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THE COVER FLOWER

'El Dorado', this month's cover flower, is a Howard Asper seedling that is being introduced by Al and Vera Parker's Redwood Empire Camellias in Sebastopol, California. It is a hybrid, a cross of *pitardii* X *Japonica* 'Tiffany'. The flower is large, rose form to peony, clear medium pink in color. It blooms mid-season on a medium growing, compact plant. People who have been fortunate enough to see the Asper seedlings as they have developed at the Asper nursery in Escondido, California saw this one under the name 'Hazel Asper'. Mrs. Asper has apparently exercised woman's privilege in deciding she did not want her name used with a camellia.
