

"We had 3 flowers on a small grafted bush of *M. nitida* this year. Although the flowers were not very exciting, they do have a definite yellow tendency. The arrangement of pollen and stigmas, etc. seemed very like that in *M. grandiflora* blooms suggesting it might be worth trying some crosses. There is a big difference in flowering time, so I will have to store some *M. nitida* pollen next year to try. (*M. nitida* August flowering, *M. grandiflora* December-March in New Zealand.)

"*M. nitida* grafts easily on *grandiflora* but cuttings lose their leaves very quickly so don't root.

"We have some nice cutting-grown 12-18" plants of 'Iolanthe' this year . . . We should also have some more cuttings rooted in a month or two . . . or scions later (after March).

"I am still keen to get scions of 'Miss Honeybee' and your two *loebneri* ('Ballerina' and 'Spring Snow') if possible.

"I enclose a photograph of *M. X 'Iolanthe'* taken by our local newspaper. The flower with 10 inches diameter. Another photo shows our mild climate; — *M. X loebneri* seedling with behind it a clump of 'Ladies Finger' bananas, phormiums, camellias and a patch of native 'bush' (a forest remnant)."

An Arboretum in Korea

(Excerpts of a letter to Mrs. Melnick, 10 January 1977)

I just returned from a 4 week trip to New Zealand on 1 January and found your kind letter of 22 November waiting for me. It was a real pleasure to meet Professor McDaniel at the Holly Society of America meeting. I had heard much about him from the Gosslers, Mr. Treseder (who visited me in Korea in 1974) and Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Hillier, who were our guests this past fall.

I had intended to join the American Magnolia Society from several years ago but procrastinated until now. Hollies are my first love but I am really interested in all ornamental plants that will be handy in our area. Magnolias are certainly very high on my list as evidenced by my collection to date. I have almost all of the magnolias offered by Gosslers and also have imported many others from Treseders and Hilliers. All of them are doing very well with us and I'm especially pleased that *M. campbellii* is proving hardy and growing fast. We have about 200 acres of land purchased to date for our arboretum so have plenty of space for our magnolias to grow. I could send you a complete list of our magnolias if you think the members would be interested. Also I would be willing to write a short article on magnolias in Korea.

Even at this distance I want to be an active member of the Society and so if there is any way I can be of help to you or any of our other members please don't hesitate to call on me. Also, if any of our members should be coming to Korea I would like to know. If I'm not busy at the time I would like to show them around and, if their time permits, take them to my arboretum which is four hours by car from Seoul. (I spend about 3 days a week at Chollipo (name of my arboretum) and 4 in Seoul. We have 10 full time employees.)