VOICE: What is the concentration of the growth regulator used for rooting?

ED KINSEY: It was 0.8% IBA.

JAMES BOODLEY: What type of lamps did you use, how close were they, and what was the photoperiod?

ED KINSEY: The lamps are ordinary cool-white type and they are placed 12 to 15 in. from the plants. We use a 24 hr light period.

DICK JAYNES: A lot of kalmia growers are having a problem with liners flopping over in the container or the roots not going down. What has been your experience?

ED KINSEY: I have had more of a problem with the tissuecultured liners than rooted cuttings. As for the roots, we are using a pine bark mix with no problems.

Thursday Evening, December 12, 1985

The thirty-fifth annual banquet was held in the Ballroom of the Biltmore Plaza Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island.

On behalf of the Society, the first research award was presented to Dr. Nina Bassuk, Department of Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Lawrence Carville made the following Award of Merit presentation:

EASTERN REGION AWARD OF MERIT

Tonight we are privileged to honor one of our members with the highest recognition the Eastern Region can bestow, the Award of Merit. This award was first given in 1957 and has been awarded annually whenever a deserving recipient is nominated by the membership. The Award of Merit recognizes outstanding contributions to the art and science of plant propagation, either by a practitioner or an academician.

Our recipient this evening has been chosen from the practical field because he is a propagator in every sense of the word. To him, the motto of our Society, TO SEEK AND TO SHARE, is more than words. They are his daily creed.

Our honoree became a member of the Eastern Region in 1962 and presented his first of many papers in Cleveland in 1965. Some of you will recognize him from the title of this paper: "Corylus and Cornus from cutting." His papers appeared

in subsequent Proceedings every year for six consecutive years.

I came to know this propagator because his knowledge was freely shared and was of tremendous help to me in my fledgling years as a propagator here in Rhode Island.

He served with me as a member on the Eastern Region Board and has continued to remain active as chairman of various committees, as a moderator, as participant in grafting workshops, and as a presenter of meaningful papers. He is the type of down-to-earth propagator who tells it like it is, who reports on not only the rooted cuttings but on the unrooted and dead ones as well.

Most of you in this room heard his presentation Tuesday on the subject of seed treatments to enhance germination. On Friday, you will enjoy his quick wit as co-moderator for the Question Box. Much like E.F. Hutton, when he talks, people listen!

I am honored and proud to present the 1985 Award of Merit to a good friend and good neighbor from the north, from Sheriden Nurseries in Oakville, Ontario. A warm and appreciative welcome for Joerg Leiss.

Friday Morning, December 13, 1985

The Friday morning session convened at 8:00 a.m. with Mark Widrlechner serving as moderator.

CONTAINERIZED SEEDLING AND ROOTED CUTTING TECHNOLOGY IN SWEDEN

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