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Would you be interested in a broadleaf that actually performed better than most this winter?





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You know this plant. Probably used it. Maybe haven't used it in a while? It is a group of rhododendrons with smaller leaves than most but with a fragrance reminding one of wintergreen. The seedling crosses produced by Weston Nursery since 1939 have produced cold hardier and more compact rhododendrons. If you haven't figured it out already, I'm referring to the PJM Rhododendron Group. In shades of lavender to pink these are among are earliest bloomers in the Ericas. It was his son Ed who planted the seeds that would produce a family of plants that would dominate the Northern heath.

Who was this man honored so? We know him as PJM – Peter J. Mezitt. And, you might be familiar with his wife – Olga (Mezitt).

I still haven't figured out the "J."

See the linked article from the Journal of the American Rhododendron Society. JARS V53:No.4:p195:y1999