

Rochester May Be 1983 Meeting Site

The American Magnolia Society tentatively plans to hold its 1983 annual meeting at Rochester, New York, from April 29 (Friday) to May 1 (Sunday), according to President Philip J. Savage, who will announce firm plans to members later this year when details and commitments are worked out.

The spring meeting will include a Friday evening business session at Rochester, Saturday tours to view the magnolia plantings in Rochester's Highland Park and Durand-Eastman Arboretum, and will possibly wind up on Sunday with a visit to the new F.R. Newman Arboretum at Ithaca, 70

miles away, to be reached by private cars and vans or bus.

At the Rochester sites are some of the largest and oldest collections of magnolias in the eastern part of the country. The F.R. Newman Arboretum at Ithaca was dedicated just this year. It is a part of Cornell University's Cornell Plantations and will be one of the largest such institutions in the country. Phil has pledged the Society's support to the new arboretum in its plans for assembling a magnolia collection. Ithaca is located in New York State's Finger Lake region, said to be one of the loveliest scenic areas of the country.

sent rare or unusual seeds of trees and shrubs other than magnolia. The Society continues to welcome such seed, Dennis said.

There is always a demand for seed from cultivars such as *M.* 'Paul Cook,' *M.* 'Miss Honeybee,' *M.* 'Woodsmen,' and other new hybrids, he reports. Demand is also good for the *loebneri* hybrids such as *M.* 'Ballerina' and *M.* 'Spring Snow.' Seed of species in great

demand include *M. hypoleuca*, *M. fraseri*, *M. sprengeri* 'Diva,' and *M. dawsoniana*. Seed from the Gresham hybrids also have sold very well.

Its Seed Counter is one of this Society's most important services in the worldwide promotion of more extensive culture of magnolias, and has enabled many members in the U.S. and overseas to obtain magnolias difficult to find otherwise, at modest cost. It is also a substantial source of revenue, supported entirely by contributions, that helps run the society.

As did the preceding proprietor, Dennis will make every effort to assure that seed are quickly and properly handled, stored, and dispatched so as to keep germination percentages high. Include information with your seed contribution as to type and name of contributor, whether pollination was controlled or uncontrolled (open), and other facts you consider important. Send your contributions to Dennis Ledvina, AMS Seed Counter, 2583 Hazelwood Lane, Green Bay, WI. 54304.

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