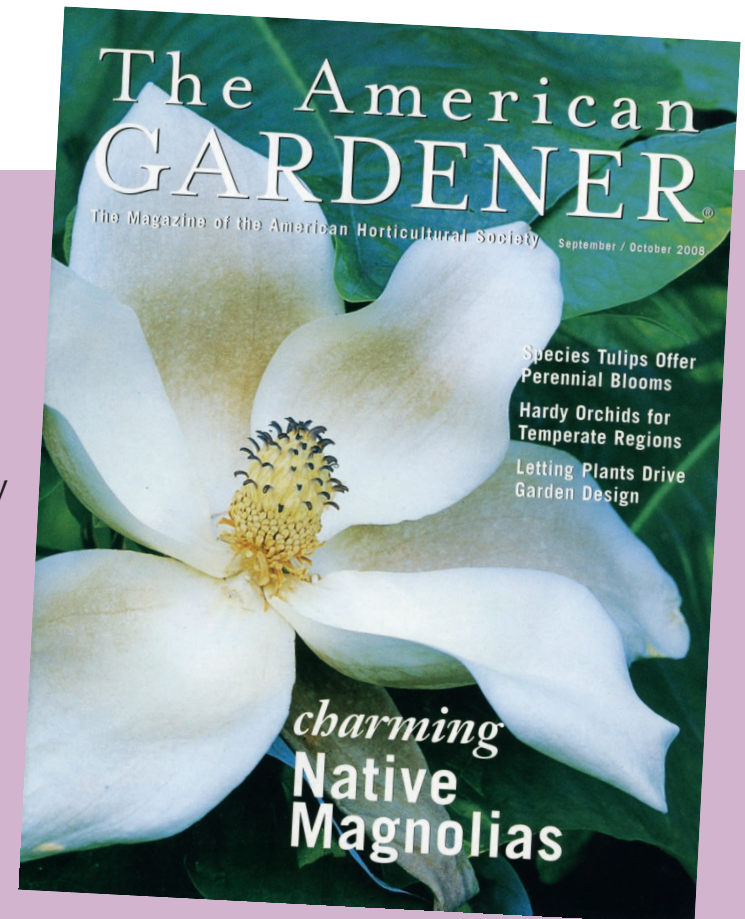


The American Gardener features aristocratic native magnolias

Magnolias are the aristocrats of America's native trees, according to *The American Gardener*, the magazine of the American Horticultural Society. Author Gil Nelson describes two that we grow, citing D. D. Blanchard as a popular and widely used selection of the evergreen species, *Magnolia grandiflora*.

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