Lilac Cultivar Name Registration 2007

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All correspondence concerned with additional information or plants or propagules of newly registered lilac cultivars should be directed to the registrants listed below, not to the Registrar. Commencing with Lilac Registrations 1995 standard portfolios are established in accordance with Division V: Nomenclatural Standards, of the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants, 7th ed. (ICNCP-2004).

***Syringa hyacinthiflora* Rehder ‘Declaration’** was registered 9 May 2007, by Margaret R. Pooler, U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002-1958. The original plant (NA 62975, PI 641804) originated in 1978 and was selected in 1984 by the late Donald Egolf at the U.S. National Arboretum; it resulted from a controlled hybridization between *S. hyacinthiflora* ‘Sweet Charity’ and *S. hyacinthiflora* ‘Pocahontas’ (Pooler, 2008). Plants were first distributed for evaluation in 1992. The name was selected by Margaret Pooler and Jim Adams as part of the “U.S. flag” series of lilacs from the National Arboretum. *Syringa* ‘Declaration’ was selected for its large, abundant, reddish-purple fragrant inflorescences, and its open, broad vase-shaped growth habit. New foliage unfolds with a red purple midrib, turning dark green, and changing to deep burgundy in autumn. ‘Declaration’ performs best in the traditional, cooler lilac-growing regions of USDA Zones 4-6. Thyrses are up to 30 cm long and 14 cm across; florets are single, to 1.7 cm in diameter, and purple (RHS 77A). Herbarium voucher specimens have been deposited at the U.S. National Arboretum Herbarium (NA).

***Syringa hyacinthiflora* Rehder ‘Old Glory’** was registered 9 May 2007, by Margaret R. Pooler, U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002-1958. The original plant (NA 62974, PI 641803) originated in 1978 and was selected in 1984 by the late Donald Egolf at the U.S. National Arboretum; it resulted from a controlled hybridization between *S. hyacinthiflora* ‘Sweet Charity’ and *S. hyacinthiflora* ‘Pocahontas’ (Pooler, 2008). Plants were first distributed for evaluation in 1992. The name was selected by Margaret Pooler as part of the “U.S. flag” series of lilacs from the National Arboretum. *Syringa* ‘Old Glory’ was selected for its abundant fragrant bluish-purple flowers, rounded growth habit, and disease-tolerant foliage. New foliage unfolds burgundy to brown on the upper surface, turning to green, and changing to yellow green in autumn. ‘Old Glory’ is recommended for USDA Zones 5-7; it has shown good field tolerance to leaf spot and bacterial blight. Thyrses are up to 20 cm long and 9 cm across; florets are single, to 2.5 cm in diameter, and purple (RHS 77A outer edges, RHS 83B inner floret). Herbarium voucher specimens have been deposited at the U.S. National Arboretum Herbarium (NA).

Literature Cited

Pooler, M.R. 2008. ‘Betsy Ross’, ‘Old Glory’, and ‘Declaration’ lilacs. *HortScience* 43(2):544–545.

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