

Dr. Arie J. Haagen-Smit, California's renowned expert on air pollution, was the principal speaker at the annual AABGA banquet, held the evening of April 17. Dr. Haagen-Smit spoke on "Smog, Plants, and People." The evening ended with the presentation of AABGA awards of merit and words of thanks to Mr. Ching for his organizational efforts from Dr. Richard A. Howard, director of the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University and the new president of the AABGA.

Plant Introductions

The Plant Introduction Program continues as one of the Department's primary functions. Through June of 1973, the Department has introduced 62 plant species and has developed contracts with Southern California nurseries for introduction of an additional 15. In addition, the Propagation Section is investigating or actively propagating 32 species and selections of plants that show horticultural promise and are considered potential introductions.

Plants introduced to the nursery trade 1971-73 included:

December, 1971	Camellia 'John Anson Ford'
December, 1971	Gazania 'Sun-Gold'
December, 1971	Gazania 'Sun-Burst'
August, 1971	Grevellia 'Red Glow'
March, 1972	Grevellia 'Pink Pearl'
March, 1972	Grevellia 'Pink Pygmy'
June, 1972	<u>Viburnum rigidum</u>
August, 1972	<u>Nerium oleander</u> 'Petite Pink'
August, 1972	<u>Nerium oleander</u> 'Petite Salmon'



1961. "Plant introductions." *Biennial report 1971-73*, 4.

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