Lilac Registration 1993

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Syringa vulgaris L. ‘Bridal Memories’. Registered by Max Peterson, R.R. #1, Box 273, Ogallala, NE 69153, USA. Seedling of hybrid origin (‘Rochester’ × ‘Vestale’). Shrub of globose habit with dense foliage; plants sucker freely, but close to the trunk. Florets single, creamy white, cup-shaped, 3/4 inch (20 mm) in diameter. Blooming heavily in alternate years, lightly in off years. Raised by Max Peterson; introduced by Briggs Nurseries, 4407 Henderson Blvd., Olympia, WA 98501, USA.

Syringa vulgaris L. ‘Father John’. Registered by Chris Graham, Royal Botanical Gardens, Box 399, Hamilton, Ont. L8N 3H8, Canada. Seedling of hybrid origin (‘Rochester’ × ‘Primrose’). Large vigorous shrub. Leaves broadly ovate-triangular; base shallowly cordate to truncate. Inflorescences consisting of relatively narrow individual thyrses, these mostly 11-18 cm long, 5-7 mm wide; but the thyrses are usually produced in pairs at one to three nodes below the terminal pair, each inflorescence thus comprising two to eight thyrses and frequently being 25-40 cm in total length. Pedicels, branches of inflorescence, and calyx densely glandular-pubescent. Corolla pale yellow (2D-9D, Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 1986 ed.) in early bud, white in late bud and when fully expanded, single, the limb usually four-lobed, occasionally five-lobed, rarely six-lobed, 18-21 mm across when fully expanded (measured intact on living plant, not pressed or otherwise artificially spread out). Tube stout, 12-14 mm long. Lobes broadly elliptic-obovate, ascending at ≈ 60° throughout the life of the flower, never widely spreading or recurved and not at all helically twisted, mostly 9.5-11 mm long, 7-10 mm wide (measured intact, not artificially spread out), strongly concave throughout their length (deeply spoon-shaped), and hooded at the apex (but apices rounded and not otherwise hooded or inflexed). Capsule ovoid-ellipsoid, 13-18 mm, abruptly acuminate. Raised by Joan L. Brown at the Royal Botanical Gardens, where it flowered first in 1981 and was selected for further observation in 1981 and 1982; it drew the attention of the delegates to the 1986 International Lilac Society’s annual meeting, and was referred to by Fr. John F. Fiala in his book Lilacs (1988, p. 200, Pl. 77 and picture on rear page of dustcover). Named for Fr. John L. Fiala (1924-90), lilac breeder and writer.

Addenda and Corrigenda


Syringa vulgaris L. ‘Frederick Law Olmsted’ [misspelled Olmstead in HortScience [24(3):435]].

Syringa vulgaris L. ‘Wonderblue’ (syn. ‘Little Boy Blue’). Since registering the name ‘Wonderblue’ in 1988 and publishing it in HortScience [24(3):435], this lilac has been offered in the nursery trade also under the name ‘Little Boy Blue’.

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