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THE COVER FLOWER

C. hybrid 'Highlight'

This month's cover flower is a hybrid that was originated by Mr. Les Jury of New Plymouth, New Zealand. The parentage is reticulata 'Purple Gown' X saluenensis. The flower is a large to very large full semi-double to loose peony, rose-red in color, that blooms mid-season to late. The plant has open reticulata type growth with small leaves. It was introduced in 1969 by Nuccio's Nurseries, Altadena, California. Flowering results in Southern California have not been generally good this year, possibly due to the fact that all the plants have been small. Mrs. Lilette Witman of Macon, Georgia has propagated it in the United States for Mr. Jury and has said good things about it. The Editor of *Camellia Review* saw it in bloom on a large plant in Palmerston North, New Zealand and the flowers he saw there met the description given above.

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