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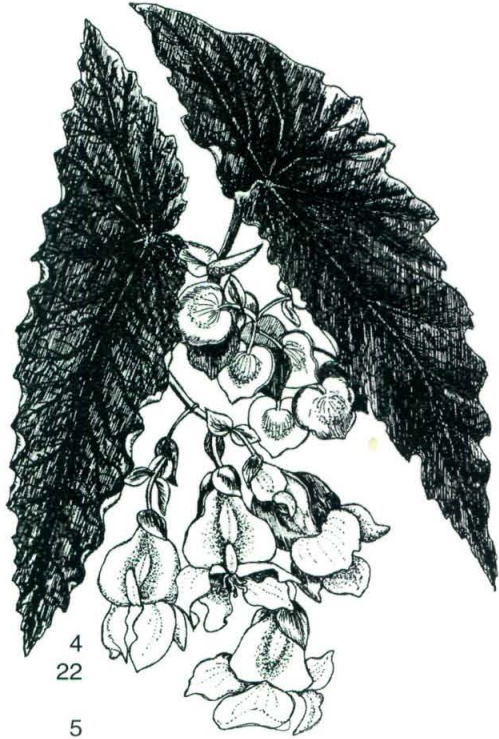
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**COVER PHOTOS: Dorothy Caviness hybrids, photographed by Don Miller.**

Front - B. 'Lots of Dots' lives up to its name.

Back - The bright blue Oklahoma sky forms the backdrop for B. 'Filly Dolly'.

For more on Dorothy's hybrids, see article by Thelma O'Reilly on p. 5.



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Goldie Frost, 1975  
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B. 'Sooner Gal', photographed by Don Miller

## *Sooner Gal*

by Thelma O'Reilly

Dorothy Caviness, our "Sooner Gal", casts a magical aura over her begonia collection in Mustang, Oklahoma.

The impressive list of begonias created by Dorothy continues to grow at an amazing pace. Let's take a peek behind the scenes and meet this "Sooner Gal" whose cultivars are giving so much beauty and pleasure to all who love and grow begonias.

Born in Texas, Dorothy spent her childhood and younger life in Fort Worth. Then she married Jerry Caviness, and his naval career took them to Southern California where they spent ten years. When Jerry retired from the Navy they returned to Fort Worth.

Dorothy's introduction to begonias occurred while she was operating a beauty salon. A customer gave her a begonia, then another, followed by a Logee's Greenhouses catalog. Dorothy joined ABS and was "hooked". Jerry had to build a greenhouse to accommodate her rapidly increasing collection.

About fourteen years ago the family moved to Oklahoma. All of the begonias and the dismantled greenhouse made the move too.

After Dorothy and her begonias were settled in their new location, she recalled seeing a picture of Dr. Fred Barkley in the **Begonian**. She knew there was a Barkley

Branch in Oklahoma City area, about seventeen miles from Mustang. She recalls, "I telephoned Dr. Barkley. This friendly, soft-spoken man invited me to attend the next meeting at his home. He was president that year. I went, and did not know a soul. The welcome extended by the Barkleys, Ruth Wills, and KathyIn Calvert was warm and friendly. Dr. Barkley brought seedlings to the meeting to share with the members, which was very educational."

This was the beginning of another phase of Dorothy's begonia hobby. She ordered seed from the Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund and succumbed to the fascination of growing begonias from seed.

As her interest in growing seedlings continued, she became spellbound with the concept of developing her own seed. Branch meetings that provided information and demonstrations on hybridizing plus encouragement from Ruth Wills were the incentives that led to her hybridizing hobby.

Falling in love with the baby seedlings and their creative differences, Dorothy began to pollinate like crazy. Soon she faced a dilemma - lack of space.

KathyIn Calvert, a marvelous grower, offered to assist with the growing and testing. She was innovative with appropriate names, and was responsible for the naming of many Caviness hybrids. Don Miller and Gene Salisbury, both noted for their beautiful, award-winning specimen begonias, are now testing begonias for Dorothy.

The 1991 Southwest Region Get-Together in Oklahoma City gave me an opportunity to spend several hours with Dorothy. I shall never forget her warm, untiring hospitality at a most inconvenient time in the life of a hard-working show committee member.

After the show closed, she drove Joy Porter and me to her home for an interview and begonia tour. The begonias were thriving in a 20 x 30 foot fiberglass house. In fact, only begonia foliage was visible overhead, waist high, and underfoot. Dorothy warned us that we would be unable to encircle the benches without picking up a pot to take a step. We persevered and made it, not wanting to miss a plant in the unbelievable array of seedling to mature begonias. Was I impressed? You bet!

Dorothy has an interesting habit of constantly talking to and fondling her begonias, inviting guests to follow suit: "Feel this one, it's so rubbery - I just love the feel of this one - Ohhh, look at him (B. 'Gene Salisbury'), mmm, just feel the edges". Her enjoyment and enthusiasm overflow. Now, I find myself sneaking "feels" of my own begonias.

The entire Caviness collection is hand-watered. It is not on a regular feeding program. The potting medium is Metro Mix, a popular product in Texas. Most important is the T. L. C. Dorothy gives to each of her babies, regardless of size. She is grateful to Jerry, her husband, who handles the maintenance of the greenhouse so that her babies can survive and thrive.

## *Troubleshooting...with Back Issues*

'Tis, alas, the season for mildew.

For a definitive and helpful article on the much-dreaded threat to your begonias' health, see the article by Kevin Handreck on page 27 of the January-February 1993 **Begonian**.

Back issues are available at the special price of 50 cents per issue plus postage, or \$2.50 per year plus postage (6 issues per year); older issues (12 per year) are \$5 plus postage.

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Kathlyn Calvert and Dr. Fred Barkley have been the two most important people in her begonia life. They served as her inspiration to continue the creation of beautiful begonias for all to grow and enjoy.

Let's take a look at Dorothy's accomplishments. In 1993 the Barkley Branch distributed "An Unofficial List of Dorothy Caviness Hybrids." This list, with ninety names, omitted several. With the subsequent number of hybrids named recently, the total is rapidly approaching the two hundred mark.

Most of Dorothy's well distributed early cultivars were cane-like begonias and included Begonias 'Fred Barkley', 'Kathlyn Calvert', 'Gypsy Gal', 'Juanita Jewel', 'Lots of Dots', 'Red Wing', 'Sooner Gal', 'Tamsin', 'Tippy Two', 'Vernona', and 'Window Pane'.

Begonia 'Kathlyn Calvert' is one of Dorothy's favorites. It is interesting and unusual because of its rhizomatous and cane-like parentage. Growth is cane-like; leaves inherited the overlapping basal curl familiar to many of the rhizomatous hybrids.

When I first interviewed Dorothy in 1991 she had no record of bloom on this begonia or its sister seedling 'Dr. Fred Barkley'. My first bloom reports on B. 'Kathlyn Calvert' came from Joy Blair and Mary Sakamoto in the Los Angeles area.

Dorothy reports that she received a call in the summer of 1993 from Mrs. Barkley, who reported that B. 'Fred Barkley' was in bloom on her front porch. Dorothy immediately went to view this reluctant bloomer whose flowers, like those of B. 'Kathlyn Calvert', were pink and small.

More recent introductions are rhizomatous types including Begonias 'Black Joker', 'Bob Dodd', 'Cockscomb', 'Cupid's Curl', 'Desert Storm', 'Frilly Doll', 'Lemon Swirl', 'Lime Star', 'Louie', and 'Swirly Cue'. There is also a new cane-like cultivar, B. 'Mister Majestic'.

New rhizomatous introductions at the 1994 ABS Convention and Show in Oklahoma City, OK will include Begonias 'Anna Lee Salisbury', 'Black Fancy', 'Crystal Bridge', 'Fan Dancer', 'Gene Salisbury', 'Misty Eyes', 'Mo Reese', 'My Baby', 'Oklahoma Shoot Out', 'Regal Flair', 'Shooting Star', and 'Black Velvet Curls'.

A hybridizer's dream is winning the Best New Introduction Award. Dorothy has received this award for the following cultivars: B. 'Shooting Star' at the ABS Convention in Anaheim, California, 1992; B. 'Black Joker' at the SWR Get-Together in 1991; B. 'Mo Reese' at the SWR G-T in 1992.

Dorothy's all time favorite is B. 'Cupid's Curl.' Last week's favorite was 'Subtle Lady'; this week's favorite is 'Black Velvet Curls'.

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B. 'Shooting Star',  
Best New Introduction  
ABS Convention 1992  
Anaheim, California.  
Photo by Don Miller



B. 'Mo Reese',  
Best New Introduction,  
Southwest Region Get-Together 1992  
Houston, Texas. Photo by Don Miller

Tim and I recently enjoyed Gene and Ann Salisbury's southwestern hospitality in Tonkawa, OK. We were impressed with their huge, modern greenhouse, fabulous begonia collection, and the sneak preview of Dorothy's beautiful hybrids, many still under testing and many newly named.

A team of five (Gene and Ann, Bob and Thelma Dodd, and our Sooner Gal) meet in the greenhouse weekly. Their slogan is "Propagate - Full Steam Ahead." Their goal is to dazzle you with the biggest and best selection of begonia treasures when you enter the Plant Sale room at "Begonias: OK!"

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## IN MEMORY

Our friend **Doug Frost** left us on *October 5, 1993, but we should not be sad. We should be happy that he is in a place where there is no more pain or sorrow.*

The Lord needed some one to tend His begonias, and he chose the *right person, as Doug knows all about growing and hybridizing begonias.*

Doug was 78 years young, born in Jerome, Idaho, and lived the last 34 years in Garden Grove, California with his wife Goldie. They celebrated their *56th wedding anniversary March 23, 1993.*

He had a long and varied career in industry, but in his heart he was a gardener. The collections in his shade and greenhouses are a testament to his love of flora. *In addition to all of the hybrids developed by Doug and Goldie, one can find many of the rare species they used in their hybridizing.*

Doug founded the Garden Grove Branch of the ABS in 1973 in his home and was president of the branch for three years. He was show chairman for the national convention in Anaheim in 1977 and won the Herbert P. Dyckman Award for Service in 1983. These are a few highlights of an involved and committed member of many garden-related organizations, all of which he served with dedication.

Doug was a caring, loving, and patient friend with a great memory for details. He was generous in sharing his vast knowledge of begonias. Among his greatest assets were his warm and giving nature, his humor, and tireless instructive sharing of himself with everyone.

He leaves a legacy of giving, and will be sorrowfully missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him. - Edward J. Vogel, President, Garden Grove Branch

**Q.** You Oklahoma folks keep talking about your Sciissor-tailed Flycatchers - but will we really see any?

**A.** Well, not inside the ABS Convention hotel. But we'll have an early morning bird walk during the convention. And if you're driving, just check out the utility lines along the road.

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## B. U168 Update

by Don Miller

*B. U168, a shrub-like species imported from the Philippines by Martin Johnson in 1985, is widely grown by members around the country. There is no record of it blooming in cultivation.*

*In the March-April 1993 issue we reprinted an article from Begonia Leaflet, the Southwest Region newsletter, in which Don Miller reported that one stem on his B. U168 had developed a set of green leaves with white flowers. Then the green-leafed plant also changed, sporting bronzed leaves.*

*From the September-October Leaflet comes Don's update:*

I got a photograph from George Macias of Houston who reports that his B. U168 has also reverted.

Tom Keepin of Houston also reports that one of his three plants has been sprouting these larger leaves, some with the silver variegation. Tom's plant that is

doing this reverting is growing in very strong light, as was my plant.

I am fairly sure that B. U168 is a variegated sport of a white-flowering species. Hopefully someone will be able to identify this species. The tip that I rooted has grown about 2 feet tall and has bloomed freely with white flowers.

### Addenda:

Since Don wrote his article, B. U168 has brought forth the larger green leaves for John Howell in San Antonio and Kelton Parker at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. All of these occurrences are in Texas.

Is this solely a Texas phenomenon, or are there other cases out there? Please let Don know what *your* B. U168 is up to these days! Don's address is 1010 Mt. Auburn, Dallas, TX 75223.

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## Begonias are Fun!

by Freda Holley

Inspired by Helen Spiers' article in the July-August 1990 **Begonian** on spreading begonia fever, I took advantage of an opportunity to prepare a special educational exhibit for the 1993 Gardenfest held in Clarksville, Arkansas. The Gardenfest was sponsored by the Johnson County Master Gardeners, of which I am a member.

*I used primary colors to spray paint some folding cardboard packing sections I had on hand. A large three-fold background in green held my logo "Begonias are Fun" written with a red marking pen. Smaller sections identified the major classifications and showcased my smaller plants.*

Thanks to the Clayton M. Kelly Seed Fund, I had a plant to illustrate each type. Larger plants anchored the display, which was completed with last year's issues of the **Begonian** and the Thompson's book, [Begonias: The Complete Reference Guide](#).

The many extra small plants I had were contributed to the show's plant giveaway (each visitor received a plant) and went very quickly, giving me an opportunity to talk about growing strategies with quite a few people.

The state Master Gardener program coordinator, who served as judge for the show, had my explanation of the exhibit video-taped and invited me to do a presentation on begonias for the November meeting of the Arkansas State Horticultural Society. Right now I'm busy making my husband take enough slides to illustrate my presentation!

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**1993 TOPICS AT A GLANCE**

**Jan.-Feb.:** photographing begonias, Barkley Collection, Ballarat Conservatory, birds nesting in begonias, mildew.

**March-April:** Convention '93, Fairchild Garden, legacy of cane begonias, new introductions from the Southwest, *semperflorens*, SWR Get-Together, B. U168

**May-June:** Convention '93, hybridizing canes, artistic considerations in hybridizing, an unknown rhizomatous, culling, Barkley Fund, unusual growth, *B. triflora*, Malaysia species

**July-Aug.:** Convention '93: awards, show results, scenes; begonias in England, SWR Get-Together, two Mickey Meyer hybrids, *B. rajah*

**Sept.-Oct.:** Convention '93, Milton Piedra seminar, Golden Hills Nursery, Elda Haring, B. 'Little Brother Montgomery', Palm Beaches project, trailing-scandent begonias, search for Fischer's nursery, B. 'Amigo' sports, odd growth.

**Nov.-Dec.:** Convention '94, B. 'Magic Lace', birds nesting in begonias, flower sex, Crystal Bridge, majolica, B. 'Maurice Amey', *B. goegoensis*.

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## **1994 ABS National Convention: "Begonias: OK!"**

### **Seminars: Stellar!**

Thelma O'Reilly - Australia, The Captivating Continent  
Irene Nuss - Begonia Magic  
Kit Jeans Mounger, Tamsin & Bruce C. Boardman - Mad About Species  
plus our highlight: Mabel Corwin, Margaret Lee, Irene Nuss, Thelma O'Reilly,  
Rudolf Ziesenhenné in a panel on ABS' Begonia Pioneers

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## ***In the News...***

You've seen his art in the **Begonian** and at National Conventions (you'll see more in Oklahoma City - he's in charge of Placement and the Show room, and has some surprises in store for us). Now artist **Chuck McGough's** watercolors travel to Tokyo, Japan for a one-man show during January.

Super hybridizer **Leslie Woodriff!**

### **Twice:**

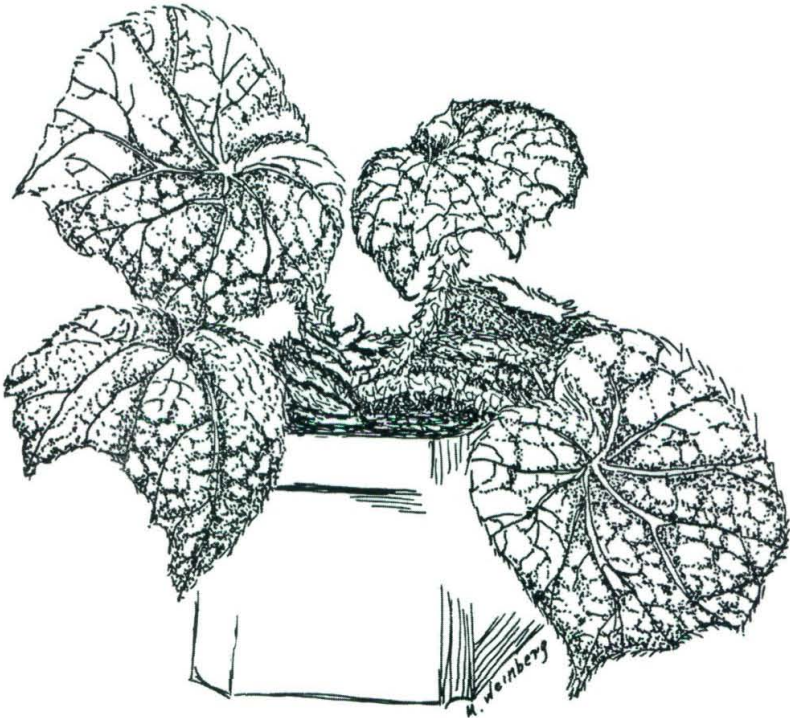
Leslie was featured in the McKinleyville Times-Standard of Sunday, October 24, 1993. Did you know he was one of the first to grow Easter lilies successfully when World War II cut off supplies from Japan? Some of his hybrids have been in commercial use for over 50 years and are still among the best

And also in American Horticulturist, February 1993, in an article by Melissa Dodd Eskilon, entitled "Lilies and Begonias".

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## SPOTLIGHT ON:

### *B. carrieae*



Drawing and Text by Mary Weinberg

*B. carrieae* is in the section *Magnusia*. It was first discovered in Ocozocoautla in the State of Chiapas, Mexico by Thomas MacDougall on April 13, 1967. It was described by Rudolf Ziesenhenné in the May, 1976 issue of the **Begonian**, and named in honor of Carrie Karegeannes (currently Nomenclature Director of the ABS).

*B. carrieae* is a rhizomatous begonia. It sends out lateral rhizomes freely, which makes it a nice full plant. It has large lobed leaves of bright lime green with a rugose surface; veins are deep set, giving the leaves a puffy effect. Leaves are covered with simple short hairs. Leaf stems are covered with scale-like hairs dividing into longer terminal hairs. The flowers are white,

having tepals  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch long. *B. carrieae* blooms in late winter or early spring, and is a moderate bloomer.

One August I received a 1" piece of rhizome from Martin Johnson via Dan Haseltine. It was partially rooted, and had grown one leaf by the time I picked it up at Dan's. I put it into a sweater box that contained a mixture of perlite and cut-up sphagnum to continue its root growth. In the fall I potted it in my usual soilless mix, adding an extra handful of perlite.

If you have tried *B. carrieae* and have not done well with it, use the methods listed on the next page. I have taken most of this information from suggestions in past issues of the **Begonian**, and find they have been helpful to me.

## CULTURE

**Light:** I have *B. carrieae* under lights, about 14" from the surface of the shelf. Its color is very good, bright, neither faded nor too dark in color.

**Growing Medium:** A very coarse loose mix is recommended for *B. carrieae*. I used my soilless mix (consisting of 2 parts sphagnum peat moss, 1 part vermiculite, 1 part perlite, and 2 tablespoons of powdered horticultural lime). When potting *B. carrieae* I added an extra small handful of perlite to the 4" pot. Clay pots are recommended, as this begonia will do best if the roots get air.

**Water:** Do not overwater. *B. carrieae* likes to have its growing medium dry out between waterings.

**Humidity:** To keep the leaves in good condition humidity is necessary; but it should not be considered a terrarium plant.

**Temperature:** Keep *B. carrieae* on the cool side. It does not care for heat, according to Rudolf Ziesenhenné.

**Propagation:** *B. carrieae* can be tricky to propagate because of its hairy stems. In the **Begonian** of September of 1977, Martin Johnson wrote of his propagation method: he trimmed a leaf, leaving the center about 3" in diameter with a 3" stem. He filled a 4" pot with perlite, moistened it well, and put the leaf on top of it. He placed the pot in a clear plastic shoe box with about 1" of water. The leaf stem sent out roots all over the top of the perlite, and several leaf buds developed on the perlite.

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Mary's article first appeared in the Chicago Begonian.

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## B. 'Dancin' Fred' Takes Off

Text and photos by Mildred Swyka

Between March, 1993, when I took the first photo, and September, when I took the second one, doses of liquid fertilizer (I used Green Light Super Bloom, 12-55-6 with 0.10% chelated iron) caused B. 'Dancin' Fred' to take off on a growth spurt. Perhaps it was the chelated iron?

None of my other rhizomatous begonias responded so vigorously. The plant is still in the same saucer-type dish, with a wick running underneath into a lower shallow container that is filled with very coarse vermiculite. Now I am looking forward to bloom time. B. 'Dancin' Fred' starts to bloom in December.

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*Mildred Swyka lives at 1147 Bethel Church Rd., Middletown, DE 19709*

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### Note:

B. 'Dancin' Fred' is a Kit Jeans Mounger cross named for an incident in the life of Dr. Fred A. Barkley, botany professor, plant collector, founder of the Barkley Begonia Collection and of the Barkley Branch of Oklahoma City:

"... on a plant hunting expedition in Mexico, when the weary professor and his students were relaxing in a cantina after a day in the field, one of the students challenged Fred to dance with a pretty young girl - on the table top! Fred did. Kit enjoys the mental image of the quiet unassuming professor dancing on the table."

- from the **Begonian**, May-June 1990, p. 102.

# BULLETIN BOARD

ABS News

## Board Meets in January

The next meeting of the Board will be held Saturday, January 22, 1994 at the Holiday Inn in the city of Goleta, California, at 1:00 p.m.

Officers and Committee Chairs are asked to send copies of their reports to the President and to the Secretary before the meeting. (Addresses are on p. 38.)

Rooms will be available at a special rate for those that wish to stay over. When making reservations call (805) 964-6241 and ask for Vanessa. Be sure that you tell her you are with the ABS.

## Directory Update

**Palos Verdes Branch** President is **Teri Dykzeul**, 23115 Falena Avenue, Torrance CA 90501.

Correct address for **Frank Green**, President of **Buxton Branch**, is 20 Cross St., Fitchburg MA 01420.

**Norma Pfrunder** is new President of **Rubidoux Branch**, Her address is 3484 Jefferson St., Riverside CA 92504.

New President of **Westchester Branch** is **Janet Brown**, 7825 Kentwood Ave., Los Angeles CA 90046.

## Judges!

Planning on attending the ABS Convention in Oklahoma City May 19-22? Please contact Judging Chair Maxine Zinman, Rt. 1, Box 73, Boyce, VA 22620.

# 1994 AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY AWARDS

Now is the time to submit nominations for ABS' three top awards. The awards are presented for outstanding service to the Society on a national level. Each award may be received only once. Please give careful, thoughtful consideration when submitting nominations, stating the reasons the person or plant is entitled to be honored.

Deadline for nominations is March 13. Please send nominations to Awards Chairman Thelma O'Reilly, 10942 Sunray Place, La Mesa CA 91941.

The **Eva Kenworthy Gray Award** is given for one of two reasons:

1. contributing something of a spiritual value toward cementing goodwill and harmony among members; and/or
2. contributing original material toward helping the rank and file members further their study of begonias.

The **Herbert P. Dyckman Award for Service** is presented to a member who has rendered long-term or very outstanding service for ABS above and beyond the normal duties of a member or officer.

The **Alfred D. Robinson Medal of Honor** is for a begonia that has been released for at least five years and no more than fifteen years. This begonia cultivar must be registered with the Nomenclature Department and widely distributed, and the originator of the begonia must be a member of ABS.

Recipients of the Eva Kenworthy Gray Award	
Bessie Buxton	1955
Charlotte Hoak	1956
Constance Bower	1957
Alice Clark	1958
Rudolf Ziesenhennen	1959
Louise Schwerdtfeger	1960
Helen K. Krauss	1961
Bert Slatter	1962
Bernice Brilmayer	1962
Dr. Clyde Drummond	1963
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Bernice G. Schubert	1968
Harry M. Butterfield	1969
Ruth Pease	1970
Elda Haring	1972
Dr. Fred Barkley	1973
Carrie Karegeannes	1974
Dr. J. Doorenbos	1975
Alva Graham	1976
Mildred L. & Edward J.	
Thompson	1977
Jack Golding	1978
Thelma O'Reilly	1980
Phyllis & Ed Bates	1983
Scott Hoover	1984
Hikoichi Arakawa	1985
Chuck Anderson &	
Karen Bartholomew	1986
Pat Maley	1987
Mabel Corwin	1988
Tamsin Boardman	1989
Arlene Davis Ingles	1990
Dr. J.J.F.E. de Wilde	1993

Recipients of the Herbert P. Dyckman Award for Service	
Florence Gee	1968
Herb Warrick	1968
Alva Graham	1969
Edna Korts	1969
Everett Wright	1972
Walter Barnett	1973
Hazel Snodgrass	1974
Mae Blanton	1975
Gordon Lepisto	1976
Gene Daniels	1977
Margaret & Paul Lee	1978
Margaret Taylor	1979
Rudolf Ziesenhennen	1980
Mabel Corwin	1981
Clarence Hall	1982
Goldie & Doug Frost	1983
Pearl Benell	1984
Joy Porter	1985

Martin Johnson	1986
Thelma O'Reilly	1987
Mildred L. & Edward J.	
Thompson	1988
John Ingles, Jr.	1989
Joy Logee Martin	1990
Jack Golding	1991
Carrie Karegeannes	1992
Charles Jaros	1993

Recipients of the Alfred D. Robinson Memorial Medal for Begonia Hybrid	
B. 'Silver Star' (Frey)	1945
B. 'Freddie' (Ziesenhennen)	1946
B. 'Golden West' (Reinelt)	1949
B. 'Ricky Minter' (Turner)	1950
B. 'Glendale' (Slocum)	1950
B. 'Virbob' (Walker)	1951
B. 'Orange Rubra' (Woodriff)	1954
B. 'Verde Grande' (Zug)	1957
B. 'Kumwha' (Horton)	1961
B. 'Madame Queen' (Bath)	1964
B. 'Sophie Cecile' (Kusler)	1966
B. 'Purple Petticoats' (P. Lee)	1968
B. 'Lady Frances Jean' (Leatherman)	1969
B. 'Eunice Gray' (Nuss)	1970
B. 'Paul Bee' (Bud)	1973
B. 'Universe' (O'Reilly)	1974
B. 'Wanda' (Porter)	1977
B. 'Bowtique' (Nave)	1978
B. 'Murray Morrison' (Kusler)	1980
B. 'Buttercup' (Kartuz)	1981
B. 'Nokomis' (M. Lee)	1984
B. 'Withlacoochee' (Michelson)	1986

## Dues Increase Approved by Branches

ABS Branches responding to the request for a vote on a \$2 dues increase voted primarily in favor of our first increase in ten years. The Board will determine the date on which the increase will take effect, and members will be notified.

Branches sending in ballots: 26  
 Votes in favor: 23  
 Votes opposed: 3

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## Show News Around the Country

**Fort Lauderdale Branch** put on a successful show at Secret Woods in October, with 117 beautiful entries. Best of Show was B. 'Wild Pony', entered by **Daisy Farm Nursery**. **Charles Jaros** won Sweepstakes with 18 blue ribbons.

**Palos Verdes Branch** members were delighted with the quality of their first show, "Bewitching Begonias," on Labor Day weekend. Big winner was **Brad Thompson**, who not only took Best of Show with B. 'Tom's Fantasy', which scored 98 points, but also 9 more Cultural Certificates! His winners besides 'Tom's Fantasy' were Begonias 'Cachuma', *albo-picta*, and *fernando-costae*, each with 97 points; 'Cajon Valley', 'Airy Elf', and another B. *albo-picta*, each with 96; and 'Tom Ment', 'Fabulous Tom', and 'Lubbergei', each with 95.

Cultural Certificates went also to **Eric Seel** for Begonias 'Compte de Lesseps' (97), *undulata* (96), and *venosa* (95); to **Teri Dykzeul**, for B. 'White Richmondensis' (96); and **Joy Blair**, for B. *rajah* (96). Judges were **Katherine Alberti**, **Mary Sakamoto**, and **Jo Pangrazio**. Winners received original artwork by artist/member **Constance Cole**.

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## Coming Events

**April 16-17: Miami Branch Show & Sale**, at Fairchild Tropical Gardens.

**May 19-22: "Begonias: OK!"**

### **American Begonia Society Annual Convention**

at the Embassy Suites, Okkahoma City, Oklahoma, in Will Rogers Country "where you never met a begonia you didn't like!" Dedicated to Dr. Fred A. Barkley. Hosted by Southwest Region.

**1995**

**April 14-17: Fourth Australian Begonia Convention** in Brisbane, Queensland, hosted by Queensland Begonia Society. Seminars, plant sales, visits to local begonia collections. Cost approximately \$150 Australian currency covers all events, dinner. For more information, contact P.J. B. Henderson, 79 Chuter St., Stafford 4053, Brisbane, Australia.

*Deadline for next issue is January 15*

# ROUND ROBIN NOTES

Virginia Hamann, Round Robin Director

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Extremely hot summer weather in many parts of the country made for very difficult growing. Keeping plants from overheating in greenhouses was the main topic of most Robins.

## **#45, Greenhouse Growing:**

Glennis Crouch (TX) moved her older straggly begonias out under trees. What had been sticks became nice plants with lots of basal growth.

Alton Lee (FL) has been rearranging his greenhouse, and repotting. He came upon a tray of leaves long forgotten; the leaves had produced plants. Carl Walker, Jr. (NC) had warm spring weather before the Blizzard of '93 hit. Heaters failed, and many plants were frozen. He was amazed at how many came back after the mushy leaves were removed.

## **#5, Hybridizing and Breeding:**

Ken Mackey (NZ) thought his begonias has tarsonemid mite: the plant stems took on a corky appearance and flower buds blasted. It was explained to him that stress, due to unusual weather of two or three days of heat followed by a cold spell, had caused the problems. Plants produce sap during hot weather, and then cold temperatures, even light frosts, force the plant cells to burst, producing cork-like scar tissue.

Brad Thompson (CA) has a promising peach-colored semi-tuberous; flowers are 3 to 4 times larger than the regular semi-tuberous varieties produce.

Anyone ordering "Nectarine Rose Begonia" and "Fragrant Apricot Begonia" from Jackson & Perkins is getting hybrids created by Howard Siebold (WA).

When Walter Dworkin's (NY) canes don't perform well, he first gives them a booster of 30-10-10 (high nitrogen). If that doesn't work he takes cuttings from the tip and starts over again.

This is a most interesting Robin! There are so many good tips from expert growers it is hard to decide what to choose to write about.

## **#25, Midwest Growers II:**

Fairs and club shows kept Helen Clements (IL) and Esther Griffiths (KS) busy winning ribbons. Esther uses flowers of sulphur (now known as sublimed sulphur) to combat mildew. The powder is placed in a saucer on top of plant light ballasts; the warmth from the bulbs spreads the sulphur around.

Mary McClelland (NE) takes her terrariums to the basement, where it is cooler. She likes Wal-Mart's 16" terrariums, and wishes they would be stocked year 'round. A wet summer proved challenging for growing outdoors, as begonias can't tolerate soggy soil for too long.

## **#6 Odd/Rare/Unusual:**

Cynthia Bishop (CA) says, "Kelp is good stuff." She sprays every 3 weeks with kelp. She also sprays alternative 3 weeks with fish emulsion. This makes for healthier seedlings, and reduces damping off.

John Howell (TX) selected B. 'Blue Wing' as his rare begonia for this round. It is a slow-growing rhizomatous begonias with 3" bluish leaves. In brighter light, the leaves turn maroon. Because of its slow growth and small size it makes a perfect terrarium plant.

Carolyn Collman (CA) uses Amway's LOC mixed with water (1 Tablespoon to 1 gallon) as a spray. It seems to control pests such as spider mites, mealy bugs, and scale. She sprays at three day intervals three times. LOC is safe for humans to use.

#### **#15, Cold Climate Greenhouses:**

With so much moisture and humidity in Nebraska, Mary McClelland's canes and rhizomatous begonias are outgrowing their pots. Terrarium plants are also thriving. Peters Bloom 'N Root is used by Cynthia Bishop (CA) to produce bloom on her rex begonias. At each watering she mixes 1/3 teaspoon epsom salts per gallon of water along with the Bloom N Root.

Elaine Ayers (OH) wonders how to avoid shock in terrarium plants that have been lifted and placed in larger containers. Daniel Haseltine (IL) uses this method: he trims back the plant and adds fresh soil mix to the container.

#### **#32, Kusler & Other Canes:**

Ernest Sooley (Canada) was welcomed to the Robin. Ernest has experimented with hydroponics and growing under fluorescent lights. This is necessary, as his growing season in Canada is so short.

#### **#12, Begonias/Companion Plants:**

Thanks to perfect growing conditions, Chrisilla Rezai (CA) grows most of her plants outdoors under lath. To enjoy begonias indoors, she grows under lights.

#### **#43, Terrariums:**

Priscilla Beck (CT) used *B. prismatocarpa* in a landscape terrarium. The 'garden' was planted in a gallon container. A five gallon aquarium was also landscaped, using small arched canes, *B. 'Small Change'*, and miniature sinningias. Mae Blanton (TX) suggests *B. suffruticosa* for a tree shape, *B. thelmae* for a ground cover, and *B. 'Peridot'* or 'Silver Peridot' and other small rexes in a landscape terrarium.

Colleen Anderson (WI) was welcomed to this flight. She has begun using native mosses in her landscape plantings. Mary McClelland (NE) is going to try a weak solution of Bloomer 12-55-6 as a fertilizer for her terrariums.

#### **#18, Tuberous Begonias:**

Howard Siebold (WA) and Julia Meister (NY) sent pictures of their tuberous begonias and gardens. Julia had just potted up 900 plants!

Ken Mackay (NZ) was given 14 tubers of the best amateur-grown begonias by English hybridizer Colin Welsh. They are being cut up and propagated for distribution to other growers in New Zealand.

John Howell (TX) has put up a water wall in his greenhouse. It keeps the temperature 15 degrees cooler, with higher humidity, which his begonias like.

#### **#33, Hybridizing:**

Dorcas Resleff (WA) fights mildew with Triple Action 20. It combats algae, fungus, and bacteria.

Charles McGough (TX) is using *sempeflorens* 'Vodka' in his crosses; he is trying to produce a plant that will withstand hot, dry conditions. He is also working with interesting leaves.

Bill Voss (VA) gave a slide show and lecture at the Horticulture Center in Washington D.C.

#### **#52, Rhizomatous/Terrarium Growers:**

Mildred Swyka (DE) keeps a 30 gallon plastic drum in her greenhouse for watering. She adds 1 cup of Miracle Gro each time she waters. Her rhizomatous plants show signs of improvement, especially the ones that have given her problems in the past. Many members of this Robin experienced very hot summers, and had problems with terrariums being too hot for their plants, which can cook in the container if kept too warm.

# CLAYTON M. KELLY SEED FUND NOTES

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Thank you! to **Joan Campbell, Beth Castillon and the New York Botanical Gardens, Ruth Ihara, Elizabeth Mateus, Kit Jeans Mounger, Mary Ellen Taback, Russ Richardson, and Rudolf Ziesenhenne** for their generous donations to the Seed Fund.

As the plants you grow with Seed Fund seed mature, please take color photographs, label the backs of the photos with the seed name, and send them to the Seed Fund Director. It would be especially helpful if you would include a ruler in the photo to establish size.

## Cane-like

*B. U031* (Brazil) is described in the Seed Fund notes of May-June 1987 as "a medium-sized cane with smooth green leaves, red under, and large clusters of mildly fragrant flowers. It can grow to four feet." *One form has spotted leaves.* *Thelma O'Reilly* reports that because it was originally discovered growing in a garden it was thought to be a cultivar; but it definitely comes true from seed, and is easy to grow.

## Thick-stemmed

*B. egregia* (Brazil) has large elongated hairy green leaves and produces small white flowers in winter.

From Central America comes trunk-like non-ramified *B. sericoneura*. Synonyms for this variable species are *lindleyana* and *pilifera*. Basifixed cordate green leaves have prominent veins and hairs with a reddish cast. It is an easy grower with spreading growth habit; stems often thrust out at a 90 degree angle to the main stem, and may take on interesting shapes as they reach for light. Spring flowers are white.

Also from Central America is *B. U115*, which has been identified as *B. multinervia*. It has large bare green leaves with red undersides, and white flowers.

## Rhizomatous

Seed sent as *B. bakeri* presents an identification problem as this name has been used for several species, including *pruinata*, *luzonensis*, *cardiocarpa*, and U067. We can tell you that it is rhizomatous.

*B. crispula* (Brazil) has quite lovely distinctive foliage (see photo, p. 168, Begonias: The Complete Reference Guide), medium-sized leaves, white flowers.

*B. cardiocarpa* (Nicaragua) grows with an erect rhizome. It has glossy green leaves and a profusion of white flowers, tinted with pink, held on long stalks. Petioles also tend to be long, giving it growth that is vigorous but ungainly. It needs a lot of space and makes a striking display in bloom, then tends to decline a bit when its bloom season is over; pruning at that point may help it recover more quickly.

*B. conchifolia* (Costa Rica) has thick glossy green peltate leaves, sparse brown downy hairs on the underside of the leaf and on the stem, and fragrant white flowers tinted with pink.

*B. hatacoa* 'Spotted' (Nepal) is of the unusual "rhizome jointed at or below soil with erect stems" grouping. Leaves are spear-shaped and speckled; flowers are white with interesting red veins. This is a good begonia for mounting. Former Seed Fund Director Diana Gould described it as "quietly elegant."

*B. plebeja* (Nicaragua; synonym *tenuipila*) has an erect rhizome and green leaves decorated with brown and a toothed margin. Flowers are greenish-white.

From New Guinea comes seldom-offered *B. sharpeana*, with large dark entire/subentire leaves and profuse rose-red flowers. (See color photo, Plate 18, Begonias: The Complete Reference Guide). Its provenance would suggest that terrarium care may be necessary.



Leaf of *B. plebeja* var. *plebeja*

Photo by Jack Golding

#### Tuberous

Graceful *B. grandis* ssp. *evansiana* (China) has fragrant pink flowers. Seed planted in late winter will produce flowering plants for summer. (See **Begonian** cover, March-April 1990, for photo of *B. grandis* ssp. *evansiana* as a garden plant.) This begonia goes dormant in winter, but returns in spring.

#### Trailing/scandent

*B. loranthoides* ssp. *rhopalocarpa* comes from Cameroon. Green leaves are thick and glossy; intermittent bloom produces a few white flowers tinted with pink. The seeds are larger than most begonia seeds, but germination is slow.

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### **Quote:**

"Gardening requires lots of water - most of it in the form of perspiration."  
Theodosia Burr Shepherd Branch newsletter

# AROUND ABS

## Notes from our Newsletters

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Happy January Birthday to all of us, as Long Beach Parent Chapter celebrates its birthday. ABS was founded in 1932 - quick, how old are we this month?

Each year the Parent Chapter invites *all of us* to a birthday party, with cake, ice cream, and guest speaker Rudy Ziesenhenn. If you're in the Long Beach area and would like to join the party, contact President Vivian Hill, 5133 Ashworth St., Lakewood, California 90712 for time and place. And enjoy yourself!

Members of Palomar Branch received an invitation to join Thelma O'Reilly "as she discovers Victoria. Learn why its famous city of flowers, Ballarat, draws thousands of visitors annually. Visit the world's most unique nursery. Meet well-known Aussie personalities who grow and love begonias. Tour and visit a sheep ranch in the bush where a famous begonia collection thrives. In this part of the world you'll see nature at its best - strange animals, colorful birds, majestic conifers, breath-taking tuberous begonias and much, much more."

Doesn't editor Ed Bates' invitation sound enticing? Thelma's program was entitled "A Captivating Continent". If you missed the Palomar meeting in November, (and most of us across the country did, of course) *you'll still get a chance to go Down Under* with Thelma when she presents her program at the 1994 Convention in Oklahoma City.

Editor Esther Nagelberg noted in the Palm Beaches Branch newsletter that there's been great excitement in the African Violet societies' world over a yellow-flowering African Violet. Esther has always wished for purple shades in begonia flowers, and wonders if there are any hybridizers working on deep purples or even a lilac flower. She's going to be hard to please,

though: not only would she like to see a purple begonia flower, but she'd like to have it on a rhizomatous or cane-like type.

Member branches of Southwest Region played "fruit basket turn over" last fall. Let's see if you can keep them straight: Barbara & Naron "Stew" Stewart of Alamo Branch in San Antonio gave a program for Dallas Area Branch; Dallas Area Branch, meantime, held a meeting in Fort Worth at the Botanic Gardens. Alamo's John Howell did the program for Satellite Branch of Houston. Astro Branch members, also from Houston, moved their meeting to Dallas (about 235 miles) and met at North Haven Gardens - where they met members of Barkley Branch (which is located in Oklahoma City, also over 200 miles away). But the farthest travellers were Joy and John Porter (from Massachusetts!), who joined Astro and Barkley members in Dallas.

This advice from editor Charles Jaros of the *Miabegonia* was written in response to problems with rhizomes rotting during the summer. But the advice is valid for winter problems, too:

"What is probably occurring is that the soil is remaining wet and the rhizomatous are overpotted. Rhizomatous begonias are shallow-rooted plants; they prefer squatty containers. Remember to move up only *one size when transplanting... the soil must be light enough for excess water to drain thoroughly...after mixing your soil, take a handful and make a fist. If the soil retains its ball shape your soil is too heavy...Check the rhizome; make sure it is firm to touch. If it is soft, rot has probably begun to set in. Your begonia is on its way to being a "BE-GONE-IA". Take the plant out of the pot, cut out the affected area, and treat with Root Tone. Watch your plants carefully, keep them clean of old leaves and flower stems. Don't despair, just some minor changes will help you grow better rhizomes."*

Last August the Pinellas County Branch's newsletter, The Shadehouse, featured B. 'Earl-ee-Bee' as Plant of the Month:

'Earl-ee-Bee' is a hybrid of distinction, a cross between the species *heracleifolia* var. *nigricans* x *thiemei* (at the time of the cross, *thiemei* was called *macdougalli* var. *purpurea*). It is classified as *Rhizomatous*, Giant-Leaved.

'Earl-ee-Bee' becomes a huge specimen! The one I brought to the meeting was grown in a Grecian urn container on a pedestal that measured 18" across, and it was root-bound! Having giant leaves means the leaves are over 12" in width at maturity, and my plant has some leaves measuring to 18".

'Earl-ee-Bee' is a gorgeous specimen, with palmate leaves of olive green with a purple sheen and a blush-red reverse. New growth comes out purplish, then matures to olive. Rhizomes are large and creeping. It is a very rapid grower.

I have found that it grows best in bright light with some early morning or late afternoon sun. Keep it evenly moist between short periods of dryness. Excess moisture slows down the growth and too much bright light bleaches the leaves of their color. When small it may be grown in a 6" pot, or it can make a lovely hanging basket. However, as it grows larger it will require a big, shallow pot or extra large basket to accommodate its size. To allow it to reach full maturity step up the pot as it grows.

'Earl-ee-Bee' is a hungry plant, and I feed it constantly with almost every watering. I alternate a well-balanced formula with a high nitrogen fertilizer (such as 30-10-10) to keep up the deep leaf color.

The bloom spikes are white with a green tint, held well above the foliage to three feet high; bloom is from late winter through late spring. In any way, 'Earl-ee-Bee' is a winner and worth every inch of pot size.

## Quote:

'Footprints in the sands of time  
are not made sitting down.'  
Alamo Branch newsletter

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# Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting

September 11, 1993

The Annual Business Meeting of the American Begonia Society was held at the Clarion Hotel in Sacramento, California on September 11, 1993. President Notaras called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Forty people were present.

The Minutes were read by Ingeborg Foo and approved as read.

Eleanor Calkins gave the Treasurer's Report from August 1, 1992 to July 31, 1993, and current account balances: \$4,343.91 in checking, \$44,674.10 in savings, for a total of \$49,018.01.

#### **Correspondence:**

President Notaras read reports from various branches. Wanda Macnair read the report from Buxton Branch President Frank Green about the Barkley Collection; the bad weather this year gave the collection a serious setback, and help would be appreciated.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Convention 1995 - A hotel has been found in Boston. Room price is \$79 per night.

Awards - Chair Thelma O'Reilly wrote that Charles Jaros received the Herbert P. Dyckman Award for Service and the Eva Kenworthy Gray award was presented to Professor J.J.F. E. de Wilde.

Back Issues - Siegfried Hoffman brought up the costs of storing back issues. After discussion Gene Salisbury offered to pay costs of shipping them to Oklahoma.

Membership - Chair John Ingles, Jr. reported 76 Life Members, 138 Institutions, and 1417 dues-paying members as of August 31, 1993.

Publications - Siegfried Hoffman spoke on finances, requesting information on postage costs for the **Begonian** and suggesting quarterly publication. Members and branches donated \$715 for Christmas greetings in the Nov.-Dec. issue; 82% of the branches responded.

Members-at-Large - Chair Thelma McRae reported 42 letters sent.

Public Relations/Special Advertising - Advertising costs were \$2,500 and only 92 members were added.

Round Robins - Virginia Hamann was busy with 40 Robins.

#### **Installation of Officers**

Parliamentarian Margaret Lee installed the officers elected for 1993/1994:

President: Gene Salisbury

1st Vice-President: Mary Bucholtz (in absentia)

2nd Vice-President: Bruce C. Boardman (in absentia)

3rd Vice-President: Millie Thompson (in absentia)

Secretary: Arlene Ingles

Treasurer: Carol Notaras

President Salisbury thanked Carol Notaras for her fine job as President. Carol Notaras thanked everyone for their help during her Presidency. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ingeborg Foo  
for Arlene Ingles,  
Secretary

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## Moving?

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