
International registration of cultivar names for *Kalmia* L. 2007–2009

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For many years, the main development in the hybridisation and cultivation of kalmias took place almost exclusively in the United States, and was closely connected to Dr Richard A. Jaynes, who became the International Cultivar Registrar in 1978. When he resigned after nearly 20 years, it was difficult to find a successor in the United States, the native country of *Kalmia*. Meanwhile in Europe Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers started to hybridise kalmias and a small group of enthusiasts centred around him founded the European Kalmia Society to make these plants more popular on this side of the world. In 2007 the European Kalmia Society was asked to fill the gap and assume the function of provisional ICRA. The last published checklist (Jaynes, 1997) documents about 60 cultivars that had been registered. During the last three years, 26 more *Kalmia* cultivar names have been registered. These are listed below. The following abbreviations have been used:

R raiser; **H** hybridiser; **G** grown to first flowering by; **S** selected by; **N** named by; **I** introducer; **REG** registrant; **L** listed by.

The seed parent is given first; **o.p.** = open pollinated.

Kalmia angustifolia 'Compacta'

Synonym of *Kalmia angustifolia* 'Gnom'. It was published under this name 1988/89 in the Hachmann nursery price list.

Kalmia angustifolia 'Gnom'

S: Karl-Heinz Schurig (1958); **N**: Hans Hachmann (1990); **I**: Baumschule Schurig (1960); **REG**: Holger Hachmann (2008). Synonym: 'Compacta'.

¹ www.kalmia-society.org

Habit: very compact and dense. Flowers: light purple pink. Leaves: broader than the species and with a lighter green colour.

Comments: the original plant was selected by Karl-Heinz Schurig from *Kalmia angustifolia* seedlings that he obtained when he took over the nursery from Mr Falke in 1958. First description was published in the Hachmann Nursery 1990 price list. An official description with colour illustration was published in the Hachmann Nursery catalogue 1992–1993.

***Kalmia angustifolia* 'Purpurflor'**

S: Hans Hachmann (about 1970); **N:** Hans Hachmann (1988); **I:** Baumschule Hachmann (1978); **REG:** Holger Hachmann (2008).

Habit: upright. Flowers: purple up to dark purple red; remarkably abundant flowering in June–July. Leaves: greyish green, oblong-lanceolate.

Comments: the original plant was selected by Hans Hachmann and first introduced under the name of *Kalmia angustifolia* 'Rubra'. Because the flower colour of this selection is a stronger purplish pink than the other plants that are known as *K. angustifolia* 'Rubra', it was named 'Purpurflor'. It was first published in the 1979 price list from Hachmann Nursery. An official description with a colour illustration was published in the Hachmann Nursery catalogue 1988.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Bandeau'**

Parentage: 'Mitternacht' × 'Ginkona'.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2002); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2007); **REG:** Julia Westhoff (2007).

Habit: strong, upright. Flowers: up to 200 flowers in the truss; cupped, corolla with 6 lobes up to 40mm across; broad maroon band, broad white centre with tiny maroon spots. Flower bud: pinkish maroon. Leaves: dark green, leathery.

***Kalmia latifolia* BEACON**

Trade designation for *Kalmia latifolia* 'Leuchtfleur'.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Candy Cane'**

Parentage: unnamed seedlings (5-84 plt 2 × 5-84 plt 1).

H: Richard Jaynes (1989); **N:** Richard Jaynes (2004); **REG:** Richard Jaynes (2009).

Habit: compact, broader than tall. Size: 0.9 × 1.2m within 16 years. Flowers: a ten-spoked star radiates from the base of the corolla; more strongly pigmented markings than 'Peppermint'. Leaves: clear dark green.

Comments: this cultivar is an enhanced 'Peppermint'; this plant is protected by Plant Breeders' Rights.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Cheerful'**

Parentage: 'Harmonia' × 'Ostbo Red'.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2001); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2007); **REG:** Julia Westhoff (2007).

Habit: compact, funnel-like. Flowers: up to 120 flowers in the truss; light pink blush white, contrasting brownish spots. Flower bud: rich pink tip changing into a lighter pink at the base. Leaves: dark green.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Corona'**

Parentage: 'Olympic Wedding' × 'Goodrich'.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1988); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1992); **REG:** Julia Westhoff (2002); **I:** Baumschule Neumann, Berlin (2007).

Habit: compact. Flowers: white with distinct red spots. Flower bud: white with pink tip. Leaves: dark green, elliptic, V-shaped in cross-section.

Comments: a description with colour illustration was published in *Gartenpraxis* 12/2006.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Disco'**

Parentage: unnamed garden seedling × ('Goodrich' × 'Olympic Wedding').

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2001); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2008);

REG: Julia Westhoff (2008).

Habit: upright, compact. Flowers: about 100 flowers per truss; a flat, open bowl with 5–6 rounded lobes; corolla 35mm across; a nearly white star in the middle with small maroon spots surrounded by a broad maroon band with a small white rim. Flower bud: brownish white. Leaves: dark green, elliptic, 90 × 40mm.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Eskimo'**

Parentage: *Kalmia latifolia* × 'Snowdrift'.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1999); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2007);

REG: Julia Westhoff (2008).

Habit: upright, bushy. Flowers: about 40 flowers per truss; bowl-shaped with 5 lobes; corolla 30mm across; pure white. Flower bud: pure white. Leaves: dark green, elliptic, 100 × 40mm.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Firecracker'**

Parentage: not stated (see Comments).

H: Richard Jaynes; **N:** Richard Jaynes (2001); **REG:** Richard Jaynes (2009); **I:** Broken Arrow Nursery (2006).

Habit: more compact than the species. Size: 1.2 × 1.2m within 10 years. Flowers: opening near white and ageing to pale pink. Flower bud: brilliant deep red. Leaves: glossy, dark green.

Comments: excellent disease resistance; this plant is protected by Plant Breeders' Rights. Significant parents of the hybrid include the *Kalmia latifolia* selections 'Carol', 'Sharon Rose', and 'Sarah'; a description was published in *Deutsche Baumschule* 2/2007.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Fred Clarkson'**

Parentage: 'Olympic Wedding' o.p.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1993); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2001);

REG: Julia Westhoff (2002).

Habit: upright. Flowers: more than 130 flowers per truss; bright pink with a red interrupted band. Flower bud: dark pink. Leaves: dark green, elliptic, V-shaped in cross-section.

Comments: a description was published in *Deutsche Baumschule* 2/2007. Sometimes written 'Fred Clarksen' in error.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Ginkona'**

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1995); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2001);

REG: Julia Westhoff (2002); **I:** Baumschule Neumann, Berlin (2007).

Habit: upright, somewhat open. Flowers: bicolour burgundy band on white centre. Flower bud: pink. Leaves: matt green, elliptic, V-shaped in cross-section.

Comments: the seedling was discovered under a *Ginkgo* tree. A description with colour illustration was published in *Gartenpraxis* 12/2006.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Harmonia'**

Parentage: 'Sarah' × unnamed seedling.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1995); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2004);

REG: Julia Westhoff (2007).

Habit: broad, upright. Flowers: up to 110 flowers in the truss; pale pink with white centre. Flower bud: pink. Leaves: dark green.

Comments: Harmonia is the immortal goddess of harmony and concord, daughter of Ares and Aphrodite (Mars and Venus).

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Kardinal'**

Parentage: 'Nancy' × unnamed pink seedling.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2000); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2007);

REG: Julia Westhoff (2007).

Habit: upright. Flowers: up to 140 flowers in the truss, opening intense pink. Flower bud: vibrant red. Leaves: dark green.

***Kalmia latifolia* LADYBIRD**

Trade designation for *Kalmia latifolia* 'Marienkäfer'.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Leuchtfeuer'**

Parentage: 'Nancy' × unnamed pink seedling.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1999); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2008);

REG: Julia Westhoff (2008). Trade designation: *Kalmia latifolia* BEACON.

Habit: upright, loose. Flowers: about 70 flowers per truss; bowl-shaped with 5 slightly recurved lobes; corolla 35mm across; intense reddish pink with red ring and lighter centre. Flower bud: intense even pink. Leaves: dark green, matt, elliptic, 100 × 40mm.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Marienkäfer'**

Parentage: ('Goodrich' × 'Olympic Wedding') × 'Minuet'.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1987); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2003);

REG: Julia Westhoff (2008). Trade designation: *Kalmia latifolia* LADYBIRD.

Habit: broad, upright, bushy. Flowers: nearly white at the centre surrounded by 10 distinct maroon spots. Flower bud: pink tip fading into lighter purplish pink. Leaves: dark green, matt, elliptic, 100 × 40mm.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Meteor'**

H: Richard Jaynes; **N:** Richard Jaynes (1998); **REG:** Richard Jaynes (2009); **I:** Broken Arrow Nursery (2002).

Habit: slow growing, upright. Size: 1.40 × 1.40m within 10 years. Flowers: petals deeply cut into 5 lobes; lavender-pink banding, distinctive and restricted to only a few plants of this parentage. Flower bud: nearly white. Leaves: glossy bluish green, in full sun it may be yellow-green.

Comments: this plant is protected by Plant Breeders' Rights. A description was published in *Gartenpraxis* 12/2006.

***Kalmia latifolia* MIDNIGHT**

Trade designation for *Kalmia latifolia* 'Mitternacht'. It was published under this name in the Glendoick Gardens price list autumn 2008.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Mitternacht'**

Parentage: 'Olympic Wedding' × 'Goodrich'.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1988); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1998);

REG: Julia Westhoff (2002); **I:** Baumschule Neumann, Berlin (2007).

Trade designation: *Kalmia latifolia* MIDNIGHT.

Habit: compact. Flowers: dark red nearly black, small white rim. Flower bud: brownish white. Leaves: dark green, glossy, elliptic, V-shaped in cross-section.

Comments: cultivar with the darkest flower colour to date. A description with colour illustration was published in *Gartenpraxis* 12/2006.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Moyland'**

Parentage: 'Olympic Wedding' × 'Goodrich'.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1988); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1998);

REG: Julia Westhoff (2002); **I:** Baumschule Neumann, Berlin (2007).

Habit: upright. Flowers: deep pink with burgundy red spots. Flower bud: deep pink. Leaves: bluish green, elliptic, V-shaped in cross-section.

Comments: Moyland is the name of a castle in the Lower Rhine region in Germany. A description with colour illustration was published in *Gartenpraxis* 12/2006.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Nani'**

Parentage: 'Mitternacht' × 'Minuet'.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1994); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2007);

REG: Julia Westhoff (2007).

Habit: slow growing, compact. Flowers: up to 250 flowers in truss; white with a cinnamon red band. Flower bud: whitish.

Comments: first flowered two years after grafting.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Rosenquarz'**

Parentage: 'Olympic Wedding' o.p.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1993); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1998);

REG: Julia Westhoff (2002).

Habit: upright. Flowers: strong pink. Flower bud: strong pink. Leaves: dark green. Comments: a description with colour illustration was published in *Gartenpraxis* 12/2006.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Schokra'**

Parentage: 'Shooting Star' × 'Mitternacht'.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1993); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2003);

REG: Julia Westhoff (2008).

Habit: upright. Flowers: about 200 flowers per truss; cupped with 5 lobes; corolla 30mm across; chocolate centre with a small white rim. Flower bud: brownish white. Leaves: dark green, obovate-elliptic, 70 × 35mm.

Comments: a description with colour illustration was published in *Gartenpraxis* 12/2006.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Show Time'**

Parentage: not stated (see Comments).

H: Richard Jaynes (1986); **N:** Richard Jaynes (2004); **REG:** Richard Jaynes (2009).

Habit: as broad as tall. Size: 1.50 × 1.50m within 20 years. Flowers: the corolla is oversized like 'Silver Dollar', about 40mm, strongly lobed and does not recurve; rich pink like 'Sarah'. Flower bud: red. Leaves: dark green.

Comments: this plant is protected by Plant Breeders' Rights. It is derived from a series of five crosses begun in 1969 with 'Pink Surprise' as one parent. 'Sarah' is in the parentage, plus ten other unnamed richly coloured selections.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Starbust'**

H: Richard Jaynes (1981); **N:** Richard Jaynes (2004); **REG:** Richard Jaynes (2009).

Habit: more spreading than 'Minuet'. Size: 1.60 × 1.80m within 25 years. Flowers: pronounced star shape; a bright cinnamon full band. Leaves: dark green, glossy, small, somewhat V-shaped in cross-section.

Comments: this plant is protected by Plant Breeders' Rights.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Sterntaler'**

Parentage: 'Mitternacht' × 'Ginkona'.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2001); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2007); **REG:** Julia Westhoff (2008).

Habit: upright, bushy. Flowers: about 60 flowers per truss; a flat open bowl with 5 curved lobes; corolla 40mm across; white centre and rim with a broad maroon band. Flower bud: light pink tip fading into brownish white. Leaves: dark green, elliptic-lanceolate, 80 × 30mm.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Twinkle'**

H: Richard Jaynes (1990); **N:** Richard Jaynes (2004); **REG:** Richard Jaynes (2009).

Size: 0.90 × 0.90m within 15 years. Flowers: cut into five distinct lobes, smaller than the species; pale pink to white open. Flower bud: light pink. Leaves: with a bronzy purplish cast in winter when grown in full sun; small.

Comments: this plant is protected by Plant Breeders' Rights.

***Kalmia latifolia* 'Vanilla Cream'**

Parentage: ('Mitternacht' × 'Minuet') × 'Corona'.

H: Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (1999); **N:** Dr Karl-Heinz Hübbers (2008); **REG:** Julia Westhoff (2008).

Habit: bushy. Flowers: about 70 flowers per truss; a flat open bowl with 5 flattened lobes; corolla 30mm across; creamy white blush pink at the margin. Flower bud: white blush pink. Leaves: dark green, leaves narrow elliptic, 80 × 30mm.

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