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## THE COVER FLOWER

## C. Reticulata 'Noble Pearl'

This is the prime blooming period for C. reticulata in Southern California and 'Noble Pearl' has been used as this month's cover flower in recognition of the species. Seedlings from the original group that was brought into the United States some thirteen years ago are now blooming and some of them show promise for introduction to the public. Fortunately for the public, those who are propagating these seedlings are loathe to introduce something that is not sufficiently distinctive from the existing ones to merit introduction. This year's blooms point to the certainty that some will soon meet this condition. Meanwhile, 'Noble Pearl', 'Tali Queen' (some people think the two are identical and that one or the other was mislabeled in shipment), the variegated trio ('Lionhead', 'Chang's Temple' and 'Cornelian'), 'Crimson Robe', 'Buddha', and the others are providing pleasure for the many who are growing them successfully in the Southern California area.