Lilac cultivar name registration 2009

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*Syringa reticulata* subsp. *reticulata* ‘Bailnce’ was registered 10 November 2009 as United States Plant Patent No. 20,458, a statutory registration, by Rodney Bailey, Bailey Nurseries, Inc., St Paul, Minnesota, USA. The original plant was discovered by Mr Bailey as a mutation (sport) of *S. reticulata* in a residential garden in Hastings, Minnesota, in 2000. Initial vegetative propagation took place in 2000. Propagated plants are 100% true to the original plant in all characteristics. Characteristics distinguishing ‘Bailnce’ from Japanese tree lilacs commonly in the nursery trade include flower production at an earlier age, heavy blooming habit, reliable annual bloom, essentially sterile flowers, and darker foliage color. ‘Bailnce’ is said to produce more flowers and fewer seed pods than ‘Ivory Silk’; the foliage of ‘Bailnce’ is puberulent

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rather than glabrous. Thyrses up to 27cm in length and width; florets about 7mm in diameter. At maturity ‘Bailnce’ will reach about 6m in height and about 5.5m in width. Hardy in USDA Zone 3 to 7. Plants of this cultivar are marketed under the trade designation SNOWDANCE™.

**Syringa pubescens** subsp. **patula** ‘Colby’s Twinking Little Star’ was registered 12 December 2009 by Frank Moro, Select Plus International Nursery, 1510 Pine, Mascouche, Quebec J7L 2M4, Canada. The original plant was selected from seedlings in 2008; the seed resulted from open pollination of **S. pubescens** subsp. **patula** ‘Excellens’. The new selection was discovered by Corinna Moro, named by Sara Moro and described by Frank Moro. Initial vegetative propagation took place in 2009. The foliage is dark green. Thyrses are on average 12 to 15cm long and 6 to 8cm wide; usually there is one thyrse per flowering branch. Flower buds are dark purple. Florets about 1cm in diameter, apex of corolla lobes sharply turned inward; the tubes about 1.5cm long; tubes and corolla dorsally dark to medium purple, ventrally pale purple with a deep purple stigma, giving the florets a bicolour effect. The florets are considerably darker in colour than those of ‘Miss Kim’. This lilac reblooms in autumn. At seven years of age the original plant is about 1.5m tall and 1m wide. Hardy at least to USDA Zone 4b, but has not yet been tested elsewhere. Plants of this cultivar will be introduced and distributed by Select Plus International Nursery. A standard portfolio will be opened at Royal Botanical Gardens Herbarium, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada (HAM).

**Syringa ‘Penda’** was registered 27 December 2009 by Timothy Wood, Spring Meadow Nursery, Inc., Grand Haven, Michigan, USA. The original plant was selected from seedlings in 2004; the seed was collected from S. ‘Josée’; the pollen parent being either S. ‘George Eastman’ or ‘Red Pixie’. The new selection was discovered, named and described by Timothy Wood. Initial vegetative propagation took place in 2006. Propagated plants are 100% true to the original plant in all characteristics. Plants vigorous; to about 1m tall and 1.5m broad; relatively compact, upright and somewhat spreading; freely branching. Lateral branches will develop at every node after pinching, i.e. removal of terminal apices. Foliage dark green. Initial bloom commences in mid-May in Michigan; reblooming in July and continuing until frost.
Floriferous and fragrant. Thyrses on average 10cm long and 7cm wide. Flower buds 83A, dark violet (RHS Colour Chart 1995 and Mini Colour Chart 2005). Florets about 8mm in diameter, about 1.4cm in length; when fully opened tubes and corolla dark pink violet, 77A. Hardy at least to USDA Zone 3; has been grown successfully as far South as Raleigh, NC, Zone 7b. United States Plant Patent No. 20,575 was granted on December 15, 2009; see also for detailed description. Canadian Breeders Rights has been applied for, application number 08-6377. Plants of this cultivar are marketed under the trade designation BLOOMERANG™ PURPLE, registration number 3655456. The cultivar name ‘Penda’ was published in Lilacs, Quarterly Journal of the International Lilac Society 38(4):129–131, November 2009; the name has been established and accepted. Plants are being distributed in the US by Wayside Gardens, Hodges, South Carolina; and in Canada by Sheridan Nurseries, Georgetown, Ontario. A standard portfolio will be opened at Royal Botanical Gardens Herbarium, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada (HAM).