

# Gardeners Corner

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## This Months Feature

I have long considered the planting of a magnolia an important event in any garden and in fact in the life of any gardener as it will be there, increasing in splendour every year, long after the planter is no longer able to enjoy its beauty. But which variety grows best in our area?



Magnolia  
Soulangeana 'Sundew'

In the small garden I would recommend 'Stellata' and its hybrids. A slow grower with lovely star shaped white or pink flowers.

In larger garden the 'Soulangeana' hybrids come into their own with their large goblet shaped flowers. If you have space, then consider the summer flowering evergreen Magnolia 'Grandiflora'. You're best with a named variety which flowers early in its life. The cream coloured flowers,

up to 30cm across, can be richly fragrant. Grandiflora will flower best in a hot sunny position in the garden.

All grow best in acidic soils but are tolerant of local loam soil, growing and flowering best if regularly mulched with ericaceous compost.

Paul Markwell *Owner*

## Website Success

The Quaymount website is proving to be a success providing visitors with information about available stock and planned events.



To cut down on environmental costs we have also made our plant catalogues available to download for free from the website.

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## Seasonal Tips

### Winter pruning:

Finish pruning of shrubs, trees and roses. Best wait till after the last frost before you prune hardy fuchsias.

### Dividing Snowdrops (Galanthus):

This is best done straight after flowering (in the green). It will rejuvenate the clumps and

improve flowering.

### Seed sowing out doors:

Don't be in too much of a rush to sow seeds directly into cold wet ground. Wait till the ground warms up and dries out a little.

### Chitting potatoes:

Buy your seed potatoes and chit them prior to planting on Good Friday (traditional day for earlies).



## Plant Doctor

### Got a question?

Email your question to [info@quaymountplants.co.uk](mailto:info@quaymountplants.co.uk) with the subject title 'Plant Doctor'. If your question gets printed you will receive a Quaymount 10% discount card for 2007!

**Q** What's the best way to store onions? I dry my onions well before I store them yet they go mouldy or start sprouting within a month or two! *R.D Watlington*

**A** Well-ripened and dried onions should be tied in plaits or put in nets and hung in a cool, dry and airy place. A shed or garage is ideal. My grandfather used his old Anderson shelter. Make sure you don't start with any that

are going soft or mouldy. Check them from time to time.

**Q** I have recently shredded a couple of shrubs and a few tree branches. Can I use them as compost? *D.M Stoke Ferry.*

**A** Provided it isn't diseased you can dig it into the garden but it will reduce soil fertility as it is broken down by the soil microbes. It is best used as mulch as it will keep in moisture and suppress weeds.

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