

**The story of the accidental collection of *Chaenomeles* cultivars in the garden of a bungalow in Old Coulsdon, Surrey. How the collection began, why it continued to grow and inspired by the concept, became certified as a Plant Heritage National Plant Collection.**

The Bungalow Mid September 2019



# The Bungalow May 2018



# The Bungalow Summer 2018



# The Bungalow Spring 2019



## *Chaenomeles* – A what ?

*Chaenomeles*, sha-no-MA-leez; from Gr.  
*chaino*, to split ground; *melon*, apple.  
*Rosaceae*.

*japonica*, jap-ON-ik-a, of Japan.

*sinensis*, si-NEN-sis, Chinese.

*speciosa*, spes-e-O-sa, showy.

× *superba*, su-PER-ba, superb.

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It started here in the 70s



The First – *Chaenomeles x superba* 'Crimson and Gold' 2001  
SE London





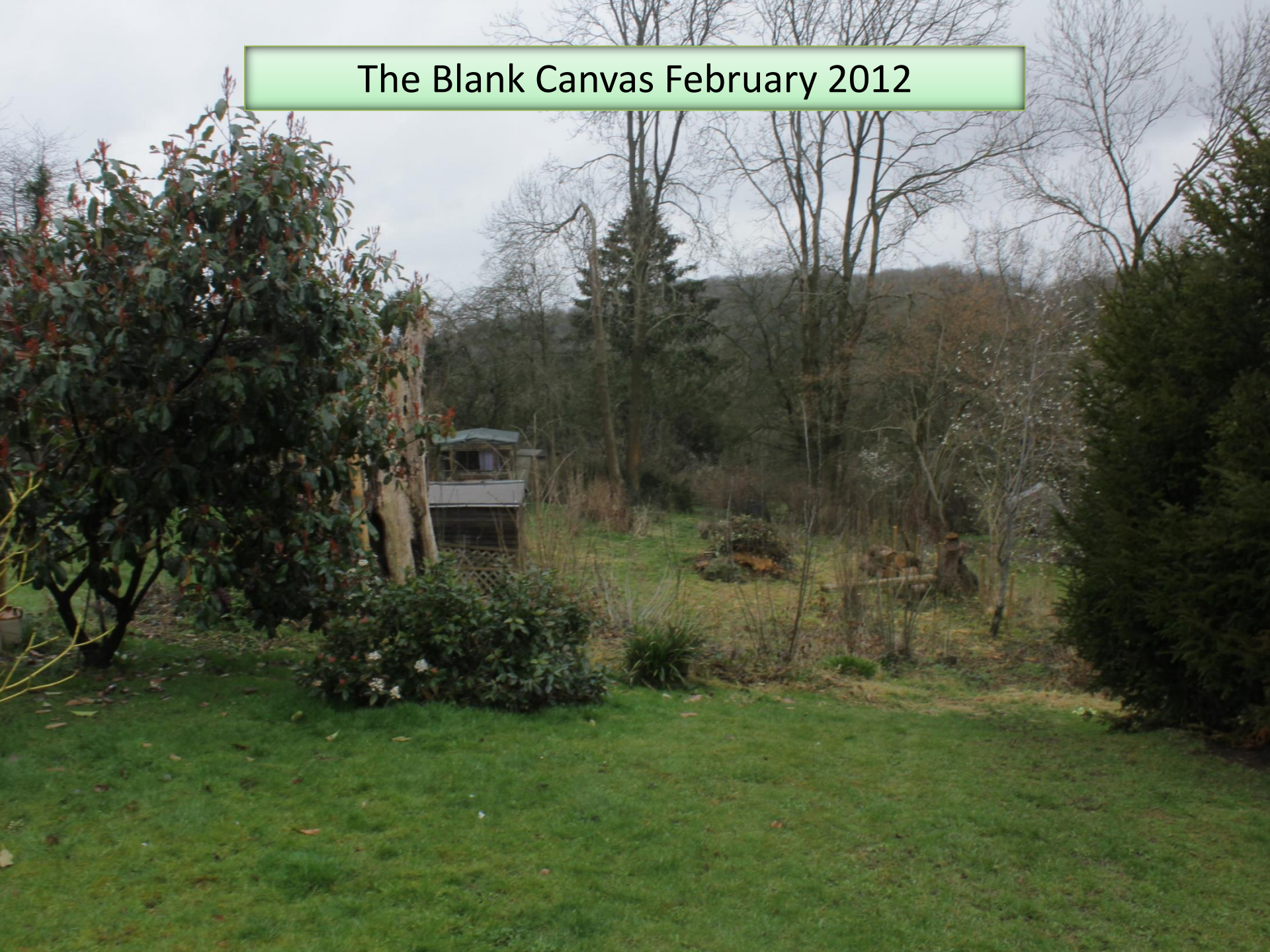
*Chaenomeles* sp. – 2002 SE London



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# The Blank Canvas February 2012



The most comprehensive work on the *Chaenomeles* genus I have found to date - 1963

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### CULTIVARS IN THE GENUS *CHAENOMELES*

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THE GENUS *CHAENOMELES* includes the plants commonly known as Japanese or Flowering Quinces, or Japonicas. They are shrubs with bright and showy flowers, blooming normally in the early spring, before the leaves come out, at a time when few other flowers are available in the garden. For this reason, the Flowering Quinces have been popular ever since the first species was introduced to European gardens at the end of the eighteenth century.

Before its introduction into Europe, the botanist Thunberg had seen a Flowering Quince growing in Japan. He thought it was a new kind of pear tree, and described it, in 1784, as *Pyrus japonica*. A few years later, in 1796, Sir Joseph Banks, director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, introduced the first Japanese Quince into England, assuming it was Thunberg's species. In 1807, Persoon recognized that because of its numerous seeds this species did not belong to the genus *Pyrus*, but rather to *Cydonia*, the common Quince. The plant therefore became known as *Cydonia japonica* (Thunb.) Pers.

In 1822 Lindley established the genus *Chaenomeles*, distinguishing it from *Cydonia* primarily by the character of the fruits. Subsequent observations and studies have confirmed Lindley's opinion, yet some nurserymen still continue to list the species of *Chaenomeles* under *Cydonia*. *Chaenomeles* possesses reniform stipules; short, entire, glandless sepals erect at anthesis; stamens in two rows; completely fused carpels; and styles fused at the base forming a column. *Cydonia* has linear stipules; foliaceous and serrate sepals bordered with glands; stamens in one row; carpels fused by the adaxial side only; and styles free or coalescent by the pubescence only.

About 1870, the Messrs. Maule, nurserymen in Bristol, England, introduced a

# The Accession List

Accession No	Cat.No.	Accesssion Date	Genus	Species	Cultivar	Synonym	Supplier	Notes
1999.001.A	1	Feb-99	Chaenomeles	X superba	Crimson and Gold		Woodcote Green Nuseries	
1999.001.B	57	Jun-01	Chaenomeles	X superba	Crimson and Gold		Cutting	
1999.001.C	58	Jul-16	Chaenomeles	X superba	Crimson and Gold		Cutting	
2014.001.A	2	Mar-14	Chaenomeles	speciosa	Geisha Girl		Woodcote	
2016.001.A	3	Apr-16	Chaenomeles	speciosa	Cameo		Pennard Plants	Dixter Spring Fair
2016.002.A	4	Apr-16	Chaenomels	japonica	Cido		Pennard Plants	Dixter Spring Fair
2016.003.A	5	Apr-16	Chaenomeles	speciosa	Kinshiden		Pennard Plants	Dixter Spring Fair
2016.004.A	6	Apr-16	Chaenomeles	x superba	Pink Lady		RHS Plants	Garden planted
2017.001.A	8	Apr-17	Chaenomeles	speciosa	Madame Butterfly	Syn 'Whitice' RHS	Woodcote Green	
2017.002.A	7	Apr-17	Chaenomeles	speciosa	Nivalis		Knights Garden Centre	
2017.003.A	9	Apr-17	Chaenomeles	speciosa	Yukigoten		Woodcote Green	
2017.004.A	11	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	x superba	Jet Trail		Knights Garden Centre Nags Hall	
2017.005.A	13	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	x superba	Jet Trail		Larch Cottage Nurseries	
2017.006.A	22	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	x superba	Knaphill Scarlet		Perryhill Nurseries	
2017.007.A	23	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	x superba	Lemon & Lime		Perryhill Nurseries	
2017.008.A	14	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	speciosa	Moerloosii	syn 'Apple Blossom' RHS	Larch Cottage Nurseries	
2017.009.A	24	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	speciosa	Nivalis		Perryhill Nurseries	
2017.010.A	25	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	x superba	Pink Lady		Perryhill Nurseries	
2017.010.B	63	Sep-18	Chaenomeles	x superba	Pink Lady		Sucker	
2017.011.A	15	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	japonica	Rising Sun		Larch Cottage Nurseries	
2017.012.A	16	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	speciosa	Rubra Grandiflora	syn 'Rubra'	Larch Cottage Nurseries	
2017.013.A	17	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	x superba	Salmon Horizon		Larch Cottage Nurseries	
2017.014.A	18	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	japonica	Sargentii		Larch Cottage Nurseries	
2017.015.A	10	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	x superba	Tortuosa		Barnsdale Gardens	Garden planted
2017.016.A	19	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	x superba	Tortuosa		Larch Cottage Nurseries	
2017.017.A	26	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	speciosa	Umbilicata		Perryhill Nurseries	
2017.018.A	20	Nov-17	Chaenomeles	x superba	Vermillion		Larch Cottage Nurseries	

The All Important Labelling

Chaenomeles x superba

'Boul de Feu'

2018.004.A

*Chaenomeles x superba* 'Rowallane'

*Chaenomeles japonica* 'Sargentii'





# Equation for Label Longevity





# The Dreaded Paperwork!





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*Chaenomeles speciosa* 'Geisha Girl'



*Chaenomeles x superba* 'Salmon Horizon'



*Chaenomeles speciosa* 'Toyo-Nishiki'



*Chaenomeles japonica* 'Rising Sun'



*Chaenomeles* 'Orange Storm'



*Chaenomeles speciosa* 'Pink Trail'



*Chaenomeles speciosa* 'Cardinalis'





*Chaenomeles x superba* 'Orange Trail'



*Chaenomeles speciosa* 'Friesdorfer'

## 3 Chaenomeles species

<i>Chaenomeles</i>	<i>cathayensis</i>	W. China, Bhutan, Burma
<i>Chaenomeles</i>	<i>japonica</i>	Japan
<i>Chaenomeles</i>	<i>speciosa</i>	China & Korea

## x Crosses

<i>C. speciosa</i>	<i>C. japonica</i>	<i>C. x superba</i>
<i>C. speciosa</i>	<i>C. cathayensis</i>	<i>C. x vilmoriana</i>
<i>C. japonica</i>	<i>C. cathayensis</i>	<i>C. x clarkiana</i>

## Tri-Cross

<i>C. x superba</i>	<i>C. cathayensis</i>	<i>C. x californica</i>
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# Chaenomeles Fruits



*Chaenomeles x superba* 'Tortuosa'



*Chaenomeles x superba* 'Nicoline'



*Chaenomeles japonica* 'Sargentii'



*Chaenomeles speciosa* 'Simonii'



*Chaenomeles x superba* 'Fusion'



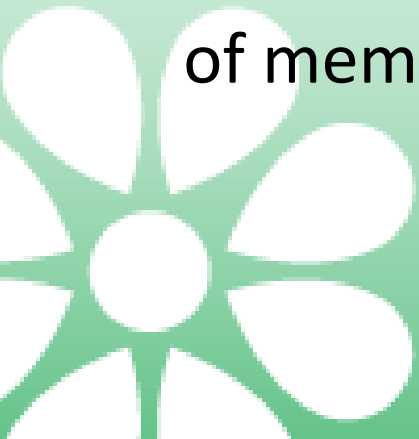
Chaenomeles japonica  
'Sargentii'  
2017.014.A

*Chaenomeles japonica* 'Sargentii'



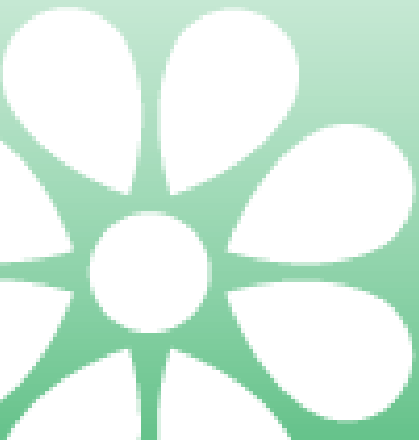


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‘Graham Stuart Thomas and I often lamented that many worthwhile and historically valuable species and cultivars were in danger of disappearing completely from cultivation – a resource of great economic potential and heritage’

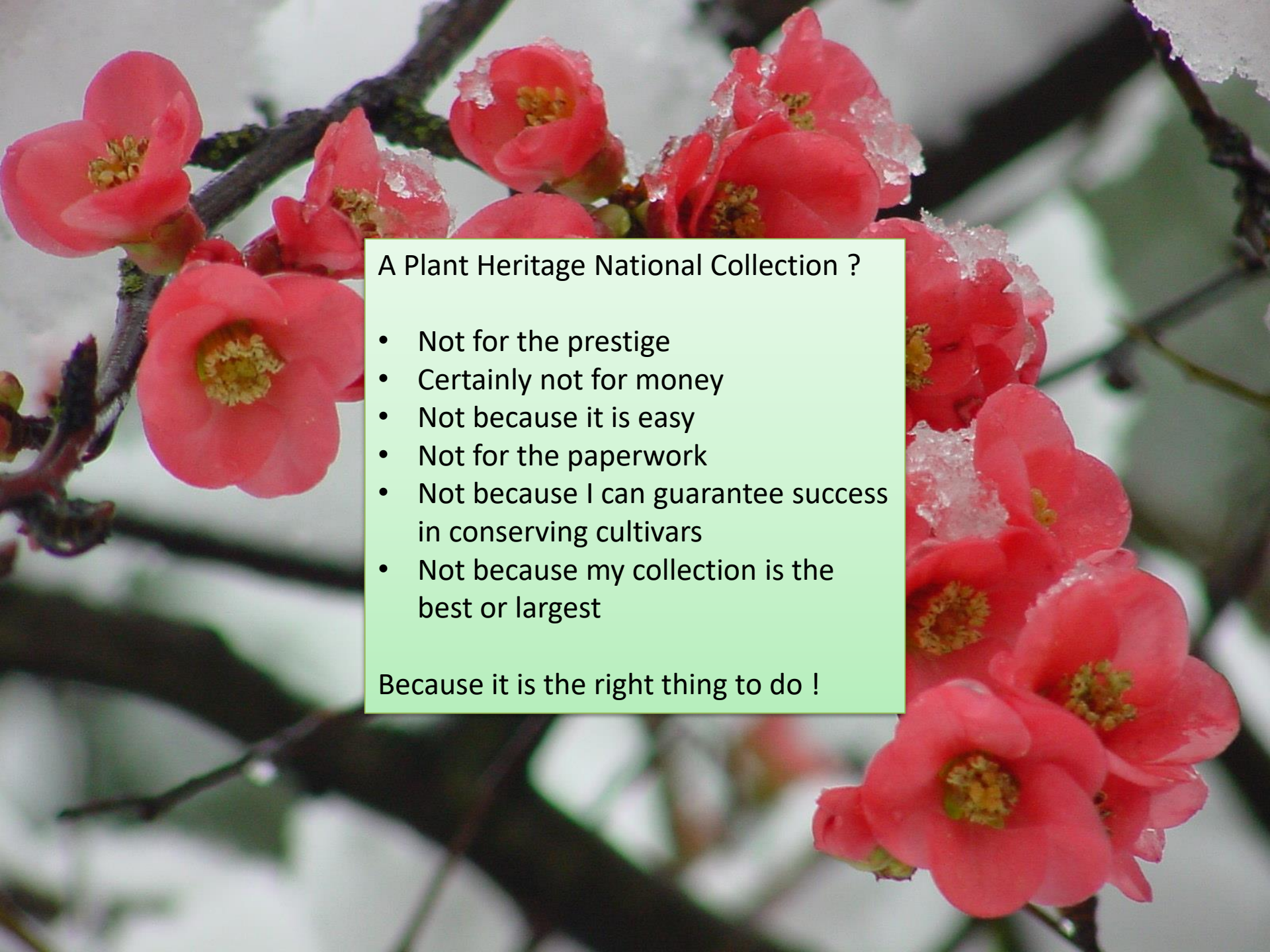
**Christopher Brickell, co-founder, 1977**



## A Success Story




*Artemisia crithmifolia* (Dune wormwood) replanted into the dunes at Crymlyn Burrows in Wales where it was collected under license 25 years ago

A close-up photograph of several bright pink flowers, likely cherry blossoms, with delicate yellow centers. The flowers are covered in a light layer of snow, suggesting a winter or early spring setting. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white, likely snow-covered ground or branches.

## A Plant Heritage National Collection ?

- Not for the prestige
- Certainly not for money
- Not because it is easy
- Not for the paperwork
- Not because I can guarantee success in conserving cultivars
- Not because my collection is the best or largest

Because it is the right thing to do !



Thank You !

Next Open Day : - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Check the Surrey Plant Heritage Website for details