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THE COVER FLOWER

C. japonica 'Cara Mia' (The Loved One)

This month's cover flower was introduced last fall by Nuccio Brothers without fanfare, but its reception has made up for the lack of publicity. It is a large semi-double with pink petals that shade to blush pink toward the center. Undulating petals intermingle with prominent bright stamens. It is very floriferous and the unusual color toning with the petals and bright stamens intermingling distinguish it from the usual run of camellias. Texture and substance are excellent. Foliage is a very dark green with a medium sized leaf. It blooms from December through March.
