

If the personal name ends with a vowel, adjectival epithets are formed by adding -an- plus the nominative singular inflection appropriate for the gender of the generic name...except when the personal name ends with -a- in which case -n- plus the appropriate inflection is added...

This rule was in force under the Botanical Code adopted at Leningrad in 1975, antedating the note in the ARS Quarterly Bulletin quoted above. Although the examples in the Cultivated Code do not illustrate this aspect of the formation of adjectival epithets, the Botanical Code is explicit on the matter.

Thus, for the personal names Soulangé and Vervaene, we have Magnolia × soulangiana (feminine ending in genus Magnolia) and Rhododendron 'Vervaeanum' (neuter ending in genus Rhododendron). The author has checked this conclusion with Dr. A. C. Leslie, Senior Registrar, the Royal Horticultural Society. He states (personal communication): "We earlier had the spelling of 'Vervaeanum' incorrect in the Register, but this has now been amended.

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## AZALEA NEWS

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### Princess Azaleas Complete Their Debut

The last four new cultivars of the "Princess" series azalea hybrids will be introduced at the 43rd Annual Landon Azalea Garden Festival May 3-5, 1996. Their distinctive color and size along with their unique growth habit earned them their royal title. This will be the fourth and final year "Princesses" will take their first bow at the Landon Festival.

This group of cultivars was developed at the University of Maryland for efficient greenhouse forcing and landscape planting. The new hybrids are characterized by medium-to-large, hose-in-hose double flowers of clear colors on compact hardy plants (U.S.D.A. plant hardiness zone 6B, 0 to -5 degrees F.). They are being propagated and introduced by Andy Adams, Jr., of Ten Oaks Nursery, Clarksville, Maryland.

This year will welcome 'Princess Barbara', 'Princess Ginnette Rene', 'Princess Maryann', and 'Princess Sarah'. They will be offered for purchase to gardeners for the first time at the Landon Festival. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of these plants is donated to the Horticulture Research Fund at the University of Maryland.

Previously 'Princess Mary Lee', named in honor of Landon School co-founder Mrs. Mary Lee Banfield, was introduced among others in the series. A total of sweet 16 "Princess" azaleas, whose colors range from deep salmon to Pinks to creamy white, will have made their first appearance at the Landon Festival over four years.

For more information please contact Bobbi McCeney (301) 946-5695 or Susan Larson (301) 231-8677.

### Name That New Azalea Contest

What would you name a distinctive new azalea soon to burst on the scene with blossoms colored light maroon tapering to a golden throat? Now's your chance to design a title for this new azalea hybrid slated for introduction at the 1997 Landon Azalea Garden Festival the first weekend in May. The winning name will be decided on the last day of this year's 43rd Annual Festival on Sunday, May 5, by the Friends of the Perkins Garden.

Tuck your suggested name into the contest boxes located at both the Festival Information Booth and near the Azalea Society of America Flower Show, or send it ahead to Name That New Azalea Contest, Landon Azalea Garden Festival, Landon School, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20817. □

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