

In Memoriam—Judy Zuk (1951–2007), Magnolia Advocate


Judy Zuk, lover of magnolias and president emeritus of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden (BBG), died on September 1, 2007, after a long illness. Judy was extremely fond of the genus *Magnolia*. While director of the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College she contributed to the development of their North American Plant Collections Consortium (NAPCC) national magnolia collection. My own introduction to magnolias occurred in the spring of 1986 when I was the curatorial intern at Scott. Judy took time from her administrative duties to take me on a tour through their impressive collections. Her enthusiasm was contagious; I was hooked! Through the legacy she left at the Scott Arboretum and her renowned accomplishments during her 15-year tenure leading BBG, Judy remained an unwavering advocate for plant collections. On her retirement in 2005, BBG honored Judy through the naming of the Judith D. Zuk Magnolia Plaza. She was also honored by a magnolia

cultivar developed by BBG, *Magnolia* 'Judy Zuk.' (see page 20) Needless to say to all who knew Judy, her encouragement, kindness, and optimism resulted in an admiring group of friends and colleagues from all parts of the horticultural world.

—Timothy M. Boland,
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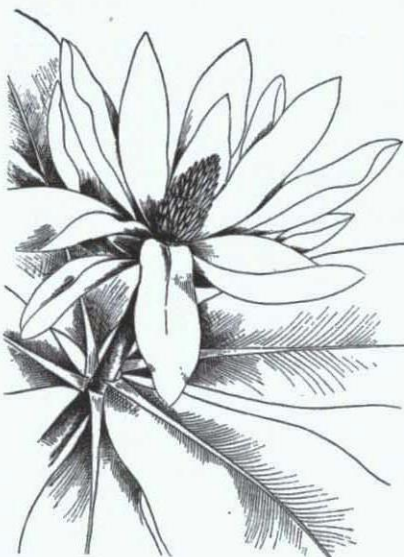
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