

A SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The Fall Plant Distribution and Sale, 1980–2005

In 1980 the flyer for the Fall Plant Distribution and Sale—the Arboretum's first—noted that many of the species being offered were rarely seen even in the botanical gardens of North America. Members were encouraged to take their time and browse carefully, "so that you don't overlook those rare gems seldom found in private gardens." That advice is just as apt today, as many of these unusual plants remain hard to find.

In honor of the sale's silver anniversary, *Arnoldia* asked notable plant people to contribute comments on their favorites from the list of plants at this year's sale. Photographs of many of the plants to be offered are displayed on the inside front covers as well as on this page.



Clockwise from the top: Magnolia stellata 'Centennial', a selection that commemorates the Arboretum's 1982 centennial; Kolkwitzia amabilis 'Pink Cloud', a bearybush cultivar known for abundant, clear pink flowers; Vitex rotundifolia, a low, spreading, salt-tolerant shrub with silver-blue foliage; Abies nordmanniana, a handsome fir that will develop a broad crown; Kalmia latifolia 'Raspberry Glow', a mountain laurel that produces deep burgundy buds and raspberry-pink flowers.