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The Story Of Three Begonias

By EDNA KORTS

Los Angeles, California

The First Plant

When the American Begonia Society National Convention and Show was held in San Francisco in 1952, a begonia was displayed which no one could identify. The judges were all intrigued with the plant and it received much attention from the visitors, but was un-named.

During the spring of 1953 I visited several of the Branches in central California, also many gardens. In the garden of Mr. Harry Swagger I again saw the unusual and unidentified begonia. It was even larger than it had been at the 1952 show, but was the same plant. The story told of the plant was that it came from seed brought in by the Parks Department in San Francisco. In 1954 Mrs. Susie Zug grew a plant from a cutting taken from Mr. Swagger's plant, a very large plant with large heavy felt-like leaves, covered with fine white hair. The plant was still not identified.

The Second Plant

At our 1957 Convention and Show, held in Plummer Park, Los Angeles, a new cultivar was displayed by Mr. and Mrs. Lee of San Diego. They had named the plant 'San Miguel'. It had a large thick stalk, with very large leaves, ovate-cordate shaped, thick, fleshy felt-like substance, and covered with fine white hair. In fact, the entire plant had this hair surface. The stipules were large, green at first, then turning brown, and were persistent. The plant broke from the roots and made a bushy plant, but this took a little time. The plant was given an award for "interesting new cultivar", and registered with the nomenclature department as No. 134, B. 'San Miguel'. Begonia Cultivar 'San Miguel' was written up twice in the 1958 BEGONIAN, as a show plant on page 56 in March and again as a registered plant on page 203 in September. Read these carefully.

The Third Plant

Mr. Rudolf Ziesenhenné was typing a copy of "*Les Begonias*", written by

Charles Chevalier in 1938, and wrote me asking that I read a certain paragraph on a certain page, as he knew that I, too, had the book, and see if I did not think it possible that this paragraph referred to the same begonia as those described above. Following is a complete quotation from "*Les Begonias*", to which he referred,— I quote:

"*B. x General Jacques* Hort. Leod. 1918 - *B. Scharffiana* x *B. venosa*. Obtained at the Botanic Garden of Liege in 1918, and dedicated to a valiant soldier of the epoch 1914-1918. Plant strong, vigorous, bushy, 75 cm. to 1.25 m. (30"-50") tall, entirely covered with soft white hairs. Stalks strong, thick, erect, woody at the base, russet green, with numerous long soft white hairs. Leaves large (25-35 cm. x 18-24 cm., [10"-12" x 7"-10"]), ovate-cordate, acuminate, entire or slightly angular, very thick, and fleshy, very downy on both faces, green above, reddish green underneath with prominent veins. Petiola long, spreading, thick, reddish, hairy, channeled. Stipules very large, yellowish-white, membranous, semi-caducous. Inflorescence dichotomous, many-flowered, heavy, on a long 60 cm. (25") peduncle, thick, reddish, erect then arched, very downy; pedicels short, thick, downy. Bracts large, caducous, ovate, pale green tinted with pink, hairy. Male flowers somewhat large (2"-2½") with four petals, thick and fleshy, white, tinted with pink outside, two inner petals small, oblong, two large, ovate, hairy outside. Stamens numerous, linear, straight, pediceled, tufted."

After a study of the plant I am growing, and the description of the *B. x General Jacques*, I agree with Mr. Ziesenhenné. The name should be *B. 'General Jacques'* - synonym *B. 'San Miguel'*. Really, it is just as easy to say. Try it.

Cover Picture

Begonia 'Spaulding'—

—Photo by BERNICE BRILMAYER

TROPICAL PARADISE

By ELVIN McDONALD

Tropical Paradise is located in the far western edge of Greater Kansas City. Here, on a half acre, is a new 32 x 64 aluminum greenhouse and an attached 32 x 15 lath house. In these structures one may observe Mid-America's largest privately owned collection of begonias, gesneriads, ferns, and unusual indoor plants. Mrs. H. E. Dillard is the dynamic person who tends this gathering of warmth-and-moisture-loving exotics.

After countless visits with Mrs. Dillard over the past ten years, I never cease to be amazed that this little, slender lady could do so much! I do not know her exact height, but she makes me, a five niner, feel at least six five! Mrs. Dillard would be quick to inform you, however, that Tropical Paradise is a family operated business. Though she stays at home days to "tend the store," evenings, weekends, and days-off find other members of the family running many errands—particularly those that require lifting of heavy things, or reaching to the back of a deep greenhouse bench (I tell her that she needs a long-handled pot lifter—not the kitchen kind either!)

Mrs. Dillard spent the first years of her life in Farmersville, Texas. When she told me this, I assumed immediately that early days on a farm had given her a precocious affinity for gardening. However, with her infectious laugh that seems to be instant and always ready, Mrs. Dillard told me that she was a "town girl," and that plants held little interest to her until about twelve years ago. She married Horace Dillard in 1923, and they were blessed with two daughters, Selma and Juanita. Both are now married and live nearby with their own families, including the grandchildren Ricky, Nancy, Kathy, and Randy.

Approximately ten years ago Mrs. Dillard became actively interested in begonias. An ever-expanding collection led



Mrs. H. E. Dillard, owner of Tropical Paradise.

(Photo courtesy of *The Gloxinian*.)

her to build a small, attached home greenhouse. Soon it was groaning under the strain of several hundred begonias that grew under the benches (by the aid of fluorescent light), atop the benches, and dripping out of hanging baskets hung from the rafters.

During the two years (approximately 1950-52) she served as president of the Missouri Branch of the American Begonia Society, Mrs. Dillard began to expand her interest to include gesneriads. This path led her to organize the Gloxinia Society of Greater Kansas City. In 1954 she began a two-year term as the first national president of the American Gloxinia Society. At the same time, Mr. Dillard served as national membership secretary-treasurer for the Gloxinia Society. During these years of active work in local and national societies, Mrs. Dillard's



Shade garden and moss wall, planted and maintained by Mrs. H. E. Dillard of Tropical Paradise.

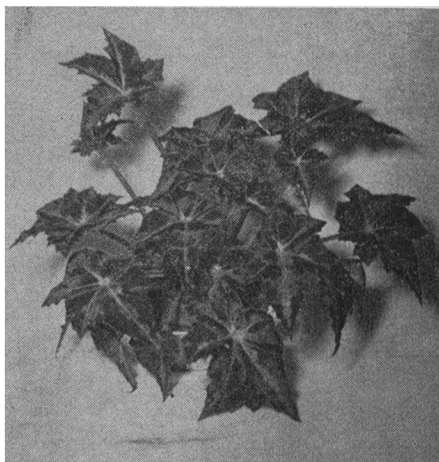
(Photo by Elvin McDonald, courtesy of *Flower & Garden* magazine.)

show-quality plants won fistfuls of blue ribbons.

Like many ultra-successful gardeners, Mrs. D's hobby led her deeper into a diligent search for unusual plants. As the months passed she began to cross-pollinate and to grow her own hybrid seedlings. This hybridizing has so far produced numerous new cultivars including these rhizomatous begonias: 'Chantilly Lace,' 'Black Falcon,' 'Fascination,' 'China Doll' (miniature), 'Kathy Diane' (miniature), 'Ricky,' and 'Randy.' Her gloxiniera, 'Nancy Kaye,' is outstanding.

About three years ago Mrs. Dillard decided to become a commercial grower. This enables her to have more space, to more easily share her plants with others, and to finance a hobby that was becoming more and more demanding and expensive—yet always more enjoyable and fascinating. She first leased a greenhouse

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Begonia 'Black Falcon', hybridized by Mrs. Dillard.
(Photo courtesy of *Flower & Garden* magazine.)

MUTATION - *Nature's Sport*

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Nature is a tricky one, all right—always has something up her sleeve. She sends a pest to annihilate the plant you thought in the best of health, and works a sudden cure on the sickly one you had given up for lost. She plants one maverick in a batch of identical seedlings, or one odd flower in a cluster; she changes plants on whim, and revels in her trickery. She's never a bore—not nature!

One of nature's favorite pranks is mutations. Perhaps you call them "sports". A pink rose bush sprouts one branch with red flowers; a green-leaved geranium sends out one stem bearing white-rimmed leaves; on a begonia with three flat round leaves, the fourth comes out crimped and curled like lettuce. These are mutations.

Not to be confused with hybrids, which grow from seed resulting when two plants are crossed or mated, mutations arise spontaneously on mature plants. The

change is sudden—and transmissible. That is, it can be passed on to generation after generation of new plants through vegetative propagation—cuttings—of the mutated portion of the plant.

The calla lily begonia is one of nature's most successful tricks. A *semperflorens* begonia once sent out a branch with leaves splashed and streaked with white. Even more, the new leaves were pure white and, before unfolding, resembled the calla lily. A lovely sight, a lovely plant to grow.

But alas, like many variegated mutations, it is somewhat temperamental—and more than somewhat difficult to propagate. The white leaf portion is white because it lacks chlorophyll; and without chlorophyll it cannot "digest" the nourishment that plants find in sunlight, water, and soil. It "has no stomach", in other words. For this reason, cuttings from plants which are variegated muta-



Old-fashioned "crazy leaf" *Begonia phyllomaniaca*, right, bears new plantlets on leaves and stems. Mutant Begonia 'Templini', left, does the same—but also has leaves brightly splotched with creamy yellow.

(Photo by Bernice Brillmayer.)



Calla lily begonias, like 'Ruby Jewel', are mutations which have occurred from time to time in several parts of the country. (Photo by Kari Berggrav.)

tions must always be taken with the greatest possible proportion of green in the leaves.

When they reproduce their new characteristics through propagation, mutations are properly brand new plants, and are christened with new names. So watch your plants. If you see a green leaf suddenly patterned with yellow or white, a plain leaf suddenly twisted into a tube, or a somber leaf assuming much brighter color or markings, check to see whether that whole branch or portion of the plant is assuming the same new characteristics. If it is, it may be propagated—and you have a mutation, a brand new member of the plant world!

SEE THE SHOW
SEPT. 3 & 4

NEW BEGONIA REX 'HARI-KARI'

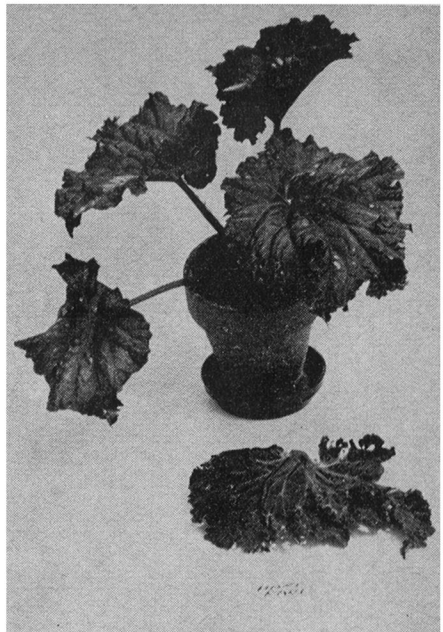
By **BERNICE BRILMAYER**
Eastern Editor

Several years ago, in the Sorensen wholesale greenhouses in Mandarin, Florida, Mrs. George Sorensen discovered this mutation—possibly of one of the Closson rexes—which she has successfully propagated and is now calling 'Hari-Kari.'

Distinctive features of the new variety are its deep, almost black coloring with an overtone of red; its crisp, silk taffeta texture erratically bumpy where there appear spots of pink or silver; and particularly the deeply, delicately ruffled leaf edge cut quite regularly into small scallops. The plant is of medium size and habit with short leaf and flower petioles, and an over-all gnarled or harum-scarum appearance which gave rise to its name.

I've grown 'Hari-Kari' for six months, and find it sturdy and strong even in winter.

'Hari Kari' is registered as No. 171.



Begonia 'Hari Kari'
(Photo by Bernice Brillmayer.)



Sacramento Branch earned a blue ribbon for this display at the Sacramento County Fair.

SACRAMENTO WINS AGAIN

Sacramento Branch added another blue ribbon to its collection when it received first award and best in the show at the Sacramento County Fair.

The theme was a South Seas or lanai type garden, displayed by Frances Flannigan, show chairman.

IN REMEMBRANCE

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Mrs. Charles W. Allen, a former president of the Bessie Raymond Buxton Branch and a member since July, 1940.

She was a good begonia grower, first in her little greenhouse, later in a breeze-way, and finally in Florida, where she resided for the past two years. Known affectionately as "Dottie", she was a likeable, interesting, and dynamic person, and it seems sad she had to go so young.

BEGONIA PARTY IN PAOLI

The Margaret Gruenbaum Branch and the William Penn Branch will hold a joint begonia party and show on Tuesday, September 20, at the home of Mrs. George Earle DeCoursey, in Paoli, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. DeCoursey announced: "We hope that all readers of THE BEGONIAN will note the date and attend the party if they are in this neighborhood. You will all be welcome."

The program will begin at eleven o'clock in the morning and will last until about four. There will be an exhibit of begonias grown by members of the two hostess groups, and begonias and other house plants will be on sale. Two short talks on begonias are scheduled for the morning, followed by lunch, and two more talks in the afternoon.

It is hoped that people from California or other parts of the country, who may be vacationing in the East, will be able to attend this gathering.

Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund Flight

No. 1—*B. vellozoana*-Brade—

Brazil. Herbaceous, eight to twelve inches tall. Stems, short, oblique, up to 5½ inches long, rooting at the stipules. Leaves oblique, broadly ovate suborbicular, cordate, with a closed basal sinus, palmately eight-nerved, 4 to 5 inches long, 5 to 8 inches broad, hispidpilose on both surfaces, with small frimbiate scales on the nerves beneath, green above, with a whitish zone on the veins, paler below and occasionally reddish. Flowers are whitish, sometimes the outer rosy. *B. vellozoana* is considered one of the most beautiful begonias of recent years and is said to rival *B. masoniana* in beauty.

The above description from the University of California Department of Botany, Los Angeles, California; courtesy of Dr. Mildred Mathias.

Comment: It has been difficult to accumulate enough of this seed to offer; therefore it has become necessary to increase the price. The supply is very limited.

Price \$1.00 per pkt.

No. 2—*B. schulziana*, Urban—

Syn. *B. 'Mexican rockery'*. A small species found in the rocky ravines of Haiti. Low and spreading. Rhizomes slender and creeping. Leaves broad-ovate to three inches, pointedly five to seven lobed to more than half the depth, white scurfy. Flowers pink, in erect inflorescences. An interesting miniature foliage begonia for the collector. 35 cents per pkt.

No. 3—*B. griffithi*-Bhotan—

Small. Leaves heart-shaped, olive-green with a lighter green band which is partially obscured by dense, soft, velvet-like rosy hairs, the whole leaf appearing to have been made of silk velvet. Flowers are white, outer petals sometimes delicately tinged with pink. 35 cents per pkt.

No. 4—*B. nelumbiifolia*—

Mexico. Large; rhizomes thick, ascending; leaves roundish, peltate, not unlike

a lily pad, smooth, green. Flowers white or pink-tinged in tall, erect cymes. Effectively grown outdoors where climate permits. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 5—*B. sanguinea*—

Brazil. Medium, smooth; many reddish stems arising from the base, loosely branched. Leaves broad-ovate, leathery, glossy olive-green above, glossy scarlet beneath. Flowers small, white, on long, loose inflorescences. Favorite begonia with many growers. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 6—*B. 'Speculata'*—

'Grape leaf begonia'. Rhizomatous, low, coarsely hairy. Leaves ovate, shallowly lobed, puckered, variable dull green with lighter green areas. Flowers white and drooping on erect stems. Leaves sometimes silver spotted. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 7—*B. 'Picta rosea'*—

Brazil. Probably coccinea form, fibrous. Narrow, waxy, angel wing leaves, light olive-green with silver spots. Pendant clusters of salmon-red flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 8—*Begonia* from Phillipine Islands—

Described as having reddish leaves and pink flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 9—*B. 'Lecco'*—

Medium tall, to four feet, erect, branched. Leaves ovate-pointed, olive-green, silver spotted, silver splashed at the tip, red beneath. Flowers large, deep pink, in drooping, short cluster. Somewhat suggestive of *B. 'Geneva'* but not as large. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 10—*B. 'Dianna'*—

(*B. 'Annie Laurie'* x *B. dichroa*) To three feet tall, erect, bushy. Leaves ovate-pointed, bright green, heavily silver spotted. Flower pink or salmon-pink in pendulous clusters. (The name 'Dianna' is not hyphenated.) 25 cents per pkt.

No. 11—*B. manicata crispa*—

Rhizomatous with crested leaf margins. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 12—*B. metallica*—

Brazil. Erect, to two feet or more, bushy, hairy. Leaves ovate-pointed, coarsely toothed, glossy olive-green with metallic purple veins above, red veined beneath. Flowers large, light pink, bright bearded without, clusters large and showy. 25 cents per pkt.

**No. 13—*B. Dominican species*
#17—**

Information obscure and conflicting. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 14—*B. Brazil species*—

A friend in Rio de Janeiro collected seed while on a short trip in the forest. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 15—*B. longibarbata*—

Brazil. Hardy begonia requiring very little care. Upright, with lettuce-green leaves with red sinus. Ever-blooming. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 16—*B. Rhizomatous mixed*—

Contains *B. heracleifolia punctata*, *B. heracleicotyle*, *B. rubellina*, *B. aureo maculata*, and others. From hand pollinated blooms; will germinate quickly. 25 cents per pkt.

GREENHOUSE PLANTS

***Saintpaulia*—**

Ges. Species and hybrid crosses from a large and impressive collection. 50 cents per pkt.

***Saintpaulia groeti*—**

Ges. Trailing species with fresh, green, short-hairy, rounded crenate leaves on long, flexible, brown petioles. Flowers small, pale violet-blue with darker edge, in axillary clusters. Excellent for hanging baskets. Requires deep shade. 25 cents per pkt.

***Reichsteineria macropoda*—**

Ges. Brazil. Tuberos species with unbranched stems bearing opposite, rather thin, rugose, velvety, bright green leaves. Small flowers in clusters, the slender tubes vermilion-red with lower lobes marked brown-red. 25 cents per pkt.

***Aeschynanthus lobbianus*—**

Ges. Epiphytic trailer with small, elliptic, fleshy, dark green leaves. Tubular, two-lipped flowers with hairy calyx cup soot-red, glistening like silk, the downy

corolla fiery red, creamy yellow in throat, and only twice as long as calyx. 25 cents per pkt.

***Streptocarpus rexii*—**

South Africa. 'Cape primrose'. Small fibrous-rooted, stemless plant with long, narrow, quilted, and pubescent leaves in rosette hugging the ground, with several flower stalks bearing trumpets of pale lavender, lined with purple in the throat. 25 cents per pkt.

***Streptocarpus wendlandi*—**

Natal. Stemless plant with a single huge leaf becoming three feet long and two feet wide; with olive green corrugated surface and densely hairy, purple beneath. The tall flower spikes sprouting from the leaf may bear some thirty small violet-blue flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

***Episcia dianthiflora*—**

Mexico. Small elliptic, pubescent, vivid to dark green, crenate leaves with purple mid-rib, in a miniature clustering rosette, sending out prolific rooting branches. Free-blooming with glistening white, deeply fringed flowers, appearing singly in the leaf axils. 25 cents per pkt.

***Crossandra infundibuliformis*—**

Acanthaceae. India. Shrubby plant with glossy, ovate leaves; showy salmon-red tubular flowers with split limb, in angled, bracted spike. Favorite greenhouse plant. Five seeds for 25 cents.

FERN SPORES

***Rumohra adiantiformis*—**

Syn. Polypodium adiantiforme. 'Leather leaf fern'. Spreading fern in dense clusters, with creeping brown rhizome and fresh green fronds to three feet, thick-leathery, 1-3 pinnate, with oblong segments coarsely toothed. 25 cents per pkt.

***Cyrtomium falcatum*—**

'Holly fern'. Handsome pinnate fronds on brown scaly stalks. The leathery, shining dark green leaflets are ovate, slender pointed, and very durable under adverse conditions. 25 cents per pkt.

***Platycerium bifurcatum*—**

'Staghorn fern'. Easy growing epiphyte freely producing young plants on its roots. The basal fronds are kidney-shaped, in old specimen lobed. The usually laxly pendant, leathery, grayish, dark green

fertile fronds, to three feet long, are thinly covered with white, stellate hairs, and usually twice, long forked, sori only on tips of ultimate forks. 25 cents per pkt.

OTHER GENERA

Ravenala madagascariensis—

'Traveler's palm'. Numerous long leaves form a gigantic, fan-shaped cluster on a palm-like trunk. The inflorescence rises from the leaf axils, the still boat-shaped bracts containing many whitish flowers. The fruit is similar to bananas but woody, and the seed is coated blue, containing an antiseptic fat. A quart or more of clear watery sap is held in large box-like cells toward the base of the leaf stalks, which, when pierced, offer a refreshing drink to the thirsty traveler. Seeds are very large and require a long time to germinate, but, considering the age in which we now live, three to five months means nothing at all. We suggest that seeds be kept moderately moist and warm and placed in a secluded location where they will not be disturbed. 5 cents per seed.

Helleborus niger—

'Christmas rose'. Leaves evergreen, their seven or more leaflets or segments oblong. Flower nearly 2½ inches wide, white or pinkish green. Plant usually blooms at Christmas, sometimes under the snow. Also called the 'Lenten rose' or 'Black hellebore'. 25 cents per pkt.

Helleborus orientalis—

Related to the above, but differing in having a cluster of two to six flowers on branched, leafless stems. 25 cents per pkt.

Agapanthus africanus—

Also called 'Lily of the Nile'. Tuberous plant of the lily family, much grown in pots or tubs but outdoors in California. Grown for its showy blue flowers. Leaves all basal, numerous, long, and narrow. Flowers numerous, in a terminal cluster which arises between two sheath-like bracts. 25 cents per pkt.

Agapanthus albus—

Same as above but flowers are pure white. 25 cents per pkt.

Boronia megastigma—

Australia. Beautiful, small shrub, highly

prized for its quaint, brown, and very fragrant blossoms. All boronias require acid soil but do not take kindly to chemical or animal fertilizers. Plants should be placed in a permanent place and left undisturbed. They resent cultivation and should not have roots disturbed. Allow three to five weeks for seed to germinate and transplant seedlings when very small. 25 cents per pkt.

Calothamus San Guinius—

Australia. Heath-like leaves, flowers in clusters, showy because of the numerous protruding, colored stamens. Seedlings require sandy soil. Sow in warm location and allow three to five weeks for germination. 25 cents per pkt.

Dwarf impatiens mixed—

No finer plant for shady locations. They are covered with blossoms of intense color that possesses a luminous sheen seldom equaled in any bedding plant. Here is the answer for those who wish something for "that shady spot" or for pot culture. 25 cents per pkt.

Lilium tigrinum—

'Tiger lily'. Bulbous plant with slender stem, dark, glossy, scattered leaves and drooping flowers with reflexed segments salmon-red, spotted with purplish black. 25 cents per pkt.

Araucaria augustifolia—

South Brazil. Also known as 'Parana Pine'. Characterizes the landscape in cooler Sao Paulo and Parana, with wide spreading heads, the two-inch needle stiff and deep green. Seeds should be planted immediately on receipt. Seeds are large and require special mailing. 5 cents per seed.

FREE SEED

Reichsteineria cardinalis—

Ges. Tuberous plant with brilliant red flowers.

B. schmidtiana—

B. leptotricha—

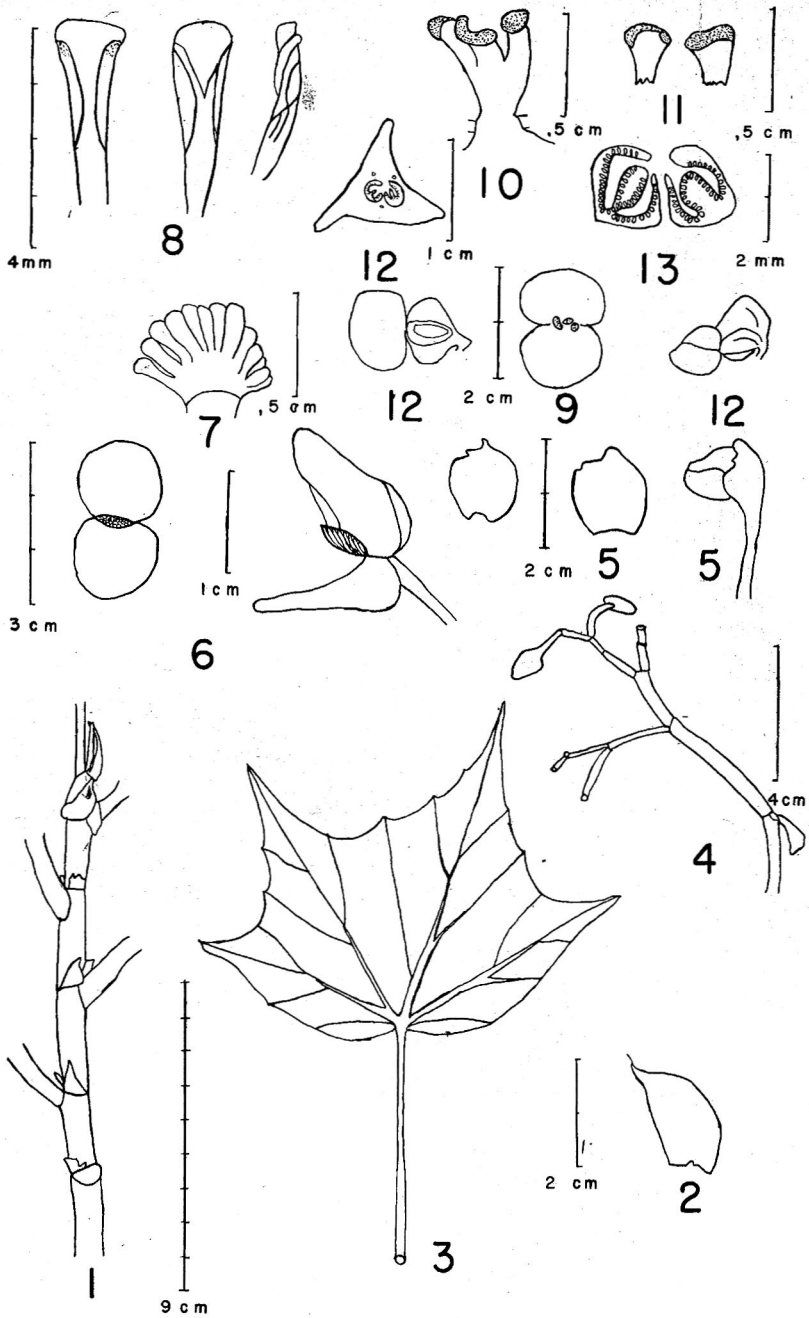
Please send postage if other seeds are not requested.

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Begonia Purpusii Zies.

BEGONIA PURPUSII

By RUDOLF ZIESENHENNE
Santa Barbara, California

On the cover of the September 1952 number of THE BEGONIAN appeared a picture of *Begonia purpusii*. On page 197 a photo and an article is printed about Mr. Thomas MacDougall's recollecting the begonia species in Mexico.

The original *purpusii* herbarium material was described in Dr. Arthur D. Houghton's monograph THE BEGONIACEAE OF NORTH AMERICA. This description is not in Latin and the work has not been published and is not generally available to the public and is therefore not acceptable to plant taxonomists. For this reason, I now describe the plant.

BEGONIA (section WEILBACHIA [KLOTZSCH] A. DC.) *purpusii* Houghton ex Ziesenhenné, new species, herbaceous perennial; stem (see figure 1) woody, erect, in transverse section oval, 6-12 inches tall, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter, unbranched, without hair, well-clothed with leaves, rooting wherever it touches something moist; internodes about one inch long, shortest $\frac{7}{16}$ inch, longest $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch, smooth, spinach green 0960/3 (The Royal Horticultural Society Color Chart); nodes slightly swollen; stipule (figure 2) quickly dropping, smooth, papery, unequally triangular, tip with a short point with a fine brown hair $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long, $\frac{7}{16}$ inch wide, agathia green 60/2; leaf-stem round, smooth, $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in diameter, 4 to $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, bare except close to the leaf blade where there are a few scattered $\frac{1}{16}$ inch long brown hairs; leaf (figure 3) papery, above spinach green 0960, areas between nerves bowed up, dull, bare; below spinach green 0960/3, bare, dull, nerves prominent, scattered brown hairs $\frac{1}{16}$ inch long on the nerves; false kidney-shaped, tip running out to a very thin long point, base heart-shaped, margin 4-5 deeply lobed, juvenile leaf with only three prominent lobes, lobes triangular running out to a very long thin point, margin few prominent toothed, finer teeth between, 4 inches long, 5 inches wide; palmately 6-9 nerved; inflorescence (fig-

ure 4) crowned cyme, flowers in spring; flower-stem axillary, round, smooth, spinach green 0960/3, $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in diameter, bare, primary branches $\frac{5}{8}$ inch long, secondary $\frac{7}{16}$ inch long, pedicels $\frac{3}{8}$ inch long; bracts (figure 5) dropping quickly, agathia green 60/2, dull, smooth, roundish, tip very irregularly notched and cut, $\frac{5}{8}$ inch long, $\frac{7}{16}$ inch wide; male flower (figure 6) pedicels $\frac{3}{8}$ inch long, $\frac{1}{16}$ inch in diameter, bare, petals 2, white, thick, stiff, round, blunt, margin even, outside smooth, dull, bare, $\frac{7}{16}$ inch long, $\frac{7}{16}$ inch wide; stamens (figure 7) 40 almost with filaments which are at base united, staminal column $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide, $\frac{1}{16}$ inch thick, transversely much compressed with stamens held tightly together; filaments $\frac{1}{16}$ inch long, anthers (figure 8) wedge-shaped flaring at the tip, tip blunt, $\frac{1}{8}$ inch long, $\frac{1}{16}$ inch wide, connective cone-shaped; female flower (figure 9): petals 2, thick, fleshy, irregular in form, bent over or wrinkled or tip bent inward, transversely oblong, tip rounded, base rounded, margin even, dull, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch long, $\frac{9}{16}$ inch wide; styles (figure 10) 3, on a raised base, $\frac{3}{16}$ inch high, branches $\frac{1}{8}$ inch long, crescent-shaped; stigmas (figure 11) papillae around the outer edge and on the tip; capsule (figure 12) nodding, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch long, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide, oval, bare, tip necked, unequally three winged, one large wing, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch long, oval, tip rounded, on the other angles fleshy marginal ridges, wing and pod bare; ovary (figure 13) 2-celled, placenta divided, carrying seed on both faces.

Mexico, Chiapas, "Cerro del Baqueron". Mr. Carl A. Purpus 7297. June 1914. University of California Herbarium Number 174888. Found growing on a wet, rocky bank. Co-type Mexico, Chiapas, near Rio Mala, 3500 ft. elevation (500 feet below Union Juarez), on lower slopes of Volcano Tacana. In soil on moist shaded bank. Mr. Thomas MacDougall Number C. 69. January 12, 1949. Mr.

MacDougall states, "My impression of the plant in its habitat was a shrubby unbranched climber. Young plants stood erect on rocks, and older plants continued this upright growth whenever they could attach themselves to tree trunks or other surfaces." Co-type Mexico, Chiapas, Motozintla, Boqueron, 2540 m. May 5, 1945. E. Matuda #5406. Matuda Herbarium.

This species is named for the very able plant collector Carl A. Purpus.

In his Monograph THE BEGONIACEAE OF NORTH AMERICA Dr. A. D. Houghton also identifies the following specimens as being this same plant: One in the Gray Herbarium without a number; U. S. National Herbarium Number 567540; Herbarium of the Chicago Museum of Natural History Number 424647. These were all determined by Arthur D. Houghton March 12, 1923.

This plant stands apart from the other begonias due to the unusually compressed staminal column. The other WEILBACHIA species with two petals in the male and female flowers all are clothed with hairs of various sorts while *purpusii* is essentially bare.

From a horticultural standpoint this plant is a distinctive one for the begonia fancier for there is nothing resembling it closely. In the color and appearance of the leaves the *Begonia scandens*, especially variety *cordifolia*, comes the closest. *Begonia concolvulacea* has a similar habit of growth but the leaves, although having lobes, do not have the long pointed lobes. *Begonia purpusii* is useful for growing on a tree fern trunk totem pole, as it readily roots to it. In cultivation this plant tends to branch when grown in a rich soil although it has not been found in the wild state doing so.

LATIN DESCRIPTION:

BEGONIA (section WEILBACHIA (KLOTZSCH) A. DC.) *purpusii* Houghton ex Ziesenhenné, spec. nov. Herba perennis: caule lignoso, erecto, ovali, 15-30 cm. longo, 1.3 cm. crasso, non ramoso, nudo, dense foliato, radicante; internodiis ca. 2.5 cm. longis, 1.1 cm. brevibus, 3.8 longibus, glabris, viridibus spinaceis 0960/3 (The Royal Horticultural Society Color Chart); nodis parvis tumeris; stipulis deciduis, glabris, papyraceis, oblique triangularibus, apice obtusis breviter

acuminatis, pilo brunneo instructis, 2.5 cm. longis, 1.2 latis, viridibus agathis 60/2: petiolis, teretibus, 3 mm. crassis, 10-17 cm. longis, nudis apicem versus pilis ferrugineis 1 mm. longis sparsim obsitis; foliis papyraceis, viridibus spinaceis 0960, inter nervis convexis, opacis, glabris; subtus viridibus spinaceis 0960/3, nervis prominentibus pilis 1 mm. longis ferrugineo-hirsutis; ambitu pseudo reniformibus obliquis; apice longe acuminatis; basi leviter cordatis, 4-5 profunde lobatis, foliis novellis 3-lobatis, lobis triangularibus, longe acuminatis, margine remote pauci-dentatis, et practerea denticulatis, 10.2 longis, 12.3 cm. latis, palmatinerviis, nervis 6-9: inflorescentia cymosa, mense Martio vel Aprile florente: pedunculis axillaribus, teretibus, glabris, 17 cm. longis, 3 mm. crassis, viridibus spinaceis 0960/3, nudis; internodiis primariis 1.5 cm. longis; internodiis secundariis 1.1 cm. longis; pedicellis 1 cm. longis; bracteis primariis deciduis, viridibus agathis 60.2, opacis, glabris, rotundis, apice inaequali-emarginatis et incisus 1.6 cm. longis, 1.4 cm. latis: tepalis masculinis 2, albis, crassis, rigidis, rotundis, obtusis, integris, opacis, glabris, nudis, 1.1 cm. longis et latis; staminibus 40, filamentis basi in columnam 1 mm. longam 1.3 cm. latam, transverse compressam connatis, filamentis liberis 1 mm. longis; antheris cuneiformibus superne dilatatis, apice obtusis, 3 mm. longis, 1 mm. latis, connectivo pyramidalis, apicem versus ampliato: floribus femineis tepalis 2, albis, crassis, rigidis, reniformibus, obtusis, integris, opacis 1 cm. longis, 1.5 cm. latis; stylis 3, basi .5 mm. connatis, parte libera 2.5 mm. longis, apice lunulato-bilobis, stigmatibus capitatis et marginalibus; capsula nutante, 1 cm. longa, 5 mm. lata, elipsoidea, nuda, inaequaliter trilata; ala maxima ovali, obtusa, 5 mm. longa, reliquis angustis carnosissimis, nudis; ovario 2-loculari, placentis bilamellatis, undique ovuliferis.

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At this moment and in a serious mood of gratitude, I cannot help but quote from Peter Lyon, writing of a Filipino mother who was visiting the National Children's Fund Clinic in Manila, and in gratefulness said, "I am so ignorant to write, but my heart is thanking." This is written just prior to the end of my term of office and I am thanking all of you who have been so helpful this past year.

Looking back, I cannot find anything outstanding which I may have done, but my objective has in some small measure, I believe, been accomplished. You may remember that I wrote to each Branch Director and tried to convey in my letter the importance of their office, and that *they* were the most important officers in the A.B.S. They were the voice of their Branch and, thus, the voice of the American Begonia Society. I also tried to show that an officer should, under all circumstances, fulfill his promises to his Branch, to the members and his fellow officers, regardless of whether they were contrary to his own interests, but were for the betterment of the Society as a whole.

The intent was to bring the members and Branches closer together in their objectives and fellowship. Effort was made to bring the Eastern Branches and their members, as well as those members not attending any Branch, closer into the family by every means available. Possibly Mrs. Helen Rice, president of the Long Beach Branch of the California National Fuchsia Society, says it best: "Let our Society meetings be a place to learn, and a place to share." It is my belief that progress has been made in this direction, but still more work remains to be done. For what progress has been made I am humbly grateful.

Since the A.B.S. was formed in 1932 many changes have occurred in our economy and daily lives. We have gone through World War 2, and a so-called "police action" in Korea. New flower societies, each specializing in a separate family of plants have been formed, many springing from this Society. As Florence

CONVENTION AND SHOW SEPTEMBER 3 and 4

The outstanding event of the year for the American Begonia Society will be the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention and Begonia Show on Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4, 1960. The location will be Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, California.

The convention will open with the annual business meeting of the National Board in Long Hall at 2 p.m. on Saturday. At 6:30 p.m. members and guests will meet in Fiesta Hall for a banquet and evening program.

The show, staged in Great Hall, will be open to the public on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Gee says, "we were all plant happy," and they switched to their most intimate interest, which was all to the good. Also since the A.B.S. was formed we have observed the miracle of pictures and sound being transported effortlessly into our homes through the medium which we call TV. This strong attraction and the loss of members to the other societies kept members at home to view a novel and greater interest, or to indulge in the fellowship of the members of their new group. Yet the A.B.S. carried on, weathering it all in stride so that its current membership is international in scope, with a sustaining interest in our Society and what it stands for, and it remains in a healthy condition.

It appears that in all organizations, whether it be a flower society, a fraternal group, or even a church group, there is a nucleus of hard workers that makes the group tick. These so-called "work horses" are pulling and working for the benefit of the group as a whole, not for the few. We are most fortunate to have quite a few of these devoted people throughout the Society, and when one is "called up yonder", there is another to step in and take his or her place.

We find Branches that continue to

thrive and grow and a current example (and there are others) is the first A.B.S. Branch, The Long Beach Parent Chapter, which under the leadership of their president, H. O. "Mac" McKelvey, has never held a meeting this year without adding new members to their group, so that their total membership has increased by 32 for the year. This does not *just happen*. Someone was working, and I say thanks to all these wonderful people.

Friendships are still being made and retained, and people still hunger to learn of and are interested in shade loving plants, their propagation, and care. In so doing they better themselves and lead a fuller and more satisfactory life, and we have had the privilege of helping them do so.

Some few weeks ago I was ill, and the President's Letter did not appear for that reason. Since then I received some of the kindest and most understanding letters that I have ever read. This gives additional assurance that the A.B.S. is compounded of the finest people anyone can meet, and I am, thus led to believe that a greater closeness and togetherness exists than ever before. Possibly, too, because we do as Faith Forsythe says: "Everyone should have some sort of garden even if it is only a box on a windowsill. A man who doesn't know about gardens is mentally deficient; there is a gap in his education. A garden is a university, a place of parables for those with eyes to see and minds to understand. You can always learn something from the insects, the bees, the birds, the flowers and trees. In the study of soil and growth you evolve a wisdom that can never be gotten out of a book. Much of the unrest and unhappiness in the world today, especially among young people, is a symptom of something lacking in their lives, and that something is the joy and satisfaction that comes from working with your hands to make something grow."

This, then, is a personal farewell to all you fine people—many of whom I have never met except on these pages—but if the Editor will grant the space and his permission, I would like to write some

personal "thank you's" to many who are now working to make the coming Convention and Begonia Show a success—and which will be history by the time you read this. These people and Branches have given so much of their time and efforts, and yes, personal funds, too, to make it a success that I would be remiss in not thanking them, and thus hope to write once more on these pages.

You may be assured your Society will continue to flourish and function efficiently under the leadership of the very capable lady Mrs. Edna Korts, who succeeds me as President. She will probably react in her new duties very much like the gracious 90-year-old Kentucky spinster who inquired about the appropriate inscription for her tombstone. When it was suggested that it be inscribed "Rest in Peace" she exclaimed that would not do; "she had rested in peace so long she wanted a violent change." You may be sure that whatever course Mrs. Korts will follow will be for the benefit of the Society as a whole and with the objective of making it more beneficial for all.

This is a fond farewell, and "my heart is thanking you." Thanking you for the support you have given me and the ease you have given my efforts to serve you. I would, in closing, like to remind you that success is due less to ability than to zeal, and that the more zealous members there are, the more fruitful and successful your Society will be. Your personal zealotness will permit us all to share the blessings and joys that our hobby offers us.

CLARENCE HALL
President

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Leaves From Our Begonia Branches

BESSIE RAYMOND BUXTON

The season for this Branch started on April 16, 1960, with a meeting at The Merrys, in Needham, Massachusetts. An interested group visited the greenhouse at Wellesley College in the morning, convened for lunch at The Merrys, and discussed rhizomatous begonias in the study hour.

In May our president, Mrs. Hurley, entertained us at a hot dish supper, which was followed by a showing of begonia slides.

In June Mrs. Lester H. Fox was the hostess at a picnic lunch. She spoke on "Cane Begonias" in the afternoon.

The project for July was a white elephant sale to make money for the treasury. It was most successful. Mrs. Scrymgeour was a gracious and generous hostess, and gave many plants from her greenhouse.

Plans are already in the offing for an exhibit at the big spring show of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

ELSA FORT

After lunches were packed, a drive of more than fifty miles brought us to Venice Park, New Jersey, and the July meeting.

Marian Jones, our hostess, had many beautiful begonias on her spacious porch, and it was apparent that the moist air off the Atlantic Ocean and the filtered sunlight which came in through the trees surrounding Marian's home were just what begonias love.

We, too, enjoyed that tang of the salt air, as we discussed many begonia problems, with emphasis on summer care. We outlined a study plan for the coming months, and look forward to those meetings with keen interest.

We were reminded of the Begonia Party, for which the William Penn Branch will be hostess on September 20, at Paoli, Pennsylvania. These gatherings are always highlights for a begonia enthusiast.

We plan no regular meeting in August,

but eagerly await an afternoon when we expect to search for unusual wild flowers in a large wooded area near Mildred Tait's home.

INGLEWOOD

At the June meeting, Bill Kirker, Bert Slatter, and John Thieben, in their combined talk "All About *Semperflorens*", quite ably covered the topic in great detail. Through these details much was learned by all attending.

The plant table featured *semperflorens* of all sizes and hues. As these plants were used in the discussions and demonstrations, all were well acquainted with the proper growing conditions for the plants they chose.

The July meeting featured rex begonias. Rudolf Ziesenhenné of Santa Barbara spoke on "Rex Begonia Culture". Rudy is well known in the American Begonia Society for his outstanding work in the field of begonias, having introduced many new and beautiful plants, among them 'Freddie', for which he received the Alfred D. Robinson medal. The Eva Kenworthy Gray award was presented to him at the 1959 A.B.S. convention in recognition of his numerous contributions. He is well known to readers of THE BEGONIAN for his many articles which appear from time to time.

The plant table was furnished with rex seedlings grown by Rudy, and he used them to demonstrate many points in his talk.

President Pearl Parker presided over both the June and July meetings.

LONE STAR

All members were present at the meeting on July 18, held at the home of Mrs. C. Neal Sikkelee. The secretary reported that one member had resigned. The treasurer reported \$72.15 in the treasury. The president advised that the Cedar Hill Independent School District had accepted the offer of the Branch to donate a tree for the High School campus under the proposal "Pennies for Pines".

Mrs. L. P. Davis, program chairman, gave an excellent talk on the subject "Grooming Begonias for the Show", which included soil mixes, fertilizers, watering, and chemicals to add color to the leaves. Mrs. M. F. Scribner followed with an interesting discussion of philodendrons.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

On August 21, members of other Branches in the valley joined us in a pot-luck supper and social get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk C. Moore, in Covina.

The regular meeting date has been changed from the second Tuesday to the second Thursday to accommodate classes in horticulture to be held at the Arboretum in Arcadia.

SAN FRANCISCO

At our regular meeting on July 6, Arthur Bossier gave us a talk on grooming begonias for our coming Flower Show, to be held August 25 to 28 at the new Hall of Flowers in the Garden Center in San Francisco. We are all very proud of this project and invite all members to visit us whenever they come to

President and Mrs. Orris Martin intended to surprise our group by furnishing a lovely cake celebrating their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary, but we found out about their secret. Marjorie became chairman and formed a committee

which supplied sandwiches, olives, nuts, and chocolates. Margo Corbelli set a table—white cloth, silver candlesticks, flower arrangement, and all. Carl Olgiati furnished a corsage and bridal bouquet. Bea Berner played "Here Comes The Bride"—and then the party began! The Martins were so surprised!

We had several guests at this meeting and welcomed Mrs. Ann Bruno as a new member.

SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY

Our July meeting at the Hayward Memorial Park began with a noon-time picnic. All thirty-eight members and friends enjoyed the "yummy" food. Mrs. Cleo Peck was our hostess and Mr. Peck was there to give her a hand, dishing out the hot weiners and buns.

Mrs. Edith Slutter conducted a short business meeting as our president, Mr. H. J. Bolyard, was recuperating from bronchial pneumonia and was unable to be with us.

Everyone was pleased to hear that we won a blue ribbon plus a check for \$85.00 for our efforts at the Alameda County Fair. Members who entered and won prizes for their own displays were Mrs. Cleo Peck, Mrs. May Bolyard, Mrs. Dorothy Bayliss, Mrs. Helen Fouche, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kappler, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bartlow.

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WEST VALLEY

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Our last year's secretary, Ann, and her husband, James Holley moved to Simi Valley. Now it'll be San Fernando Valley begonias versus Simi begonias.

SACRAMENTO

Besides winning first awards for our display at the Sacramento County Fair, we also participated in a Shade Garden Show in our lovely Garden Center. This is an annual show in which fuchsias, ferns, tropical plants, begonias, and flower arrangements are shown.

July and August have been pot-luck months for our Branch. We started our meetings with a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Garden Center, leaving time for visiting before the regular meeting started at eight o'clock.

Several of our members are planning to attend the convention and are looking forward to meeting members from other Branches and seeing the lovely plants you raise in Southern California.

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CALENDAR

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Following this birthday celebration, work will be started on our Branch exhibit to be entered in the forthcoming Begonia Show. There will be a plant table, and guests are invited to attend.

September 6—Long Beach Parent Chapter. Speaker will be Rudolf Ziesenhenné, the well known begonia hybridizer from Santa Barbara. Everyone welcome and bring friends with you.

September 8—Inglewood Branch. Loren Paulsohn, landscape gardener, fuchsia and orchid enthusiast, will speak on the topic "Landscaping a Garden", with films to illustrate.

September 8—San Gabriel Valley Branch. Sylvia Leatherman will talk on "Interest in the Shade Garden."

September 20—William Penn Branch and Margaret Gruenbaum Branch. Joint Begonia Show and party at home of Mrs. George Earle DeCoursey, Paoli, Pennsylvania.

September 23—Redondo Beach Area Branch. The last patio meeting for the summer will be held at the Goulds, who live at 1916 Havermeier Lane, Redondo Beach, California. Theirs' is a garden worth seeing. A speaker will be on the program—subject, a surprise. Visitors are always welcome.

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The Secretary being absent because of illness, President Hall asked Mrs. Ethel Arbuckle to act as secretary pro tem.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Mrs. Mary Gillingwators.

Aims and purposes of the Society were read by Mrs. Korts.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Leoti Fisher gave her report for the month. Report filed for audit.

President Hall referred to the last two board meetings which he was unable to attend and which were conducted by President-Elect Edna Korts. He expressed his thanks for her assistance, also the cooperation he had received from society members during his term of office. He spoke of the resignation of President-Elect Lola Fahy and that he had persuaded Mrs. Korts to accept the office. This left the office of Vice-President vacant and Mr. Roy Joyce has accepted the appointment for the two years yet to be served.

Mr. Hall reported the illness of Past President Slatter, who had sent a message urging that members participate in the Novice Section of the Show.

Mrs. Korts announced that the Judging Class Test had been given, 22 having taken the test, and that a written report will appear in THE BEGONIAN. Two sets of the lectures will be placed in the National Library.

Membership Secretary Schlanert gave his monthly report showing 62 new and 162 renewing memberships. One item of interest was the increase in the cost for the mailing of the July Begonian. This was due to the inserting of the ballot, placing the magazine in third class.

Editor Peterson announced that the September BEGONIAN would be coming out earlier than usual, hence the dead line is August 5th, no later.

Business Manager Thieben reported that the Robinson Medal, awarded posthumously in 1956 to Mrs. Mabel Walker, was never

received by Mr. Walker, and that he had made an inquiry regarding it. It had been in the possession of Past President Cal Trowbridge. Mr. Hall requested that a letter of apology, along with the medal, be sent, Mr. Thieben to deliver same.

Research Director Sylvia Leatherman displayed three new Rexes, plants which were received earlier this year from Teupel Brothers, East Germany, with their true names. These begonias had been previously listed in the Buxton Check List, but incorrectly. Moved by Mrs. Leatherman, seconded by Mrs. Korts, that the correction be made. Motion carried. Mr. Hall asked that a letter be sent to Mrs. Alva Graham regarding the correction. Mrs. Leatherman also displayed a begonia received from Longwood Gardens, a new plant coming from Brazil, yet to be identified.

Vice President Joyce reported a check from the Seattle Branch for slides, also a request from Foothills Gardens Club, Mountainside, New Jersey, for tuberous begonia slides. This to be one of their programs for the coming year.

Historian Mrs. Jackson hopes to have a history book on display at the Convention and Show. She also asked for donations of pies and cakes for the Snack Bar.

President Hall announced a meeting of all persons connected with the Convention and Show to be held at an early date.

Branches reporting: El Monte, Foothill, Glendale, Hollywood, Long Beach Parent Chapter, Orange County, Redondo, San Gabriel, Ventura, Westchester, Riverside and Whittier.

Mrs. Gillingwators requested a reprint of articles also pictures that have appeared previously in the Begonian. Motion made by Mrs. Leatherman, seconded by George Schlanert. Motion carried.

President Hall appointed the following committee for audit of the Treasurer's books: Bert Slatter, Chairman; Mrs. Wilma Blough, and Mrs. Ethel Arbuckle.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30.

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4th Monday, Barbour Hall
2717 University Ave., San Diego
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3rd Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., Homes of Members
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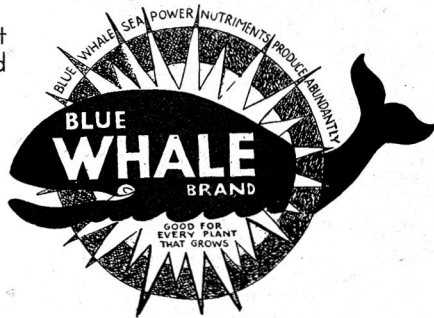
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