color, petioles red flecked and stipules white flecked. Flowers light pink, small, cyme arrangement held well above the foliage. Spring bloomer. *Begonia* "Fido" does not have the ascending rhizome similar to *B. "Rover."* Both are to be propagated by Don Horton.

No. 140—B. "Lulu Bower"

Originated by Constance D. Bower, 2413 K Street, San Diego, in 1941. Published in *The Begonian* 1948, page 284, and listed in Buxton check list. Hybrid of *B. dichroa* x *B. "Alzasco."* Plant is an intermediate cane type. Leaves are unequal oblong, tip taper pointed, size 3½ wide x 8¾ long, margin even, wavy, texture thin, palmately 7 veined. Color green, silver spotted, red on under side. Flowers are pinkish color, sepals heart shaped, petals long. Position on plant and stem axillary terminal. Cluster forked and equal. Recommended by Mrs. Alice Clark and Rudolf Ziesenhenné for registration. Mr. Ziesenhenné will release to trade.

No. 141—B. "Connie Bower"

Originated by Miss Constance D. Bower, 2413 K Street, San Diego, in 1940. Hybrid of *B. dichroa* x *B. "Alzasco."* Plant is an intermediate cane type. Leaves rather large, are ovate, long acuminate, margin remotely dentate, and thin textured. Color brown green above and deep red on reverse side. Flowers are not described. Recommended for registration by Mrs. Alice Clark and Rudolf Ziesenhenné. Released to trade by Rudolf Ziesenhenné.

No. 142—B. "Arabelle"

Originated by Miss Constance D. Bower, 2413 K Street, San Diego, in



No. 137, *B.* "Pebble Lane"

1952. Hybrid of *B.* "Margaritacea" x *B.* "Lulu Bower." This plant is a small cane type and belongs to the "Mallet" group. The leaves are ovate acuminate, approximately $7\frac{5}{8}$ long x $3\frac{1}{4}$ wide. Margin is shallowly dentate. Texture is thin. Leaf is palmately 11 veined. Color is green, silver spotted, becoming purple, $\frac{1}{8}$ in. purple hair in each large spot. Oxblood red on reverse side of leaf. Not bloomed. $\frac{1}{16}$ in. line of silver along margin of leaf. Recommended for registration by Mrs. Alice Clark and Rudolf Zieshenne. Released to trade by Rudolf Zieshenne.

No. 143—*B.* "Melisse"

Originated by Miss Constance D. Bower, 2413 K Street, San Diego, in 1952. Hybrid of *B.* "Margaritacea" x

B. "Lulu Bower." This plant is a small cane type and belongs to the "Mallet" group, but is very distinctive with a narrower leaf than any of the others. Leaf is narrow ovate, acuminate, margin double dentate, wavy, texture thin, size $5\frac{1}{2}$ " long x $2\frac{9}{16}$ " wide. Seven veins are palmate. Color green, heavily silver marked. Petioles $\frac{3}{8}$ " long and stipules are acuminate 1 " x $\frac{7}{16}$ ". Flowers—not seen. Recommended for registration by Mrs. Alice Clark and Rudolf Zieshenne. Released to the trade by Rudolf Zieshenne.

No. 144—*B.* "Faustine"

Originated by Miss Constance D. Bower in 1952. Hybrid of *B.* "Margaritacea" x *B.* "Lulu Bower." This plant is a small cane type and another

addition to the "Mallett" group. Leaf is unequal ovate-acuminate with a double dentate wavy margin. Texture medium, color light green, silver spotted, $1/16''$ diameter. Eight palmate veins. Petioles are red $1\frac{1}{2}''$ and stipules are acuminate $1\frac{1}{8}'' \times 10/16''$. Flowers are pale pink, heart shaped $7/16'' \times 7/16''$. Recommended for registration by Rudolf Ziesenhenné and released to the trade by him.

No. 145—*B. "Organdy,"* semperflorens

Originated by Ernst Benary, Hann, Munden, West Germany, 1949. Unknown hybrid. Semperflorens cultorum with dwarf, compact habit of growth, approximately eight inches high. Foliage is green and flowers are many colors, shades of pink, rose, salmon, red and white. Plants very free blooming and flowers held above the foliage.

No. 146—*B. "Zuensis"*

Originated by Mrs. Susie Zug, 307 West Gladstone, San Dimas, 1956. This begonia is a hairy fibrous produced from *B. paulensis* x *B. "Credneri"*. The story of this plant was published in *The Begonian*, April 1957, under the name of *B. "Zugensis,"* which is incorrect. The leaf shape varies, some are broad-ovate, pointed and some are peltate. Average size about 6×12 . Margin is lacinated slightly. Texture rather heavy, firm, rough and entire leaf is puckered. Veins are depressed, netted, red under and green on top with red showing. Petioles $12''$ or more, stipules are light green, hairy. Leaf color is medium green on top, red venations under. New leaves remind one of red plush, soft, hairy. Flowers are deep pink, hairy with medium to large terminal clusters from leaf axil. Recommended for registration by Mrs. Emma Carleton and released to trade by Mrs. Susie Zug.

No. 147—*B. "Erici-Magni"*

Originated by Bertil Lindquist, Botanic Gardens Gothenburg, Sweden, 1952. First published in 1955, *Svensk Botanisk Tidskrift* BD, 49, H. 1-2. 1955. This begonia is a hybrid of *B. crispula* x

B. goegoensis. Rhizomatous type, plain leaved, kidney shaped. Stem suberect, about 4 inches in two-year old specimens, better developed than in the parent species. Stipules broadly ovate, aristate, distinctly keeled, slightly reddish. Petioles erect, 2-3 in. long, their cross sections circular as in *B. crispula*. Lamina reniform as in *B. crispula*, but bronzy green, glossy, slightly curled and with the nerves in broad but shallow furrows. Petiole and lamina with scattered, whitish-brown hairs, very different from those of *B. crispula*. Cyme intermediate. Flowers 20-25 mm. in diameter, bigger than those of *B. crispula*, as big as those of *B. goegoensis*. Sepals narrower than those of *B. goegoensis* and more oblong. Male flowers with two sepals and two petals. Female flowers with two sepals and three petals as in *B. crispula* (in *B. goegoensis* only one petal). Stamen monadelphous, anthers yellow, not quite 1 mm. long (strikingly shorter than those of the parent species: *B. crispula* 2 mm., *B. goegoensis* 1.6 mm.). Style bifurcate, intermediate. Stigma slightly tortuous. Ovary three-winged, with regular wings as in *B. crispula*.

MRS. EDNA L. KORTS

Nomenclature Director

August 1, 1958

Calendar

- Sept. 10—Riverside Branch — Jitney Potluck, Maddox Home, 7172 Mt. Vernon, Riverside.
- Sept. 18—Foothill Branch — Jitney Potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m., Giridlian's Oakhurst Gardens, Arcadia.
- Sept. 20—Elsa Fort Branch—Begonia Show and lunch, home of Mrs. Mildred Tait, Ashland, N.J., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sept. 23—Southern Alameda Branch Annual Rummage Sale, Hayward.
- Sept. 26—Redondo Area—"Soil and Its Problems," Dr. Houghton, Alice Martin home, 640 W. 141st St., 8 p.m.

Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Flight

No. 1 Hillebrandia sanwicensis—Begoniaceae. Hawaii. Rare and beautiful plant native to Hawaiian Islands. Seed and cover picture on this month's The Begonian were sent to seed fund by a friend in Canada who states that this plant does not occur anywhere but in Hawaiian Islands and is very rare. The species name *sanwicensis* means that this plant in native to the Sandwich Islands, which is the old name for the Hawaiian Islands. The name of the genus is *Hillebrandia*, not *Begonia*. A friend in the islands speaks of seeing this plant growing there at an elevation of 2,000 feet and it is difficult to find anyone who will collect seed due to the rough terrain. When you see how beautiful this plant is, you will realize the importance of sending your requests for seed as soon as you receive your Begonian. Price is 50c per small pkt.

A few days ago Edna Korts called me to say a package of begonia seed had been sent to her address from a collector in Brazil and were to be distributed among the members of the American Begonia Society. Needless to say we lost no time in going to Edna's house to pick up the seed but when the package was opened we discovered that many of the seed bore only numbers, a few were named and we offer them as listed below. We have written to the collector for the proper identification on the balance and will offer them as soon as we have information.

BRAZIL BEGONIAS

No. 1 B. angularis.

No. 2 B. arborescens—syn *B. confertiflora*—fruiticose.

No. 3 B. bradeii Irmscher.

No. 4 B. rubropilosa—fruiticose—St. Hilaire, Brazil.

No. 5 B. rubrosericea.

The above are not listed in any of the literature available to seed fund. 25c per pkt. for above.

B. "Kareless"—Discovered growing in a greenhouse in Florida. The name given here is not registered or recognized by the American Begonia Society and is only being used as a convenience. Seed have been sent to a grower for identification

and will report on his findings later. Sow seed where you wish plants to remain as they do not transplant well. 25c per pkt.

B. semperflorens mixed—Mixture contains such choice varieties as *B. semp.* "Albo-Parks," *B.* "Black Leatherneck," *B.* "New Hampshire" and many more. Nice surprise for you. 25c per pkt.

B. caffra—So. Africa. Seed were collected in NE Transvaal and a plant was sent to identification garden in Pretoria where it was found to be *B. caffra*. There is some doubt about it being the true *B. coffra*, but until some one comes along with something better, it will be listed as above. 25c per pkt.

B. epipsila—Beautiful basket plant having dark maroon foliage and white or pink tinged flowers. 25c per pkt.

B. Pink Shasta—Cane type with large, soft pink flowers— 25c per pkt.

B. mazae—Mexico. Considerable variation in coloring of the small heart-shaped leaves. Creeping or climbing stalks red and white streaked, flowers pink. 25c per pkt.

B. Joe Hayden—Rhizomatous. Leaves are black-brown and glisten like satin, flowers are pink. This is a hybrid. 25c per pkt.

B. sunderbruchi—Rhizomatous. Leaves are large, brightly colored emerald green, flowers pink. Good house plant. 25c per pkt.

B. vellozoana—Brazil. See July The Begonian for description and drawing. 50c per pkt. New supply of seed.

B. semperflorens Lucifer—One of the most satisfactory of all the semperflorens. Foliage is deep blackish-brown, flowers are scarlet and in great profusion. Fresh seed collected from our own plants. 25c per pkt.

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B. semperflorens Tausendschoen-red—Het. dwarf, compact plant for bedding or pot culture.

B. semperflorens Kathe Teicher—Small plant with pink flowers.

B. semperflorens Hexe—Red flowers.
B. semperflorens Gruga—Carmine flowers.
B. semperflorens Rosabella—Pink flowers.

German semperflorens—\$1.00 or 25c per single pkt.

GREENHOUSE PLANTS

Rare streptocarpus from So. Africa:

S. grandis—Zululand, Natal. Curious stemless plant with hairy leaf 2-3 feet long, hairy veins; small light blue flowers, dark in center, white on lower petals, on clustered stalks emerging from base of leaf.

S. cooksoni, S. montigena, S. vanderleirii, S. polyanthus, S. comptoni—The streptocarpus seed mentioned above are not available anywhere but through the seed fund and we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to grow something that is rare and beautiful. They require greenhouse care and are not difficult to grow. 25c per small pkt.

Pentarhaphia verrucosa (Gesneriaceae)—Collector states there is much confusion concerning name of this group of plants. He also states it resembles a Saintpaulia with red flowers. Seed were sent from France. 25c per pkt.

Gloxinia perrenis (maculata) Gesneriaceae—Brazil. Not a sinningia. Growth about 18" high, stems are spotted on scaly rhizomes (not a tuber), flowers are large, bell-shaped, purplish blue with darker throat, fragrant; leaves heart-shaped, waxy above and reddish beneath. 35 per pkt.

Stephanotis floribunda "Madagascar jasmine"—Vine with waxy leaves and fragrant white flowers in clusters. 4 seed for 25c.

Aglaonema commutatum—Philippine Islands. Leathery, deep green leaves with markings of silver gray, white spathe; berries red or yellow. 2 seed for 25c.

Heliconia humilis—Lobster's claw, Hawaii. Flower bracts bright, boiled lobster red, 5x1½". Each stalk 2-3' long, bears 12 or less ovate-pointed bracts. Leaves resemble those of a banana plant. Berries contain two or more seed. 25c per pkt.

Telosma odoratissima—Chinese violet, Hawaii. Ornamental vine with greenish-yellow, five parted, about ¾" long, clustered. Strong and pleasantly fragrant.

Leaves broad, heart-shaped, 2-4" long. 25c per pkt.

Cibotium chamissoi—Tree fern. Hawaii. Beautiful fern of the rain forest, with stout, fibrous trunk consisting of a mass of aerial roots around a core of starch capable of storing water. Heads are large, soft-textured crinkled fronds luxuriously green, stalks covered with soft jade hair. Beautiful grown as a tub or pot plant in greenhouse but hardy outdoors in mild climates. 25c per pkt.

Chirita lavandulacea (Gesneriaceae)—Erect, branching with large ovate, soft hairy leaves with toothed margins. Flowers with white pouch-like corolla tube and spreading limb of pale lavender blue, yellow in throat. 25c per pkt.

OTHER GENERA

Hibiscus tiliaceus—Hau, Hawaii. Ornamental. Flowers are bright yellow with dark-red centers, hibiscus shaped, 2-3" long. Leaves rounded, heart-shaped; whitish beneath. 25c per pkt.

Coix lacryma-jobi (Job's tears)—Flowers small, narrow clustered, on spikes 1-4" long, pointed, broad and heart-shaped at base. Likes damp soil. Two varieties. 25c per pkt.

Urginea maritima (Sea onion)—Medium, shiny green leaves, thick bulbs, flowers numerous and white. 25c per pkt.

Scabiosa webbiana—See story by Don Horton in July The Begonian. 25c per pkt.

Kalanchoe blossfeldiana—Compact, branching plant with small, glossy green leaves topped by clusters of bright red flowers. 25c per pkt.

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Leaves From Our Begonia Branches

GLENDALE

Our speaker last month was our good friend Mrs. Sylvia Leatherman of Leatherman's Gardens. Sylvia always has lots of interesting and instructive things to tell us about begonias and companion plants.

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MISSOURI

The July meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Kate Baughman, sixteen members were present for luncheon and the following program. We have a new junior member who is a granddaughter of one of our old faithful members. Mrs. Mary Woods' home in Independence was the scene of our August meeting.

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ORANGE COUNTY

Pictures of rare flowering bulbs were shown by James N. Giridlian of Oakhurst Gardens, Arcadia, at a free public meeting of the Orange County Branch.

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REDONDO AREA

August was the month for fun and pleasure for the Redondo Area Branch. Mrs. Alice Martin, Flower Show chairman, with the help of other members, entered a display booth in the Inglewood games, white elephants, plant booth, snack bar, and continuous entertainment

from 2:30 to 10 p.m. All this, combined Dahlia Show Aug. 16 and 17.

We also had a "Fun Day" instead of the annual bazaar on Aug. 16. Mrs. Ruth Taylor and her committee provided with the setting provided by the Joe Taylor lovely outdoor patio, made a real "Fun Day" for all.

The regular August meeting was held in the patio of the Alexander home in Redondo Beach. It is reported that "Fern Haven" would be a fitting name for the Alexander yard and patio. Here the members viewed colored slides of Europe shown by Mrs. Cleone Crozier.

Third place ribbon was won by this Branch at the Hawthorne Garden Club Show held in June—showing that they are still in there pitching!

September meeting will start at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. John Martin, 640 W. 141st St., Hawthorne. Dr. Houghton will speak on "Soil and Its Problems" He brings with him 40 years experience as an agricultural inspector in Southern California to aid him in answering your questions in this field.

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RIVERSIDE

Riverside Branch of the American Begonia Society had a jitney pot-luck dinner in July for the benefit of the glass-

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house and another in August for the same purpose to add to the fund.

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We invite everyone who can make the trip to join us. Bring your own table service and a covered dish. There will be a plant table and door prize. Mrs. Dorothy Berhans will be the speaker. Donation 50 cents a plate.

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SACRAMENTO

July meeting was a potluck supper. Hostesses were Frances Flannigan, Lillian McPherson, Marguerite Cole and Hattie Palmer.

Two films were shown which were furnished by Herb Fitch. The first film, "Traditional England," showed famous places in English history, literature and legend. The second picture, "Present Day Japan," covered modern industries and work activities of the villagers. We felt sure all the members not only enjoyed seeing both films, but came away enlightened with old and new world history.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

The San Gabriel Valley branch is happy to report a most successful Be-

gonia and Shade Plant Show, held in June at J. N. Giridlian's beautiful Oakhurst Gardens in Arcadia.

Our thanks go to Mary Gillingwaters, show chairman, and her clerks and judges—Virginia Humphreys, Mabel Corwin, Lola Fahey, Susie Zug, Beth Bath and Mrs. Heil for a big job well done.

We were so pleased at the cooperation of so many ABS members who so graciously shared their plants to make such wonderful displays.

The Grand Sweepstakes Award (Charles Lovejoy Trophy) went to Mabel Corwin with 47 points. She also took Best in Show Award with her "Arthur Mallet"; Best Fibrous Trophy with "Maytime" and Best Seedling (Dr. Lauder Trophy) with a rhizomatous.

Best Rex Award was given to one of our newest members, John J. Clark. Our many thanks go to Mr. Giridlian for use of his gardens; to Clarence Johnston and John Fahey, clean-up crew; Howard and Melva Small, plant sale table; Margaret and Kirk Moore, snack bar; and to all members who participated in the potluck dinner.

We had more than 200 visitors and were able to donate over \$140 to the Arboretum Glasshouse Fund. According to the Fund Chairman, Howard Small, we are nearing the thousand-dollar mark—less than one-third of our goal.

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SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Helen Fouche, Southern Alameda County Branch captured a blue ribbon which paid \$85 at the recent Alameda County Fair for its 10 x 12 ft. "Garden Retreat" entry which featured shade loving plants and a shrine.

Instead of a regular meeting on July 17, there was a patio meeting hosted by Mr. and Mrs. David Rosen at their residence, 26358 Mohr Dr., Mt. Eden. Games with potted plants as prizes and outdoor refreshments concluded an enjoyable evening even though the weather was "unfriendly."

On July 20, commencing at 2 p.m., five South County gardens were open to the members and their guests for inspection, and the tour included a commercial greenhouse of African violets and one of orchids. Following the tour, the H. J. Bolyards entertained the group in their begonia patio with light refreshments.

Next major event of the Branch is the annual rummage sale on Sept. 23, to be held in Hayward.

WILLIAM PENN

The William Penn Branch is giving a very small begonia show in September to show each other how lovely our plants are after the summer out-of-doors. To make this show easy on our hostess and on all exhibitors it was decided that each member bring her card table and any plants which she wishes to show. To stimulate everyone to grow her plants well for this important event and to pick out her finest for exhibition we have invited Mrs. Nancy Alvord, vice-president of A.B.S., Mrs. Frederick Kingsbury, National Representative for the New England Branches, and Mrs. Karl Withol, an ambitious and successful grower of plants, to serve as our judges and to go with us the next day to the Begonia Party given by the Elsa Fort Branch at the home of Mrs. Mildred Tait, Ashland, N.J. The Elsa Fort Branch are fine growers and all begonia lovers will want to get to their plant sale early; there will be a flower show and a lecture after lunch. It is very pleasant to have begonia parties where we may see what others have achieved.

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Minutes, National Board, July 28

The meeting of the National Board of The American Begonia Society was called to order by President Coe at 7:30 p.m. July 28, 1958.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with a minor correction.

Treasurer Lovejoy gave his financial report which was accepted as read. Mr. Lovejoy asked that the president appoint a committee to audit the treasurer's books for the year. Pres. Coe appointed Mr. Walton and Mrs. Graham as a committee to do the auditing. Mr. Lovejoy then brought to mind the fact he had leased a safety deposit box in Temple City in which to keep A. B. S. papers and suggested that the location of the box should be changed for greater convenience of the new treasurer. Moved by Mr. Lovejoy, seconded by Mr. Trowbridge, that the new treasurer be empowered to rent a safety deposit box more conveniently located and to transfer the A. B. S. papers to such box. Motion carried. Mr. Lovejoy stated he had received \$5.00 each from the Glendale Branch and the San Gabriel Valley Branch, to be added to the President's Fund.

Pres. Elect Slatter stated he had visited several branches during the past month, talking up the convention.

Membership Secretary Walton gave a report of 46 new members and 86 renewals for the month with income of \$331.00. Mr. Walton stated he would soon be in need of envelopes for mailing The Begonian and that same could be purchased at \$5.70 per M., printing of course would be additional. Moved by Mr. Walton, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the A. B. S. purchase 10,000 mailing envelopes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Brest, editor of The Begonian, stated that the next issue was almost ready to go to press. Owing to vacations and press of Convention arrangements nothing had as yet been done relative to sorting the Begonian cuts but that the committee would take care of it as soon as possible. Letter received from Miss Flossie Kelly of Long Beach thanking the A. B. S. for complimentary copies of the Seed Fund Issue of The Begonian. Four copies had been sent to her in acknowledgement of her help in making up the issue. Reported she had visited Mrs. Alice Clark of San Diego and hoped to have some articles for The Begonian at a future date. Had also visited the Orange County Shade Plant Show, found many fine begonias and shade plants on display. Sweepstakes won by Mrs. Beth Bath.

Research Director Sylvia Leatherman gave her report, read a letter received from Dr. Lyman B. Smith and stated she was sending him some of the species begonias she has raised from seed. Also re-

ported that some of the species begonias are to be grown at the Arboretum.

Seed Fund Chairman Mrs. Florence Gee not being present her report was read by Treas. Lovejoy showing \$94.00 remitted to the treasury.

Advertising Manager Thieben gave his report showing \$146.25 received and paid to the treasurer, balance of \$72.50 to be collected. He stated that considerable additional advertising had been secured for the Convention number. He also stated that the Convention Committee had authorized 20 inches of advertising in exchange for certain products of value to the A. B. S. Moved by Mr. Walton, seconded by Mrs. Parker that the action of the Convention Committee in granting such advertising be confirmed. Motion carried.

Public Relations Director Clarence Hall suggested that we try to secure a Round Robin chairman outside of California. He reported he had received a letter from Mrs. Nancy Alvord stating with regret that she would not be able to attend the convention.

Awards Committee Chairman Mrs. Ethel Arbuckle reported that the committee had selected Mrs. Alice Clark of San Diego as 1958 recipient of the Eva Kenworthy Gray award.

National Librarian Mrs. Lucy Sault gave her report on books loaned, purchased and sold, report accepted as read.

Slide Library Chairman Mrs. Anderson stated she had shown slides at the West Valley Branch two months recently.

Nomenclature Chairman Mrs. Korts gave her report, stating that a list of 15 newly registered begonias had been prepared for publication in The Begonian.

Mrs. Sault brought up the question of the price to be charged for back numbers of The Begonian. Moved by Mrs. Graham, seconded by Mr. Walton, that all back numbers of The Begonian be priced at 25c each. Motion carried.

Branches reporting: El Monte—Glendale—Inglewood—Long Beach Parent Chapter—Orange County—Redondo Beach—San Gabriel Valley and Ventura.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:20.

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