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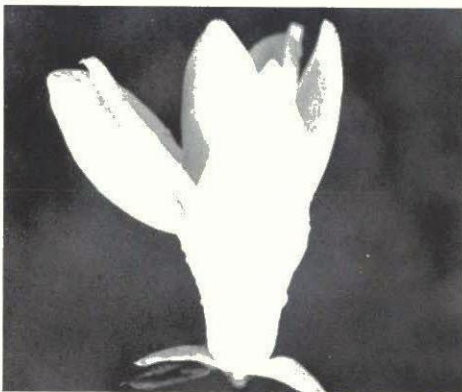
Kenneth Durio showed a long series of color slides, with descriptions, of old and newly selected cultivars and some not yet introduced to the Gresham hybrid Magnolias at Gloster Arboretum in Mississippi.

Charles Tubesing presented a slide show on the University of Vancouver Arboretum at Vancouver, British Columbia, including its 30-acre Asian garden. He showed pictures of Magnolias at the arboretum and in private plantings in the Vancouver and Northwest areas.

Karl Flinck talked about and invited members to study the relationships between *M. kobus*, *stellata*, and *salicifolia*. Harold Hopkins showed a picture of the multipetaled *M. sargentiana robusta* tree at Mt. Congreve in Ireland, described in the account by Sir Peter Smithers in this issue.

Oliver Diller made a presentation on what is presumed to be the northernmost stand of *M. macrophylla*, growing in southern Ohio (see his article on same).

Jim Kelly distributed seeds of *M. ashei* and plants of *M. macrophylla* and Dick Figlar handed out budwood of the *M. acuminata* v. *subcordata* cv. 'Skyland's Best' and seedlings of *M. officinalis* var. *biloba*. Dick also sold some specimens of the cold-hardy *M. grandiflora* cultivar 'Edith Bogue' for the benefit of the Society.



M. 'Slavin's Snowy' flower.

Rochester Side Trip

by Harry Heineman, Jr.

Perhaps one-third of the members headed home Sunday morning, May 1, but the rest of us boarded the bus under cloudy skies. It took us south on Route 390 to 20a, the Genesco Road. We passed through beautiful farm lands, with red and white barns perched on rolling hills. Lots of cows and corn. Then south again on Route 39, through the little town of Cuylerville, and then the village of Castile.

Here the bus pulled off onto a one-lane dirt road, and stopped by a good-sized patch of woods between cleared land. We all disembarked, and explored the woods for perhaps an hour and a half. We found about 10 large *Magnolia acuminata*: 6- to 10-inch diameter trees growing tall and straight to reach the light. It was exciting to find this stand of native cucumber trees. There were many wild flowers growing in these woods, but most were several days away from flowering. Most prominent was the white trillium (*grandiflorum*), but we also saw bloodroot, May apple, adder's tongue (*Erythronium americanum*), Canada May-flower, and *Thalictrum diorphanum*. Some of us dug little seedling *acuminatas* to plant back home in our own woods.

About noon everybody was back on the bus for the short trip to Letchworth State Park. This park includes the deep gorges cut by the Genesee River through the sandstone hills. We stopped at the Lower Falls Restaurant, where we were expected, and had a good lunch before driving on to the lower falls. We saw some more native *M. acuminata* in the park, and took a leisurely walk along the upper rim of the gorge. The falls,

which were fairly impressive because of all the rains, could be seen down below through the trees. No one ventured down the trails to get a closer look. I think everyone was slowing down at that point, towards the end of our eventful weekend. We saw *Dentaria*, waiting for a little sun to open its flowers, but it never saw the sun *that* day. Skunk cabbage was common, and a few shadbush were in flower.

After a few stops at look-outs above the gorge for photographers to do their thing, we returned to Rochester in time for a four o'clock flight which some were taking home. The rains came about an hour later, but most of us had bid fond farewells by then.

It's been confirmed that the 1984 meeting of the American Magnolia Society will be at Eugene, Oregon, on March 30-31 and April 1. Eugene is served by an airport. It's important to make reservations as soon as possible at Valley River Inn, 1000 Valley River Way, P.O. Box 10088, Eugene, Oregon 97401. Telephone 503-687-0123. Rooms are \$50 per day, single or double. The hosts will be Jim, Marjory, Robert and Eric Gossler of Gossler Nurseries.



Magnolia x soulangiana 'San Jose' at Winterthur Gardens, Delaware (photo Richard Pearson).

Mr. Eisenhut's Catalog

Some confusion seems to have been caused by the circulation by Otto Eisenhut, who operates a small nursery for local trade in this canton of Switzerland, offering a very extensive list of Magnolias. The position is that Mr. Eisenhut has access to my garden, and in the interests of obtaining a better distribution of new Magnolias, he has permission to propagate anything he can sell. This has already resulted in new Magnolias being introduced to a number of well known gardens in France and elsewhere in Europe. I should explain that I have no commercial interest or responsibility of any kind in this matter.

My own list of magnolias, which has been sent privately to friends for some years, makes it plain that some of the tree types which have not yet flowered, are from a source which has proved unreliable. I have told Mr. Eisenhut that these should not be offered for sale unless with the clear proviso that they may not prove true to name.

—*Sir Peter Smithers*

McDaniel Letters

Mrs. Mary Nell McDaniel, wife of the late Joseph C. McDaniel, reports that she has been urged to seek to assemble the horticultural correspondence and other writings by her husband with the aim of perhaps publishing them in some form so the material will be available to interested persons.

She would appreciate receiving copies of letters between Prof. McDaniel and individuals who exchanged correspondence with him in his lifetime on horticultural and botanical matters. Write to her as follows: Mrs. Mary Nell McDaniel, 705 South Buscy Avenue, Urbana, Illinois, 61801, U.S.A.