OROC
Open Registration of Cultivars
“OH-ROCK”
WHY?

- Existing ISHS/RHS/ICRA system registers less than 2% of all new hardy herbaceous perennials, trees, shrubs, vines, conifers, and tender interior plants. How is that possible?

- SOLUTION: OROC has registered approximately 95-98% of new taxa our research has uncovered. About 1-3% of names are either invalid or with incomplete descriptions.
## OUR PROGRESS

### WOODY PLANTS
- 120 pages
- 350+ cultivars
- 4 updates since 2016
- 68 new Acer (maples)
- 25 new Juniperus

### PERENNIALS
- 41 pages
- 220+ cultivars
- 3 updates since 2016
- 22 new Baptisia
- 32 new Sedum
MONEY
FOR
NOTHING
100% FREE

- ISHS/ICRA Registration fees can be up to $32 per cultivar, sometimes with $10-15 name reservation and $15 revision fees.
- Register books costing $25-115, back registrars costing up to $700 for a full set. Your library is not likely to have them.
- SOLUTION: OROC is 100% free, no fees or charges
PUBLIC INTEREST

- Most cultivar registrars are set up to serve a particular plant society or garden. They require fees, subscription to THEIR journal to see YOUR registration (yet more money), donation of a plant which they likely propagate and sell, forced donation of your copyrighted image which they later sell in other publications. Then they try to sell you color ad space!

SOLUTION: OROC is free of all this selfish nonsense.
LEAF MARGINS

- undulate
- sinuate
- serrate
- dentate
- lobate
- scalloped
- palmate
- digitate
- bipinnatisect
- tripinnatisect
- pinnatisect
- palmatisect
- pedate
- palmatilobate
- bipartite
- tripartite
- palmatipartite
- pinnatipartite
- pinnatifid
FREE ASSISTANCE

- No technical assistance from registrars. Frankly, most of them are not taxonomists who are trained to evaluate names and describe plants with accuracy. A few are merely political appointees. Most will never answer your email questions. We know – we’ve tried scores of times.

- SOLUTION: OROC has two graduate-trained taxonomists and carefully trained Certified Registrars who will respond.
NO GAMES

- We reported to the ISHS that one registrar forced registrants to donate a plant which he’d soon propagate and be listed as the sole source on the society’s website! Wow! No wonder two top originators in that genus came to us instead. Another ICRA is known to have delayed publishing their registrations for about 3 years until their book came out. Talk about blatant abuse of the system.
There are also the ISHS fees for reserving a name for a cultivar that does not yet exist. That’s like registering a car not yet designed or asking for a birth certificate for a baby not even conceived. Then you have 3 years to produce and describe a plant! Another $10 will extend the reservation. Another requires you to name BOTH parents of the cross and have propagated it true for three generations!
WAIT NO MORE…

- Little or no response from Registrars, waiting weeks if not longer, even if checks for fees are cashed! I know one fellow with ten registrations is still waiting 2 years.

- SOLUTION: OROC responds in 48 business hours, usually same day and we’re very detailed in our responses. Then we follow up in we need any clarifications. We get it right and with urgency. We actually care about you and your plants.
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International Register of Ornamental Plant Cultivars
Book VIII: Woody Plants
OROC of www.cultivar.org
Laurence C. Hatch, Chief Registrar and Editor
RAPID DATA RELEASE

- ISHS Registrations take months if not years to be published
- **SOLUTION:** OROC Registrars are published at cultivar.org and Google Play Books at least once a year for woody and herbaceous perennials. We even publish pending names as a way of communicating to the entire plant community what is coming out soon.
IGNORANCE IS...

- We simply need modern research, portability, international scope, and internet savvy registration. One ICRA registrar told me his institution did not give him an internet connection and he didn’t have one at home. He’d have to ask a friend in another city to look something up. That was in 2014. Not surprising he did not know about scores of new cultivars offered around the world in web catalogs in HIS OWN genus!!
International Register of Ornamental Plant Cultivars:: OROC Book IV: Hardy Herbaceous Perennials

Laurence C. Hatch  April 22, 2017
Cultivar.org

Free Ebook
WHY?

- ISHS registrations often appear in obscure academic journals or society journals which cost $15-320 a year, not widely seen in public libraries.

- SOLUTION: OROC Registrars have been published free from www.cultivar.org and offered for any device from the Google Play Books store, all 100% free. Over 58,000 different people have downloaded our registrars, many more using.
Plantus communis 'Emerald Wonder' - 2-4 ft. tall x wide, compact, dense, subglobose, remaining dense with age. Leaves more narrowly elliptic, 0.5-1.5cm long x 0.2-1.0cm wide, dark green above, glossy, red to orange in fall. Flowers as species. Or: http://www.metropolisnursery.com (wholesale only), accessed 3.19.2017, New for 2017 introduction, open pollinated from 'Green Magic', offered by retail mailorder by http://smallnursery.com and http://smallernursery.com.

Availability: In Stock

#69302

1 per pack

Quantity

$8.99 $4.99

Add To Cart

A bold, long-blooming perennial that is easy to grow and requires little care. Very...
BUY IT NOW!

- Traditional ISHS registrations shy away from commercial promotions. But getting a new plant sold is what motivates originators in the first place! Why would they take time for a purely academic listing of their plants? They don’t!

- SOLUTION: OROC provides free web links, email addresses, video links, and other sales tools. Many OROC readers are big buyers, collectors, and curators who want new stuff now!
ALL CULTIVAR CONTEXT

- Traditional registrations lack the context of a complete checklist or monograph of all known cultivars. You need to know the old before understanding what is really new.
- **SOLUTION:** OROC was created by cultivar.org who publish the 4000 page Cultivars of Woody Plants and 2500 page Hatch’s Perennials. We have lots of context and history that has taken almost 40 years to create.
WHO AND WHEN?

OROC was formed in 2014 by taxonomist Larry Hatch as spin-off of cultivar.org, formerly known as the New Ornamentals Society. Thirteen of the group’s volunteers took an interest in the project and were trained. Scores of experts around the world expressed interest, lent their support to the founding documents and sent in new cultivar data. Over 15,000 read our first register and today more than 58,000 have downloaded or read the woody register.
### Smilacina japonica 'Snow Dragon'

Zones 4-8

Pure white broad marginal variegation form of Smilacina japonica. This had been 'High class variegated Smilacina' among the serious Japanese collectors. One of our supplier grow very well and kindly offer for overseas customers. Very rare and limited quantity for offering.

### Smilacina japonica 'Golden Dragon'

Zones 4-8

Very bright golden yellow form of Japanese Smilacina. Because of the less green, it has been rare and always supply short against the demand, since the photo had come up to Japanese plant magazine. Very rare and limited quantity for offering.

### Smilacina japonica 'Dragon's Treasure'

Zones 4-8

Gold leaf with green edge, very good contrast at shade garden. One of the best variegated smilacina in Japan. Very rare and limited quantity for offering.

### Syneilesis palmata 'Kikko'

Zones 4-8

Spider net patterned leaves selection of Syneilesis. Still rare and not widely available in Japan. Very collector’s plant. Limited number available.
CULTIVAR HISTORY

- Many cultivars come out with little documentation. Sometimes the originator dies, their nursery goes out of business, or the garden is sold. Then the cultivar gets famous.

- SOLUTION: OROC archives digital copies of catalogs, press releases, correspondence, plant images, and other files to clearly document the cultivar for future researchers. Your institution can share in these archives too.
International Register of Ornamental Plant Cultivars:
Hardy Herbaceous Perennials
Book IV. December 2016
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FREE, PORTABLE DATA

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NO MORE SILLY RULES

- Some ISHS registrars make up their own silly rules like 1) the cultivar looks like another (resemblant), 2) Series names cannot be used (ie. Silver Kolibri, Gold Kolibri), and 3) registrant did not submit a photo.

- SOLUTION: OROC eliminates all these obstacles that you may have encountered. These are NOT their duties. Patent authorities can exclude similar plants but not ICRA.
Lily publications
The RHS is the International Cultivar Registration Authority for lilies, and publishes a Register of cultivar names used in the genus.

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So do we. That is why OROC has an Excluded Genera List for groups that are professionally handled: Bromeliaceae, Camellia, Dahlia, Dianthus, Fuchsia, Gladiolus, Hemerocallis, Hibiscus rosa-sinensis, Hosta, Iris, Lilium, Orchidaceae, Paeonia, Rhododendron, Rosa, Saintpaulia/Gesneriaceae, Syringa, and Tulipa. Kudos to this group of scholars!
PROACTIVE AND REACTIVE

- OROC uses both proactive and active researching, accepting forms and descriptions from originators but also researching over 750 major nursery catalogs, journals, patent websites, and other sources of new cultivar data each year.

- Our trained, certified Cultivar Registrars evaluate each name and compile available data for the register.
ACERO60 - Acer cinnatum 'Lilypad' - leaves distinct bullate or convex along the separate, very obtuse, shallow lobes. It does have a rounded lilypad aspect.

PENDING - Acer saccharum 'Collins Caddo' - 45 ft. tall x 40 ft. wide. Leaves rich red in fall. Ns, id: we are trying to determine if this is distinct from the original 'Caddo' maple or not.


ACERO63 - Acer palmatum BUTTERSCOTCH™ 'JWW8' - leaves mostly 5-lobed, strongly dentate in some lobes, bright pink at first, up to six week, slowly maturing to soft brown and later a dark green, becoming bright red in fall. web: http://www.newplants.nl/en/planten/a/acer-palmatum-butterscotch-pbr-jww8/, accessed 4.28.2017


ACERO65 - Acer [Rochester Group] (A. griseum x A. maximowiczianum) BRONZE TABLET™ 'AROY' - 7-10 ft. tall x 4-7 ft. wide (10 years), bark rich bronze, exfoliating, even young limbs showing good exfoliation. Leaves "clean summer foliage...red hues in fall". Ch: proven hard on Illinois and Wisconsin border. Or: Roy Khem as 2nd generation selection. Web: http://www.songsparrow.com/catalog/plantdetails.cfm ID=5029&type=WOODY &pagetype=plantdetails&plant_name=Acer%20griseum%20x%20maximowiczianumBronze%20Tablet%3Csup%3ETM%3Csup%3E, accessed 5.9.2017

ACERO66 - Acer triflorum ARTIST ETCHING™ 'CROY' - 7-10 ft. tall x 5-8 ft. wide (10 years), bark "very light buckskin tan", much paler than typical, almost like Betula nigra, exfoliation extending well into smaller branchlets. Prop: own roots propagation by Klehm. Or, web: http://www.songsparrow.com/catalog/plantdetails.cfm ID=5028&type=WOODY &pagetype=plantdetails, accessed 5.9.2017


ACERO68 - Acer triflorum ORANGE AGLO™ 'Jack-O-Lantern' - Growth up to 12 in. per year for first 15 years. Leaves 5.2 in. long x 3.75 in. wide, rich pumpkin orange, sometimes with red shades mixed in. Or: North Dakota State University, from nursery seedlings in 1995, original seed source unknown, this one the best of most durable five trees evaluated over 16 years, intro. 2011.

AESC001 - Aesculus pavia 'Fishtail' (Mark Weathington, Raulston Arboretum)
ICNCP RULES...LITERALLY

- We use the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants (ICNCP) just like the ISHS/ICRA Registrars as the basis of determining correct, valid names. We also have our own, carefully studied and constantly refined policies that deal with specialized issues such as Trademarks and color descriptors.
FREE DATA

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RESPECT MY AUTHORITAH!
WHAT’S YOUR AUTHORITY?

- The same as anyone else cataloging plants. The ISHS is a self-appointed operation with no legal standing as the exclusive agency for recording cultivars. Most courts and patent offices give them no special consideration and often contradict their views! Only PBR, Patent, and Trademark offices are governmental agencies. OROC has the training, knowledge, motivation, and means to get this fixed and done well.
Required Propagation Method

- Seed
- Vegetative (cutting, division)
- Vegetative (graft only)
- Tissue only
- Not determined/no comment
- Option

______CULTIVAR DESCRIPTION________

Plant habit (shape)

- Columnar (narrow)
- Ovoid (oval or egg-shaped)
- Pyramidal (pyramid-shaped)
- Globose (rounded)
- Globose-mounded (tall mound)
- Decumbent or low mound
- Prostrate or trailing
- Other
HOW TO I SUBMIT A CULTIVAR?

Several ways:

• One of our online forms
• Email the details to ornamentals@lycos.com
• Email and say “see my catalog at…..”