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THE COVER FLOWER

C. japonica 'Ballet Dancer'

This month's cover flower is 'Ballet Dancer', one of Harvey Short's 1960 introductions. It is being propagated by Nuccio's Nurseries. It is a medium full peony form of Debutante styling but not so many petals. The base of the flower is creamy white, with coral pink marginations. The deep shadings at the edge of the petals lend real distinction in unusual beauty. Foliage is a handsome green, prominently veined. It blooms from January through March. Growth habit is upright, fairly compact. To quote from Mr. Short, "the combined qualities of this flower make it about all one can ask for in a fine camellia."

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