

Third Great UBC Magnolia Sale

Once again The Friends of the Garden at The UBC Botanical Garden and Centre for Plant Research are offering magnolia trees for sale. Examples of all these trees grow in the UBC Botanical Garden.

We have three superb *Magnolia sprengeri* cultivars:

***Magnolia sprengeri* 'Diva'** is a favourite in the Asian Garden. The seed of this marvelous magnolia was collected in 1901 by Ernest 'Chinese' Wilson in western Hubei Province in China. A single seedling, grown at Caerhays Castle in Cornwall, England, was a rich pink. It was named 'Diva' for its astonishing beauty. It has elegant cup-shaped flowers that are rose-carmine outside and light pink inside. Price: \$49.00

***Magnolia sprengeri* 'Eric Savill'** (photograph below) is a small to medium-sized tree with dark cerise-pink flowers with 12 tepals that are a rich pink fading to pink inside. This *Magnolia sprengeri* 'Diva' seedling was named after the creator of the Savill Garden at Windsor Great Park. Price: \$49.00



Magnolia sprengeri 'Claret Cup', another 'Diva' seedling, is a small tree. It has 8" (20cm.) scented saucer-shaped rosy purple flowers with 12 or 14 tepals. The inner surfaces are paler and fade to white as the flower opens. It was first grown at Bodnant, in Wales, one of the great gardens of the world. Price: \$49.00

M.sprengeri 'Diva' is hardy to USDA zone 7, possibly 6 if favourably located. When mature it typically reaches 10m to 15m and has a spread of 7m to 10m.

Also on offer is another large flowered magnolia that is one of the first to bloom each season at the UBC Botanical Garden. Our selection of ***Magnolia sargentiana* var. *robusta*** grows on the lawn beyond the deck of the reception centre. This *M.sargentiana* var. *robusta* is a heavily flowering bushy tree that will be 8m to perhaps 12m at maturity. The flowers are 30cm (12") wide with 12 to 16 rose coloured tepals deepening to rose-crimson at the base and pale pink to white on the inside. A mature specimen in full flower is one of our most spectacular flowering trees. Trees are hardy to USDA zone 7. Price: ~~\$49.00~~ SOLD OUT.

Magnolia 'Barbara Cook' is a lovely hybrid of *M.dawsoniana* and *M.campbellii* and is growing in the Asian Garden. Alleyne Cook, that great friend to all gardeners hereabouts, introduced and named it after his wife. *M.* 'Barbara Cook' has flowers that are the palest pink on the outside and rosy pink on the inside. The buds open upwards and then slowly turn down. Flowers are 9" dia. Trees are large and vigorous, probably making 18m to 24m at maturity. Hardiness is probably USDA zone 7. Price: \$49.00



Magnolia 'Pegasus' (photograph above) is a beautiful floriferous hybrid of *M.cylindrica* and probably *M.denudata*. The candle-like flowers are 10cm (4") long and are pure white with delicate rays of pale pink at the base of the six tepals. They open in April. *M.'Pegasus'* is a small tree, reaching about 9m (30'). The bright red fruiting cones are an attractive autumn feature. Trees are hardy to USDA zone 5 or cooler. Price: ~~\$49.00~~ SOLD OUT.

Magnolia zenii is rare in its native Jiangsu Province in China and was only first planted outside of Asia in 1980. It is still extremely rare in western gardens. It is a small very floriferous lovely tree with a full crown. *M.zenii* grows to about 6m (20'). The fragrant flowers are white with a purple base, and are about 12cm (5") across. Price: \$39.00.

All trees were grafted to *Magnolia kobus* root stock for hardiness and early flowering. Grafting was done in 2005. Trees were field grown until potted up in 2 gallon containers 16 months later for over-wintering in a cool greenhouse to continue root growth. Trees will be ready for pick up in late March or early April of 2007.

GST & PST are extra.

To reserve your magnolia, call the Shop in the Garden at 604-822-4529 between 10am and 4:30pm, or call Charlie at 604-929-5706 in the evenings.