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## ***NEWSLETTER***                      ***August/September 2022***

Unless specified otherwise, meetings are at Jenkins Arboretum in Devon

### ***Calendar at a Glance***

**August 21:**        **District 8 Auction & CutX, Sun. @ 1 PM, Jenkins Arboretum, Rain or Shine**  
**September 11:**   **P4M, Sat. @ 1 PM, Morris Arboretum**  
**Sept. 26-28**       **Gathering in Gettysburg, the ARS Fall Meeting (Tue.-Thu.)**

### ***President's Message***

Although it's been quite warm, I still hope everyone is enjoying the summer season. It was nice to get together with the Greater Philadelphia Chapter for the annual summer picnic on June 19<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to Michael Mills for hosting the event!!

We used our annual joint picnic to elect the Chapter officers and directors for the upcoming year. Alice Horton will stay on as Vice President, Bob Smetana will remain as Treasurer and also agreed to serve as Secretary. Bob Horton, Perc Moser, Erin Van Yahres and Kathy Woehl will remain as Directors, and Darlene Henning and Steve Wright were reelected to another three-year term. And I will continue to serve as President. Although Bob Smetana has agreed to fill the Chapter Secretary position, it would be great if a VF Chapter member would step up and come on-board to help out. If any member might be interested in this, please let me know.

As you read through the August/September Valley Forge ARS Newsletter, you will see the VF/GP Chapters, indeed the entire District 8 ARS, will be busy. We begin with the annual District 8 Cutting Exchange/Plant Auction, which will be held on Sunday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> at Jenkins Arboretum. Donors with cuttings and plants should arrive by 1:00. The cutting exchange/sale will begin at 1:30 and the plant auction will start at 2:00. Karel Bernady once again has agreed to be the auctioneer – Thanks Karel!! As everyone is probably aware, proceeds from the cutting exchange and auction will benefit the ARS Research Foundation and Endowment Funds, so please be generous with your plant donations and auction bids.

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, the GP Chapter will host the Plants for Members at Morris Arboretum. And Sept 27<sup>th</sup> through Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, the Mason Dixon Chapter will host the 2022 ARS Fall Meeting at Gettysburg (see details below for these events).

In closing, I'm looking forward to getting together with fellow Rhododendron enthusiasts for the upcoming events where we can meet and "encourage interest in and disseminate knowledge about Rhododendrons and Azaleas."

*Sincerely,*

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## *Three late-summer plant-buying opportunities*

Cutting Exchange & Auction in August; Plants for Members in September

**In his recent RhodoGravure, Michael Martin Mills stated:** *Those two events are the bee's knees if the goal is a really cool, distinctive garden at utterly affordable prices. There will also be a plant sale at the 2022 ARS Fall Meeting in Gettysburg.*

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### **District 8**

#### **Rhododendron & Azalea Cuttings Exchange & Plant Auction**

**Jenkins Arboretum, 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd, Devon, PA 19333**

*Proceeds benefit ARS Endowment Fund and Research Foundation*

**Sunday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 1:00 p.m., rain or shine.**

**1:00 pm: Bring Plants & Cuttings:** If donating cuttings, please arrive around 1 p.m. Use plastic bags for each cultivar, clearly labeled. Cut 3 or 4 large-leaf (elepidote) or 4-6 small-leaf (lepidote) cuttings. Best to take cuttings early in the day, ideally from the lower portions of the shrub; if there has been a dry spell, water the night before. Place in a plastic bag with a few drops of water. No unidentified cultivars, please! Please label the bags with a waterproof marker or pencil and add, if possible, info about characteristics or parentage. Transporting the bags in a cooler is a good idea.

**1:30 pm: Cuttings exchange/sale.** Cuttings are sold for 25 cents a bag for everyone and are an easy and inexpensive way to increase one's collection of azaleas and rhododendrons.

**2:00 pm: Plant Auction:** Karel Bernady auctioneer. Please donate rhodies and azaleas, as well as other garden-worthy plants that you feel others would like. Some plants are donated by chapters, some by individual members. Most years, John Bartlett of Gettysburg Garden brings an assortment of very special plants.

**Important:** It will help the auctioneer and the bidder if you write a description of plants that you donate for auction. Having such info will make for lively bidding, especially for one-of-a-kind or special plants.

**Food:** No food will be provided. Water will be available and you are welcome to bring food for yourself or to share., especially snacks and deserts.

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**On September 20<sup>th</sup>, (Sunday), P4M at 1:00 p.m. at Morris Arboretum.**

#### **Plants for Members (P4M):**

On Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, the Valley Forge (VF) Chapter will join the Greater Philadelphia (GP) Chapter for our joint Plants For Members. This will be held in the Morris Arboretum.. The entrance is on Northwestern Avenue.

Rooted cuttings and 2-year grafts will be available. As part of this joint effort VF members are invited to join GP members for their propagation workshops. For more details on this and other GP ARS hosted events, visit their website: <https://www.gpchapterars.org/>

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**September 27-29, (Tue. thru Thu.), 2022 ARS Fall Meeting in Gettysburg.**

#### **Plant Sale at ARS 2022 Fall Meeting in Gettysburg**

A third plant buying opportunity is the Plant Sale at the ARS 2022 Fall Meeting at Gettysburg. The Mason Dixon chapter is hosting a large plant sale from many plant sources for those attending.



## *Gettysburg beckons*

Mason-Dixon Chapter will host ARS Fall Meeting  
September 27-29

Biennially, the American Rhododendron Society presents a Fall Eastern Conference, unless there's something like a dang pandemic to pre-empt life as we know it. This year's will be in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, hosted by the Mason-Dixon ARS Chapter, September 27-29.

It will be a midweek event - Tuesday through Thursday - which means less competition with the weekend influx of Civil War buffs visiting the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Tuesday's opening dinner will feature a presentation by Donald Hyatt of McLean, Va., one of the most popular American rhododendron speakers. The focus of his talk will be current and recent hybridizers of the eastern United States, such as John Doppel, H. Edward Reiley, Joseph Minahan and Tom Ahern. The days when Dexter and Gable hybrids were the top of the line are long past, and these latter-day breeders have created a remarkable array of alluring cultivars.

The next evening, Wayne Mezitt will speak. That's Mezitt as in the M of 'PJM'. He is the third of four generations of Mezitts who have operated Weston Nurseries in Massachusetts for 99 years.

Other activities include an open house at John Bartlett's remarkable Gettysburg Gardens nursery, a tour of Hershey Gardens and the Gettysburg battlefield, plus a photo contest and a plant sale of cultivars ideal for our region (many propagated by Karel Bernady and associates).

The Gettysburg Wyndham is the conference hotel, and the deadline for a reduced conference registration fee is August 31. Details can be found at <http://arsstore.org/Fall2022>.



**Speakers include Donald Hyatt (above) and Wayne Mezitt (below).**



*Thanks to Michael Martin Mills for including the above in the GP ARS RhodoGravure*

**REGISTRATION FORM - FALL ARS CONFERENCE  
GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, SEPT. 27-29, 2022**

Early Registration is \$239.00 through August 31<sup>st</sup>. After August 31<sup>st</sup>, registration is \$249.00. Space is somewhat limited, so early registration is advised.

Hotel Reservations should be made separately and directly with the Wyndham Hotel - Gettysburg at 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325, phone 717-339-0020. Mention "American Rhododendron Society" to receive our \$136.00 conference rate. This rate will also be available to ARS members for a day or so before and after the meeting.

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This form can be filled out electronically and printed, or printed and then filled out.

**Please make your check out to: Mason Dixon Chapter.  
Please mail registration form and payment to:**

**Kelly Bollinger  
324 Clear Ridge Road  
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**Email: [doit2day@comcast.net](mailto:doit2day@comcast.net)**

**Website: <http://arsstore.org/Fall2022>**

You will receive a confirmation of your registration and some information by email on things we think you may be interested in seeing or doing while in the Gettysburg area.

Email questions to John Kaylor, [john\\_kaylor@comcast.net](mailto:john_kaylor@comcast.net), or Harry Reid, [reidhj@aol.com](mailto:reidhj@aol.com)

A fillable PDF of this form can be downloaded at:  
<http://arsstore.org/Fall2022/Documents/RegistrationFillableFormPDF.pdf>

## Rhododendron & Azalea Pioneer: Edmund V. Mezitt, 1915-1986

*Famous for PJM, but he accomplished much more.*



**Edmund Mezitt with PJM**

In 1911, Edmund Mezitt's father, Peter Mezitt emigrated to the United States from Latvia. In 1912 he married Anna Olga. In 1923 they established Weston Nurseries. The Mezitts knew Christian missionaries in the Altai Mountain region where Russia, China, Mongolia and Kazakhstan converge and had corresponded with them about the native plants. The Mezitts donated \$50 dollars to the missionaries and were sent a gift of plants that were small evergreen shrubs. Some of the plants were later to be identified as *R. dauricum* var. *sempervirens*.

### PJM

Edmund Mezitt had just finished his degree in landscape architecture at Cornell University when he noted the early bloom on these Chinese plants growing in his parent's greenhouse and collected pollen. In 1939, he struck flowers of *R. carolinianum* with this pollen and collected the seed hoping to create a hardy plant like *R. carolinianum*. The hybrid seedlings grown in Weston, Massachusetts, were transplanted into open fields in Hopkinton, Massachusetts in 1944, where the family had recently acquired land for a nursery farm. For the most part Edmund had forgotten about these plants and they had thrived despite benign neglect. In early May 1945, when the family came to view the newly acquired land, they found a hillside of purple-pink blooms. The name 'P.J.M.' was given by Edmund in honor of his father, Peter J. Mezitt. In England, the name Peter John Mezitt was given to a P.J.M. clone and this clone is propagated there.

This was a time when most nurseries sold seedlings of rhododendrons because of the difficulty in propagation and the Mezitt's Weston Nursery was no exception. They repeated the P.J.M. cross many times and grew on plants by the thousands selling them as "PJM" giving us what is called a "grex" or group of genetically related plants. In such a group there are consistent characteristics but also variability in traits such as habit, leaf coloration, flower color, and bloom time.

Connor Ryan of the David G. Leach Research Station said, "While rhododendron connoisseurs may groan at the purple



meatballs dotting landscapes far and wide, their prevalence in landscapes is a testament to the breeding, selection, and vetting at Weston Nurseries. PJM is the standard for commercial lepidote rhododendrons.

**Rcv. Weston's Aglo**

### PJM Hybrids

With such great commercial success on his first try, Edmund Mezitt continued to hybridize with back crosses such as a PJM onto *R. carolinianum* to give 'Laurie' a wonderful compact growing pale pink to white flowered shrub. 'Laurie' and its offspring occasionally throw some double flowers or semi-double flowers. 'Balta' is from the same cross and just a little whiter in flower. 'Molly Fordham', a hybrid of 'Balta' remains one of the best white PJM types with clean, deep dark foliage rather than the yellowish tinge of many white forms.

The extensive written records of crosses from 1951 until as late as 1981 showed that over 4,000 viable crosses were done. Edmund's goals were to expand the season of bloom and to increase hardiness, adaptability, and multi-seasonal interest coupled with compact habit, and disease and insect resistance. Edmund knew and shared information and breeding goals with Dr. Robert

Tichnor, then at the Waltham Field Station at the University of Massachusetts. When Dr. Tichnor left for Oregon he gave Edmund the seedlings of his 'Laetiverens' crosses.



***Rcv. Olga Mezitt***

In 1958, Edmund introduced the genes of *R. mucronulatum*. *R. mucronulatum* proved valuable to produce early bloom in a variety of colors from clear white and pink to deep purple. 'Cornell Pink' is a popular selection in the trade. 'Mahogany Red' has good color saturation. A 1958 cross of a white form of *R. carolinianum* with *R. mucronulatum* 'Cornell Pink', produced a grex known as the "Shrimp Pink Hybrids". They form upright, semi-deciduous shrubs that cover themselves in late April with a blanket of flowers.

In 1964 crosses, second generation breeding with PJM selections resulted in 'Olga Mezitt' (named for Edmund's mother) and 'Weston's Aglo' (Olga spelled backwards) – two outstanding compact growing plants with great habit.

Trying to get a red lepidote was a later breeding goal. This resulted in 'Milestone' which is named for the stone marker in Hopkinton where the Boston Marathon begins. The strong color stands out in the landscape and almost glows but lacks good leaf retention. 'Weston's Pink Diamond' also lacks good leaf retention but has doubling of the flower in that the stamens become petaloid. Its early and yet long season of bloom and spectacular fall color keeps it a favorite.

### **Weston Nursery**

Edmund's efforts occurred during a period when New England experienced severe winters as compared to more recently. Many seedlings were lined out in open fields with no shade and typically poor New England

soil. Those plants that survived and passed aesthetic tests had to be really tough and able to prosper with little care. This has made many of them favorites of landscapers and homeowners due to their ability to do well with little aftercare.

One must keep in mind that Weston Nursery during this time was more a landscaper's nursery with field grown plants. It was only more recently that they shifted to container grown material. For landscapers, a plant had to have vigorous growth and good leaf retention along with all the other qualities that make it worthwhile in the landscape.

Wayne Mezitt, one of Edmund's three sons, was very much involved in the later breeding and selection process. He is responsible for registering most if not all of Edmund's registered plants. He would say a good commercial plant must be able to be planted with a backhoe into a landscape that would not get any special attention. The high standards that Wayne gave to the selection process helped to reinforce the need for tough plants in New England.

The impact of Weston plants is widespread. The Minneapolis, MN, Peace Garden boasts a hillside which was planted over 40 years ago. The road to the Seattle Airport is lined with Edmund Mezitt's hybrid lepidote rhododendrons.

### **Elipidotes**



***Rcv. Henry's Red***

While the ancestry of the lepidote hybrids was generally well documented, that of the elipidotes was less so, at least in the early years. In addition to raising named varieties of the familiar old catawbiense ironclads, the nursery practice was to raise seedlings of the same, often open-pollinated, selecting every year the best plants from which to harvest seed. There was an occasional infusion of other types, for example, some wardii hybrids received from Dr. Ticknor. Occasionally a seedling would exhibit such desirable qualities that a decision was made to name it and propagate it clonally.

The first of these to be so honored was a 1950 selection, 'Noreaster', a low-growing, dense, compact plant with white flowers. 'Years of Peace' was a 1954 hybrid of 'Mrs. C. S. Sargent', selfed; it forms an upright, sturdy plant of 5 to 6 feet in ten years, with deep pink flowers.



***Rcv. Pauline Bralit***

Another, 'Pauline Bralit', a 1958 cross, introduced *R. fortunei* genes into the blood lines; and as might be expected, it is also a sturdy, upright plant with large, slightly fragrant, creamy-white flowers in early midseason. 'Big Deal' has elegant ball-shaped trusses of pale yellow and 'White Dimples' has proven to be a promising parent in hybridizing.



***Rcv. Big Deal***

Perhaps the best known of all the Weston elepidotes is 'Henry's Red', selected from a field of catawbiense seedlings. Somewhat open and rangy in habit, 'Henry's Red' offers one of the deepest colors to be found in hardy rhododendrons - so deep, in fact, that it tends to recede into the background unless backlit by the sun. Other reds followed: 'Red Frilled' and 'Trojan Warrior', both selected catawbiense seedlings and both fairly low-

growing and compact. But the goal of a truly dwarf, hardy, red-flowered hybrid remained elusive.

### **Summer Flowering Hardy Deciduous Azaleas**

Not as well-known are the many hardy azaleas that Edmund hybridized at Weston Nurseries. In 1950, when he started keeping records, he recorded eight deciduous azalea crosses which were hoped to extend the azalea blooming season later into the spring. They begin flowering after mid-June and added color to the garden after most woody shrubs had finished flowering. The summer flowering deciduous azaleas include Lollipop, Pink and Sweet, Popsicle, and Weston's Innocence: The four listed here are hardy to at least -20°F which includes zone 5 and many areas in zone 4 as well.



***Rcv. Lollipop***

Edmund's hybridizing program at Weston Nurseries was one of the more successful programs in developing late blooming deciduous azaleas. *R. prunifolium* had a significant part in the development of these plants. Some of these with *R. prunifolium* heritage are 'Cherry Bomb', a July bloomer with large cherry red flowers, 'Tangerine Glow', a dark orange July bloomer, 'Everglow', which has orange-red flowers that appear in July and August, and 'Pennsylvania', a July bloomer with light pink flowers.



***Rcv. Pink and Sweet***

Use of some of these natives also introduced incredible fragrance into resulting hybrids. Mildew on foliage is a problem for many older deciduous azalea hybrids. Mildew resistance was another criteria used by Mr. Mezitt in his selection process. The results are plants that continue to look good long after the blooms are spent. One standout is Millennium with its blue-green leaves and silvery undersides.

### Evergreen Azaleas



*Rcv. Bixby*

Although less extensive than the Edmund's' work in other categories, his introduction of evergreen azaleas made it possible to extend the range of the bright blooms of evergreen azaleas further north. With the evergreen azaleas, the goals have included not only increased hardiness but also compact and floriferous plants. 'Bixby', with dark red flowers, 'Pink Clusters', bright pink, and 'Royal Pillow', purple, satisfy these criteria and offer real Zone 5 hardiness. Edmund broadened the scope and diversity of evergreen azaleas for cold places.

### Mass Chapter ARS

When the Massachusetts Chapter of the ARS was founded in 1971 Edmund became its first president. Edmund received the Gold Medal from the ARS in 1980, the same year the Mass. Chapter hosted the ARS convention. Sadly, Edmund passed away in 1986 after a long illness. In the 36 years since his passing, Edmund Mezitt's legacy is bringing the diversity and usefulness of the genus *Rhododendron* to the attention of the gardening public.

### The Legacy

The Edmund's hybrids have been rigorously tested under conditions that promptly eliminate any weaklings. Fields of rhododendrons are grown in full sun on exposed hillsides and in rocky, clay soil. Any varieties that flourish despite these adversities are bound to be star performers under less strenuous conditions elsewhere. In the course of 40 years, the breeding

program of the late Edmund Mezitt and his son Wayne made the New England landscape more beautiful. During the four decades before Edmund's death in 1986, P.J.M. could be found in many places where rhododendrons were never expected to grow. However, during those decades, Edmund continued to hybridize to offer variety in color, time of bloom, pH tolerance, disease resistance, and plant habit. The International Rhododendron Registers lists 105 of Edmund's rhododendrons including 44 lepidotes, 27 deciduous azaleas, 23 elepidotes, and 7 evergreen azaleas. Today many of Edmund Mezitt's hybrids are listed on Weston's catalog in Massachusetts, Whitney's catalog in Washington state, and Monrovia's offerings sold throughout the US and Canada.



*Rcv. Landmark*

Looking at all of the data from the ARS Good Performers and Rhododendron of the Year awards, the PJM/Weston lepidotes are in a class by themselves. The PJM Group (in which I include R. 'Olga Mezitt') has received 61 nominations and cultivars from another group of hybrids (R. 'Landmark', R. 'Pink Diamond', R. 'Weston's Aglo') have been nominated 32 times. These awards are coming from very diverse climates withing North America, providing consistent testimony about the broad adaptability of the Mezitt rhododendrons

Karel Bernady reports that the Greater Philadelphia Chapter has propagated at least 15 of Edmund's creations. They are readily purchased and grace our home gardens. In addition, more than a dozen of his various hybrids have been sold to the public at chapter plant sales at local arboreta. His plants are well appreciated.

### Recognition In Gettysburg

Edmund V. Mezitt will be recognized with the ARS Pioneer Achievement Award at the 2022 ARS Fall meeting in Gettysburg. His son, Wayne Mezitt will receive the award.



## Edmund Mezitt's Hybrids and Selections Listed in the International Rhododendron Register

### Lepidote Rhododendrons (44):

April Joy (hybridized. 1978, registered 1999)  
April Love (r. 1987)  
April Snow (r. 1987)  
April Song (r. 1987)  
Balta (h. 1958, r. 1988)  
Black Satin (h. 1972, r. 1988)  
Blue Baron (h. 1981, r. 1996)  
Caronella (h. 1958, r. 1998)  
Checkmate (r. 1990)  
Ebony (h. 1971, r. 1980)  
Henry's Red (h. before 1970, r. 1987)  
June Pink (h. 1977, r. 1998)  
Landmark (h. 1985, r. 1996)  
Laurie (h. 1957, r. 1983)  
Lavender Frost (h. 1977, r. 1998)  
Legacy (h. 1982, r. 1998)  
Little Olga (h. 1984, r. 1998)  
Llenroc (h. 1958, r. 1998)  
Lynne Robbins Steiman (h. 1978)  
Magic (h. 1964)  
Midnight Ruby (h. 1973, r. 1988)  
Milestone (h. 1969, r. 1987)  
Molly Fordham (h. 1966, r. 1997)  
Mrs. J. A. Withington III (h. 1977, r. 1997)  
New Patriot (h. 1979, r. 1989)  
Olga Mezitt (h. 1958, r. 1983)  
Peter John Mezitt (h. before 1967)  
PJM Elite (h. 1939, r. 1987)  
PJM Regal (h. 1939, r. 1987)  
PJM Victor (h. 1939, r. 1987)  
PJM. Group (h. 1939, r. 1987 grex)  
Princess Susan (h. 1972, r. 1987)  
Purest (h. before 1980)  
Red Quest (h. 1979, r. 1998)  
Red Splash (h. 1979, r. 1999)  
Sidestep (h. 1983, r. 1998)  
Summer Peppermint (h. 1982, r. 1998)  
Thunder (h. 1971, r. 1987)  
Vallya (h. 1958, r. 1998)  
Weston's Aglo (h. 1964, r. 1998)  
Weston's Crescendo (h. 1975, r. 1988)  
Weston's Mayflower (h. 1971, r. 1998)  
Weston's Pink Diamond (h. 1964, r. 1983)  
Weston's Starburst (h. 1977, r. 1998)

### Evergreen Azaleas (7):

Abigail Adams (h. 1978, r. 1998)  
Bixby (r. 1988)  
Majesty (h. 1970s, r. 1998)  
Pink Clusters (h. 1964, r. 1998)  
Royal Pillow (r. 1999, r. 1999)  
Texas Pink (h. 1964, r. 1998)  
Weston's Vyking (h. 1958, r. 1999)

### Elepidote Rhododendrons (23):

April Cloud (h. 1978, r. 1987)  
Arctic Gold (h. 1971, r. 1988)  
Baltic Lace (h. 1980, r. 1988)  
Big Deal (h. 1971, r. 1988)  
Glacier Queen (h. 1971, r. 1987)  
Golden Gloves (r. 1988)  
Golden Scepter (h. 1979, r. 1999)  
Mary Kittel (h. 1963, r. 1998)  
Minna's Purple (h. 1974, r. 1998)  
Nantucket (h. before 1970, r. 1999)  
Nor'easter (h. 1950, r. 1987)  
Paula (r. 1987)  
Pauline Bralit (h. 1958, r. 1983)  
Pink Discovery (h. before 1960)  
Pinklo (h. 1980, r. 1999)  
Red Frilled (h. 1960, r. 1983)  
Scarlet Sorcerer (h. 1979, r. 1999)  
Summer Storm (h. 1982, r. 1999)  
Tapestry (h. 1971, r. 1999)  
Trojan Warrior (h. 1960, r. 1999)  
Victor's Consort (h. 1971, r. 1987)  
White Dimples (h. 1971, r. 1987)  
Years of Peace (h. 1954, r. 1980)

### Deciduous Azaleas (27):

Bonfire (h. before 1985)  
Cotton Candy (h. before 1985)  
Deep Rose (h. 1958, r. 1998)  
Everglow (h. before 1988)  
Frank Abbot (h. before 1970)  
Garden Rainbow (h. 1964)  
Golden Showers (h. 1963)  
Ground Hog (h. 1981)  
Independence (h. 1963)  
Iridescent (h. before 1985)  
Lemonade (h. before 1985)  
Lollipop (h. before 1985)  
Millennium (h. 1973, r. 1998)  
Orange Essence (h. before 1970, r. 1998)  
Pennsylvania (h. 1963)  
Peach Abbot (h. before 1970, r. 1998)  
Pink and Sweet (h. 1963, r. 1998)  
Popsicle (h. 1965, r. 1980)  
Quiet Thoughts (h. before 1980, r. 1998)  
Red Salute (h. before 1980, r. 1999)  
Ribbon Candy (h. 1965, r. 1980)  
Sandy (h. 1975, r. 1999)  
Trumpeter (h. before 1985)  
Weston's Garden Party (h. before 1980, r. 1999)  
Weston's Innocence (h. 1961, r. 1998)  
Weston's Lemon Drop (h. 1963, r. 1998)  
Weston's Parade (h. before 1985)

(h. indicated year hybridized, r. indicates year registered)

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