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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Next month on September 6 and 7 the A.B.S. will hold its Annual *Begonia* Show and Convention. It is the one opportunity provided each year at which each member of the Society may meet with every other member and collectively enjoy the Aims and Purposes of the A.B.S. Here you can exhibit your talents as a grower, share your knowledge and experiences, exchange ideas, and express any ideas you may have concerning the Society as a whole.

As this is the Annual Meeting, you have the privilege of participating in the governmental operation of the Society. According to the Standing Rules, the business meeting will be confined to acceptance of bids for the next Convention; change in the Constitution and Bylaws or those matters requiring the vote of the entire membership; report on ballot and result of election; and discussion of suggestions pertaining to the expansion and improving of the American Begonia Society. Every member has a vote at this meeting. If you are able to attend, please do so as we will appreciate your participation.

Aside from the business meeting you will be able to enjoy and participate in the beautiful exhibit of *Begonias* of all sizes, shapes and varieties; increase your knowledge of the culture of *Begonias* at the Seminar to be conducted by the Nomenclature Director. Rudy Ziesenhenné meet

COVER PICTURE

The Ninth Annual Inmate Flower Show at the Florida State Prison featured *Begonias*. See page 188 for report.

many friends, both old and new while relaxing at the Annual Banquet of fine food and entertainment; and increase your collection of *Begonias* through the selection of the many fine plants offered on the Plant Table. This Convention can be as successful and enjoyable as you want it to be, but you cannot reap this enjoyment unless you attend. If this sounds like a sales pitch, it is. The product that I am selling is the AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY. It is yours. First, support it; then promote it; and then—ENJOY IT.

SEE YOU AT THE SHOW.

Walter Pease

"TREASURE CHEST OF MEMORIES"

This will be the topic of the after dinner speaker at the A.B.S. Convention Banquet this year. It will feature the many outstanding personalities of the past and present who have contributed to the history of the American Begonia Society. Knowing the speaker as I do, I would not be surprised to hear about some of the personalities of the future. He says that he will use an actual treasure chest from which to draw his illustrations. He is none other than the very capable and delightful Mr. Clarence Hall—two time A.B.S. President, a solid A.B.S. member since 1937 and an experienced artist at captivating and entertaining any audience with his wit and humor. Whether you are young or not so young, you will not want to miss this one. Who knows, even your name may be drawn from the depths of the Treasure Chest of A.B.S. History. Let's all attend the banquet this year. We promise you an enjoyable evening.

AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY, INC.

The purpose of this Society shall be: To stimulate and promote interest in *Begonias* and other shade-loving plants; To encourage the introduction and development of new types of these plants; To standardize the nomenclature of *Begonias*; To gather and publish information in regard to kinds, propagation and culture of *Begonias* and companion plants; To issue a bulletin which will be mailed to all members of the Society; and To bring into friendly contact all who love and grow *Begonias*.

PRONUNCIATION OF *BEGONIA* NAMES

By JACK GOLDING, *Kearny, New Jersey, President, Knickerbocker Branch*

This is the first of a series on the pronunciation and the meanings of *Begonia* names. Because people in the various parts of the country pronounce the same group of letters differently, there probably cannot be any single "correct" way to pronounce the names. Those who have been talking about their *Begonias* for many years will most likely continue to pronounce the names as they always have. But this is intended as a guide to help beginners, so at least they can be understood.

Based on research, it is my hope that eventually we will be able to list standardized pronunciations of all *Begonia* names.

Originally, I had learned about *Begonias* by reading every book, magazine and pamphlet that I could obtain. Working alone for many years, I had no difficulty correlating the written *Begonia* names with the actual plants and had no reason to even try to pronounce their "complicated-looking" names.

But when I attended my first meeting of the Knickerbocker Branch I did not recognize the names of the *Begonias* they were discussing and they did not understand me when I wanted to talk about my plants. Never having tried to vocalize the names, I just did not know how to pronounce them and be understood.

So I went back to the books to learn and after I studied a few lists of pronunciation and some books on plant names, I thought it would be a simple matter to develop a "Key to Pronunciation" that would use the positions of the vowels and consonants in a word, to determine how they should be pronounced. While there are a lot of similarities in the word structures, there were just too many exceptions and the "rules" had no real basis for the "Key" to work.

Now after much more study and research I think the best way to learn the names of *Begonias* and their pronunciation is to know their derivations and meanings. While at first this might seem difficult, it is really rather simple once you know how to break down the names to their various parts. Many of the prefixes and suffixes repeat quite often and particularly when you understand their meaning, they actually become easy to remember.

Latin, the international language of the scientific world, has been used for centuries to describe and name plants. During the 18th and 19th centuries, stimulated by the great discoveries and advancement of that period, it was necessary to modify the old classical Latin to furnish the terminology needed by the botanists for new and more precise plant descriptions. Botanical Latin was evolved as a new language by restricting and changing the meanings of some words, by adding new words of Greek origin, and by simplifying the grammar.

In Latin words the pronunciations are determined by the sounds of the individual letters, the length of the vowels and the place of stress (accent). Every vowel is pronounced, and is either "long" or "short", according to the relative time spent in saying them.

Since Botanical Latin is primarily a written language, most of the early authors were not too concerned with exact pronunciation and felt that if the name was stressed in the proper place, it would be understood.

In 1848 Asa Grey introduced in America the custom of indicating the length of the vowels at the place of stress by the use of the grave (`) for a long vowel and acute (´) for a short vowel. This method was used by Liberty Hyde Bailey in his books, by Dorothy S. Behrends in her writings

and in some of the early issues of *The Begonian*. While this system is helpful and may have been comparatively simple for the scholars, it is still confusing to the novice.

There are two basic systems used in English speaking countries for the pronunciation of Latin.

The *traditional English system* is generally used by the gardeners and botanists.

The *reformed academic system* is used by the classical scholars, and is closer to the pronunciation of the ancient Romans and the pronunciation now used by the continental European people.

Briefly, some of the differences between these two systems is in the pronunciation of the long vowels A, E and I, as follows:

	<i>In Traditional English</i>	<i>In Reformed Academic</i>
Letter	Pronounced as:	Pronounced as
A (long)	AY as in bay	AH as in father
E (long)	EE as in bee	AY as in they
I (long)	EYE as in kite	EE as in machine

Here in America many of the common or colloquial pronunciations used for the names of *Begonias* have evolved from both of these systems.

Fortunately, regardless of which system of pronunciation is used, the rules of accentuation for the Botanical Latin names are the same as follows:

1. The stress is on the first syllable in names of two syllables.

i.e. glabra GLAY-bruh or GLAH-bruh— (smooth-skinned; without hairs)

2. In names of several syllables the stress is on the next-to-the-last:

a. when this syllable ends in a long vowel

i.e. incana in-KAY-nuh or in-KAH-nuh— (hoary)

b. when two consonants separate the last two vowels

i.e. boliviensis boh-liv-i-EN-sis— (belonging to Bolivia)

'Erythrophylla' er-ith-roh-FILL-uh— (red-leaved)

macrocarpa mak-roh-KARP-uh— (large-fruited)

3. When the next-to-the-last syllable has a short vowel (except as in

2b. above), the stress is on the one preceding it.

i.e. echinosepala ek-in-oh-SEP-al-uh (with prickly sepals)

aconitifolia ak-on-eye-ti-FOH-li-uh— (with leaves like monkshood)

4. The stress is never on the last syllable.

5. Do not stress before the third-from-the-last syllable.

6. The exceptions to the above rules are in the pronunciation of commemorative names. So the names of these people or places will be recognizable, it is desirable to pronounce their names in accordance with their native language.

i.e. masoniana MAY - soh-n - i - ay - nuh— (named for Mr. L. M. Mason of England)

schmidtiana SCHMIDT-i-ay-nuh— (named for Mr. Schmidt of Germany)

warscewiczii VAR-shev-ich-i-eye— (named for Joseph Warscewicz of Poland)

It is also best to pronounce the names that were written in a foreign language in that language.

i.e. 'Corbeille de feu' kaw-BAY-duh-FUH— (French—basket of fire)

'Tausendschon Pink' TOW - send - shoy-n Pink— (German— a thousand beautiful pink flowers)

For those serious-minded people who would like to really delve into this fascinating subject, I suggest the additional study of the references in the bibliography.

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REPOTTING VENTURE

By DAVIDA ARNOLD

Although August is really not the major repotting month of the year, this article is printed for those who are asking for more information on Begonia culture. I would like to know if it is helpful. Does it provide the type of information you would like to have? Does Davida's overly friendly style interfere with the information she is presenting? What other aspects of culture would you like covered? Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Editor

We water with a hose. It's long enough to go half way around the house. I do most of the watering in our establishment and I've become rather proficient at dragging the hose around the yard without knocking plants over. Unfortunately, I take spells of resembling a clumsy ox and need help. On one such occasion, I yelled for "young son" (Clay, age six). He helped alright! I found myself sitting on the back side of my checkered slacks next to a *Begonia* which was sitting on its beautiful head with its pot and soil well stirred. Under normal circumstances, I would blow my cool. These were anything but normal circumstances so I suggested that Clay get the flat spade. Together we lifted our maimed beauty onto the spade and carried it to the potting bench for repairs.

We entered with one plant and emerged with four. Jeff would need to know of our operation so I would have to leave them in an obvious place. Simple enough! The picnic table stood in the shade of the apricot tree. It had been used as a picnic table once in two years. That being the day of its christening. In the meantime, it had provided shade for the rexes, a diving board for neighborhood tadpoles, a changing table for the diaper-clad, and on this occasion,

it would serve nicely as a waiting depot for freshly repotted plants.

Four hours later, the picnic table and both benches were completely covered with a forest of repotted *Begonias* and I was well versed in the art of "pot-changing." Much different than changing diapers, I assure you.

I can also assure any beginner that repotting is not the dull, drab chore it appears to be. There are a million and one things to think about and the uninitiated could easily get stumped for no more than the lack of a pot the right size. After repotting the major disaster of the day, I started picking on the little pots that kept falling over under their loads. Most of these were so rootbound they were choking themselves to death. What they needed were good root rubdowns to loosen the roots and larger pots. Simple as that!

One poor rhizomatous was contemplating the Great Beyond and when I knocked it out of the pot, I found the rhizome peppered with green things pretending to be leaves and white things that crawled. Ugh, mealybugs galore! I got out the alcohol and Q-tips and by the time I had chased down all the little "white ghosts," the rhizome was in four pieces instead of one. Alcohol kills "white ghosts" without damaging the plant. The object being to wet the bugs not drown the plant. The rhizome had come out of a four-inch pot and went back into four of the tiniest pots I could find. I set the rhizomes in green-side-up hoping that the green things would quit pretending and become leaves for sure.

A bush-like *Begonia* stood in the corner of the patio looking wilted all the time. It wasn't wilting. It was drooping. I thought seriously about putting it in a hanging container but

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INFORMATION PLEASE

Mrs. Clara Hawthorne of Abberville, South Carolina wants to know why her plants would droop and die within a month or two after repotting into a larger pot. And this, she says, into a soil mix that had been used many times before for many other plants. She does not disturb the roots.

It seems to me that one symptom might be that the new pot may be a bit too large. In that case, there is too much soil and the roots are fed too much, will rot and decay. Also in that case, the plant will have insufficient air. Always repot into only one size larger than the plant had been in previously. Then too, there is the possibility that thinking it may need water in the new home, the plant is literally drenched and a weakened plant through transplant is further weakened by rot.

Hazel Charter of Gouverneur, New York would like to know: 1. the name of a *Begonia* she knew of twenty years ago called the Christmas *Begonia* and if it could be found now; 2. why do gloxinia leaves drop off before opening; and 3. why small *Begonias* grown from seed, stop growing, then die. Answers: 1. The *Begonia* you mention is the one that is probably known as *B. 'Lady Mac'*, coming in either pink or white. However, since either the *hiemalis* or *chiemantha* *Begonias* bloom in the winter, you could mean any of these. Write the commercial *Begonia* growers advertising in *The Begonian*.

2. Gloxinia buds will drop before blooming for either low humidity or insufficient light. Since gloxinias are high light intensity plants, it takes lots of light to bring them into bloom. Direct sun could burn them so filter the light and keep humid.

3. Small *Begonias* grown from seed will stop growing and then die because they may be infected with a damp-off fungus, medium kept either too wet or too dry. Check your pots

always for the amount of moisture for the babies to live on. Another thing to watch for once cotyledons have all their food used up, they will die off, and the babies must be fed, but with a very diluted feeding. Just as you wouldn't give a baby the amount of food you would eat, so you wouldn't give a baby plant the same amount you'd give a large one.

Leonard Barnes of Asheville, North Carolina would like to find pictures of *Begonias* mentioned in *The Begonian*. An answer in the June issue is also appropriate here. I suggested *Exotica* 3, Bernice Brilmayer's *All About Begonias*, and back issues of *The Begonian* which are available through the Library Bookstore. (See page 188.) Catalogues from commercial *Begonia* growers sometimes provide pictures.

One woman in a robin asked why some *Begonias* will thrive in moderately moist soil and others must be kept dry before rewatering. It is my opinion that one must know the original environment of most *Begonias*, especially species. Some *Begonias* will grow in the entrance of caves where rain water will never hit them but the air is always humid, so that type will like dry soil and wet air (so to speak). I believe *B. howert* would be one of those. On the other hand, there are *Begonias* coming from rain forests. They will like their soil a little more moist. Those coming from the tropics, where the seasons are just wet or dry, are mostly tuberous. They grow and bloom in the wet season and go dormant during the dry season. That is why the tubers can stay in the soil and not rot.

So, until next time, do send in your questions and I will do my best to answer them.

Ben Marcus
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ROUND ROBIN NOTES

Interest is high in robin flights. Flights are moving and interest is growing in the robins.

Growing From Seed:

Pat Burdick, Burnsville, Minnesota planted *Begonia* seed in glass bowls. In the bottom of the bowls, she put small stones for drainage. She used a mix of equal parts soil with manure, peat moss and vermiculite. After she planted the seed, she covered the bowls with a piece of glass and placed near a south window in the dining room and shaded from the sunshine. After 40 days in the bowls, some are ready to be transplanted into pots. The bigger the bowl the faster the plants grew. She felt her greenhouse was too cold for these tiny seedlings.

Elizabeth Decroo of Tarentum, Pennsylvania planted seed on January 17 and on March 24 had ten seedlings of *B. 'Charm'* and eighteen seedlings of *B. 'Lenore Olivier'*.

Helen Mahoney of North Bernardston, Massachusetts uses one-half screened peat moss and crushed vermiculite for seed starting. She puts glass over the top of large seed trays. She puts small flats in aluminum foil pans and puts the whole thing in plastic bags. She puts plastic markers in corners of the flats and closes the bag with clothes pins, flats are close to lamps about four inches from the tubes.

Ruth Stanley of Bellefontaine, Ohio uses Fermate on her tiny seedlings if she sees any dampoff. She sterilizes her planting mix—twenty minutes at 250°.

Yvonne Wells, of Mesquite, Texas had seedlings of *B. tomentosa* and *B. mollicaulis* come up and dampoff. She put the seed pan back and in about three weeks had gobs more seedlings.

Seedlings:

Bea Blake of Barneveld, New York reports her *B. platanifolia* seedlings were developing color.

Arlene Peck of Pascoag, Rhode Island finds that when she transplants *B. paulensis* seedlings they must be covered for sometime or until new growth appears. She cannot propagate it without a piece of the rhizome. Geraldine Daly, Coventry, Rhode Island has tiny seedlings from *B. ('Gigi Fleetham' x 'Richmondensis')* and is waiting for them to grow into something worthwhile. Vernia Routh, Louisburg, Missouri reports seedlings of *B. ('Orange Rubra' x 'Lenore Olivier')* putting up new leaves that are showing swirling.

Seed Germination:

Pat Burdick reports: *B. paranaensis* came up in thirteen days; *B. acida* in twelve days; *B. incarnata* were very tiny 30 days after planting.

Mae Blanton, Mesquite, Texas reports: nine days for *B. picta*; ten days for *B. dregei* and *B. acida*; eleven days for *B. convolvulacea* and *B. incarnata*; twelve days for *B. itaguasense* and *B. sanguinea*; fourteen days for *B. parilis*; and sixteen days *B. Bhotan* species.

Edna Stewart, Tarentum, Pennsylvania reports germination from *B. (listida x olsoniae)* seed received from a friend. She also has several seedlings of Thelma O'Reilly's *B. (versicolor x roxburghii)*.

B. listida:

Grace Shatto, Idaho Springs, Colorado writes that at the end of February her *B. listida* was blooming and was hanging heavy with pollen. She also reports that her *B. xanthina* wilts whenever she removes the plastic cover.

Semperflorens:

Helen Mahoney has no trouble getting *semps* to bloom whether under lights or not. She cuts them back when she brings them in from outside in the fall and by Christmas everything is in bloom again. *B. 'Linda'* and *B. 'Christmas Candle'* are particularly satisfactory. A double red Calla type needs center of the lights for best re-

sults. A single pink *Calla* type does not require lights when established but *Callas* can be switched around after finding their rightful place.

Propagation:

Vernia Routh has sand on her propagating benches. She uses sand, peat moss and vermiculite or perlite in pots that have cuttings or leaves. She wets the sand every day.

Mary Walton of West Memphis, Arkansas uses baggie method of rooting cuttings. She puts about two inches of terralite in a baggie, moistens it well and inserts cuttings or leaves into it. She stretches a line of cord or wire in the greenhouse and clothes-pins the bags to it. She folds the bags several times and staples before clothespinning it to the line. It is a great space-saver and doesn't need to be opened for watering until plants are ready for potting. The important thing to remember is not to have the terralite too wet for the bags are sealed and moisture cannot evaporate.

Mae Blanton has better luck rooting cuttings and leaves without covers except in hot dry weather. With *Begonias* that prefer very warm, humid air and dry soil, she places the pot on some perlite inside a plastic bag and hangs it high in the greenhouse. She leaves the top of the bag half open. *B. dayi* came through fine in the winter like that. She prefers a small leaf to a large one for rooting. She has rooted and grown plants from very small leaves accidentally broken off when repotting seedlings so she believes it would be a matter of poor health rather than too young when leaves do not root.

Margie Sikkelee of Dallas, Texas does not cover leaves and cuttings in her humid greenhouse. She put down leaves in the fall and the top rotted off but when spring came the stem had rooted and sent up plantlets. She roots in sand. She put leaves of *B. 'Ricinifolia'* so deep that they made underground rhizomes and then grew

a neck to the surface so she is more careful not to plant them too deep.

Ben Marcus, Brooklyn, New York covers just the humid tolerant *Begonias*. He feels it is not necessary to enclose in a baggie. He feels other things cause a leaf to rot rather than lack of humidity.

Adventitious Growth:

Rosetta White of Newton, Kansas reports adventitious growth on several plants. She has several plantlets growing on the leaf surface of *B. 'Needham'* leaf; also a plant growing on the stem of a leaf of *B. 'Cleopatra'* about an inch below the sinus of the leaf. One *B. 'Needham'* leaf has thirteen little plantlets on the surface of the leaf but they don't seem to grow as the three little plants on the surface of another leaf. One leaf of *B. 'Zadia'* has a plant growing on the stem just below the sinus.

Ideas:

Rosetta reports that a piece of window screen placed over the drainage hole of the pot will keep slugs and other pests from getting into the pots while outside for the summer. Also sprinkling of lime around the area will get rid of slugs.

Anna Haskins of Jacksonville, Florida reports fine results in the use of sawdust and pine bark broken fine in her potting soil. She also likes it as a mulch, it is very attractive.

Branch Project:

Stefanie Swatsek of Hawthorne, California reported in #22 in March that the newly revived A.B.S. Parent Chapter had decided they will send interesting articles from *The Begonian*, translated by Stefanie to German to a nursery in West Germany as they are very much interested in what is going on "Begoniawise" here.

Want to join a robin? A magnetic tape robin is in need of members. Write me.

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CLAYTON M. KELLY SEED FUND

Instructions—

"*Begonias* From Seed—Sowing and Growing" gives step by step easy-to-follow instructions and encouragement for beginning seed growers. Price 25 cents.

SUPER SALE

Please come to the rescue and take some of the surplus seed we have accumulated within the past few months. This is a fine opportunity to increase your collection or start a new one and at the same time be helping the Seed Fund. We need the space and cannot bear to throw away good seed that you should be growing. This offer is so attractive we know you will not want to miss it.

No. 1—*B. rex* hybrids—

From a collection of all the best and choicest in *rex Begonias*.

Rex seeds are touchy about warmth. Bottom heat is desirable. Seeds require from three to four weeks to germinate, sometimes longer. Sow them especially thin, to give seedlings room to grow undisturbed as long as possible before transplanting. Do not transplant until they have produced the second set of true leaves. True characteristics will not be evident until the fourth set of leaves appear, and sometimes they are not permanent as they can change color and texture during the first three years. Do not destroy small or slow growing seedlings as they may turn out to be the most beautiful plants. *Rex Begonias* are such complicated hybrids, they will not come true from seed. One seed pod seldom produces two plants alike.

No. 2—*B. Panama* species #1—

A friend living in the Canal Zone collected seed in the wilds for the Seed Fund. There are two different types of rhizomatous *Begonias*. One has a rather large, round green leaf and the other is more pointed and serrated. The round leaf type has a lighter green vein and impressive heads of pinkish flowers.

No. 3—*B. Panama* species #2—

Cane-type species identified as *B. serratifolia* C. DC. by Ziesenhenne. Pictures show this to be a lovely *Begonia* with red stems and huge bloom spikes. This one is tallish found growing in rocky terrain. For more information on Panama species see "Wild *Begonias* Bloom in Panama" by Elizabeth Mercier in the February 1969 *Begonian*, page 30.

No. 4—*B. evansiana* (irradiated)—

Hardy type that will grow outdoors in cold climates. Produces bulbils in leaf axils which fall and spring up in summer. Seed have been irradiated with 6,000 roentgen units. Flowers pink. Something different may happen here.

No. 5—*B. taylorii* Standley—

New species from northern Mexico. Tuberosus with pink flowers.

No. 6—*B. egegia* N.E. Brown—

Syn. *B. quadreocularis*. Brazil. Long, tapering pointed, pebbly green leaves drooping neatly from both sides of stem. Flowers tiny pink-tipped hearts.

No. 7—*B. convolvulacea*—

Brazil. Fast growing robust species suitable for walls and trellises or baskets. Requires cool conditions. For interesting story about this *Begonia* see the May 1969 *Begonian*, article by Elda Haring.

No. 8—*B. paranaensis* Brade—

Medium growth, large leaves, huge white flower clusters. Fruits have one very large wing. Plant has a new stout stem each year, from the ground but flowers on top of last year's growth.

No. 9—*B. ulmifolia*—

Also called "Elm-leaf" *Begonia*. Grown for its oddity. Imitates the elm in shape and color with added rough hairs.

No. 10—*B. gigantea*—

India. Medium, many stemmed, thickened at the base, light green and thickened at the nodes; leaves obliquely ovate-pointed, green, toothed; flowers white or pale pink in closely bunched terminal clusters. Unusual. The terminal leaf and flower clusters suggest the outline of a bird resting on a plant stem.

No. 11—*B. xanthina*—

One of the best of the Indian species with yellow flowers. (State a second choice on this one.)

No. 12—Unnamed Philippine *Begonia*—

Small cane-type with pink flowers.

No. 13—Unnamed Philippine *Begonia*—

Rhizomatous type.

No. 14—*B. sikkimensis* ADA—

India. Erect, about a foot high; leaves broad-ovate, about four to six inches, toothed and ciliate; flowers, pedicels and bracts bright red. A good *Begonia*.

No. 15—*B. bradei*—

Brazil. Small, graceful *Begonia* with opposite leaves on arching stems. Seed pods concealed underneath leaves which have a sheen of fine red hairs.

No. 16—*B. heracleifolia nigricans*—

Robust star-leaf, almost black, with white flowers. Rhizomatous.

No. 17—*B. palmaris* A. DC.—

Mexico. Stems erect; petioles to four inches long, leaves roundish, to eight inches long, usually palmately-lobed, sometimes merely once-cleft between the base and tip, slightly green, slightly hairy above and on the nerves beneath, margins toothed and ciliate, flowers in dense axillary clusters.

No. 18—*B. dregei*—

Very fine African species. Widely sought after by growers and hybridizers.

No. 19—*B. 'Gee-Gee'* seedlings—

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No. 20—*B. tafiensis*—

Argentina. One of the smallest *Begonias* grown—about two inches tall, flowers are red. Nice.

No. 21—*B. mazae*—

Mexico. Round with point, dark, bronzy-green with dark stitches around the edges. Deep red underneath. Small, light pink, red-spotted flowers. Grow in warm, protected, fairly dry place. Requires perfect drainage.

No. 22—*B. ('Lexington' x dayi) 'Leslie Lynn'*—

Strong, sturdy hybrid with satiny star-shaped leaves.

No. 23—*Sinningia pusilla* x '*White Sprite*'—

No. 24—*B. corallina*—

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BEGONIA SANDTII ZIES.

Begonia sandtii was named for Walter Sandt of Berkeley, California, by Dr. Arthur D. Houghton in his doctorate thesis *Begoniaceae of North America*. This plant belongs to the increasing number of tuberous *Begonias* found growing wild in Mexico. *Begonia sandtii*, like a number of other tuberous *Begonias* from Mexico, produces bulbils in the leaf axils. One of these bulbils, planted in potting soil, produces a single leaf which develops a small tuber about the size of a pea the first year. The following year the pea-sized tuber will produce a flowering plant.

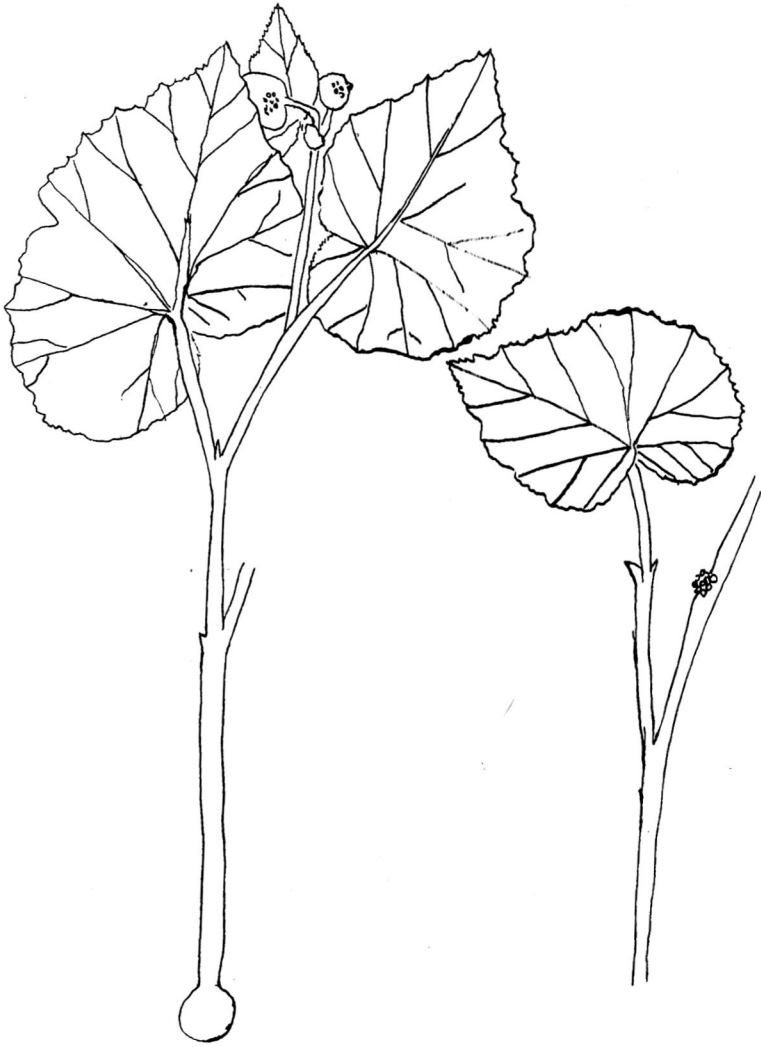
Other tuberous *Begonias* producing bulbils in the leaf axils which I have in cultivation include a plant William Brooks brought back from Mexico in 1950. He called it *B. 'Lucy Brooks'* but it is *B. balmisiana* Ruiz and is entirely covered with velvet-like hairs, with the top of the leaf a deep, dark-green color and all the rest of the plant, including the underside of the leaves, a dull red—a most strikingly beautiful plant. *B. balmisiana* grows up to three feet for me, resembling a hollyhock and producing a multitude of very small bulbils in the leaf axils. Another of the Brooks' plants, which he called *B. 'White Feather'* and also *B. 'La Pluma'* because of the minute flowers produced in very large clusters, was identified as *B. wrapense* Sesse & Mocino. In its leaf axils, a few rather large bulbils are produced. I am growing *B. bulbifera* Link & Otto which is a very distinctive plant with slender stems and small leaves with very broad stipules which almost overflow with an abundance of minute bulbils. Many of us grow *B. martiana* Link & Otto, but I have a form in which the leaves have an unusual maroon coloring in the center. I have a number of plants under study of *B. gracilis* Kunth and varieties, all of which produce bulbils. Lest someone feel that I slight *B. evansiana* Andrews, I have it in both pink and

white forms. At one time I bred this plant, selecting for fragrance, and produced plants, six specimens of which perfumed my 25x75 foot lathhouse. I do not grow *B. sandtii* having only a herbarium specimen.

B. sandtii is similar to but differs from *B. viscida* because the leaves have a very abrupt leaf point. The margins are also different because *B. sandtii's* are doubly-toothed and wavy while *B. viscida's* are more or less even. The hairs on *B. sandtii* are about three mm. long, while those of *B. viscida* are from one to six mm. long, the lengths intermixed over the plant. *B. sandtii* has a tuber more like *B. gracilis* Kunth while *B. viscida's* tuber is more like *B. palmaris* A.D.C. from which it differs by not having lobed leaves. *B. viscida* differs from all the other plants as it has no bulbils in the leaf axils. Because of *B. sandtii's* bulbil habit one may think it is related to *B. gracilis* Kunth or *B. martiana* Link & Otto, but the hairiness and the shape of the leaf clearly distinguish *B. sandtii* from these plants.

Begonia (section *Begoniastrum* (A.D.C.) Irmscher) (subsection *Knesbeckia* (Klotzsch) Irmscher) *sandtii* Ziesenhenné, new species, herbaceous perennial: stem base a ball-like tuber, stem annual, erect, round, fleshy, about eight inches tall, one-eighth inch in diameter, not branched, densely covered with light-colored, one-eighth inch long glandular hairs standing out at right angles to the surface; stipules one-eighth inch long, broadly egg-shaped, tip a firm point, pilose, margin ciliate; upper leaf axils bear a moderate number of very small bulbils: leaf stem round, about one-eighth inch in diameter, one-and-three-fourths inches long, covered with glandular hairs; leaf blade light green covered with long pale glandular hairs; below light green, covered with

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Begonia sandtii Zies.

B. SANDTII . . .

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long pale glandular hairs increasing in size and numbers on the veins, egg-shaped, sharp-pointed, base deeply heart-shaped, the outer lobe sometimes overlapping and closing the sinus, margin regularly doubly toothed, wavy, finely ciliate, about four inches long and three inches wide, palmately seven-nerved; inflorescence an axillary cyme, few flowered; flower stem three-eighths inch long, hairy, pedicel about one-fourth inch long; bracts sheathing, one-fourth inch long and wide, margins long ciliate, tip bitten off and fimbriated, male flowers, tepals four, exterior ones round, even edge, glandular hairs on the outside five-eighths inch long and three-fourths inch wide, two interior ones broadly lance-like one-fourth inch long and one-eighth inch wide; stamens thirty, filaments inserted on a staminal column, anthers ball-like, splitting longitudinally, connective not protracted, immature: female flowers, tepals five, two exterior oblong-round, even edge, one-fourth inch long, one-fourth inch wide, glandular hairs on the outside, the inner ones roundish, one-eighth inch long, one-eighth inch wide; stigmas three, two divided, the arms having one full twist to the papillae; capsule one-eighth inch long one-eighth inch wide, covered with glandular hairs, wings three, two rounded and marginal, the other larger; ovary three-celled, placenta divided, seed carried on all surfaces.

Notation on herbarium sheet: "Plants of Mexico" collected in the Sierra Madre near Santa Teresa, Territoria de Tepic. J. N. Rose collector, Number 3443. August 12, 1897. United States National Herbarium number 302420."

Begonia (section *Begoniastrum* (A.D.C.) Irmscher) (subsection *Knesbeckia* (Klotzsch) Irmscher) *sandtii* Zies. spec. nov. Herba perennis: caule annua, base tubere globoso,

erecto, elliptico, carnosio, 20 cm. alto, 3 mm. crasso, non-ramoso, dense pilis 3 mm. longis rectis pellucidis apice glandulosis; stipulis papyraceis, late ovatis, mucronatis, integris, ciliaris, extus pilosis, 3 mm. longis; caulis in axillis foliorum superiorum bulbillis; petiolis teretibus, 3 mm. crassis, 4.5 cm. longis, dense pilis teneris rectis pellucidis apice glandulosis: foliis papyraceis, supra viridibus, dense pilis teneris rectis pellucidis apice glandulosis; subtis viridibus, dense pilis teneris rectis pellucidis apice glandulosis, ovatis, acute, margine duplicatodentatis, crenulatis, subtiliter ciliatis, 10.2 cm. longis, 7.6 cm. latis, palmatinervis, nervis 7: inflorescentia cymosa, pauciflora, pedunculis 1 cm. longis, pilis, pedicellis 6 mm. longis; bractis vaginis, 5 mm. longis, 5 mm. latis, margine ciliatis, apice truncatis fimbriatis: tepalis masculinis 4, exterioribus 2, ovalis, extus pilis glandulosis, 12 mm. longis, 15 mm. latis, interioribus 2, angustis obovatis, 7 mm. longis, 3 mm. latis: staminibus 30, filamentis in parte superiori columninae adherentibus, antheris globosis, connectivo haud producto, immaturis; tepalis femineis 5, 2 exterioribus ellipticis, 7 mm. longis, 5 mm. latis, extus pilis glandulosis, interioribus 3, rotundis 4 mm. longis, 3 mm. latis; stylis 3, bifidis, fasiarispapillis semel spiraliter tortis anticis continuis cinctis; capsula 4 mm. longa, 3 mm. lata, pilis glandulosis, inaequaliter triolata, ala maxima 1 mm. longa, reliquis angustis; ovario 3-loculari, placentis bilamellatis undique ovuliferis.

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September 6, 7, 1969

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PROGRAM

Friday, September 5:

6:00-9:00 p.m. Begonia Show entries accepted.

Saturday, September 6:

7:00-9:00 a.m. Begonia Show entries accepted.
(No entries will be accepted after 9:00 a.m.)

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Judging.

1:00-6:00 p.m. Show open to public.

2:30 p.m. Annual Meeting—Seminar Room.

6:30-7:30 p.m. Social Hour — Banquet Room — Flamingo-Ramada Hotel, 130 West Huntington Drive, Arcadia, Calif.

7:30 p.m. Convention Banquet — Flamingo - Ramada Hotel. Speaker, Clarence Hall, a Past-President of the A.B.S. from Sacramento, Calif. Dinner, Cornish Game Hen and Wild Rice. Tickets, \$5.00 per plate —order from Mrs. Pearl Parker, 1114 W. 158th St., Gardena, Calif., or from Walter Pease, 8101 Vicksburg Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Sunday, September 7:

10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Show open to public.

2:00-4:00 p.m. Seminar directed by Rudolf Ziesenhenné—Seminar Room.

5:00-6:00 p.m. Major Prize Drawing.

6:00-9:00 p.m. All entries to be removed during this time.

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ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW FLORIDA STATE PRISON

The Ninth Annual Inmate Flower Show at the Florida State Prison was a huge success. The show is staged by the inmates for the general public and this year thousands of plants of all kinds were groomed and displayed.

The main feature of this year's show was a display of *Begonias* of all types except tuberous. They do not do so well in Florida. The center stage of the employees Community Club House was beautifully decorated and attractively lighted. Three tiered steps on the stage was filled with most of the 86 *Begonia* varieties while five of the largest specimen plants was displayed on a slowly turning lazy susan in the center with good spotlight illumination. Each variety was attractively labeled.

The Cover picture is of the lazy susan viewed by Mrs. J. Finward Price of Jacksonville, Florida. She headed the twenty certified Garden Club Judges who came from different districts of Florida at their own expense to judge the show and check the progress of the Therapy Project they have nurtured over the years.

As a result of the show George Sorenson of Mandrin, Florida added to this well balanced collection of 86 *Begonias* 125 *rex Begonias*, giving us over 200 in all. Contributions like this is certainly good therapy for these 42 inmates in the Horticulture Training Program. These inmates suddenly come to realize that they are not entirely forgotten and strive harder to justify this kind of confidence.

Each year in the middle of May, the Inmate Flower Show grows larger in popularity.

REPORT ON SEED GERMINATION

Good germination was reported on the following in twelve to fourteen days. *B. egregia*, *B. fagifolia*, *B. ita-guanensis*, *B. 'Orange Rubra'* cross, *B. paranaensis*, *B. schulziana*, *B. vis-cida*. *B. taylorii* came all at once in 46 days. *B. haullevilleana*, good. A few in April then 35 days later one after another through April. For another report on Seed Germination see "Round Robin Notes," page 180.

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Seed Fund Administrator

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September 19 - 20, 1969

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PROGRAM

Friday, September 19:

- 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Begonia Show entries accepted.
4:00 p.m. Welcoming Tea and Coffee Hour.
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Social Hour
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Speaker, Dr. Harriet Creighton.
8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Begonia Show entries accepted.

Saturday, September 20:

- 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Begonia Show entries accepted.
9:30 a.m. Buses leave for Longwood Garden Tour.
thru noon
1:30 p.m. Lunch—Speaker, Mrs. Carrie Karegeannes,
Annandale, Virginia, Round Robin
Co-Director, A.B.S.
2:30 - 10:00 p.m. Begonia Show opened to public.
6:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Awards Dinner—Speaker, Rudolf Ziesenhene,
Santa Barbara, Calif., Nomenclature
Director, A.B.S.

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REPOTTING . . .

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I couldn't figure out where in the world I'd hang such a huge thing and besides, we didn't have any hanging containers big enough. I moved it to the largest pot I could find and started staking proceedings. Five stakes later, I had a gorgeous bush and all but one of the stakes was completely hidden by foliage.

One plant was irreparably lopsided and would have been beautiful in a wall pocket. Our supply of them was non-existent. I moved it to a larger pot and pruned it back to an almost proper shape. I gained one plant and fifteen cuttings from that venture.

Several of the half-dead plants were not rootbound or underpotted. They were overpotted and I moved them to smaller pots that were barely big enough to hold the roots. I cut off any dead stems and foliage and also any dead roots. It's important on these occasions to remember that the roots and foliage must balance each other. Therefore, when any of the top dies back, the roots will die back also. We find that during the winter we are kept busy "downpotting" plants that have died back from cold or freeze. We've always had much better luck rescuing death-prone plants this way.

By the time I had passed the three hour mark in my repotting marathon, I was faced with a lack of the proper sized pots. When I needed an eight-inch pot and only had a five-inch and a six-inch left, I divided the plant into two parts, pruned the tops to proper shape, and there they stood—identical twins!

At any rate, if you ever launch a "pot-changing" venture and you come out "even Steven," you've done something wrong and will probably have to redo half of it before very long. This may be a slight exaggeration but if you ask some of the "old timers," you'll find that they can count on one hand the number of times they've come out "even Steven" when reporting *Begonias*.

URGENT!

This is a plea for plants. Our plant sale table at the national Convention, September 6 and 7 at the Arboretum in Arcadia, is an opportunity for the branches and individual members to make a substantial and much needed contribution to the Society. This year, the plant sale table will be greatly assisted by home grown *Begonias*, ferns and other shade plants. We are not asking for the rare and unique hybrids that are so necessary to satisfy our own members. What we need are lots of the more common *semperflorens*, fibrous, and rhizomatous that are easy to propagate and easy to grow. Plants that will attract the newcomer and make 100 per cent of the sales price for the Society. If you want to donate a more unusual variety, it will be most welcome, but for the most part this will be supplied by our cooperative commercial members at a very attractive price to us. What we do need are small plants in three-inch pots that can be sold in large volume at a low price.

The Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch, Ventura, California has pledged 100 plants in three-inch pots and asks other Branches to match their promise. If any Branch cares to raise our bid, we will match the new amount. As a PRIZE to the Branch supplying the largest number of plants, Gene Daniels will make a PROFESSIONAL GROUP PHOTOGRAPH of them and supply a print to each member!

The elected and appointed members of the Board of Directors put in long and diligent hours for our Society. Here is your opportunity to do your part in making this a better organization through your active participation. If nothing else, bring a few plants with you when you visit the show.

Nettie Daniels
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MINUTES OF THE A.B.S. BOARD

The minutes printed here have not been condensed or altered except for minor editing to conform to The Begonian style.

Editor

The regular meeting of the Board of the American Begonia Society was called to order at 7:50 in the South Gate Auditorium on June 23, 1969. The Aims and Purposes were read by the President and Jim Somes led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ten officers and five Branches were present.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,009.95, receipts of \$846.30, disbursements of \$993.30, leaving a balance of \$862.95. There was \$37.45 in the Seed Culture Fund, and after refunding to the Knickerbocker Branch, the sum of \$45.00, there is an overdraft of \$7.55, making a balance of \$855.40 in the general fund.

Ruth Pease reported that Margaret Lee is still accepting nominees for Awards until July 1.

Anne Rose reported receiving \$53.85 on accounts from Advertising. She also presented a card to be sent to Mrs. Routh in honor of her 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Routh has advertised for some time in *The Begonian*. Anne reminded the Board that Christmas ads for *The Begonian* would need to be considered by July.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. This was omitted in the minutes: Sylvia Leatherman recommended that one-third of a point be given for each show that is judged, and be added to the credit on the Senior Judging card. Motion was seconded by Jim Somes. Carried. After this correction, the minutes were approved.

Ruth Pease reported that an article is to appear in *The Begonian* by Rudy Ziesenne to help understand the system of classification.

The Editor used the additional four pages asked for in printing the July *Begonian*.

Pearl showed a total of 55 new members this month, and 2,601 *Begonians* disbursed.

The President read the Round Robin report. Five flights came through.

Jim Somes announced the Society won an "Appreciation Plaque" for the display at the Fuchsia Show, and Pearl Benell presented it. Gene Daniels asked if there would be garden exhibits at the Show and was told no room.

Nettie Daniels reported she had answered three requests for slides.

The President reminded the Board that the July 27th meeting in Glendale will be the time for annual reports. There is a donation plant table too.

The secretary reported the work on the roster is about half finished.

Walter Pease announced the Convention dinner will be at the Flamingo Ramada Hotel on Huntington Drive, September 6. It will cost \$5.00 per person and Clarence Hall will be the speaker. Pearl Parker will have tickets.

After the Branch reports, the meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Virginia Barnett,
Secretary

FROM THE SHOW CHAIRMAN

Well here I am again talking about grooming your plants so that they can be prize winners at the show this year. I am hoping to see as many or more than there were at the show last year. As you have heard there were a lot of lovely plants at the last show.

I am still looking for a couple of committee chairmen and I am hoping that you will help out at the show any way that you can or do any job that you are asked to help with.

There is a request in this issue for donated plants to sell at the show this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of the Branches to participate. Read the "URGENT" message on page 190 and plan now to help through a Branch project.

We will need lots of help before and also at the show so if you can help in any way, come to the show committee meeting at South Gate Auditorium, Room 6 on the third Friday evening of the month. The date is always listed in the Calendar (see page 193). We have lots of room and also lots of coffee so bring along your efforts and ideas to the meeting. This will be the last meeting before the show.

Jim Somes.

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SHOW DATES

August 3—Westchester Branch: Garden Tour—A chance to see the best of the Westchester Branch Gardens. Commencing at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Frank and Phyllis Cappell, 3770 Redwood Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. A map will guide you to the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren and their fabulous tuberous *Begonias*, Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy, and finishing at the home of our National President, Walter Pease, and our Westchester President, Ruth Pease. There will be refreshments, plant sale and door prizes at the final garden on the tour. There is no charge and everyone is invited.

August 9, 10—Long Beach Parent Chapter: Plant Show open 12 to 5 p.m. both days. The location is our regular meeting place: 5535 Stearns St., Corner of Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach. Everyone is invited.

August 16, 17—Eastside Branch: Annual Show. Friday, 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. "Patio Gardens in Bellevue Square." Place: Bellevue, Wash.

August 19—North Long Beach Branch: Branch Members *Begonia* and Shade Plant Show with Joe Littlefield as emcee. Plan to attend.

August 22—Redondo Area Branch: Support the "Little Flower Show" with your attendance. 7:30 p.m.

August 30, 31, Sept. 1—Santa Barbara *Begonia* Show, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Free admission.

Sept. 6, 7—A.B.S. NATIONAL CONVENTION AND SHOW, Arcadia, Calif. (see page 187.)

Sept. 19, 20—FOURTH ANNUAL EASTERN *BEGONIA* CONVENTION AND SHOW, sponsored by the William Penn Branch. (see page 189.)

CALENDAR

August 7—Whittier Branch: Walter Pease, President of the A.B.S. will make his official visit to our Branch and his topic for the evening will be "Show Plants: Growing, Grooming, Transporting and Reviving." 7:30 p.m.

August 12—Glendale Branch: "Square Round Table on Shade Plants." 8 p.m.

August 13—Inglewood Branch: Mrs. Phyllis Cappell, a member of the Westchester Branch, will speak to us on Tuberous *Begonias*. Mrs. Cappell's plants have been prize winners at recent shows. Plant Table and Refreshments. Time 7:30 p.m.

August 15—PHOTO ENTRIES DEADLINE: See Show Schedule page 159 of the July issue.

August 15—SHOW COMMITTEE: South Gate City Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Last meeting before the show.

August 16—San Gabriel Valley Branch: Luau at the home of Violet Tate, 6446 Trelawney, Temple City, Calif. \$3.75 each. Reservations required by August 8. Social hour 7 p.m. Dinner 8 p.m. Hawaiian attire.

August 22—Redondo Area Branch: "Little Flower Show," 7:30 p.m.

August 29—MIDNIGHT: BALLOT DEADLINE! Have you voted?

Sept. 1—DEADLINE for all material for the October *Begonian*.

THANKS

The Board of Directors wishes to thank the Glendale Branch for hosting the Regional Meeting of July 27. This was the second year they served as Host Branch and donated the proceeds to the National Board.

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