



Syringa 'Old Glory'



Botanical Name:

Syringa 'Old Glory'
(NA 62974; PI 641803)

Hardiness:

USDA Zones 5-7.

Development:

'Old Glory' is a selection from a controlled hybridization between *Syringa* 'Sweet Charity' and *Syringa* x *hyacinthiflora* 'Pocahontas' made by Don Egolf in 1978 and released in March 2006. It is a product of the lilac hybridization program at the U.S. National Arboretum and follows the release of 'Betsy Ross' in 2000.

Significance:

'Old Glory' was selected for its abundant fragrant bluish-purple flowers, rounded growth habit, and disease tolerant foliage. It shows good field tolerance to *Cercospora* blight and *Pseudomonas syringae* in warmer climates where these diseases are a problem.

Description:

Height and width: 11.5 feet tall and 13.5 feet wide in 25 years.

Habit: Deciduous, relatively compact, rounded shrub.

Foliage: Thick, dark green, mildew-tolerant foliage.

Flowers: Medium size, abundant, bluish-purple fragrant inflorescences in early spring.

Propagation:

Semi-hardwood cuttings taken in late spring immediately after flowering root in six weeks under mist with 3000-5000 ppm IBA, or it can be tissue cultured.

Landscape Use:

Background planting in the shrub border, specimen plant, deciduous hedge or screen, mass planted in large areas.

Availability:

For a list of wholesale nurseries propagating this plant, contact Dr. Margaret Pooler, U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002-1958, poolerm@ars.usda.gov