

If you should find yourself in Italy or more particularly Florence, be sure to visit the Botanic Gardens which are open most mornings. The garden was once tended by Pietro Antonio Micheli who of course gave his name to the genus *Michelia* (now reclassified as *Magnolia*) and the street where the garden entrance is found is called Piazza Micheli. Of course, when you realize who the plant was named after it raises pronunciation questions. Some say MIKE-elia, others say MEESH-elia and others opt for MEEK-elia. Me? I'm not gonna join in .....!!

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## Errata

In issue 76, the the cover illustration was mislabeled. It is not *Magnolia macrophylla*; it's *Magnolia obovata*. Actually, I showed only half of the image. The entire image contains both *M. obovata* × *M. tripetala* (Pruhonice) and *M. obovata*—the complete photo, published below, makes it is easy to compare the two plants. The plant on the left, with the smaller flower, is the hybrid, *M. obovata* × *M. tripetala*; the plant on the right is *M. obovata*.

—Ed.



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