

soon share magnolia plants, seed, cuttings and valuable information with each other.

All Society members are invited to join a Round Robin. This is one of the best parts of belonging to the Magnolia Society.

If anyone in the Society would like to enjoy the fun and camaraderie of a Magnolia Robin please write to Belle at Route 7, Box 43, Opelousas, Louisiana, 70570. Much cultural and varietal information can be learned from fellow Robin members. Robin letters contain slides, pictures and descriptions of many new magnolia cultivars. New methods of propagating magnolias and tips on hybridizing are often discussed.

Ginnie and Bill

This 1976 photo (right) is my only of Ginnie and Bill Melnick, and in the shooting of it hangs a tale. That summer, after visiting relatives in Mississippi, my family and I were heading back to Maryland through Tennessee. I had told Ginnie I would like to meet her on our way home. When we got to Jackson, Tennessee, I telephoned her, but got no answer, so we continued east on Interstate 40. Thirty or so miles up the road the water pump blew, and we stopped at a motel while the mechanics patched us



up. I called Ginnie again, got her, and expressed regret at not getting to meet her. She asked where we were, and in about an hour she and Bill arrived. Here's how they looked nine years ago at the motel parking lot. I can't remember if this was a hello or a goodbye shot. I do remember that Ginnie and Bill were the most cheering part of our passage through Tennessee in the year of the Great Water Pump Disaster. — Harold Hopkins.

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