

stellata is really merely a variety of *kobus*, then the name *M. X kewensis* is a latter synonym for *M. X proctoriana*, so the "kewensis" clones would all be reassigned to *proctoriana*.

The cultivar 'Wada's Memory', supposedly grown from seed of *kobus*, was introduced as a *kobus* cultivar. However, its foliage, in shape and odor, bears strong signs of *salicifolia*, so it is being reclassified as a clone of *M. X kewensis*. (It may eventually wind up in *M. X proctoriana*.)

Name changes are in order for some cultivars for which parentage is confused, from a lack of knowledge of just what was the pollen parent. What has passed in America and Europe as *M. cylindrica* has not been fully identified as even 1/2 *M. cylindrica* Wilson. Neither is it a cultivar of *M. X soulangiana*, although some clone of *soulangiana* may have been one of its possible parents. Call it *M. X "cylindrica"*, with full quotation marks for the present.

Several cultivars have been listed recently under *M. denudata* which appear to be the result of crossing between *denudata* and other, unknown, parents. 'Picture' probably is correctly assigned now to *M. X soulangiana*. For two others, designations now are *M. X 'Purple Eye'* and *M. X 'Lacey'*.

One cultivar introduced as *M. X veitchii* 'Rubra' probably is descended from *M. X veitchii* on only one side, and perhaps has a clone of *M. X soulangiana* as its other parent. With 3-species ancestry, it should not be regarded as either *veitchii* or *soulangiana*. Place it provisionally as *M. X 'Veitchii Rubra'*.

English and American breeders have crossed typical *M. campbellii* with its hardier, more precocious subspecies *mollicomata*. The resulting intersubspecific hybrids are *M. campbellii*, though it still would be handy to have some grex designation with which to separate them from their two parent subspecies. ***

The Last Issue of 1973

This October marks the completion of your Society's first year as publishers of a quarterly Newsletter. It has been late, and plentifully sprinkled with errors, but I am sure both of these conditions will improve.

We need manuscripts. We need sharp glossy prints of all members of the magnoliaceae. We need reprint permission on good articles that appear in other publications. We need the active participation of all the membership in writing or finding the above, and in enrolling others. Magnolias are worthy of a little work.

If you have not sent your 1974 dues to the Secretary, please do so at once. This issue marks the cut-off of 1973, and the forthcoming January issue can only be mailed to those whose five dollar dues for the year 1974 are paid. — P.J.S.

Every year a society like ours unavoidably loses a number of members. Some move into apartments; some lose or change interests, and some, alas, die.

Unless such losses can be more than replaced each year, with a sizeable gain of interested, participating, magnolia lovers, our future is indeed bleak.

I don't have the feeling this is going to happen. Quite the opposite, I feel there are literally thousands of people who wish they knew of a magnolia organization so they could join it! Consider, for example, how satisfied and prosperous we would be, and what a fine Newsletter we could publish, if we had a thousand active members. Consider also that this would represent an enrollment of roughly one man or woman out of every quarter million people in the United States and Canada! Actually, in proportion to population, we have the same percentage of Englishmen on our roster as our percentage of the people in the United States and Canada.

Obviously we can't advertise on television or in daily newspapers in order to enroll one person in a city the size of Mobile, Alabama, so perhaps our Secretary's suggestion of Round Robins will do the job.

Get the campaign plan from Secretary Virginia and let's all give the wheel a push.

- P. J. S.

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