

New Cultivar Registrations 2008–2009

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The following cultivars were selected and submitted by Mr. Charles H. Williams, Caerhays Estate, Cornwall, England:

‘Delia Williams’ (*Magnolia sargentiana* var. *robusta* × *M. campbellii* var. *mollicomata*)

This tree (originating from seed) was first planted in the gardens of Caerhays Castle in 1964. Today at 46 years of age, the tree is 98 ft. (30 m) in height and 55 ft. (17 m) in width. The tree flowered for the first time in 1971. The flowers are described as exceptionally large in size, opening a clear pink, inside and out, the inside tepals gradually fading to white. The flower habit is more long-lasting in bloom than typical *Magnolia sargentiana* var. *robusta*. When at peak bloom it is described as one the most spectacular trees in the garden’s magnolia collection. The plant has a strong central leader with good vigor and has prospered despite growing in poor rocky soil. This magnolia is believed to be hardy to USDA Zone 8 and is available from commercial sources. The tree was named in honor of Mr. Williams’ mother, Delia Williams. Registered by Mr. C.H. Williams.



Magnolia ‘Delia Williams’

‘F.J. Williams’ (*Magnolia sargentiana* var. *robusta* × *M. campbellii* var. *mollicomata* ‘Lanarth’)

This tree was first planted in the gardens of Caerhays Castle in 1987. It was one of three seedlings selected from this hybrid cross made by former head gardener at Caerhays Estate, Mr. Philip Tregunna. Today at 24 years of age, the tree is 33 ft. (10 m) in height and 20 ft. (6 m) in width. The tree flowered for the first time in 1999 and typically blooms in February or early March. This early



Magnolia ‘F.J. Williams’

flowering aspect, combined with a larger magenta flower, distinguish it from 'Lanarth', one of its hybrid parents. The flower's outer tepals hold their color well over time; the inner tepals fade to a pinkish-white. The plant is believed to be hardy to USDA Zone 8 and is available from commercial sources. The tree was named in honor of Mr. Williams' father, F.J. Williams. Registered by Mr. C.H. Williams.

The following two cultivars were selected and submitted by Mr. Theo Kuijpers, Heythuysen, The Netherlands:

'Eveline' *Magnolia grandiflora*

The tree was grown at Heythuysen from seed provided by the Magnolia Society seed exchange in the early 1980s. The tree is described as broad and conical with an approximate height of 33 ft. (10 m) and a width of 20 ft. (6 m). The tree has dense foliage that is resistant to wind, snow, and severe frost while remaining evergreen in USDA Zone 6. The glossy leaves are 10 to 12 in. (25 to 30 cm) long with undulated margins with the underside having a light indumentum. The tree first flowered in the late 1980s with a profusion of creamy white flowers approximately 10 in. (25 cm) wide. The tree is currently in nursery production. Registered by Mr. Theo Kuijpers.



Magnolia grandiflora 'Eveline'

Magnolia

'Joris' *Magnolia* × *soulangeana*

This tree occurred as a spontaneous seedling at Heythuysen. At an estimated 20 years of age, it stands 10 ft. (3 m) in height and 6 ft. (2 m) in width. The flowers appear about two weeks earlier than typical *Magnolia* × *soulangeana*. The saucer-shaped flowers are 3 to 4 in. (8 to 10 cm) in diameter and are described as exceptionally frost tolerant. The tree is currently in nursery production. Registered by Mr. Theo Kuijpers.



Magnolia × *soulangeana* 'Joris'

Errata: Please note that in *Magnolia: Journal of the Magnolia Society*, Issue 85, page 19, *Magnolia campbellii* 'Veerle' was incorrectly listed as 'Verle'. The tree was selected by Mr. Theo Kuijpers.



Magnolia campbellii 'Veerle'



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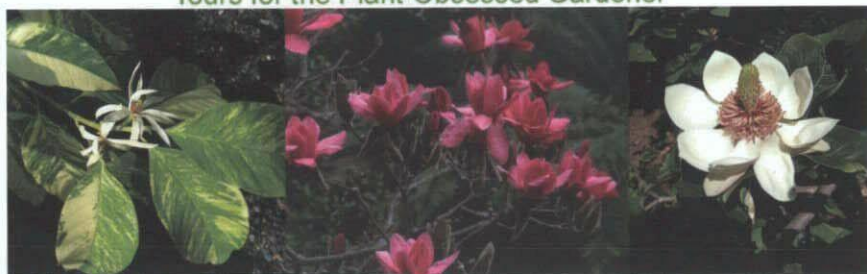
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