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## FLOWERS FOR FESTIVE DECOR

By TRU PETERSON

Glitter, tinsel, and sparkling lights are the gay ornaments that enliven the festive mood, but the basis of all Christmas decorations is an abundance of colorful leaves and flowers.

Most popular of all, holly is truly symbolic of Christmas, and the familiar holly wreath still holds first place in many homes. However, its use is decreasing. The best native varieties have almost been exterminated because of the great demand, and other varieties are expensive and difficult to obtain. English holly, with its dark green leaves and dense clusters of berries, is probably the most beautiful for home decoration, but other varieties are used, some with variegated leaf coloring, some with silver margined leaves.

The gay poinsettia, now preferred by many decorators, received its first acclaim as a Christmas flower in old Mexico. But it is not the flower that makes it desirable, as the small cluster of tiny yellow blossoms serves only as the center for the large rosette of bright red or white leaves. The poinsettia is a tropical American species of euphorbia, a diverse genus which includes leafy tropical shrubs, cactus-like desert plants, and hardy herbaceous perennials and annuals.

The Christmas cactus is another excellent winter-flowering plant. Its drooping branches are tipped with brilliant red flowers, which appear in winter and early spring. Cherished as a house plant for more than a century, it can be trained to various forms.

Though seldom used in home decorations, the Christmas rose has long been associated with the Nativity story. But it is not a rose — it is a member of the buttercup family. It blooms in winter, with large white or slightly purple flowers resembling wild roses. Known also as black hellebore, it is a species of fibrous rooted herbs native to the Old World.

Growing in favor is the Christmas-berry, also called Tollon, a large ever-

green shrub native to California. Its shining dark green, sharp-toothed leaves and panicles of white flowers are so striking that it is ideal for holiday display.

Finally, in addition to all other decorations, a prominent place must be given to a sprig of mistletoe. While it is inseparably tied with the Yuletide spirit, it has an unexciting appearance, being a shrubby parasite with jointed stems, broad scale-like leaves, colorless flowers, and small berries. Perhaps its greatest beauty is in its hypnotic influence on timid souls, giving them the courage to cast off inhibitions and share a few fleeting moments of good will.

These are the favored flowers for festive decor. Most flower lovers will enjoy them in their natural form and coloring, but some will choose to enhance them with gold and silver coatings. Whatever their preference may be, their choice will be right if it adds pleasure to holiday gatherings and promotes the true spirit of Christmas.

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### COVER PICTURE

The dramatic moment of the Virgin's appearance to Bernadette at Lourdes is depicted on a redwood disc less than three inches in diameter. The grotto is formed of semi-precious stones. The Madonna, with the traditional golden roses at her feet, stands amidst pearls under a tiny pearl-laden tree in whose branches violet butterflies hover. Bernadette kneels at the side of the pool which is surrounded by minute golden palms signifying victory.

This miniature was made for the 100th anniversary of the miracle at Lourdes, and is being displayed at the Gates Memorial Library in Port Arthur, Texas. It was designed and created by Virginia Burke-Wilson, president of the Texas State Branch of the A.B.S. The cover picture is her "Merry Christmas" to THE BEGONIAN, and to her Branch, in its tenth anniversary year.

Photo by B. Crist, courtesy of The Port Arthur News and the Gates Memorial Library.

# The Merrys of Sunrise Knoll

By ORPHA C. FOX  
*Dracut, Massachusetts*

Percy and Ruth Merry of Brookside Road, Needham, Massachusetts, are THE MERRYS to all who know them, and their "trademark", the rising sun with cheerful rays, symbolic of their home, Sunrise Knoll, is familiar to those with whom they correspond. The name was well chosen. The home is on a height, the house set snugly into the hill, high in front and facing the east, with a view over miles of beautiful countryside.

The move from a neighboring town to their present home about twenty years ago gave the Merrys an opportunity to expand their growing interests in plants and gardens. They have planted evergreens, flowering shrubs and trees; and a perennial border provides colorful bloom from earliest spring. Healthy young apple trees bear an abundance of fruit and there is a well kept kitchen

garden, including a thrifty strawberry bed. A small greenhouse and lath house shelter the Merry begonias and other tender plants. At a higher level on an axis from the sunporch is an enclosed circular garden where iris, hemerocallis, and chrysanthemums are grown in formal arrangement. In May, the bloom of purple and white wistaria is charming at the entrance to this very pleasant spot.

The Merrys have a special interest in growing and hybridizing hemerocallis and have created some beautiful varieties. A series of these hybrids has been given the interesting Indian place-names of the region: Nonantum, Norumbega, Nehoiden, Shawmut, Wachuset. The Merry's town and state have not been overlooked; 'Needham' is a lovely pale yellow and 'Massachusetts' a recurved purple maroon.

Percy Merry is a commercial photo-



Begonias and tropical plants fill the Merry's sun porch

Photo by P. I. Merry



Ruth and Percy Merry in their garden

Photo by P. I. Merry

grapher, a profession which ties in especially well with the many interests and activities shared by this couple. For many years Ruth Merry has given lectures on garden topics, perennials, flower arranging, house plants etc., and is particularly well known for her lectures and demonstrations on making Christmas decorations. Her husband illustrates these talks from his large collections of colored slides. Not only are they busy with lectures in preparation for the holiday season, but Ruth Merry makes dozens of sprays, wreaths, mantel and table decorations,

and Christmas corsages. From time to time throughout the year, articles and pictures by the Merrys appear in several gardening magazines.

The Merrys are active in many horticultural groups. Ruth Merry has been president of the garden clubs in both communities where she has lived. Both belong to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, giving many hours of service, particularly in connection with the several flower shows sponsored each year. Percy Merry is a loyal member of the Boston Branch of the National Associa-

tion of Gardeners. Both are members of the Boston Gardeners and Florists Club, a very old horticultural group, dating from 1887. Ruth Merry is treasurer of this organization. Both belong to the American Iris and American Hemerocallis Societies, and Ruth Merry has been the regional director of the latter group. Last perhaps, but certainly not least, the Merrys are active members of the Bessie Raymond Buxton Branch of the American Begonia Society. They have planned many successful begonia exhibits, and Ruth Merry has served as program chairman and in 1958 and 1959 was president of the Branch.

Over the years the Merrys have been consistent winners of many horticultural awards. Ruth Merry's artistry in flower arranging has brought her much personal recognition. For several years she has served the Massachusetts Horticultural Society as chairman of the arrangement section of the annual Chrysanthemum Show. Invariably this group display has received high commendation, usually accompanied by ribbons or medals, the most recent, a gold medal in October, 1960. Through his planning and direction, Percy Merry was instrumental in gaining the gold medal of the New York Horticultural Society for the Boston Branch of the National Association of Gardeners, an award for an informal garden judged the most beautiful exhibit of the 1959 New England Spring Flower Show. In many seasons the Merry's daffodil, iris, and hemerocallis exhibits have merited highest awards, and for years their begonias have shared honors in the many Branch displays.

Ruth Merry says she has always grown house plants, including some begonias. In 1947, she was urged to enter a group of begonias in the exhibit at the New England Spring Show. Enthusiastic over the many beautiful plants on display, the Merrys joined the Begonia Society as members of the New England group, now the Bessie Raymond Buxton Branch. Their first meeting was at "The Green-laws" in Concord, Massachusetts. Here a large greenhouse filled with many varieties of begonias further excited their interest. The Merrys recall that at this

meeting Bessie Buxton first showed the species *B. mazae*, discovered only the previous year, later to become the parent of many good varieties, among them the Merry seedling 'Illsley'. Soon the Merrys began to build their own collection.

Percy Merry has extended some of his interest in hybridizing to the begonia and has produced some very good plants, three of which have been registered. 'Illsley' is an attractive seedling of *B. 'Boweri'* x *B. mazae*. 'Dark Beauty' and 'Beatrice Haddrell' are each from a cross of *B. 'Boweri'* x *B. sunderbruchii*. 'Beatrice Haddrell' was named by vote of the Branch in memory of a well loved member. This is a sturdy, colorful, rhizomatous begonia with a wealth of winter bloom. Few members of the Branch are without it.

The Merrys have grown an unusually fine specimen of *B. 'Kenworthyii'* which, when a young plant, was pictured on the cover of THE BEGONIAN. In maturity this is a large begonia with rhizomes curving about the pot and well clothed with leaves. There are two very interesting, though quite dissimilar Merry seedlings of *B. 'Kenworthyii'* neither yet named nor registered.

In New England, begonias are grown "the hard way" and love for them may be gauged by willingness to cope with the problems of growing them indoors for at least three quarters of the year. The Merrys love their begonias. The greenhouse is filled with seedlings and young plants at all times, but in winter its capacity is really strained. Many plants spend the summer in the shade of the lath house but must be returned to warm quarters with the first hint of frost. True to the New England conviction that beautiful begonias can be grown entirely under house conditions, the Merrys keep a group of rex varieties in the wide east window of the kitchen.

Engaging though these places are, it is the sun porch to which visitors in the Merry home are quickly attracted. This is a heated room with windows across the south and west walls. Two steps down, it is reached through a wide door from the living room. Some begonias

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# HOW LEAFMOLD?

By VIRGINIA WITHEE  
*President, Rhode Island Branch, A.B.S.*

Leafmold is humus, that precious commodity of nature so absolutely essential to the composition of a rich soil, whether for use in the benches of greenhouses, for plants in the home, or for use in outdoor gardens.

How leafmold? Countless layers of leaves, twigs, bark, toppled trees, old stumps, roots, and similar debris decay upon the forest floor to a depth of several inches — in some places even several feet, depending on the locale.

This lush material is found also in bogs and swamps. It is especially valuable for bog plants, acid loving shrubs, and certain bulbs.

To procure this rich organic matter, it is necessary to remove the top layer of litter which has not been broken down, then with fork or spade (and a strong back) remove the soft black material and sift it to eliminate fibrous roots, stones, and the like.

This sifted humus is like velvet to the feel. Here is the source of vital nourishment, better root aeration, and improved drainage; it has moisture holding capacity but isn't soggy, and of course, it releases the many elements most essential to plants, such as nitrogen and various minerals.

With the use of leafmold-humus, leaching is greatly reduced, for leafmold acts as a sponge, but because it is light and porous, it does not become soggy in itself. Soils that are devoid of humus become soggy, heavy, crusting when dry, and therefore injurious to the delicate roots of plants.

Leafmold can be used with great success as a rooting medium because it contains the rich elements to promote root growth, and it is excellent for the first potting medium of newly rooted plants.

For my stag horn ferns and anthuriums, I go into our nearby woods and, finding a well rotted stump, chestnut or oak, I break away the outer covering and delve with a trowel into its depths. Here is

lush material to their liking. I pack this with care around their roots and cover it with sphagnum moss. The stag horns I wire onto old but firm sections of stump, and the anthuriums I set into large pots. Just for an added touch of nutrient, I sneak a piece of old cow manure under the sphagnum moss at the top and water from the top to furnish a "cocktail" very much to their liking.

I have several fancy philodendrons, marantas, calatheas, bromeliads, gingers, and others, besides many begonias — especially rexes — and to all I have given this lush, woodsy humus, plus compost, year-old cow manure, and bone meal. All seem to enjoy the mixture. For most ferns I use swamp muck, rotted sawdust, and bonemeal.

The results are extremely gratifying.

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## SHOW REFLECTIONS

By L. R. MASLIN  
*Linthicum, Maryland*

The begonia show and party held at Paoli, Pennsylvania, in September was a delightful affair.

Our Maryland members of the American Begonia Society are too widely scattered to have a Branch, so an invitation to visit a Branch show is welcome. What a pleasure to meet other begonia lovers and talk begonias with them! We had a social time renewing friendships and making new friends. Meeting people face to face that have been merely names before, and getting acquainted are happy experiences.

The begonia exhibit was a lovely sight and attracted much attention and comment. Then there was the plant sale table, where one had the chance to buy the begonia that had been wanted for a long while. There were speakers who aided us greatly in growing our plants.

The show and party was just one delight from start to finish.

# Exciting New Whirly Curly

By DOROTHY S. BEHREND  
*Encinitas, California*

Begonia 'Whirly Curly' is the most exciting new begonia to be introduced for a long time and it won the coveted H. P. Dyckman Trophy at the 1960 A.B.S. Convention Show.

It is a sport of *B. heracleifolia* var. 'Sunderbruchi' and was observed and later propagated by Mrs. Percy (Susie) Zug of San Dimas, California.

The large star-shaped leaf that is recognized as a typical heracleifolia leaf" had a change of heart in this sport-representative.

This new Begonia 'Whirly Curly' is a delightful dwarf-growing begonia, a welcome addition to the window gardener's collection.

The leaves of *B. 'Whirly Curly'* are handsomely black-green with a varied amount of chartreuse-green. The leaf stems are short, but are seldom seen, because the sharply lobed leaves are always folded and the plant grows quite dense. The center lobes at the sinus are slightly frilled and "curly in a whirly way."

The plant has an interesting background in that Susie Zug severed the sport-growth, over three years ago, from the parent plant and inserted it in a rooting medium. It rooted and grew slowly. I was visiting Mrs. Zug about two years ago and asked to be placed on the list for plants when she propagated them. Susie promptly went to the cutting bed and produced an unrooted cutting for me. This cutting was cherished and, after it was well established and growing, I placed two leaf stems (and they were very short) in the propagating medium, along with a small section of the rhizome.

This was a test to see whether the petiole (leaf stem) cutting would produce "true" plants, or whether it would be necessary to propagate by rhizome cuttings (clone) only.

The plant is slow to reproduce, but it comes true to its sport-parent. It takes from ten months to a year to produce

a well shaped, young plant — so the demand will be much greater than the supply for quite a while yet.

The begonia plant entered at the convention show belonged to me but was entered as a new begonia by Susie Zug, as obviously it could not be entered or claimed by anyone except the originator.

A begonia does not have to be grown by the originator to enter this Class, as it is often found that the originator has been prevailed upon too often to grow and maintain a nice specimen. The originator is constantly cutting the plant for propagation.

I appreciate Susie Zug's sharing her plant with me and in turn Susie is glad she did. Reason? Susie's plant died, leaving the shared plant the only one to continue the line of the sport.

An extinct plant loses all claims.

*B. 'Whirly Curly'* will take its place alongside *B. 'Sir Percy'* as being one of Mrs. Zug's most popular begonias. Begonia 'Sir Percy' is in more begonia collections today, than any other cultivar introduced in the last ten years. *B. 'Bow-Joe'* ranks second.

Everyone is delighted with this new begonia and happy for Susie Zug.

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## AMMONIA AIDS BEGONIAS

During the winter months when my begonias are inclined to rest, they are never fed. However, once a week I add a teaspoonful of clear household ammonia to the water. The ammonia contains just enough nitrogen to aid in good growth. It also keeps away unwelcome guests.

I have been using ammonia for years and it is completely safe for all house plants. I never have pests in my soil or on my plants.

L. R. Maslin.



## CANE BEGONIAS

By EDNA L. KORTS  
*President, American Begonia Society*

The lush, beautiful foliage, the various colors and shapes of the blossoms, and the ease of their culture make the cane type begonias a pleasure to grow and a joy to behold. The white flowers of the *camellias* never appealed to me a great deal, but the clusters of white blossoms on the begonias are most beautiful, perhaps because they are not too common. They seem to create an elusive, ethereal beauty hanging among the green leaves.

Begonia 'Crystal White' that I found listed in the Krauss begonia book is of *B. coccinea* parentage, from the garden of Mrs. Frank Waite about 1928 or 1930. The plant grows quite tall even in a container, so I presume that if it were planted in the ground in a good location, it would be really tall.

The leaves are of good size, oblique, ovate, pointed, with a wavy edge and smooth surface, very heavily silver-spotted — one could say splashed — on young and old leaves. The spots do not fade even on really old leaves. The flowers are in fair sized clusters and being white, give the plant a fairy-like beauty.

This begonia is an outstanding plant. It is too bad we did not give medals when it was originated.

Accidentally placed on the bench beside B. 'Crystal White' was another speckled-leaf begonia. I say speckled because that better describes the effect than to say spotted. The dots on this plant are very fine.

Begonia 'Sarabelle' reference is listed in Krauss under B. 'Lucerna' derivatives. Also, in my old Robinson catalog it is listed as a Rosecroft introduction, but the name there is B. 'Sara-Belle', a seedling of B. 'Maybelle E'.

The leaves are pale green, thickly silver-speckled, the under side jade green with a ruddy flush along the veins. They are smaller leaves than on B. 'Crystal White', oblique, ovate, but with not so sharp a point. They are smooth and of good texture. The flowers are red, giving the

## SET SEED FOR NEW COLOR

By BERNICE BRILMAYER  
*West Redding, Connecticut*

Unless you are a stickler for named varieties, you can increase your collection of summer-flowering tuberous begonias by the simple process of setting your own seed. And who knows what unique new color or flower form you may create at the same time?

Select plants with the sturdiest growth habits and the most perfect proportions. In late summer, near the end of the flowering season, watch the many-petalled double male flowers gradually disappear — and single male flowers bloom in their place. These single flowers are most likely to be fertile, in the plants' natural attempt to reproduce themselves.

Brush the pollen-laden stamens of these single male flowers on the sticky, shiny stigma of female flowers — which are easily distinguished by the prominent, three-winged, seed-bearing ovary just below the petals; and which are usually found growing below the male flowers on the stem. Sit back and wait for the seeds to ripen and the pods to dry. Then harvest your crop, store in an air-tight pill bottle, and sow at planting time in late winter or early spring.

Resulting seedlings will not be uniform, because modern double-flowering tuberous begonias are of complicated hybrid origin. But the plants should be strong and colorful, the flowers up to 50% double — and, of course, they're free!

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plant a very distinctive and surprising effect when in bloom.

I believe one reason I was fairly successful in growing and blooming the cane begonias during the past few years is because I remembered what Mr. Ziesenhenné has said in his talks to clubs: "Feed them!" A friend gave me a fertilizer bottle with instructions on using it, and my plants have been fed regularly all summer when they were watered. At the present time we are cutting down on the fertilizer, to harden the plants so they will better withstand the colder weather.

# Red Paint, Glue and People

By CLARENCE HALL  
*Past President, American Begonia Society*

There are some dreary wet and cold days ahead of us plain dirt gardeners. Our begonias are resting, and still the urge of the green-thumbers is to keep working, though the elements are against us. We want to do something *now* to help in their exuberant change when, in the warm days of spring, plant life again begins its annual cycle, teaching us once more what Easter and the Resurrection really means.

I have heard that the Canadians in some of their National Parks are using a most novel way to warn visitors against overly friendly bears. It seems that the bruins have had their rear ends painted with red paint. I am unable to say if they approach the tourist looking backwards, in order to get the full effect of that warning color. There are no bears in my back yard, but I am busy splashing red paint around, to fill out some of these wet and dreary days. We are still using some of our garden tools, but many have been put away for use in the spring months when needed most.

To pass on to you fans something that is quite helpful, I want to say that red paint is a habit of mine. All of my garden tools, the snippers, the tongs for cactus, the hoe and rake, the spade and trowel, and all the others, have the handles and the biggest portion painted in Chinese red. I love the color, but it is not for this reason that they are painted. Only because the habit of leaving tools around and then not being able to find them has been eliminated by their being painted with Chinese red enamel. A small can, costing about 35c, and a small-width brush is all that is needed. While you itch to get into the garden and the elements will not let you, why not spend some of these idle moments painting your garden gadgets? It works, and you won't lose any more of them. You can spot them in a hurry, and you will find it helpful. The only color exception of course, is in the color of your plant stakes.

These too, can get refreshed at this time of the year with a low cost green paint, brightening them up, ready for their use, next season.

The latest in greenhouse coverings is a heavy plastic. However, many of us have used and are still using in our homemade greenhouses, a material which I believe is called Cello-glass. Its components are wire screen, covered with a transparent plastic material. It has been used for chicken houses and other shelters requiring a dry condition created inexpensively. My experience has been that the verticle side of the greenhouse covered with this material lasts many years. The horizontal portions (roof) however become weather-beaten in a short period and small holes appear, defeating the desired effect of dryness in the greenhouse, allowing rain to drip and sometimes spoil your beloved plants.

This can be eliminated, if the holes are discovered when they are small, or a treatment each season will assure a longer life for the material on the roof section. The treatment is by the use of a currently well accepted white glue, going under the trade name of Wilhold. Dilute the glue with hot water, bringing it to a thin consistency, and paint it over the holes. It soon hardens, and the cause of drip is eliminated. Don't wait for a big hole to appear. It will then be too late. Do it seasonally or when the material starts to show some deterioration. Buy the glue in gallon containers. Dilute only what you may need, and the rest can be kept for future use.

I recently had the pleasure of listening to a begonia grower and hybridizer of quite some renown give one of her inspiring talks. Louise Schwerdtfeger held the audience spell bound. She is good because she has always been *intensely* interested, and remains that way. She spoke about the beginner who casually comes to a meeting and becomes an avid fan. She then took us through the stages

that the neophyte goes through, progressing from the uninformed to the elite informed group, and into the fascinating field of hybridizing. And one step further, when the beginner is no longer a beginner, but has become an authority, with lath-houses, tube-houses and green-houses chuck full of plants. Then the bug hits to sell the surplus plants, and he or she decides to become a nurseman. Her personal remarks on this phase had better be left out or the Editor will do it for me, for it appears that the final result of this is far from a bed of roses.

She is an avid begoniaite. Her tube-houses in Santa Barbara started from the beginner's small one, to several, the largest being eighty feet long, full of begonias, many from her own hybridizing. She has always undertaken her hobby on the basis of what a great British statesman once said. When he was told that something was impossible he replied, "I trample upon the impossible". She doesn't trample on any ideas or impossibilities but sets out to prove they are possible, and has done so successfully many times.

But what astonished me was that she was also telling me of another interest — that of painting — painting in oils! Not red paint, but in oils.

She told me how fascinating it is, and without neglect of her beloved plants, she has found another way to express herself. Another way to free ourselves from our own individual bondage of habit — and sometimes prejudice. I would venture to say that this new-found talent will show up in beautiful paintings of our favorite plants, and if she ever

reproduces those colorful rex begonias in oils, that red paint will show up once again.

This brings to mind that red and green are the predominant colors of the Christmas Season. The red in the berries and garlands. The red in Old Santa's coat. The green of the holly and the evergreen wreath. It is the season of giving, and remembering all our friends. The recalling of past friendships, the keen desire to do just a little bit more than we usually do. It is the season of Peace on Earth and Good Will Towards All Men. And as we give, so shall we receive. If we give more of ourselves, we will receive more in return.

We are fortunate. Our hobby is a happy one. We can smile and enjoy ourselves in it and with it, and with the friends that it brings to us. Which gives me the opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Christmas. And may the spirit of the season stay with you throughout the New Year.

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Most of my begonias are being propagated under fluorescent lights. In the cellar I have a shelf under two 40-watt cool white tubes, primarily for African Violets, but I've found this a good place for my begonia cuttings, too.

Clay saucers are set in trays of moist peat moss. Sometimes I use perlite in the saucers, sometimes my regular porous potting mix, with about equal success. In the past I've covered begonia cuttings, both leaf and stem, with inverted glass jars, but they usually rot before they root if I do that, and now I leave them exposed. They get plenty of humidity from the damp peat.

When the cuttings have rooted and the new plants are about two inches tall, they go out on the sunporch with the other begonias.

Under the fluorescent lights I've also raised begonias from seed from the Seed Fund. 'Superba-Azella', *subvillosa*, and 'Kenworthii' have all germinated in closed plastic food boxes filled with moist perlite. Until the seeds germinate I cover the boxes with one thickness of white shelf paper. After germination I take the paper off. When the plants are 1/2 inch high I take the lids off the boxes, and raise the boxes on inverted pots so the plants are only six inches from the lights. I use a mist sprayer two or three times a week to keep the surface of the perlite from getting too dry, and at the same time I water around the inside edges of the boxes.

The plants remain six inches from the lights until large enough to transplant. 'Superba-Azella' and *subvillosa* both remained under the fluorescents for a

month or so after they were in individual pots, and grew very well.

Semperflorens begonias germinate and start growing nicely under the fluorescents, but need to be moved into daylight and sunlight by the time they are potted up individually.

In this set-up, I must be careful not to over-water any cuttings; usually three times a week is enough. Anyway, I've found out: when in doubt, don't water!



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## Decoration Show

More than seventy professional and amateur flower arrangers and decorators will enter exhibits in the annual Descanso Gardens Christmas Decoration Show, December 3 to 11, according to Mrs. Laurance Atwood, Show Chairman for the Descanso Gardens Guild, Inc.

The exhibits will be designed for application to residence use. There will be Christmas trees, both indoors and outdoors, a musical Christmas tree whose lights respond to strains of music or sounds, mantel and fireplace decorations, door and wall decorations, and many table type arrangements.

The exhibits will be on display in Descanso's Hospitality House and Garden House, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

A special feature in the exhibit will be a sand painting titled "Desert Madonna and Child", by David Villasenor of Pasadena.

Descanso Gardens is located at 1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada, California.

## By Their Bounce

Take two coins that look exactly alike. One is genuine, the other is counterfeit. How can you tell them apart? The one that does not bounce is phony. The coin that bounces is the real thing.

Life tests men in the same way — by their bounce. The men who do not possess real worth quit. The men of value bounce. Lincoln was defeated many times, yet always bounced back and finally into the White House.

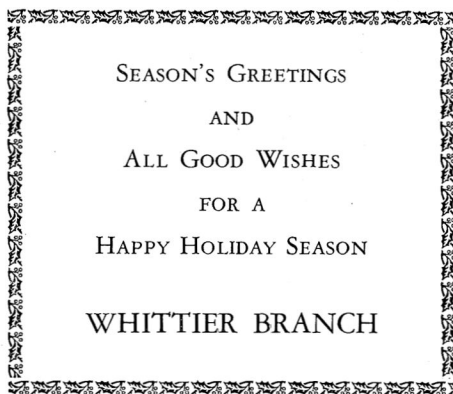
Edison failed many times in his effort to invent the incandescent lamp, yet he always bounced back and tried again — and finally he won.

Emerson wrote: "What you are thunders so loud, I can't hear what you say".

The counterfeit coin looks like the genuine, but it isn't. It won't bounce.

A man may look and talk like a winner, but the way he actually lives is the test that counts. Meeting the hard knocks, defeats, and setbacks of life with bounce is the supreme test of character and worth.

From *Screen Producers Guild Journal*.



# Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Flight

## No. 1—B. 'Tuberhybrida'—

Superb camellia flowered, double strains from one of the world's most famous growers. Eight different colors: red, scarlet, rose, orange, salmon, copper, yellow, and white. Mixed packets only. Ninety per cent good doubles. Germination occurs in from eight to eighteen days when seed pans are kept moist, fairly cool (65 to 70 degrees), and in a dark location until seeds have all germinated. After one or two transplantings, when seedlings are four or five inches tall, they are ready to be placed in a permanent location. First year seedlings usually bloom profusely, with good sized flowers. Sow seeds from now until March for summer bloom. 50 cents per pkt.

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Hanging. Mixed. V. & R. strain. 25 cents per pkt.

## No. 3—B. 'Tasso'—

Multiflora, semi-double pink. 25 cents per pkt.

## No. 4—B. 'Copper Gold'—

Multiflora, double old gold on yellow, toned with carmine. 25 cents per pkt.

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Multiflora, semi-double deep salmon. 25 cents per pkt.

Multiflora begonias are compact, twelve to eighteen inches high, and unsurpassed for profuse bloom and masses of brilliant color. Effective in window boxes, borders, and pots, they are the easiest summer flowering tuberous begonias to grow. They will flourish in more sun and less moisture than the large flowering type and seldom require pinching or staking. Most varieties will come true from seed and all are easy to grow.

## No. 6—B. 'Bertini' hybrids—

Eight to twelve inches high, dark green foliage, four-inch fuchsia-like flowers, heavy bloomer, and mildew free. Plants are bushy and many branched, creating a loose artistic effect. Culture the same as multifloras. 25 cents per pkt.

## No. 7—B. 'Diadema' type rex—

Deeply cut star-shaped leaves, generously sprinkled with silver, having a deep purple blotch in the center. Young leaves are also edged with purple. This type refers to a group of rex begonias to which one parent, B. 'Diadema', gave sharp geometric patterns and angles, and a sharp tapered point. 50 cents per pkt.

## No. 8—B. 'Washington Street'—

Also known as 'Peach Leaf' begonia. Upright, branching with shiny green, toothed leaves and branching stems. White flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

## No. 9—B. 'Mme. Fanny Giron'—

B. 'Tuberhybrida' x *B. incarnata*. Christmas-hued plant with arching, drooping habit. Clear green leaves. Large single scarlet flowers in abundance. 25 cents per pkt.

## No. 10—B. Dominican species no. 17—

No identification available. 25 cents per pkt.

## No. 11—B. African species—

Several begonias are known by this name; therefore we can not properly identify the one offered here. 25 cents per pkt.

## No. 12—B. 'Boutonniere'—

No identification available. We would appreciate information from any one who knows this plant. 25 cents per pkt.

## No. 13—B. 'Mrs. W. D. Harney'—

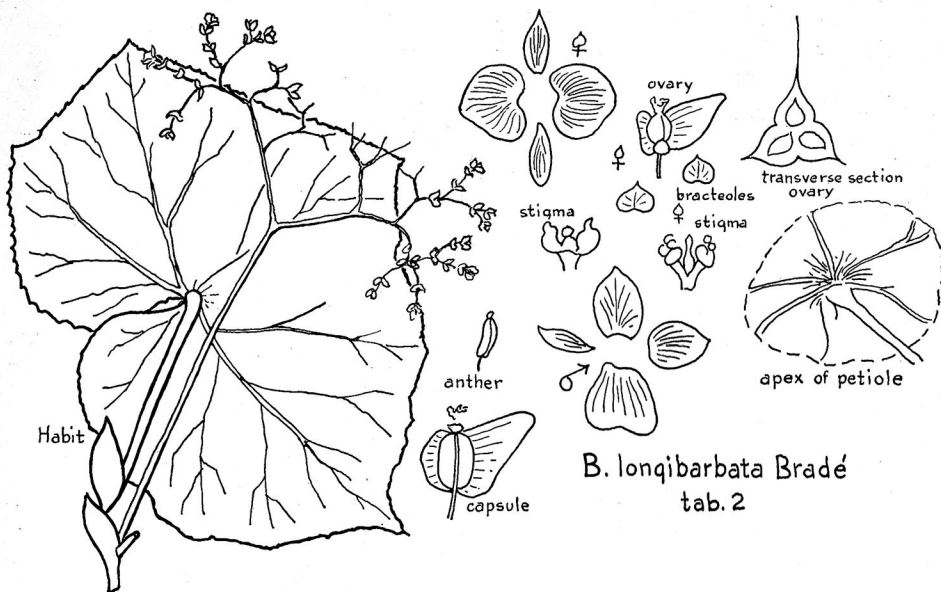
*B. coccinea* seedling. Long, smooth, fresh green leaves. Pure white flowers. Profuse bloomer. 25 cents per pkt.

## No. 14—B. 'Credneri'—

B. 'Scharffiana' x *B. metallica*. Syn. B. 'Hairy Thurstoni'. Medium, bushy; leaves ovate-pointed, olive-green, soft white-hairy, red beneath. Flowers large, pink, pink bearded without. Awarded President's Challenge Trophy for best begonia in the show at recent flower show and convention. 25 cents per pkt.

## No. 15—B. longibarbata, Brade—

Herbaceous plant of medium height, with transverse, egg-shaped, angular-



lobed leaves; base heart-shaped, margins scalloped, toothed with marginal hairs. In some instances the size of the leaves is seven to ten inches long and twelve to sixteen inches wide. They are green and slightly hairy above, purplish below. Flower stems are five to eleven inches high. Flowers white to pink. Hardy and easily grown. 25 cents per pkt.

There is considerable confusion in regard to the above mentioned and the begonia we know as *B. 'Mexican species no. 38'*. We have been conducting research on these two plants to try to clear up the confusion, but we have not found sufficient information regarding the so-called Mexican species to make a comparison.

The information concerning *B. longibarbata* was compiled by the Botany Department of the University of California, Berkeley, California, and fits the plant we are growing by this name. In *THE BEGONIAN* for June, 1949, Mrs. Minter described the begonia we know as 'Mexican species no. 38' and a picture appeared on the cover. However, she referred to the plant as 'No. 38 India species' and described it as having fairly large leaves, medium green in color, and all leaves having a red sinus.

This red marking is also at the base of the petioles and stipules. The new stipules are light green in color but soon turn brown. As they dry, the red marks disappear. The flowers are white and look very much like the typical *semperflorens* flower. All plants are well branched and send out many shoots from the base. A good window garden plant.

We do not know how the name 'Mexican species' came into the picture. Perhaps there is someone else who has the correct answer.

## GREENHOUSE PLANTS

### *Kohleria lindeniana*

Gesneriaceae (Tydaea). Erect, bushy, pretty plant with beautiful velvety, ovate leaves, vivid green, changing to copper toward the crenate margins and a pattern of silvery veins. Small, white, bell-shaped flowers with purple throat; blooming late fall. 35 cents per pkt.

### *Columnnea tulae 'flava'*—

Gesneriaceae. Puerto Rico. Climbing and trailing plant from mountainous area, with aerial roots and pubescent, soft green leaves. Hairy bilabiate flowers bright yellow, with long tube and spreading lobes. 25 cents per pkt.

**Columnnea sanguinea**—

West Indies. Sparry, densely hairy with strong stems, looking like an alloplectus. Oposite, short-stalked, eight-inch lanceolate leaves, emerald green, blotched blood-red beneath. Small, furry, pale yellow flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

**Columnnea microphylla**—

Costa Rica. Soft, trailing plant, with tiny rounded or broad-elliptic, coppery hairy leaves, and relatively large, spread-open bilabiate flowers, burnt-red with yellow along bottom of the tube. Similar to gloriosa, but smaller. 25 cents per pkt.

**Episcia punctata**—

Rank, creeping, almost smooth species with leathery, ovate, crenate leaves, green except for red-purplish midrib, on lightly erect branches. Tubular flowers solitary with spreading, fringed lobes, creamy-white and spotted purple into the throat. 25 cents per pkt.

**Perperoma maculosa**—

Ornamental, fleshy species with long, pendant, narrow-lanceolate leaves to seven inches long, waxy bluish gray-green, with silvery green to ivory ribs. Petioles spotted red-purple. Spikes to one foot long. 35 cents per pkt.

**Plumeria alba**—

'Temple tree'. Handsome shrub with lance-shaped leaves and fragrant white flowers. Five seeds for 25 cents.

**Plumeria rubra**—

Like above but with pink flowers. Seeds collected in Dorwin, Australia. Five seeds for 25 cents.

**Pilea microphylla**—

Mucosa. Also known as 'Artillery plant'. Small plant densely branched, with suberect, fleshy stems thick with tiny, watery-succulent, oblong, green leaves to a quarter inch long, having a tapering crenate base. Flower clusters sessile with staminate flowers discharging a cloud of pollen when dry or shaken. Grown outdoors in mild climates. 25 cents per pkt.

**OTHER GENERA**

**Celosia cristata**—

Fleshy herb with fresh green, lanceolate leaves; inflorescence in showy, stiff crested head, wine-red. 25 cents per pkt.

**Chlorophytum comosum mandaiianum**—

Anthericum. Liliaceae. Rosettes of arching, fresh green, linear leaves, having margins edged in white. Long racemes appearing from the center with the first flower, then developing tufts of leaves with aerial roots. 25 cents per pkt.

**Sansaviera thrysiflora**—

Tropical Africa. Thick creeping rhizome sending up loose rosette of broad, thick, fleshy leaves to four inches wide, nearly flat, grass-green vaguely marbled pale green. Fragrant flowers greenish-white. 25 cents per pkt.

**Pelargonium**—

Geraniaceae. Rose scented. Requires greenhouse care in cold climates. 25 cents per pkt.

**Pelargonium**—

Geraniaceae. Apple scented. Same care as above. 25 cents per pkt.

**Azalea**—

Kurume and Indica mixed. Popular plant for indoors, greenhouse, or garden. 25 cents per pkt.

**Leschenaultia biloba**—

Flowers intense blue; one of the most attractive Australian native flowers. Grows in great colonies sometimes a half-acre in extent, and is a popular subject for the hot, dry situation or rock garden. 25 cents per pkt.

**Crinum moorei**—

Large, pink, bell-shaped flowers in the fall, freely produced. Large seeds, two for 25 cents.

**From California**—

'I read Elaine Cherry's article in THE

**BEGONIAS**

**SLANTED TOWARD THE BEGINNER**

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BEGONIAN for October, and found it most interesting. Her efforts were successful, she tells you exactly how she did it, and it leaves you with a large sense of enthusiasm. This is what makes THE BEGONIAN the backbone of a great hobby. Informative articles, all embracing descriptions of named begonias, and the Seed Fund that makes it possible for all to participate. I can't attend a begonia group but through the Society I have a feeling of belonging to a large group of people with a mutual interest. Nice feeling."

MRS. FLORENCE GEE  
*Seed Fund Administrator*  
 4316 Berryman Avenue  
 Los Angeles 66, California

**THE MERRYS . . .**

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are grown here in all seasons, but it is in winter that the porch assumes its greatest charm. Here too are gathered the Merry collections of ferns, ivies, other trailers and climbers, with many tropical foliage plants; all serving as foils to the lush and colorful begonias. Many of these are the rhizomatous types, favorites for their beautiful trusses of winter bloom. To pause in the doorway to view this lovely indoor garden on a snowy mid-January day is a delightful experience.

Like so many people who are truly busy, the Merrys can usually find time for one thing more and they are meticulous in whatever project they undertake. Through more than thirteen years of association with the Bessie Raymond Buxton Branch, they have continuously contributed their energies, their time, and their talents; and have shared their enthusiasm, their experiences in growing, and their plants.

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 \* SEASON'S GREETINGS \*  
 \* FROM YOUR \*  
 \* PRESIDENT-ELECT \*  
 \* GEORGE SCHLANERT \*  
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**CALENDAR**

- December 1—Westchester Branch. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Alberta Logue, president of the North Long Beach Branch of the California National Fuchsia Society. Her subject will be "Dish Gardens". There will be an indoor plant table. Visitors are invited.
  - December 3-11—Christmas Decorations Show at Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada, California. Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.
  - December 7—San Francisco Branch. Now meeting at Garden Center, Golden Gate Park, Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way, San Francisco, California.
  - December 8—Inglewood Branch. Christmas party—Whoopee party—Exchange of gifts. Everyone bring cookies or candy for the special treat. Everybody come!
- Publicity Chairmen: Do you want more people at your meetings? Let them know what you have to offer. Announce your programs each month in this column.

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GREETINGS  
 from THE NATIONAL BOARD  
 The elective and appointive officers and the Branch Directors comprising the National Board extend to all members their wishes for  
 A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON  
 AND  
 A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR

# Leaves From Our Begonia Branches

BESSIE RAYMOND BUXTON

An interested group met on a perfect fall day at the home of the secretary, Mrs. Olive Scrymgeour, for the regular meeting and annual competition for the cups. The Scrymgeour's home is in Bedford, Massachusetts, a country town between the Lexington and Concord of Revolutionary fame, which still maintains a slightly rural atmosphere despite the large United States airfield and new housing developments.

The greenhouses of Olive and Bob were in perfect order and full of the small plants of varying kinds that pass through them so quickly. They believe in large, quick turnovers of small plants and have been very successful.

Mrs. Orpha Fox brought a collection of hairy begonias, among them three with varying foliage, all of which were supposedly 'Scharffi'. One from the Logee greenhouse in Danielson, Connecticut, was identified as the correct 'Scharffi', since the stock plant was procured by the father of the present owners.

The main feature of the meeting was a talk by Mrs. Dorothy Cook of Leicester, England, on "The Pleasures and Treasures of Flower Arranging". It is impossible to convey the charm imparted by this lecturer in relating her experiences and impressions in the gardening and artistic field, which ranged from her apprenticeship as a dirt gardener for three years at one of the largest nurseries in England,

with twelve acres under glass, to receiving a gold medal at Paris for her arrangement, representing England.

October the fifteenth will be remembered as a highlight of the 1960 season. DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

The Dallas County Branch met October 20 in the home of our president, Mrs. Ruth Cook.

Mrs. L. P. Davis gave us a wonderful lesson on dried arrangements. We were pleased to have two visitors.

EAST BAY

"Glitter and Glamour, Christmas Decorations" was the subject of an interesting talk and demonstration by Mrs. William Shepherd at our October meeting. Decorations were made of driftwood, glamorized by sparkle and bits of things found in the garden and cemented to the driftwood, such as pine cones, painted gold or silver, acorns, natural or painted, and pieces of glamorized foliage.

Nomination of new officers was part of the evening's business, followed by the plant exchange and serving of refreshments.

In our previous report of the begonia display at Oakland's "White House" we referred to the women who worked so diligently to make it a success, but forgot to mention the men who also participated after working hard at other jobs all day. Apologies to Mr. Harry Ross, past president, and to Mr. Martin Boyd, Mr. Robert May, and Mr. Floyd Jensen.

INGLEWOOD

October was our Branch birthday party for members — the month when the birthday bank is broken open and the money splurged on a party. This year the bank provided fried chicken and ice cream, and the members brought other pot-luck dishes.

Our Branch Begonia Show was held at this meeting, and many beautiful plants were on display. As soon as the dinner was cleared away, judging of the plants began. Terry Olmstead donated two trophies to be given for the two best be-

**Merry Christmas**

With Best Wishes  
for Your Happiness  
in the New Year

**Redondo Beach Area Branch**

gonias. Adela Lueck won first on her lovely seedling which she named 'El Magnifico', and Bee Olson won second on her 'Scharffiana'.

Next was our speaker, Sylvia Leatherman of Leatherman's Gardens in El Monte. Her topic was "Fern Culture". Sylvia also furnished the plant table with many varieties and sizes of her ferns, which she used to demonstrate the many types of ferns, where they grow best, and how to use them in outdoor planting.

Also on the plant table were semperflorens — some from the convention display and others grown and donated by Malcolm Rich.

President Pearl Parker presided.

#### LONE STAR

The regular meeting was held at the home of Mrs. G. W. Wilkins on Monday, October 17, at ten a.m.

Mrs. C. N. Sikkelee gave an interesting talk on "How To Hybridize Begonias". She described earliest attempts, discussed Mendel's Law, demonstrated the actual process by use of live begonia blossoms, and defined "cultivars". A lively discussion followed while refreshments were served.

A visit to the Wilkins' greenhouse and an inspection of a number of unusually large rhizomatous begonias that had spent the summer in the shady garden completed the meeting.

#### MISSOURI

Eight members were present at our October meeting. We heard a talk on plants, propagation, and growing begonias.

Next month we will have some changes in officers.

We hope to encourage more of our former members to rejoin us in the future. It seems that too many other interests claim attention. But we hope for a better future for the A. B. S. in Kansas City.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

For our October meeting we enjoyed an unusual and enlightening program. Several members of the Golden Gate Braille Transcribers put on a work-shop for us and demonstrated their procedure in preparing reading material for blind children in public schools and for blind adults. In California, blind children are being put in classes with sighted children and their books must be identical. This group does special work, titling, shellacking, punching, binding, and putting pages into book form. These ladies are all sighted volunteers. We are grateful to them for their work and the information they gave us.

At this meeting, Hyacinth Smith gave a short talk on stem rot and mildew.

We are now meeting in our new Garden Center in the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park. It is a beautiful building with excellent facilities. We extend a warm invitation to all Branch members to drop in on us and enjoy one of our meetings.

#### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

We have just successfully completed two fall exhibits — one at the Los Angeles County Fair and the other at the Fall Flower Show at the Arboretum in Arcadia. Both were garden settings.

The exhibit at the fair was in for three weeks and thrived under the care of Carl Naumann, who watered the plants daily. The natural growth in the conservatory, banana trees, ginger plants, and philodendron, made an effective background for

*May All The Joys of Christmas*

*Be Yours*

*Throughout The New Year*

LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

May the Peace and Happiness of Christmas

Be Yours Throughout the Coming Year

INGLEWOOD BRANCH, A.B.S.

the begonias, while the pebble-rock patio and bench set off the colorful show plants. The theme was "The Influence of Eastern Culture on Western Living". Accessories were a Chinese lantern, oriental jug, and a statue of a fox done in the modern style by Betty Ford of the Claremont colony of artists at Padua Hills.

At the Arboretum the exhibit featured a waterfall.

Both exhibits won first prize and the Arboretum Association presented a silver trophy to us.

**SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY**

We had a large crowd at our October meeting, which was called to order by our president, Mr. H. J. Bolyard. A minute of silence was observed as a tribute to Mrs. Sue Sullivan, one of our loyal members, who passed away October first.

Mr. Charles H. Congdon, of Oakland, was our speaker. He brought sixteen different varieties of platycerium from his collection. Most of us had little idea of the number of varieties in the platycerium family. In words that the layman could understand, Mr. Congdon explained the proper way to mount and take care of these unusual ferns.

Mr. Everett Hammond gave a short talk on a smithanthia plant and three new rex begonias.

Mr. Hammond, Mr. Joseph Silva, and Mr. Floyd Slutter were appointed as a committee to nominate officers for the new year.

The exhibition table was something special, with a gorgeous orchid as first prize,

donated by Mrs. May Bolyard, and a double white African violet as a special prize, donated by Mr. Everett Hammond, and a split-leaf philodendron as another special prize, donated by Mr. Chester Bartlow.

**WHITTIER**

The following officers for the Whittier Branch were recently installed by William Meyn, well known horticulturist of this area: Edith Humiston, president; Gladys Holmes, vice-president; Anne L. Rose, corresponding secretary; Gladys Bruce, recording secretary; Madelyn Hall, treasurer; and Richard Shute, national representative.

A feature of the evening was a begonia show, with a large number of plants entered. William Meyn and Pearl Benell, both having recently completed a course in the judging class, gave us much valuable information on grooming our plants, showing why some plants could not win and why others were outstanding and really deserved top awards.

This meeting was held in the newly enlarged Youth Center in Palm Park, Whittier, and commenced with a pot-luck dinner on the patio of the Youth Center. This is our regular meeting place.

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 \* SEASON'S GREETINGS \*  
 \* FROM \*  
 \* THE GLENDALE BRANCH \*  
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 \* for a JOYOUS CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR \*  
 \* HOLLYWOOD BRANCH, A.B.S. \*  
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 \* ONE YEAR OLD AND WE ARE WISHING YOU \*  
 \* HAPPY HOLIDAYS \*  
 \* WESTCHESTER BRANCH \*  
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## MINUTES OF NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the National Board of the American Begonia Society was called to order at 7:40 p.m. October 24, 1960, by President Korts.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Mrs. Gertrude White.

Aims and purposes of the Society were read by President-Elect George Schlanert.

President Korts welcomed officers, members and guests.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with the exception of an item omitted relative to the letter from Mrs. Behrends, presented by Past President Hall, suggesting that the Society set up a "Certificate of Award" to be presented to members, other than elected officers, who have performed outstanding services for the Society. The letter was handed to Awards Committee Chairman Mrs. Snodgrass for committee consideration and recommendation to the Board. Motion made and carried that this item be made part of the minutes.

President Korts reported that she had visited the Santa Barbara Branch, along with two other Glendale Branch members, and that they had enjoyed a very nice meeting and Branch show. The presentation of the Eva Kenworthy Gray Award was made to Mrs. Louise Schwerdtfeger.

President-Elect Schlanert stated he had nothing to report for his office but gave a brief report of the advertising, having turned over to the treasurer \$27.50 in advertising funds. He expected to have a more complete report next month. He asked that all Branch Directors present to their Branches for consideration a Christmas greeting for the December BEGONIAN.

Past President Hall reported that he had visited the Inglewood Branch. He presented, as Finance Chairman, the proposed budget for 1960-61. Motion made and carried that the 1960-61 budget, as presented, be adopted.

Treasurer Mrs. Cooper not being present, her report was read by the Secretary. Report filed for audit.

Membership Secretary Mrs. Waddington gave her report, showing 79 new and 177 renewing members, with total receipts of \$586.80 and expenses of \$29.79.

Seed Fund Chairman Mrs. Gee not being present, her report was read by the Secretary, showing \$60.00 remitted to the Treasurer.

Flower Show Chairman Mr. Slatter reported that the A.B.S. display put in at the Decorator's Show had turned out very well.

President Korts appointed a committee to work out new rules and regulations for the Society shows: Mr. Slatter, chairman, Mrs. Terry Olmstead, Mr. Malcolm Rich, Mrs. Jean Kerlin, and a member to be selected from the San Gabriel Branch.

Librarian Mrs. Sault gave her report. Past President Hall stated that as the library fund had been increased over the past few years through the hard work of the Librarian, he wished to make a suggestion that hereafter the Librarian retain a working fund of \$150.00 and remit all moneys over that amount to the Treasurer each month, and that every three months the Treasurer remit to the Librarian 30% of the funds received. Mr. Hall offered this suggestion as a motion, seconded by Mrs. Waddington. Motion carried. The Board then unanimously gave Mrs. Sault a vote of thanks for her hard work as Librarian.

Historian Mrs. Fahey stated that she is writing all Branches asking for items relative to their activities, for the History Book.

Branches reporting: El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Long Beach Parent, Orange County, Riverside, San Gabriel, Westchester and Whittier.

Past President Hall, as Finance Chairman, brought up the subject of increasing the A.B.S. income since present income will not meet the necessary expenses, and spoke of the possible necessity of raising the price of membership. After a general discussion it was decided that Branch Directors bring up the subject at their Branch meetings, to be considered by their members and recommendations made.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

IRMA JANE BROWN  
Secretary Pro. Tem.

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# Branch Meeting Dates . . .

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## BRITISH BRANCH

F. J. Bedson, Secy., Kent, England

## BUXTON, BESSIE RAYMOND BRANCH

3rd Saturday, Homes of Members  
Mrs. Charles R. Scrymgeour, Secy.  
56 Springs Road, Bedford, Mass.

## DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS BRANCH

3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Members' Residences  
Mrs. M. F. Scribner Corr. Secy.  
1422 Marfa, Dallas 16, Texas

## EAST BAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:45 p.m., Willard School  
Telegraph at Ward, Berkeley, California  
Mrs. Jane Scalzo, Secy.  
1126 Keeler Ave., Berkeley 8, Calif.

## EL MONTE COMMUNITY BRANCH

3rd Friday, Members' Homes  
Miss Lenore Schroeder, Secy.  
1828 So. 7th St., Alhambra, Calif.

## FOOTHILL BRANCH

3rd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.  
La Verne Community Bldg.  
2039 Third St., La Verne  
Miss A. Esther Smith, Cor. Secy.  
309 E. Foothill Blvd., La Verne, Calif.

## FORT, ELSA BRANCH

1st Saturday, 1:30 p.m.  
Miss Lola Price, Secy.  
628 Beech Ave., Laurel Springs, N.J.

## GLENDALE BRANCH

4th Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Afternoon Club, 400 N. Central  
Lu Walter, Secy.  
1244 N. Columbus Ave., Glendale 2, Calif.

## GRAY, EVA KENWORTHY BRANCH

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.  
Community House, La Jolla  
Mrs. Charles Calloway  
1311 Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, Calif.

## GRAY'S HARBOR BRANCH

2nd Monday, 8:00 p.m.  
Hoquiam Public Library or  
Messingale and Rosenear Music Store  
Aberdeen, Washington  
Mrs. Jessie B. Hoyt, Secy.  
1013 Harding Road, Aberdeen, Wash.

## GRUENBAUM, MARGARET BRANCH

4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Homes of Members  
Mrs. Adolph Belsor Cor. Secy.  
Welsh and Veree Rd., Philadelphia, Pa.

## HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Mrs. J. C. Jenks  
6807 DeLongpre Ave., Los Angeles 28, Calif.

## HOUSTON, TEXAS BRANCH

2nd Friday, 10:00 a.m.  
Garden Center, 1500 Herman Drive  
Mrs. E. H. Claggett, Secy.  
4415 Austin St., Houston, Texas

## HUMBOLDT COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Monday, 8:00 p.m.  
Los Amigos Club, Loleta, Calif.  
Miss Margaret Smith, Secy.  
P.O. Box 635, Ferndale, Calif.

## INGLEWOOD BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:45 p.m., Inglewood Women's Club  
325 North Hillcrest, Inglewood, Calif.  
Mrs. Ray Vollnogle, Secy.  
665 W. Athens Blvd., Los Angeles 44, Calif.

## KNICKERBOCKER BRANCH

2nd Tuesday, 8.00 p.m.  
Library, Horticultural Society of N.Y.  
157 West 58th St., New York.  
Mrs. Gertrude Ferris, Secy.  
415 9th Ave., New York 1, N.Y.

## LONE STAR BRANCH

3rd Monday, Members' Homes  
Mrs. C. Neal Sikkelee, Secy.  
3603 La Joya Dr., Dallas 20, Texas

## LONG BEACH PARENT CHAPTER

1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Linden Hall  
208 Linden Ave., Long Beach, Calif.  
Mrs. Blanche Ashby, Secy.  
384 Roycroft Ave., Long Beach 4, Calif.

## LOUISIANA CAPITAL BRANCH

1st Friday, Homes of Members  
Mrs. Leslie C. White, Secy.  
3013 Addison St., Baton Rouge, La.

## MIAMI, FLORIDA BRANCH

4th Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.  
Simpson Memorial Garden Center  
Mrs. Ray Rosengren, Secy.  
5530 N.W. 21 Ave., Miami, Fla.

## MISSOURI BRANCH

3rd Tuesday, 1 p.m.  
World War Memorial Bldg., Linwood and Paseo  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Mrs. Hattie Taylor, Secy.  
P.O. Box 25, Raytown, Mo.

## ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Garden Grove Grange Hall, Century and Taft Sts.  
Garden Grove, Calif.  
Mrs. Mel Westerdahl, Secy.  
16422 Heim Ave., Orange, Calif.

## PASADENA BRANCH

Meetings on Call, Homes of Members  
Col. C. M. Gale, Secy.  
40 N. San Rafael, Pasadena 2, Calif.

## PHILOBEGONIA BRANCH

2nd Friday, Members' Homes  
Mrs. J. Perry Long, Secy.  
6532 E. Cedar Ave., Merchantville, N.J.

## REDONDO BEACH AREA BRANCH

4th Friday each Month  
2308 Rockefeller, Redondo Beach, Calif.  
Opal Murray Ahern, Secy.  
1304 Poinsettia, Manhattan Beach, Calif.

## RHODE ISLAND BRANCH

1st Saturday, Homes of Members  
Miss Ruth Harrington, Secy.  
372 Lloyd Ave., Providence, R.I.

**RIVERSIDE BRANCH**

2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Shamel Park  
 3650 Arlington, Riverside, Calif.  
 Mrs. Ethel Prior, Secy.  
 4345 5th St., Riverside, Calif.

**ROBINSON, ALFRED D. BRANCH**

3rd Friday, 10:30 a.m., Homes of Members  
 Mrs. Chet Van Dusen, Secy.  
 4135 Merritt Blvd., La Mesa, Calif.

**SACRAMENTO BRANCH**

3rd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., Garden Center  
 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, Calif.  
 Mrs. Dora Hale, Secy.  
 Route 2, Box 1350, Florin, Calif.

**SAN DIEGO BRANCH**

4th Monday, Barbour Hall  
 2717 University Ave., San Diego  
 Mrs. Mildred Sima, Secy.  
 7655 Central Ave., Lemon Grove, Calif.

**SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH**

1st Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.  
 Forest Lodge, 266 Laguna Honda Blvd.  
 Mrs. Forrest Lee Jordan, Secy.  
 95 Ravenwood Dr., San Francisco, Calif.

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BRANCH**

2nd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.,  
 Los Angeles State & County Arboretum  
 501 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, Calif.  
 Mrs. Carl Nauman, Secy.  
 652 W. Bennett St., Glendora, Calif.

**SAN MIGUEL BRANCH**

1st Wednesday, Youth Center, Lemon Grove, Calif.  
 Mrs. Ruth Brook, Secy.  
 7151 Central Ave., Lemon Grove, Calif.

**SANTA BARBARA BRANCH**

2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Girl Scout Clubhouse, 1838 San Andres St.  
 Mary Wegener, Secy.  
 1611 Olive St., Santa Barbara, Calif.

**SEATTLE BRANCH**

3rd Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.  
 Meeting locations will vary; call the secretary at  
 SUNset 3-7122.  
 Mrs. Hazel M. Starks, Secy.  
 6116 Greenwood Ave., Seattle 3, Wash.

**SHEPHERD, THEODOSIA BURR BRANCH**

1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Alice Bartlett, C.H., 902 E. Main, Ventura, Calif.  
 Mrs. Ted Lemmon, Secy.  
 P.O. Box 678, Moorpark, Calif.

**SMOKY VALLEY BRANCH**

3rd Thursday of each Month  
 Mrs. Robert Nease, Secy.  
 410 South Phillips, Salina, Kansas

**SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BRANCH**

3rd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.  
 Strowbridge School Multi-Purpose Rm.  
 21400 Bedford Dr., Hayward, Calif.  
 Mrs. Chester Bartlow, Cor. Secy.  
 37075 Arden St., Newark, Calif.

**TALL CORN STATE BRANCH**

Mrs. Edna Monson, Secy.  
 South Taylor, Mason City, Iowa

**TARRANT COUNTY BRANCH**

2nd Monday, 10:00 a.m.  
 Scott Hall, Ft. Worth, Texas  
 Mrs. James O. Burdick, Sr., Secy.  
 3211 Azle Ave., Fort Worth 6, Texas

**TEXAS STATE BRANCH**

1st Tuesday Night in Members' Homes  
 E. Weaver,  
 1325 Thomas Blvd., Port Arthur, Texas

**WESTCHESTER BRANCH**

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Westchester Women's  
 Club,  
 8020 Alverstone St.,  
 Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Mrs. LaNeta Myers, Secy.  
 7550 Cowan Ave., Los Angeles 45, Calif.

**WEST VALLEY BRANCH**

2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Orcutt Playground  
 Clubhouse  
 21816 Lanark St., Canoga Park, Calif.  
 Joseph Janatka, Secy.  
 18641 Casandra, Tarzana, Calif.

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH**

2nd Wednesday, 11:00 a.m., Homes of Members  
 Mrs. Walter M. Cowles, Secy.  
 1139 Mellon St., Pittsburgh 6, Pa.

**WHITTIER BRANCH**

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Palm Park Community Center, 1643 Floral Drive  
 Anne L. Rose, Secy.  
 1255 Ramona Dr., Whittier, Calif.

**WILLIAM PENN BRANCH**

3rd Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., Homes of Members  
 Mrs. H. Rowland Timms, Secy.  
 Willow Lane, Wallingford, Pa.

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