



George Landis Arboretum NEWSLETTER

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Rare Plant Sale May 7 - Saturday

Everyone looks forward to our annual rare plant sale when we try to present unusual selections at a reasonable price. We will list here some of them for your consideration.

Acer Griseum The Paperback Maple. This rare tree is handsome at all times of the year. Its interesting exfoliating bark of cinnamon color makes it very distinctive. Our specimen at the Arboretum is always admired.

Acer Ginnala Amur Maple. This handsome tree is very hardy, easy to transplant, and tolerant of a variety of soils. It's a relatively slow growing tree which can be pruned to adapt to the smaller plot. It will grow in full sun or light shade, though its coloring is best in fall if grown in full sun. Surprisingly, it has fragrant flowers as its leaves unfold.

Acer palmatum dissectum v. Crimson Queen Japanese Maple. These small trees have beautiful, finely-cut leaves of deep red color. The whole tree which rarely exceeds 6' has a weeping habit of growth. Although they are marginally hardy in this area, they are so beautiful that they are always quickly chosen by Arboretum members.

Aesculus cainea briotti Ruby Horsechestnut. These hybrid trees have large clusters of red flowers and lustrous dark green leaves. Eventually attaining a height of fifty feet or more, it makes a handsome specimen tree for the larger area.

Amelanchier v Robin Hill Pink Pink Shadblow. This selection has masses of pink flowers appearing very early in Spring. It produces small berries or pomes which makes it a favorite of birds.

Azalea Exbury Hybrid We will have more of these azaleas this year, in yellow or pink. In past years, many arboretum members have been disappointed because the few azaleas we had were already sold. Therefore we have double our order this year. These beautiful hardy plants need little description other than again reminding all of their large clusters of fragrant flowers.

Bignonia v. Crimson Trumpet Crimson Trumpet creeper. This is a strong self-clinging vine which bears large trusses of deep red flowers. Although perfectly hardy, it is rarely seen in our area.

Clematis v. Betty Corning We suggest you reserve your order again this year although we hope to have enough to sell to everyone. This charming blue bell-shaped clematis grows rapidly once planted, usually having one or two blooms the first year. In following years, many blooms will appear over a long period.

Chamaecyperis obtusa We will have both Crippsi and Nana Gracilis available. Crippsi has glorious golden foliage and can grow as a dense pyramid to perhaps ten feet. It is an excellent small tree for a sheltered garden. Nana Gracilis is a true dwarf with dark green foliage that will grow to 2-3 feet in ten years.

Clethra alnifolia v. Rosea Summersweet Clethra. This cultivar has pink buds and flowers which open to pinkish white and look lovely against glossy dark green foliage. The flowers also have a delightful spicy fragrance.

Cornus Kousa Kousa dogwood. This dogwood blooms in June making a wonderful display, and later the red fruit appear to give this tree a long season of beauty.

Corylus avellana contorta Corkscrew Hazelnut. This Harry Lauder's "Walking Stick" is always a favorite of the flower arranger but has great merit in its interesting growing habit which is most easily noted in winter when it reveals its unusual branches.

Crataegus oxycantra Superba Crimson cloud Hawthorn. Each large red flower has a star-shaped white area in the center. Later it has glossy red fruit firm enough to persist well into winter. It is resistant to the leaf spot disease which defoliates English Hawthorn.

Crataegus phaenopyrum Tree form Washington Hawthorn. These are small 12-15' trees with white flowers that are followed in fall by lovely long-lasting scarlet fruit. It makes an excellent single specimen tree.

Fothergilla gardenii Dwarf Fothergilla. This is a smallish shrub from 2-3' in height with an equal or greater width. Its flowers which are shaped like bottle brushes and carry the fragrance of honey, appear early. A good foundation planting that has pleasing summer foliage and good fall coloring.

Halesia Silverbell. Our specimen at the Arboretum always attracts such interest that we suspect you will share our enthusiasm. These trees or shrubs have bell shaped white flowers in clusters in spring lasting about a week. Even more interesting, perhaps, are the handsome four-winged fruit which turns from green to straw color in September and remains on the tree until late fall. (When tall, Halesia makes a wonderful canopy for rhododendrons)

Schedule of Events for 1988

George Landis Arboretum

Please note the day and time for each event. Our times vary for the convenience of our speakers. If weather seems threatening, call the Arboretum at 875-6935 for possible last minute changes. All programs are free of charge and the public is welcome. A brochure with more details will be mailed to you later.

Arbor Days: April 29 Friday - 2 p.m.
Planting of Umbrella Pine

Rare Plant Sale: May 7 Saturday - 11 a.m. Members; 12:15 p.m. Public

Fern and Wild Flower Walks: May 22 Sunday - 10 a.m.
Holly Emmons of SUNY, Cobleskill will lead the walk

Bird Walks: June 4 Saturday - 7 a.m.
John Bousman will lead the walk

June 18: To be announced

Family Days: June 26 Sunday - 1-4 p.m.
Special programs for all, especially children

Field Flowers under a Magnifying Glass: July 10 Sunday - 2 p.m.
Anita Sanchez will give the program

Beekeeping: July 24 Sunday - 2 p.m.
Chuck Weed, Tom Swan, and Ed Baker will show us the bees

Owls and Stars: August 5 Friday - 8:30 p.m.
George Steele and Anita Sanchez will lead this walk

Founder's Day: August 21 Sunday - 2 p.m.
Honoring Fred Lape on his birthday. John Abbuhl will lead us on a walk to identify rare trees.

A Botanical Tour of the U.S.S.R.: September 10 Saturday - 2 p.m.
Betty Corning will show slides from the USSR

Gardens of Britains: September 25 Sunday - 2 p.m.
Paul Blair will show slides of gardens in the British Isles

Trough Makings: October 1 Saturday - 10 a.m.
Kathy Lippitt and Pam Rowling will assist in a "hands on" program. Pre-register at 399-4544 (Lippitt). \$5 Fee

Fall Foliage Walk: October 16 Sunday - 2 p.m.
Peter Kaskeski of SUNY, Cobleskill will lead the walk

ENJOY YOUR ARBORETUM AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS, NOT ONLY TO OUR PROGRAMS, BUT TO WANDER AROUND ON THESE MAGNIFICENT ACRES.

Sciadopitys verticillata Japanese Umbrella Pine We are fortunate in being able to obtain for our own sale some young potted trees to sell at a reasonable price (if you have found these trees in catalogs, you know how costly they usually are). These are relatively slow growing trees with the needles growing around the stem in umbrella-spoke style. The color and shape as well as its density make this a much admired specimen.

We will offer other choice trees, among them: **Metasequoia** (Dawn Redwood), **Nyssa sylvatica** (Sourgum, Pepperidge), **Sophora Japonica Regent** (Scholar tree), **Sorbus alnifolia** (Korean Mountain Ash), **Fagus sylvatica rivers** (Rivers Purple Beech), and **Franklinia alatahama** (Franklinia). All of these are exceptional trees with outstanding shape or color.

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Trip Cancelled

We weren't able to elicit enough interest in the proposed tour of Scotland to make it feasible. Those who had hoped to go will be pleased to learn that we'll plan another trip in the future, when we find others interested in joining us. Let us hear from our readers as to preferred place, length of tour, and time of year.

Contests

We've had such interesting entries for the favorite tree contest that we extended the deadline. It has been fun and we will be printing some winning essays in a future newsletter. We were especially pleased to read so many essays from school children. Part of our goal as an Arboretum is to introduce the love of trees and all growing things to the young. Prizes will be awarded on Arbor Day, April 29th.

Send in your favorite picture for our annual contest. As always, the snapshot must have been taken at the Arboretum but may be of any time of year and of any subject relating to horticulture. Entries should be sent by September 1, 1988 to Mrs. Erastus Corning II, P.O. Box 431, Albany, N.Y. 12201. They become the property of the Arboretum. You may submit more than one photo of any size, mounted or not, as you wish. Second and Third prizes will be either a collection of bulbs, a book or a plant.

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Our Arboretum was represented on March 18-20th at the Flower Show at the New Scotland Armory. Friends volunteered to work and hopefully through such activities we will gain wider exposure for the arboretum.

Don't forget to buy your raffle ticket for the handmade quilt. The winning ticket will be drawn on Founder's Day.

Notes from Pam:

The snowdrops are finally up and blooming through the snow heralding the dawning of another gardening season. One of the irresistible lures of spring is the sowing of seed new beginnings. We have received seed of any unusual herbaceous perennials, shrubs, and trees from the following gardens: In England, The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; Royal Horticulture Society, Wisley; in France, Jardin Botanique de Caen, Caen; Conservatoire et Jardins Botaniques de Nancy, and in Japan, The National Institute of Hygienic Sciences, Tsukuba. Plants resulting from successful germination of these seeds will be incorporated into the plantings at the Arboretum and excesses offered in this and next years plant sale. Look for them.

We are aggressively pursuing funding for a greenhouse and propagation facility. Two of the major functions of an arboretum are to discover and disseminate information, and to introduce new plant material to the public. Of utmost importance in the realization of these goals is a facility where plant materials can be propagated with a reasonable degree of success. A greenhouse/lath combination is not only needed for our own botanical acquisitions, but would enable our educational programs to expand to include more "hands on" type classes in the art of propagation. Information on the propagation of rare materials would be learned and disseminated through our quarterly newsletter.

Deer damage has been minimal in the Arboretum this year although their numbers were relatively unchanged from previous years. The absence of deep long lasting snows helped them locate preferred grasses and herbs and stay clear of our ornamentals.

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This year the season's first event will be on Arbor Day, Friday April 29th. As part of the celebration we will be planting a specimen of a Japanese Umbrella Pine (*Sciadopitys verticillata*). This tree will be the first of many "replacement trees" we hope to get in the ground this year to take the place of specimens which succumbed for reasons other than lack of hardiness. The Arbor Day celebrations will be an excellent opportunity to take an early spring stroll through the arboretum. Spring is shaping up to be a soggy one so remember to bring appropriate footwear.

Our first plant labels have been made and are ready to be placed on the trees. We have only 150 now, but are working on a list of 800 more. As funding comes through, we will continue this monumental task. We are sure all visitors to any arboretum judge the pleasure, if not the value, of it by how well labeled are its specimens. Our new labels will be made of long lasting plastic and will be easy to read.

EDITOR'S NOTE: SPRING MAY ACTUALLY BE COMING



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