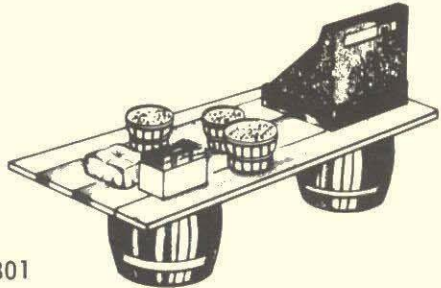


the Seed Counter

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Let me remind you again that Magnolia Society members in good standing can buy the "Check List of the Cultivated Magnolias" from the Plant Sciences Data Center, American Horticultural Society, Mount Vernon, Va. 22121 for only four dollars.

We expect to offer some interesting Magnolia seeds when the list goes out this fall. We should have ample supplies of M's. *macrophylla*, *hypoleuca*, *fraseri*, *grandiflora* and *acuminata* this year, and have been promised some carefully crossed hybrids, such as *M. acuminata* X *M. sprengeri* var. 'Diva'. Some of the more common cultivars, such as *M. X soulangiana* c.v. 'Alexandrina' have beautiful "children", are dirt cheap and bloom in only four to six years from seed. If you lack confidence as a seed grower, or "hate to wait" for the slow maturing exotics like *M. campbelli*, try a few easy ones to get your hand in. Next spring, drive a few pegs where you would like a Magnolia, plant three or four seeds around the stake about one half inch deep, and you may be quite amazed at how many come up in about a month. The peg or stake not only keeps you and your kids from walking on tiny plants, but makes an easy anchor-post for a circle of "hardware cloth" to keep rabbits and other cute varmints from acts of outrage. It costs very little, it's fun, and no one else in the world will have a magnolia exactly like yours. ***

- HELP WANTED -

I have always been impatient with people who "can't find the time" for things that need to be done. In the past few years I have found myself increasingly in that predicament. Working for a living ten hours a day, six days a week leaves little time for hobbies, and I impose terribly on the good nature of Ginnie Melnick, Joe McDaniel, and fact the entire membership by falling behind in clerical work for the Society.

We need someone to serve without pay, as we do to keep our mailing list up to the minute, to post dues and to help Ginnie Melnick send out dues and other notices to the membership. Ginnie needs more time for correspondence and for editing her Robin column, and I need more time for the Newsletter.

If you will help, write or phone our President, Joe McDaniel (see masthead on inside cover) and volunteer.

- Philip Savage, Jr., Editor