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The Huang Hybrids are still a little-known evergreen hybrid azalea group even though they have fascinated some ASA members since at least 1981. Nurseryman Pete Vines grew a selection of them for the 1998 ASA convention in McClean, VA. This example, Hu 1-6-72 from the Palmers' Azalea Hill Nursery in Arkansas, is a current offering. Using the code that Mr. Huang set up, this means this azalea would have bloomed in Shanghai in early April, is a small hose-in-hose bloom, and is either bi-colored or variegated. Up to 158 different numbered selections appear in various lists. The Huangs display a myriad of colors, flower forms, and habits. Some are noteworthy for being tough plants that are very floriferous. See related article on p.52.

