

Boston 1993

The Magnolia Society held its 1993 convention in Boston, Massachusetts with the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University serving as host. Peter Del Tredici, of the Arnold, organized a most memorable meeting. Of the outstanding



speakers arranged, Dick Figlar and Chuck Tubesing are represented in the following pages with articles based on their presentations. The Magnolia Society also has available reprints of the *Brittonia* article of J. Antonio Vazquez-G, *Magnolia* (Magnoliaceae) in Mexico and Central America: a synopsis. John Tobe showed slides and addressed the group on the types, lectotypes, etc., of the North American magnolias. These will appear in a future issue. Also to come is a photographic visit to the garden of Harry Heineman in Scituate. Many of Harry's magnolias were not yet in bloom at the time of our visit, so Harry kindly showed us what we missed at the 1994 meeting in Eugene, Oregon. Visits to the Hunnewell estate—the solitary *M. stellata* on the bank overlooking Wellesley was only one of the treasures, the Mount Auburn Cemetery and its many magnolias (to say nothing of the grave of Amy Lowell where Peter regaled us with prose "magenta, exploding like a bomb into the light colored peace of a Spring afternoon"), and the Arnold, where the many treasures included the original *Magnolia x loebneri* 'Merrill' shown above. A truly wonderful weekend in one of America's great cities. Certainly, nowhere else is there a sight like that of Commonwealth Avenue on a sunny spring day. Thanks Peter. ✽