

THE JAMES R. JEWETT BEACH PLUM AWARD

The James R. Jewett Award was established in 1940 "for the scientific and empirical improvement of the beach plum (*Prunus maritima*) including, however, the social significance of work with this native species or its products." This year the award has been given to the Cape Cod Beach Plum Growers Association to support their work in beach plum improvement and in maintaining proper standards of beach plum products.

Many superior varieties of beach plums have been selected, and one of the objectives of the Cape Cod Beach Plum Growers Association is to test these varieties and to select new ones. Another objective of the Association is to maintain proper standards of beach plum jelly sold in stores and roadside stands. It seems that some of the beach plum products are a mixture of beach plums and apples, although perhaps not in the ratio of one beach plum to one apple as has been facetiously suggested. The Association plans to issue distinctive labels which should insure both the processor and the public against inferior products.

The Arnold Arboretum is doing some experimental work with beach plums. We have six of the named varieties and are studying means of propagation. The use of *Prunus tomentosa* as a root stock may make transplanting a less difficult problem, especially where plants must be moved for some distance. All of the beach plum varieties are good ornamentals and the fact that they bear edible fruit only increases their value as ornamental plants.



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