Azalea ‘Someday Soon’
(Rhododendron prunifolium x arborescens hybrid)

‘Someday Soon’ is a cultivar created at Carlson’s Gardens, Salem, NY, in their ‘Late Blooming’ series.

4’ x 6’ spreading shrub.

Open-faced light apricot-peach flowers with contrasting orange-red stamens and pistils, July into August.

Lustrous dark green leaves.

Red-brown stems in winter.

The parents of this hybrid are:

1. Plumleaf Azalea (R. prunifolium), 4-8’, which is native to Georgia and Alabama ravines and streambanks, while hardy and adaptable in CT. Its orange-red flowers appear in late summer. Dark shiny green leaves. Fall foliage is green, orange, red, yellow. (photo #2)

2. “Sweet Azalea (R. arborescens) which is native New York south, 4-10’ tall, found along streams, and moist wooded slopes. Sweetly fragrant white flowers with prominent red pistils in late spring to early-summer. Fall foliage stunning shades of yellow, bronze, orange and red. (photo #3)

Light shade to sun, with some afternoon shade preferred. Average to moist acidic well-drained soil.

Use in open woodland or open shade gardens, and in shrub borders, mixed borders, or as specimen. Good cut flower.

Stream buffers.

Attracts bumblebees.

Attracts butterflies.

Attracts hummingbirds.

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Photos 2, 3: Mount Cuba Center
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