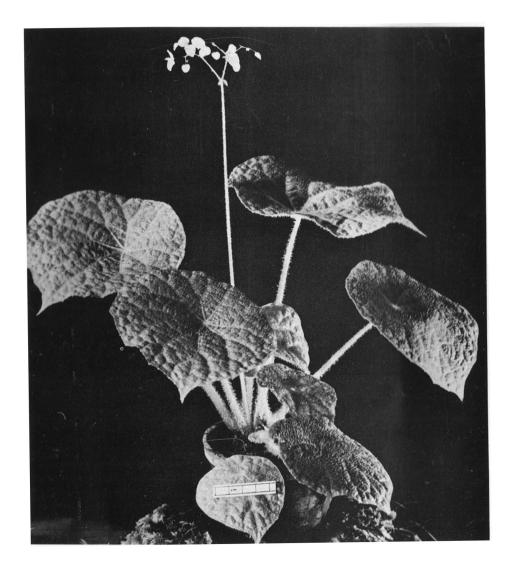


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SO SAY THE EXPERTS

By RUTH PEASE Historian, A.B.S. Los Angeles, California

So say the experts – from a steno's notebook. The idea started with a desire to learn all about begonias from those who have grown, worked, and studied them for years. I have been taking shorthand notes while listening to the experts ever since I became a member of the Westchester Branch of the American Begonia Society, here in Southern California, about four and a half years ago.

When I began to transcribe my notes, I realized that they would be of far greater value if they were shared with all members through *The Begonian*. This way I could be of service to the many members who are not able to visit Branches as well as others who have not had the opportunity to hear these speakers.

These experts have been lecturing for many years and still continue to do so. While begonias have received principal attention, included are items discussed by speakers on other horticultural subjects. They have told us about growing our plants in Southern California, but there are items mentioned that would apply to any place where begonias are grown.

The information from my notes has been transcribed and then rewritten in a manner to make it readily understood. Where the same subject has been discussed by several authorities, the basic thoughts have been retained, but presented in one paragraph. Where the authorities differ completely, it has been so noted. No attempt has been made to give direct quotations.

In order to make sense out of all my notes, I have classified them under a number of headings, to avoid too much jumping around from one thought to another. One or two of these headings, or subjects, will be discussed in each issue of *The Begonian*, in a continuing series. The speakers, with their specialties, are listed in alphabetical order, as follows:

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BEGONIAS -- GENERAL

Begonias are efficient, because they use less light intensity and still grow beautifully. They are accustomed to a (Continued on Page 128)

COVER PICTURE

Begonia Sudjanae Jans. Specimen cultivated in the Botanical Garden in Gothenburg, Sweden.

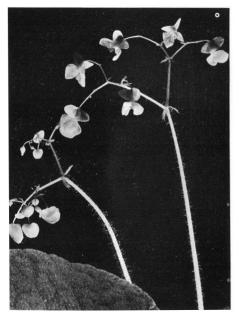
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BEGONIA SUDJANAE A NEW SPECIES FROM SUMATRA

By CARL-AXEL JANSSON The Botanical Institute, University of Gothenburg, Sweden



Male Flowers (2X)



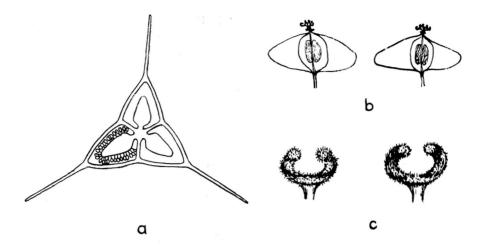
Inflorescences of male and female flowers. Photos by H. Rasper

In January, 1957, the Botanical Garden in Gothenburg received a rich collection of living, tropical plants in a shipment from Dr. Sudjana Kassan, at that time assistant in the Botanical Garden at Bogor, Java. Among all specimens, mostly orchids, was also material of a begonia with no determination and not known to us. This material, consisting of rhizomes and petioles, was in a rather bad condition at the time of arrival and we had little hope of getting it to grow. However, the plant appeared to be more easily cultivated than expected and it was not long before we had flowering specimens.

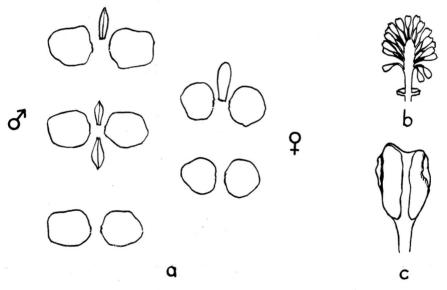
By the floral characteristics there were no doubts that this begonia belonged to the Asiatic section Reichenheimia comprising about a dozen species from India to Malaya. Further determination, however, was not possible. Plant material from repeated sowings of seeds through several generations showed a clear invariability in characters, and it became obvious that the actual type was of no hybrid origin. Discussions by letter with Prof. Irmscher, Stuttgart, one of the world's foremost begonia-taxonomists, confirmed my suspicions that we worked with a species not earlier described.

The original, scientific description of *Begonia Sudjanae* was published in September, 1963, in *Acta Horti Gotoburgensis*, Vol. XXVI:1. Summarily I want to characterize the new species as follows:

Begonia Sudjanae has a thick, short stem more or less creeping. The petioles are erect or suberect, 10-18 cm long, round and densely pilose. The entirely light-green leaves are unsymmetrically peltate, ovate and acuminate to cuspidate. Both the leaf-surfaces are covered with stiff hairs, be-



Begonia Sudjanae: a-Ovary, cross-section. b-Ovary, from the side. c-Stlgmas.



Begonia Sudjanae: a-Sepals in male and female flowers. b-Androecium. c-Anther.

low more concentrated to the nerves. Further, the lamina is concentrically wrinkled round the navel, from which the nerves extend in all directions and reach the margin in distinct teeth somewhat bent downwards.

The white and rather small flowers are arranged in cymes and have a varying number of petals, in male

-Drawings from Acta Horti Gotob. Vol. XXVI: 1

flowers from two to four and in female flowers from two to three. The ovary is three-winged and threeroomed with undivided placentas, an important taxonomical character. In each female flower there are three stigmas with two branches somewhat turned inwards. The yellow stamens (Continued on Page 120)

CLAYTON M. KELLY SEED FUND FLIGHT

No. 1 — B. sudjanae, Jans.—

New species discovered in Sumatra. Full description and picture appear in this issue of *The Begonian*.

Please note: Actually there are not enough seeds to offer, but we feel that someone should grow plants and produce seed for the Seed Fund. This is, by all standards, one of the most beautiful and exotic begonias ever offered by the Seed Fund and so new that we cannot recommend it to inexperienced growers or those who do not have facilities for proper growing. However, it is our hope that someone who likes the rare and exotic begonias will purchase seed and grow plants for distribution as well as seed. Very few seeds are available. \$2.00 per pkt.

No. 2 — B. dichroa, Sprague —

Growth shrubby, might be called low, 30-50 m. high and slightly squarrous. Leaves grow on short petioles, oblong-elliptic, tapered toward a point. Glossy dark green on top, with regular, distinctly delineated, silverwhite spots, wavy and lobed on margins. Inflorescence axillary, large, raceme-like, hanging down. Flowers brilliant salmon-orange; male flowers four petals, female flowers six petals. As soon as buds appear, the newly formed leaves become dark green. while the older ones retain their silver spots; thus, the plants have leaves of two colors. One of the most beautiful begonias in cultivation. 35 cents per pkt.

No. 3 — B. pseudophyllomaniaca, Lange —

Stems a little dorsiventral, robust, thick, with fairly short joints, more or less hairy. Petioles long, slightly grooved, with red spots, covered with hairs, closely below the lamina covered with a coronet of long hairs. Leaf blade asymmetric cordate, pointed; the lobes are dentate or double dentate; veins on the lower side of the leaf covered with hairs, upper side of leaf olive-green in certain areas, covered with short hairs. The inflorescence is unilateral, particularly when young. The petioles are red at the ramification points. Flowers are pink, fairly large. 35 cents per pkt.

No. 4 - B. acida -

Brazil. Large seersucker-puckered leaves of freshest apple-green are round but appear angled. Flowers dainty white on stems standing well above foliage. Likes w a r m t h and humidity. 50 cents per pkt.

No. 5 – B. suffruticosa, Meissner– Africa. The smallest of the "mapleleaf" group. Leaves smaller, thinner, lighter green, lobes blunter than B. *dregei*. Flowers white. 35 cents per pkt.

No. 6 – B. scharffiana, Regal – Low, compact, spreading, densely white-hairy; stems red, branches lax; leaves broad-ovate, pointed, basal lobes overlapping, olive-green, the red of the under surfaces extending to the margins. Flowers small, pale pink, in long, loose, arching inflorescences. 35 cents per pkt.

No. 7 — B. micrantha var. fimbriata —

Stems are short, stout, and succulent; leaves are broad-ovate, softhairy, irregularly lobed, green; margins toothed and ciliate. Flowers usually in pairs, bright orange-red with masses of yellow stamens. 35 cents per pkt.

No. 8 - B. mazae -

Mexico. Round leaves with tiny pointed tail, bronze-green, marked red-brown along the light veins, which meet in a white eye; deep red underneath. Small, light pink, redspotted flowers. Grow in a warm location, fairly dry, with perfect drainage. 35 cents per pkt.

Note – All of the seeds listed above were imported from Europe, entailing a great deal of time and expense. We hope you will grow and enjoy them.

No. 9 - B. 'Phillipe Islands' -

The following description came with the seed: "Plant grows to three feet tall on stems as thick as your finger. Leaves are oval, glossy green above and pale underneath. Stems branch off easily and each branch can be grown into a plant. Flowers are in clusters, hanging and flesh-colored. We love it for its flowers all the year around. No one here in the Philippine Islands knows the name — we have no begonia society here — no scientific variety or name for the plant — it is grown simply because it is beautiful". 35 cents per pkt.

No. 10 — B. sunderbruchi —

Old time favorite star-type begonia. Seven-fingered to nine-fingered leaves are large, bronze-green, strikingly marked with light green veins and splotches, mottled red and green beneath. Each finger is pointed and scalloped on the edge. Stems are ringed with collar of red hairs at joining with leaf. Two-petaled pink flowers. 25 cents per pkt.

No. 11 — B. masoniana syn. 'Iron Cross' —

We have had seeds for a while, but thought that someone would like to try them before we decide to discard them. We are offering them at a special price: 50 cents per pkt.

The following is from Miami, Florida: "I had such good luck with the 'Iron Cross' from the Seed Fund – I would like to tell you about it. After reading that other people had no success, I am very proud of what I have accomplished, especially considering that I am a rank amauteur.

"The seeds were planted in a shallow pie plate in a mixture of sandy peat moss and perlite, well moistened, then slipped into a plastic envelope. They germinated in twelve days (we don't have to supply bottom heat here). As we were leaving on vacation, I left the seedlings intact until our return. When they were ready for pots, I had nineteen beautiful plants which were shared with my family and friends. My eleven-year-old niece helped with the entire project and we are very happy and proud of the results."

Multiflora begonias —

A friend in New Zealand has sent the following seeds:

B. Multiflora Richard Galle -

A m b e r yellow, shaded copper, semi-double. 35 cents per pkt.

B. Multiflora Flamboyant —

Single, dazzling cherry-red. Nearest to European hybrid, B. 'Davisii'. 35 cents per pkt.

B. Âultiflora Sapy —

Salmon-apricot, tinged with yellow. 35 cents per pkt.

There is still time to grow multiflorens for summer and fall blooms for beds, borders, or pots. They will bloom abundantly in sunny locations where some high shade is provided, such as tree branches or lath.

From Texas: "I have had such good luck with seeds from the Seed Fund. I have received an Award of Merit and three blue ribbons at our flower show on plants grown from your seeds."

GREENHOUSE PLANTS

Saintpaulia-veluntina —

Species from Africa. 35 cents per pkt.

Fuchsia procumbens -

Trailing fuchsia, useful for hanging. Flowers solitary in leaf axils, calyx orange-purple. 25 cents per pkt.

Rhododendron, 'Bow bells' -

Showy plant. Flowers mostly tubular or funnel-shaped. Grow in shade in acid soil. 25 cents per pkt.

Guzmania lingulata minor -

Bromeliaceae. Small, formal rosette, with pale apple-green papery leaves and purple pencil lines. Inflorescence a raised cup of scarlet bract-leaves and white flowers. 35 cents per pkt.

Vresia malzenii—

No description available. 35 cents per pkt.

OTHER GENERA

Thalictrum diptocarpum -

Showy, Chinese plant, one to two

feet high; the roundish, notched; ultimate leaflets bluish-green on the underside. Flowers nodding, the clusters much branched, the pale rose or lilaclavender sepals nearly as long as the stamens. Blooms late summer. 25 cents per pkt.

Lilium regale, 'Royal lily' —

Flowers usually horizontal, fragrant, about six inches long, lilac or purpleish outside, white inside, but yellow at the base. 25 cents per pkt.

Antirrhinum asarina -

Perennial, of spreading habit, covered with short, sticky hairs. Flowers solitary, white or pale pink. 25 cents per pkt.

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The Seed Fund is overstocked with seed of mixed begonias. It is impossble to tell what they will produce, but we think they are mostly rhizomatous and semperflorens types. We do not like to throw them away when someone should be growing them. Therefore, we are giving them away to anyone who will send postage. If other seeds are requested from the regular list, you do not need to include postage. Please do not ask to have them separated as to type this is impossible – we do not know what they are. There is no limit on quantity.

> MRS. FLORENCE GEE, Seed Fund Administrator, 234 Birch Street, Roseville, California 95678.

A NEW SPECIES . . .

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of the male flower are united in one group by connation of their filaments.

As already mentioned, *Begonia* Sudjanae belongs to the section Reichenheimia. Though well separated from *B. goegoensis* N. Br. of the same section, it shows in many respects near relationship with this species. From a horticultural point of view I mean that *B. Sudjanae* has certain values. Thus it has appeared rather

BOTANICAL TERMS EXPLAINED

The glossary and illustrative drawings of botanical terms, beginning on the next page, are reprinted from *Exotica*, a pictorial cyclopedia of indoor plants published by Roehrs Company, of Rutherford, New Jersery.

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easy to cultivate.

It does not require especially humid conditions and shows a good growth and flowering in ordinary, central-heated rooms. Too moist conditions can easily cause root infections probably by some fungi. We have received the best vegetative development in a rather shady habit. Exposed to intense sunshine, the leaves get clear signs of chlorosis and, especially in summers, whitish grey patches by partial death of tissues. Properly cultivated, it seems to flower rather independant of the season.

Begonia Sudjanae is beautifully shaped and attractive though not of the same decorative quality as B. goegoensis. I have two reasons to believe that a particularly high value lies in its ease of cultivation:

- 1. It requires no special arrangements and it can be cultivated under normal room-conditions.
- 2. It is probably a good material for raising hybrids in which these mentioned qualities can be combined with more conspicuous flowers and colors of some other more sensitive species.

(This article was written especially for the begonian by Mr. Jansson.)

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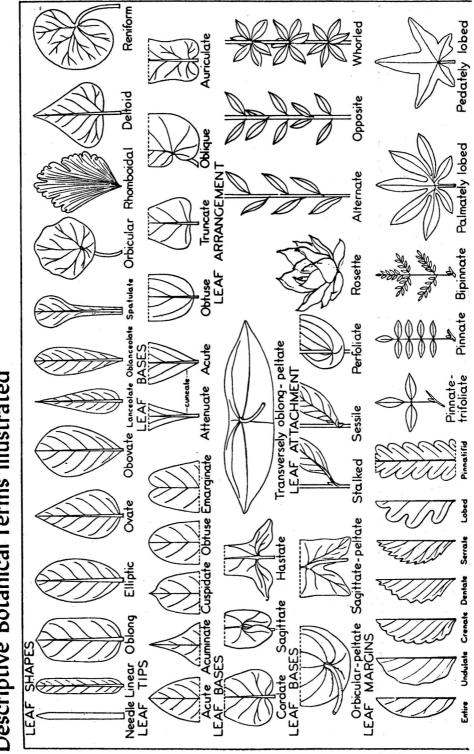
The Meaning of Botanical Terms

acicular - needle-like acuminate — tapering to a point acute - sharply pointed, but not drawn out adventitious - other than usual place alternate — arranged along a stem at different levels anther — pollen bearing top of stamen apex — the tip of an organ (as a leaf) apiculate - with short, not stiff point areole — cushion-like structure out of which can arise spines, branches, and flowers, a characteristic confined to cacti articulated — jointed, separating freely by a clean scar asexual — propagates without benefit of sex attenuate - becoming narrow, tapered auriculate - with ears at base axil - the point just above the leaf where it rises from the stem basal — at the base of an organ bifurcate - forked bilabiate — divided into two unequal lips bipinnate — both primary and secondary divisions with separate leaflets bipinnatifid — twice pinnately cut blade — the expanded portion of a leaf bract — modified leaves intermediate between flower and the normal leaves, frequently colored bristly — bearing stiff strong hairs or bristles bulb — a growth bud with fleshy scales, usually underground calyx — outer circle or cup of floral parts (usually green) campanulate — bell-shaped flower with broad base caudex — upright root stock or trunk caulescent - becoming stalked channeled — hollowed out like a gutter chromosomes — microscopic rodlike bodies in the plant cell, bearing the hereditary material cephalium — woolly cap at the apex of cacti ciliate — fringed with eyelash hairs clasping — leaf surrounding stem cleft -- cut halfway down column — combined stamens and style into one body (as in orchids) compound — similar parts aggregated into a common whole compound leaf — a leaf of two or more leaflets concave - hollowed out convex — umbrella-like cordate — heart-shaped corolla — complete circle of petals corm — bulb-like but solid; enlarged fleshy base of a stem corymb — a flat-topped open flower-cluster blooming from outside in creeper — a trailing shoot rooting at intervals crenate — with teeth rounded, scalloped crested — with elevated and irregular ridge

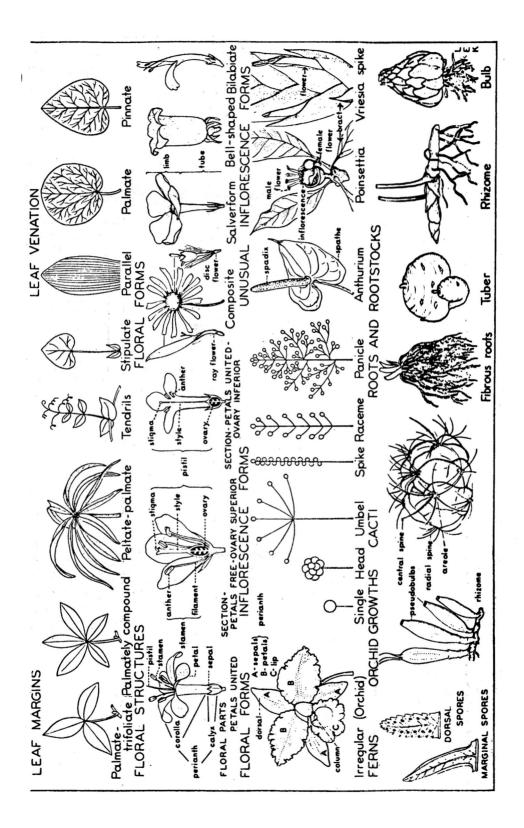
culm — the peculiar hollow stem or stalk of grasses and bamboo

cultivar — special form originating in cultivation cuneate — wedge-shaped, triangular cuspidate — tipped with a sharp and stiff point cyme — a broad, usually flat-topped flower cluster with center flowers opening first decumbent - reclining, but summit ascending deltoid - triangular dentate — with coarse teeth, usually directed outward digitately lobed — fingered and main veining radiating from more than one point divided — separated at the base dorsal - back; in orchids usually a top sepal downy - clothed with soft short hairs elliptical — oblong, with widest point at center elongate - drawn out in length emarginate - notched at the end endemic — native to a restricted region entire — margin without toothing or division epiphyte — air-plant; a plant growing on another, but not taking food from its host farinose — covered with a mealiness, or starchy matter ferns — plants without flowers fertile - spore bearing or seed-bearing fibrous — with fibers, or thread-like parts filament — thread-like stalk of an anther filiform — thread shaped; very slender floccose - with locks of soft hair or wool frond - leaf of fern. funnelform — a tubular flower gradually widening upward and spreading into disk glabrous — smooth, not hairy nor rough alaucous - covered with a white powder that rubs off glochid — barbed hair, or bristle, as in cacti alutinous — sticky hairy — having longer hairs hastate - halberd-shaped with basal lobes turned outward head — a short dense flower spike herb — a plant with no persistent stem above ground, usually contrasted with woody plants herbaceous - non-woody hirsute — hairy, with long rather stiff hairs hybrid — a plant resulting from a cross between parents that are unlike inferior ovary — one that is below the calyx leaves inflorescence — the flowering portion of a plant, or more precisely the mode of its arrangement intergeneric — hybrid between genera irregular flower — a flower which cannot be halved in any plane, or in one plane only insectivorous - plants which capture insects and absorb nutriment from them internode - space between two joints laciniate — slashed into narrow irregular pointed lobes

lanceolate — lance-shaped; tapering toward the tip lateral — from the side lepidote — beset with small scurfy scales limb — the border or expanded part of corolla (or spathe) above the throat linear — narrow and flat, margins parallel lip — the principal lobes of a bilabiate corolla; in orchids a much modified petal lobe — any projection of a leaf, rounded or pointed lobed — leaf cut less than halfway to the base marginal — at the edge membranous — thin, semi-transparent mutant — form derived by sudden change from a species needle-shaped — long, slender and rigid node — a joint in a stalk where leaves or their vestiges are born obcordate — inversely heartshaped, the notch being at the apex oblanceolate — broad end near tip, long tapering toward base oblique — slanting of unequal sides oblong — much longer than broad, with parallel sides obovate — inverted ovate, the broad end upward obtuse — blunt or rounded at the end opposite - opposite each other orbicular — leaf with circular outline ovary — that part of the pistil which contains the future seed ovate — a leaf broadest near base, tapering upward palmate — veins or leaflets radiating from tip of petiole palmately compound — more than 3 leaflets borne at tip of petiole palmately lobed — palmately divided leaf not cut to base panicle — an open and branched flower cluster parallel - equally distant at every part parasite — organism subsisting on another living organism parted — leaf cut 3/4 or more pectinate - comb-like, merely fringed, with spines pedate — footed; palmately divided or parted pedicel — stalk of each flower and cluster peduncle - primary flower stalk peltate - leaf-blade attached to stalk inside its margin peltate-palmate — palmate leaf completely circular in outline pendant — hanging down from its support perianth — the calyx, or corolla, or both perfoliate - petiole in appearance passing through the leaf petal — a flower-leaf petiole — the supporting stalk of a leaf; leaf stem petiolate — furnished with a petiole petiolule — a small petiole phyllodia — leaf-like stems and no blades (as in Acacia or Epiphyllum) pilose — shaqay with soft hairs pinnae — primary division of a pinnate leaf, its leaflets pinnate — feather-formed; separate leaflets arranged along sides of leaf stalk; separation complete pinnatifid — feathered; cut halfway to midrib pinnatisect — feathered leaf cut down to the midrib



Descriptive Botanical Terms illustrated



pistil — the female organ of a flower, consisting of ovary, style and stiama pistillate — flower having pistils only; female pollen — the fertilizing powder contained in the anther procumbent — lying along the ground; leaning prostrate — lying flat on the ground prothallus — first stage of germination of fern spore into flat shield, bearing the sexual organs pseudobulb — thickened and bulb-like portion of stem in epiphytic orchids pubescent — covered with short, soft hairs, downy punctate — having tiny translucent glands, appearing like dots raceme - elongated simple inflorescence with stalked flowers rachis — axis bearing flowers or leaflets ray — marginal portion or floret of a Compositae flower when distinct from the disk recurved — bent backward or downward regular flower — with the parts in each set alike reniform — kidney-shaped rhizome - creeping rootstock, on or under the ground rhombic — irregularly slanting rectangle rosette — a cluster of leaves radiating in a circle from a center usually near the around rosulate — bearing a rosette, or basal cluster of spreading leaves covered with wrinkles rugose - covered with wrinkles runner — a slender prostrate shoot, rooting at the end or at joints saccate — bag-shaped sagittate — arrow-shaped, with basal ears turned downward salverform — slender tube abruptly expanded into disk-like flat limb scabrous - rough or harsh to the touch scale — usually small, dry leaves or bracts scaly rhizome — a rhizome with closely appressed, much modified leaves, scale-like in appearance scandent - climbing, in whatever manner scape — leafless flower stalk arising from the ground (root) scorpioid — curved or coiled at the end segment — one of the divisions into which a plant organ may be cleft sepal — each segment of a calyx, or outer floral envelopes serrate — notched like saw; finely toothed sessile - sitting close, without stalk setose - covered with bristles simple leaf — one blade; opposite of compound single flower - flower with one set of petals sinuate — with a deep wavy margin, curved sinus — the curve between two lobes of a leaf slipper-shaped — tubular ventricose sori — spore masses (in ferns) spadix — a fleshy spike bearing tiny flowers as in aroids spathe — partly surrounding the inflorescence a flower-like bract often colored or showy

spatulate — oblong, broadly rounded at tip but tapering to narrow base spike — elongated flower stem, with flowers not stalked spine — a sharp woody outgrowth from stem sporangium — a sac producing spores — a spore-case in ferns spore — in ferns a reproductive cell, somewhat corresponding to seed in flowering plants sporangium — a spore-case in ferns spur — a tubular projection from the base of a petal or sepal stamen — the pollen-bearing or "male" organ staminate — flower wholly male stellate — star-form; stellate hairs have radiating branches stigma — that part of the pistil or style which receives the pollen stipule — a leat-like appendage at base of petiole stipulate — with appendages at base of petiole stoloniferous — sending out, or propagating itself by stolons style — the connecting stalk between the ovary and stigma sub-cordate — indented a trifle subtend — to extend under, or be opposite to subulate — owl shaped, tapering from broad or thick base to a sharp point succulent - juicy, or storing water in stems or leaves sulcate — grooved or furrowed superior ovary — when all petals and sepals are inserted below it synonym — a name rejected in favor of another tendril — a thread-shaped shoot used for climbing terete — circular, rounded in cross section; cylindric and usually tapering terrestrial — plants growing in the ground tetraploid — having four sets of chromosomes throat — the opening of the flower tomentose — densely covered with matted wool transverse — directed across (as on a leaf); crosswise transversely oblong-peltate — long target-like leaf lying crosswise trapeziform — no two lines parallel trifoliolate - with three leaflets, as in clover-commonly, but incorrectly, termed "trifoliate" trifoliate - three-leaved truncate — as if cut off at the end tube — the united portion of calyx or corolla tuber — thickened portion of subterranean stem provided with "eyes" tubercle — a wart-like or knobby projection tubular — having form of a hollow cylinder turgid — inflated: swollen umbel — inflorescence in which flower stalks or cluster arise from same point undulate - wavy, or wavy-margined vaginate — sheathed; surrounded by a sheath, usually of leaf stems ventral edge — belly side ventricose - swollen on one side whorled — leaves in circle around stem (above) woolly — clothed with long and entangled soft hairs xerophyte - plant which can subsist with little moisture xerophytic - growing in dry situation, subsisting with little moisture

EXPERTS . . .

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little more salt than ferns and fuchsias.

If you want to be sure something will grow, find begonias with thick leaves, hairy, fuzzy, or with large rhizomes. These are least apt to die. Species are difficult plants to grow.

Begonia plants will not grow big if they are not in large containers. Put them in containers with a large amount of mix, and they will grow larger. Unless a plant has oxygen, it will rot and die. You must allow the soil to have air.

Sinking a lanky begonia down in the pot, covering one or two nodes with mix, will automatically send up good basal growth which is what you need to have a good plant.

Shrubby begonias planted in the garden in garden soil grow very nicely; they sometimes grow to huge proportions. Do not keep them too damp in the winter.

Begonia growth can vary when planted in different places in your yard. Move the plants around to where they will be happy.

It is a good idea to take cuttings now and then, growing them in a cold-frame or flat that is covered with plastic, so that you have plants to replace any that might be lost during the cold and rainy season.

Be especially sure to take cuttings of those plants you have that are not seen too often in other yards, and be sure to label them correctly. This should be done at the sign of new growth. It is done for insurance so that you will have plants, because your friends just might lose theirs also.

By taking bad leaves off our begonias daily, the strength goes into the healthy leaves and the plants always look well-groomed. Keep your plants clean.

You will not have leaf burn when watering foliage if you really water thoroughly.

It has been noted by one authority

that foliar feeding with Spoonit helps prevent mildew, while another advocates the use of a Hydromix for feeding our plants.

A booster of Humisite, blood meal, and hoof and horn for all plants has been advised by a well-known speaker. She suggests doing this at threemonth intervals (1 teaspoon to a 6" pot).

Staking of tall plants should be done all the time they are growing so that the leaves will cover the stakes and present a better plant for entering in shows. Stakes should not be seen. If you have not already done so, stake the plant at least a month before show time.

Cut the bad leaves as close as possible just before entering your plant in the show and any leaves that have holes in them should be taken off. There should not be any dark spots on the tips of the leaves. Plants should be nice and even. After your plants have been pruned and trimmed, water them thoroughly. Pack them with sphagnum moss to keep them moist. The pots must be clean.

It is better to have the plants down low in the show so that the judges can look into them, not up to them.

Malathion kills mealy bug, scale, et cetera. Use once a week on the undersides and not on a foggy day. The plants must be watered heavily first. Have the plants full of water sun out — spray them then. Malathion ¼" in the pot if you have soil mealy bug.

Do not spill Malathion on your skin. It is vicious. Use it once for what you need it for, next time going to a less poisonous insecticide. This information, we feel, is very important.

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1964 AWARDS NOMINATIONS

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "To talk of many things: of shoes – and ships – and sealing wax – of cabbages and kings...."

The above quotation is not meant to be flippant but to arrest your attention and to assure you that the following subject need not be that complicated.

The time has come to speak of two important awards presented by the American Begonia Society each year at the convention in September.

Please do not put this aside in your mind thinking it is so far in the future. It is later than you think! Begin now to think and act so that this matter can have proper consideration not only by you but by the Awards Committee.

Each year these two awards are explained. They are not difficult to understand, but to help with your deliberation the following is offered:

THE EVA KENWORTHY GRAY AWARD. This is an award to the memory of Mrs. Eva Kenworthy Gray who during her lifetime contributed so much of her practical knowledge to others.

It is given to a person for a high standard of achievement as contributed to the American Begonia Society. These contributions are as follows:

1. Original literary material aiding members in their study of begonias.

2. Outstanding service in the furtherance of the American Begonia Society and promoting interest in the culture of begonias.

3. For promoting better understanding between members in their quest of the knowledge of begonias.

Please study these rules carefully regarding this high award and note that actually the nominee should be someone contributing outstanding, original study material which promotes interest, goodwill, and knowledge of begonias and the Society.

THE ALFRED D. ROBINSON MEMORIAL AWARD. This is an award honoring the late Alfred D. Robinson of San Diego, California, who was known throughout the world as an authority on growing begonias.

This award is given to a Begonia Hybrid or Cultivar. High standards are set but first the following qualifications must be met:

1. Nomince must be registered with the American Begonia Society Nomenclature Director,

2. Originator of nominee must be a member of the American Begonia Society, either amateur or commercial.

3. Nominee must have been offered to the public for five years prior to nomination.

The committee thanks all members and Branches for their interest and cooperation. Please send in your nomination.

Members of the Awards Committee for 1964 are Mrs. Margaret B. Tsylor, Chairman, Anaheim, Calif., William Meyn, Whittier, Calif., Mrs. Lester H. Fox, Dracut, Mass., Mrs. C. E. Cooper, Houston, Texas, Herbert Fitch, Sacramento, Calif., Mrs. Alva Graham, Pasadena, Calif., Nomenclature Director, ex-officio member.

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ROUND ROBIN NEWS

There are eleven Round Robins in flight on April 27, as I write this column. Number eleven was started just recently with Mrs. Phyllis A. Wright of Seattle, Washington, as chairman. Number twelve is being assembled with Mrs. Anne W. Stiles of Medford, New Jersey, as chairman.

The response to this program has been excellent so far. Members and volunteer chairmen have written to me in considerable numbers and the distribution of the United States has been very wide-spread. We also have one Robin member from Ottawa, Canada, and another from Victoria, Australia.

We now have eighty-five members in this program. Of these, eleven are men. Let's keep adding new Flights. Every member of the American Begonia Society is urged to join a Flight. Just write to me for an assignment.

Here are some news items from the Flights that arrived this month. Sorry that we can use only a few from the dozens that appear.

Marie Wood, Caledonia, Wisconsin, Flight #4, reports that she has written in Round Robins since 1940, when all she knew about begonias was that hers were called 'wax begonias.' Has anyone been in the Round Robin program longer than this? Some of the members in independent Robins may exceed this. Please let us know.

Virginia Withee, Coventry, Rhode Island, Flight #4, reports that the New England area seems to have exceptional success with Calla begonias. Who can explain why this is so? They grow some specimens up to "washtub" size.

Mamie Claggett, Houston, Texas, Flight #3, suggested that this Round Robin select a different begonia on each cycle about which each member should include all of his or her experiences. This is an excellent idea for all Flights. Begonia 'Credneri' seemed to be the plant that sparked the idea in this Flight because its identification and culture caused a lot of discussion. Bee Olson suggested *B. goegoensis* for the next cycle in Flight #3.

As Research Director, Bee can summarize all of the information and present it in *The Begonian*.

Mary Crist, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, Flight #3, told us a story that shows her devotion to her plants. She is a widow and has to hire help or do all of her own gardening work. She hand-fires the two coal-burning furnaces that separately heat her greenhouse and her home. Many of us gripe about a few problems with our oil or electric heaters, but it looks as though Mary's difficulties in cold weather far exceed ours. When she gets a little discouraged with life's problems, a pleasant little walk through that greenhouse restores her spirits.

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In the sixteen months that I have been your Librarian, it has been my pleasure to answer requests from 188 interested begonia enthusiasts.

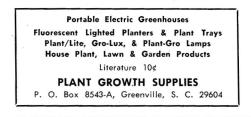
Many of your letters have requested more than the allowed two books and your back orders are on file and, as time and the availability of the books permit, they will be sent to you. I want to express my appreciation to most of you for your promptness in returning books, for your care in packaging them, and for youd sending postage. Since postage is the largest expense of the Library, please remember to refund the amount of the postage on the package sent to you. This will help your new Librarian.

Many of our books have not been returned. Will you look through your book shelves to see if, by chance, returning a book you borrowed may have slipped your mind?

To date, the Librarian has been able to turn over to the Treasurer the sum of \$250.08 from the sale of the *Buxton Check List* and the Brilmayer book, *All About Begonias*. These are the only books available for sale by the Library.

I have enjoyed corresponding with many of you and it has been a real pleasure to serve you.

> LOLA E. FAHEY, Librarian, A.B.S.



NEW LIBRARIAN READY

As your new Librarian, I realize that this office is an obligation to every member of the American Begonia Society. I will try to be as efficient and prompt as Mrs. Lola Fahey, who has done such wonderful work in setting up the library in alphabetical order.

I hope that each member will use these books and magazines. Perhaps many members will ask, "What do you have?" In the November, 1963 issue of *The Begonian*, is a complete list of books and magazines in the library, with instructions for ordering. The only cost to members is for postage.

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Show hours will be 1 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Competitive entries will be open to everyone, except judges or members of their families. Displays by other so cieties will be welcomed. Further information can be obtained from Mrs. Daisy Austin, show chairman, 1519 Kimberly Avenue, Anaheim, California; phone PR 4-1170.

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CALENDAR

- June 4 Whittier Branch: Jack Mannell, Rosedale's Nurseries, La Habra, will conduct a plant forum on new introductions and will give pointers on landscaping.
- June 11 Orange County Branch: Rudolf Ziesenhenne will speak on "Begonias in General". Pot-luck dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- June 11 Missouri Branch: Hostess will be Mrs. Victor Rackers. Lunchcon at 11 a.m. – flower sale at 12:30 p.m. – meeting at 1 p.m. Program: Mrs. Dulcie Whelchell, chapter 15, Summer Flowering Tuberous Begonias; Mrs. Lynn Wood, George Oltens Tuberous-Rooted Begonias and Their Culture. Discussion of tuberous begonias and June problems. Vistors are welcome.
- June 13-14 Fuchsia and Shade Plant Show, in La Palma Park, Anaheim, California.
- June 18 Long Beach Parent Chapter: Guest speakers will be Mrs. Jean Kerlin, who will talk on "Begonia Care".
- June 19 San Gabriel Valley Branch: Note that this meeting is not on the regular day. The meeting will be at the home of Gordon Baker Lloyd – a pot-luck dinner at 7 p.m. – by reservation only. Phone Mrs. Small at HI 6-9318 or Mrs. Blough at ED 5-7656.
- June 19 North Long Beach Branch: Meeting will be membership participation.
- June 24 Glendale Branch: Bert Slatter will speak on "Plant Culture".
- July 2 Westchester Branch: A Plant Show of members' plants will be judged by qualified judges who will give their opinions and comments.
- July 9 Orange County Branch: Mrs. Margaret Harding, past president of the Orange County Bird Club and Audubon Society, will show colored slides and give information on birds and shrubs that will attract birds.

Report of National Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the National Board of the American Begonia Society was called to order at 7:30 p.m., April 27, by the President, Mrs. Terry Olsted.

Roll call showed eighteen officers and chairmen present.

Mrs. Mabel Corwin, President-Elect, made a follow-up report on the request from the Japan Begonia Society for identification of twenty-two rex leaves from picures they had sent. She reported that she was able to identify several but not all of them, and had written accordingly.

The Vice-President of the Japan Begonia Society expressed interest in organizing a Branch of the A.B.S. Mrs. Naumann, Public Relations Director, was instructed to write and outline the requirements for forming a Branch.

The report of the Treasurer, Earle Budd, was read by the Secretary. It showed a balance on hand of \$609.37.

Mrs. Daisy Austin, Membership Secretary reported that 2287 *Begonians* were distributed.

Mrs. Bee Olson, Research Director, reported that a croton grower in Colombia is anxious to establish an outlet for croton wood-stock in the United States, possibly through the A.B.S. Seed Fund. Vice-President Howard Small moved that the Sociey try to do this if a suitable arrangement can be made, and the motion carried.

Mrs. Edna Korts, Business Manager, presented a bill for \$68.64 for the printing of 5,000 begonia cultural bulletins, which are now ready for distribution. She also presented bills for renewal of insurance. Insurance on the library, due May 1, is \$15.00 for three years. Workmen's compensation insurance, due June 1, is \$35.00 for one year. It was voted that these policies be renewed.

The report of the Advertising Manager, Mrs. Ruby Budd, was read by the Secretary. Receipts were \$45.92 and accounts payable were \$37.50.

Mrs. Verna Naumann, Public Relations Director, announced that a new Branch has been organized in Bellevue, Washington, and has requested a charter.

The outgoing librarian, Mrs. Lola Fahey, reported that books were in order, ready for the new librarian. The new librarian, Mrs. Muriel Perz, stated that she was ready for business.

Mrs. Margaret Taylor, Awards Chairman, discussed award certificates and the need for art work to complete them. It was voted that she have four sets of these certificates completed. Webster Willeford volunteered to do the art work. Mrs. Alva Graham, Nouncachiture Director, said that she has been putting the Buxton Check List on cards.

Bert Slatter, Show Chairman, said that he would put a booth in the Fern and Shade Plant Show, to be held May 16 and 17.

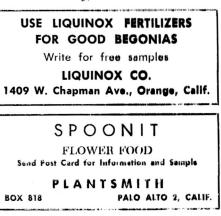
President Terry Olmsted reported that A.B.S. pins are selling fast and she would order forty more.

The President appointed a ballot-counting committee: Carl Naumann, Mabel Corwin, and Perry Olmsted. They wil meet at Peggy McGrath's home on May 18 to count ballots.

The President appointed a nominating committee: Mrs. E. G. Arbuckle, Mrs. Pearl Benell, and Mrs. Irene Nuss.

Branches reporting were: Glendale, Inglewood, North Long Beach, Orange County, Pasadena, San Gabriel Valley, Westchester, and Whittier.

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