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## THE COVER FLOWER

### C. Hybrid 'Flower Girl'

This month's cover flower is one of the three 'Narumi-Gati' X *Reticulata* crosses, known as "The Girls", that Howard Asper first bloomed in 1960. They have been kept out of circulation, the only people who have seen them being visitors to the Asper nursery at Escondido, California. He has now released them through Monrovia Nursery Company of Monrovia, California, nursery wholesalers who will distribute them through their retail outlets.

'Flower Girl' is a cross of 'Narumi-Gati' X 'Cornelian' (previously known as 'Lion Head'). The flower is large to very large, having reached 5½" in diameter and 2¾" in depth, and blooms singly along the branches from early Fall into Winter. The color is Scarlet 19/2 throughout. Growth habit of the plant is vigorous, upright and branching.

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