

## New Father Fiala Crabapple Introductions: Field Production of Own Root Crabapples from Liners to Finished Stock

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About 20 years ago, while visiting Brother Charles and working with him on tetraploid daylily breeding, I noticed a few small ornamental crabapples that he had previously budded in a near-by row. These trees had excellent foliage retention, attractive small berries, and neat sales appeal names like 'Christmas Holly', 'Garnet', and 'Egret'.

When I asked "Charlie" about the origin of these, he simply said that another priest friend of his from Ohio had sent him the buds a few years ago for him to try. Brother Charles said that a Father John L. Fiala of Medina, Ohio, had been breeding and evaluating crabapples for sometime and thought that these may have commercial value.

Well, of course my interest was piqued and little did I know at the time where this all would lead.

This morning I'd like to show these on their own roots and then go into a few of the better selections as we presently value them.

Plants shown included:

**The lilacs:** *Syringa vulgaris* 'Albert F. Holden', *S. × hyacinthiflora* 'Blanche Sweet', and *S. vulgaris* 'Aloise'.

**The crabapples:** 'Red Peacock' PP 7022, 'Leprechaun', 'Serenade' PP 6957, 'Satin Cloud' PP 6956, 'Amberina' PP 6942, 'Little Troll', 'Golden Galaxy', × *zumi* 'Wooster', 'Luwick', 'Cranberry Lace', 'Christmas Holly', 'Autumn Glory', and 'Red Swan' PP 6974.