

soulangiana onto *M. liliiflora*. Flowers resemble those of typical *M. x soulangiana* with a fairly distinct red-purple (RHS 70C) strip running the length of the tepals. The flowers have 9 tepals, about 4 in. long by 2 in. wide; there are no sepaloid petals. Unlike most *soulangiana* cultivars, 'Striped Spice' has a strong spicy fragrance, similar to crushed *Lindera* leaves, which is very pleasant. It blooms a few days to a week later than the typical trade clones of *soulangiana*. This form is hardy to USDA zone 6, possibly 5. It was registered in June, 1994, by Richard B. Figlar, Pomona, New York.

'Syracuse' (*M. acuminata*). Richard B. Figlar, Pomona, New York, selected this cultivar from a wild population in Lysander, New York, 20 miles northwest of Syracuse near Beaver or Mud Lake. This form is typical *M. acuminata* except that the leaf margins have virtually no undulations. Figlar selected the cultivar primarily to provide genuinely hardy genetic material for magnolia breeders. The flowers of 'Syracuse' are smaller than typical. Figlar notes that *M. acuminata* is becoming rare in upstate New York due to the clearing of land for agriculture. He registered this cultivar in June, 1994. An herbarium specimen (Voucher #1459) is located at Clemson University. 🌿

Seed Counter Notes

Ray Tessmer is retiring as Seed Counter Co-Chairman after serving for eight years. Richard Shock, Jr. of Boonville, NC will assume his responsibilities this fall. Non-U.S. seed contributions (both magnolia and non-magnolia) should be sent to Richard at Route 2, Box 316-A, Boonville, NC 27011. Import permits must be obtained from either Richard or Ray prior to shipping. Magnolia seed contributions from the U. S. should also be sent to Richard. Non-magnolia seed contributions from the U. S. should be sent to Robert Barnard, Maple Leaf Nursery, 4236 Greenstone Rd., Placerville, CA 95667.

The 1993 Seed Counter raised \$2060 for the society. Magnolia orders totaled 119, and non-magnolia orders 67, with 1500 packets of seed distributed. Many thanks are due the twenty-nine contributors of seed.

—Ray Tessmer