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Weber, Claude Miss

October 5, 1960

Miss Claude Weber
Arnold Arboretum
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Miss Weber:

I am sending you by parcel post a box containing several fruit of the Chaenomeles of which I gave you the pressed specimen last week. I trust this material will reach you in satisfactory condition and shall be happy to receive your comments concerning the identity of this particular specimen.

It was a pleasure to meet you and I wish you the best of success in your work.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
JAMAICA PLAIN — CAMBRIDGE — WESTON
MASSACHUSETTS, U. S. A.



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October 14, 1960.

Dear Dr. Fogg,

Thank you very much for your letter and the fruit of *Chaenomeles*. They were so well packed that they arrived in perfect condition. It is certainly *Chaenomeles cathayensis* (Hemsl.) C. K. Schneider, illustrated in Hooker Flon. Pl. vol. xxvii t. 2658 (1901).

Last spring, I saw the original plant introduced in Europe, still growing at Kew Gardens. The fruits and the leaves were the same as in your specimens. I was too late for the flowers. I would appreciate very much to receive some fresh ones in the spring.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely
E. Weber

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Weber, Claude, Miss

October 20, 1960

Miss Claude Weber
The Arnold Arboretum
Harvard University
22 Divinity Avenue
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Miss Weber:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 18. I am delighted to have your positive identification of our Chaenomeles, which confirms my own impression that C. cathayensis is entirely distinct from C. lagenaria.

I shall certainly see to it that flowering material of our specimen is sent to you next spring.

With best wishes for success in your work,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

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April 24, 1961.

DR. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Director
The Morris Arboretum
9414 Meadowbrook Avenue
Philadelphia 18.

Dear Dr. Fogg,

I suppose that your Japanese Quinces are in bloom now. I would appreciate very much if you could press me a flowering branch of Chaenomeles cathayensis, and one of Ch. 'Tricolor'. Later on, leaves of this cultivar would also be very useful.

I have now, a list including over 320 names. With the help of herbarium material, I hope to be able to put at least a few in synonymy. We also hope to grow them side by side, and judge this way which are the best, or even worth growing. Certainly not all are. This will take time.

Thank you for your cooperation to this project.

Yours sincerely,

C. Weber

Claude Weber

May 5, 1961

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Mrs. Claude Weber
Herbarium
The Arnold Arboretum
22 Divinity Avenue
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Weber:

This past winter has been incredibly rough on a number of shrubby genera and I fear that we have lost our Chaenomeles 'tricolor' altogether.

Our single large plant of C. cathayensis appears to be about 90% dead, but will probably break again from the base. I doubt very much that it will produce flowers this season.

I'll keep an eye on both things, however, and if an when they flower will certainly obtain specimens for you.

Perhaps I shall have the pleasure of seeing you again when I am at the Arnold next week.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

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Arnold Arboretum
22 Divinity Ave.
Cambridge 38, Mass.

June 8, 1961.

Dr. John M. Fogg
Director
The Morris Arboretum
9414 Meadowbrook Ave.
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg,

I answer very late to your letter of May 5. I was sorry to hear that your Arboretum suffered from the cold winter, as well as ours. They are still some shrubs which started to put leaves on, and are dying now. Nevertheless, most of them will come up from the base.

I have the opportunity to go to Philadelphia, arriving from Johnstown, on June 18. I intend to spend there the next day, and would like to visit your Arboretum, or revisit it, because I have already been there a few years ago. Even if your Japanese Quince collection is in bad shape, I would like to see it. Perhaps Chaenomeles cathayensis will be kind enough to put a few late flowers for me.

Let me know at what time of June 19 I disturb you less. I shall be leaving Cambridge on the 14th, to go first to Rochester, then spend the week-end in Johnstown, Hotel Fort Stanwix. I hope to be able to meet you.

Yours sincerely,

Cl. Weber

June 9, 1961

Mrs. Claude Weber
Arnold Arboretum
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Weber:

I have your letter of June 8 and am delighted to know that you plan to visit us on Monday, June 19.

Unfortunately, I shall be in Florida at that time, but I have asked our Propagator, Miss Mary Milton, to receive you and show you around.

Our phone number here is CH 7-5232 and if you care to call in advance of leaving your hotel or wherever you are staying Miss Milton can give you directions for getting here and will be on the lookout for your arrival.

I shall be very sorry to miss seeing you, but hope that you enjoy your visit.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
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July 4, 1961.

Dr. J. M. Fogg Jr.
Director
The Morris Arboretum
9414 Meadowbrook Ave.
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg,

I was very pleased with my visit to the Morris Arboretum which, thanks to Miss Milton, proved to be very pleasant and profitable. She was just wonderful in taking me all around, and trying to answer all my questions. I just wrote her to confirm the right time, which is just now, to send us some soft wood cuttings of Chaenomeles japonica var. tricolor. We would be very pleased to have this shrub.

We also pressed together some herbarium specimens she will send me. I hope with the help of some flowering branches, next spring, to be able to reidentify some of the cultivars.

I also was sorry to miss you, but hope to see you again in the Arnold Arboretum.

Yours sincerely,

Cl. Weber

Mrs. Claude Weber

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October 10, 1961.

Miss Mary Milton
The Morris Arboretum
9414 Meadowbrook Ave.
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Dear ^HMiss Milton,

I hope you had a good summer. I am just coming back from a field trip to Costa Rica. I am afraid to be a little late to ask you two more things concerning Chaenomeles. I would like very much to receive one or two fruits of Ch. 'Rosea', 'Tricolor', ^{OK}ca-thayensis, ^{OK}sinensis, and Wilsonii. Ch. Wilsonii was, in your collection, identified Ch. sinensis, but has narrow leaves and a lot of spines.
²⁰ fruit
~~No fruit~~

I remind you your offer to take a slide of your beautiful tree of Ch. sinensis in fall color. I wish I could see it. Thank you very much for all the trouble.

Yours sincerely,

CP. Weber

Claude Weber

October 18, 1961

Mrs. Claude Weber
Arnold Arboretum
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Weber:

There is going forward to you a box containing three fruits of Chaenomeles sinensis.

Mary Milton tells me you would also like to have a kodachrome picture of our plant in autumn color. I am watching carefully for you, but so far it has not really started to turn.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
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Weber, C.

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November 1, 1961.

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Director
The Morris Arboretum
9414 Meadowbrook Ave.
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg,

I was very pleased to receive successively the fruits of Chaenomeles sinensis and Ch. 'Tricolor' you sent me. The fruit of the first one was quite interesting to me by being of a shape very different of the usual one for Ch. sinensis which is egg-shaped or oblong. All the fruits of Ch. sinensis I saw so far from Kew Gardens and the National Arboretum are of the usual type.

Would you know where did you obtain this tree? As Miss Milton told you I would be interested to have a slide of it while in Fall color.

Thank you ver much indeed for the two packages.

Yours sincerely,

cc. Weber

Claude Weber

Record card says
Weber, "Rec'd 1929"

December 1, 1961

Mrs. Claude Weber
The Arnold Arboretum
22 Divinity Avenue
Cambridge 38, MASS.

Dear Mrs. Weber:

Enclosed are four views of your "favorite" Chaenomeles sinensis taken for you during the recent autumn. I hope you will find them of some interest.

I regret to say that we can tell you nothing about the origin of this species. Our card says merely, "Received 1929". This was before the Arboretum became the property of the University and the Morris's were not always careful about keeping records of their accessions.

Best of luck to you in your work.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
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Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
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Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg,

I am sorry too that the attempted cross you made for me with the help of Edith Gall did not produce any fruit, especially after getting in so much trouble. Nevertheless, it will be worth trying again.

It would have been nice to be able to include this cross into my thesis which I am trying to present in the spring, but in any way we may get a result before it is published. I also intend to do some work on the genus Cydonia after I am "through" with Chae-nomeles.

I am sorry to have missed you when you came to the Arnold Arboretum yesterday. I hope you got back all right to Philadelphia in spite of the lousy weather.

Yours sincerely,

C. Weber

Claude Weber