

PEARL S. BUCK

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Seedling 2875. Parentage unknown (record is lost). First year propagated: 2008. Full DOUBLE flower form. Late Midseason to Late flower opening. Many closely set white petals form a large flower having a high-built silhouette, 6-7 inch diameter. A few petals on some of the flowers will have a thin edge of red pigment. The low medium bush is +/- 30 inches in height when exposed to wind in open field. Deep green pointed leaflets are relatively narrow in the cultivar group. Strong stems make an upright bush that rarely will need further support. No fertility seen, none is expected, carpels and stamens invariably absent. Received APS Seedling Certificate of Merit in 2011 (Wilsonville, Oregon).

Born in the United States in 1892 but spending most of the first 40 years of her life in China, Pearl S. Buck is best known as the 1938 Nobel Award recipient for literature. Her literary achievements span over 1,300 works. She is honored with nearly 2,000 awards for humanitarian causes, including advocacy of cross-cultural understanding, equal rights and racial harmony. Her legacy continues today with multi-cultural adoption and international humanitarian efforts for children through Pearl S. Buck International. She is often associated with the Pulitzer Prize awarded novel *The Good Earth*, the second most widely read book of the 20th century. Ms. Buck died at age 80 and is buried at her Bucks County farm in Pennsylvania. Named in participation with the Pearl S. Buck Foundation.