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THE COVER FLOWER

C. Hybrid 'Valentine Day'

We have another of Howard Asper's controlled crosses in this month's cover flower. 'Valentine Day' is a cross of *C. reticulata* 'Crimson Robe' times *C. japonica* 'Tiffany', a worthy progeny of its illustrious parents. It should be pointed out for the gib minded that a gibbed bloom of it won "Best" in its Division at the recent Early Show at Descanso Gardens. The flower is a very large salmon pink formal double with a rosebud center. It is being released by Nuccio's Nurseries of Altadena and Kramer Bros. Nursery of Upland, both in California.

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