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THE COVER FLOWER

'Mrs. George Bell' is a *C japonica* seedling of 'Tiffany.' The seed pod was a chance cross but is thought to, possibly, have been a cross with 'Ballet Dancer.' The seed was germinated in 1976 and the plant first bloomed in 1978. The cultivar has been propagated by Mr. Clark Thomas of San Dimas, California. The bloom is a medium, open peony form with the sweet-pea pink petals shading to white in the center. The plant has a vigorous, bushy growth with very dark green foliage. The cultivar was named for Mrs. George Bell, a long-time camellia hobbyist of the Pomona Valley. These color separations were courtesy of Clark Thomas,