

A plea for Registration...

In the Spring-Summer 1980 issue (Vol. XVI No. I) of *MAGNOLIA*, Dr. John Fogg wrote an article entitled "A Plea for Registration." Ten years later, I believe the plea bears repeating.

I have recently been compiling information on cultivars of *Magnolia*, especially those named since Fogg and McDaniel's *Check List*. Larry Langford has been doing so as well (see elsewhere in this issue). In my search I have found quite a few *Magnolia* cultivar names in the nursery trade which have not been registered; so it's difficult to determine where and when the plant originated. It may seem unnecessary to register a cultivar name, but for the purpose of tracking the origin of the cultivar it is almost essential. The registrar for magnolias is Peter Del Tredici, Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. Write to request a registration form. There is no cost involved.

...And a plea for Journal articles

Most of us TMS members await the next issue of the Journal with the anticipation of a child waiting for Christmas. And when the Journal is as slow as Christmas in arriving we tend to wonder who's holding it up — the editor, printer, or mailer? It wasn't until recently that I found out it's the writer that's holding up the process. Our Journal is published at irregular intervals because the editor is waiting for us to send him something to publish. I am certainly guilty of shirking my writing responsibilities — I love to read the articles others write, but have never put pen to paper myself for several reasons: mostly lack of time and lack of something earth-shattering to say. Lately the Journal has carried a lot of reprinted scientific articles. But I also enjoy reading more casual articles relating a member's experiences growing magnolias. I love to refer to back-issues for information on propagation, hybridization, cultivation, and hardiness provided by various members over the years. And the frequent updates on the progress of Sir Peter Smithers' garden make me feel as though I've been there.

So write to tell everybody what's going on in your garden and what your experiences have been in over-wintering, breeding, pollen collecting, or whatever. We belong to TMS because we all enjoy growing magnolias. The best way to share that enjoyment with fellow members is through the Journal.

—Dorothy Johnson Callaway

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