

## Magnolias, Japanese Maples and Rare Trees – April 6, 2011

At our April monthly meeting, **Richard Aubert** provided a very entertaining presentation on *Magnolias, Japanese Maples and Rare Trees for Eastern Ontario*.

Richard has been involved in horticulture since completing studies 35 years ago. For the last 20 years he has been a wholesale distributor for several west coast nurseries and growers, supplying trees, shrubs and perennials to nurseries and growers from Ontario to Newfoundland. He is involved with growers to introduce new and hardier varieties of trees and plants to the market, and has been collecting and trialing Japanese maples and other shrubs, proving them hardy in our zone 5.

His last endeavour was the Magnolia Project (a community fundraiser tree sale) in Westboro and Old Ottawa South. In the last couple of years they have planted over 250 hardy Magnolias and raised over \$8000 for the community centres. His current project involves a rare tree for the Ottawa area, the hardy offspring of a Redbud - *Cercis canadensis* found growing in Westboro.

Richard's talks are based on 30 years of experimenting with new plant material in Ottawa's climate, networking with other plant growers, and monitoring nursery sales in our area. His garden is in transition with alpines being replaced with unusual, weeping, and miniature conifers, heathers, magnolias and Japanese maples.

On the following page, there is a list of the species of Japanese Maples, Magnolias and other trees and shrubs that Richard spoke about. Try 'Googling' these species to see great pictures of the plants in all seasons.



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### ACER

*Acer palmatum* 'Bloodgood'  
*Acer palmatum* 'Trompenburg'  
*Acer palmatum* 'Moonfire'  
*Acer palmatum* 'Nuresagi'  
*Acer palmatum* 'Emperor'  
*Acer palmatum* 'Osakazuki'  
*Acer palmatum* 'Red Pygmy'  
*Acer palmatum* 'Villa Taranto'  
*Acer palmatum* 'Butterflies'  
*Acer circinatum*  
*Acer palmatum* 'Oshio Beni'  
*Acer shirasawanum* 'Full Moon'  
*Acer japonicum* 'Aconitifolium'  
*Acer palmatum* var. *dissectum* "Seiryu"  
*Acer palmatum* var. *dissectum* "Garnet"  
*Acer palmatum* var. *dissectum* 'Waterfall'  
*Acer palmatum* var. *dissectum* 'Crimson Queen'

### MAGNOLIA

*Magnolia* 'Daybreak'  
*Magnolia* 'Sunsation'  
*Magnolia* 'Sieboldi'  
*Magnolia* 'Leonard Messell'  
*Magnolia* 'Rosemarie'  
*Magnolia* 'Elizabeth'  
*Magnolia* 'Donna'  
*Magnolia* 'Ann'  
*Magnolia* 'Hattie Carthan'  
*Magnolia* 'Randy'  
*Magnolia* 'Yellowbird'  
*Magnolia* 'Betty'

### OTHERS

*Cecris canadensis* (Redbud)  
*Fagus* 'Purple fountain'  
*Fagus* 'Tricolor'  
*Fagus spathiana* 'Black Dragon'  
*Choinanthus virginicus* (Fringe Tree)  
*Pterastyrax hispida*  
*Phyllostachus aureasulcata* 'Zig Zag Bamboo'  
*Larix pendula*

### WEB SOURCES

[www.ubcbotanicalgarden.org/forums](http://www.ubcbotanicalgarden.org/forums)

[www.magnoliastore.com](http://www.magnoliastore.com)

[www.magnoliasociety.org](http://www.magnoliasociety.org)