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THE COVER FLOWER

This month's cover flower is one of Howard Asper's first hybrids and is being introduced by Select Camellias, Inc. of Whittier, California. 'Fire Chief' is a cross of 'Donckelarii' X 'Cornelian'. The flower can be called a "reticulata type" bloom, with high petals such as we see in 'Tali Queen' and 'Crimson Robe'. Color is fiery red. Flowers may reach 5" to 6" in diameter. The plant grows very rapidly and leaves out well. Blooming time is midseason.
