Girard Nurseries is pleased to release two brand new azaleas, ‘Girard Caitlin’ and ‘Girard Constance’ for the 2006 season. Unfortunately ‘Girard Caitlin’ was Peter Girard Jr.’s last azalea selection. Following in the family tradition of founder Peter Girard, Sr., these new azaleas were named for his granddaughters. As with most Girard azaleas, these new evergreen azaleas are very compact-growing and require very little pruning, just a slight trimming each year.

‘Girard Caitlin’ is an extremely heavy bloomer, with flowers covering the entire plant. Delicate ruffled-looking flowers are an apple-blossom pink with a darker pink edge around the white centers. The stamens stand out, filling the center of the flowers.

Evergreen azalea ‘Girard Constance’ is a beautiful hose-in-hose ruffled bright salmon pink flower. This azalea has the same great characteristics as many of the Girard azalea line: compact growing, good foliage, and heavy blooming. Plants may be ordered directly from the nursery (see ad on p.44). E-mail contact for the nursery is: girardnurseries@suite224.net.

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