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Perhaps all the desired qualities of a gardenia wrapped up into one package!

'Crown Jewel' possesses many of the desirable traits of it's parents: double bloom and cold hardiness of 'Chuck Hayes' and heavy bloom set of 'Kleim's Hardy' and has the best attributes of 'Radicans': a dwarf spreading habit, double fragrant blooms and a soft texture but with much more cold hardiness.

'Crown Jewel' also has a heavy bloom set, often later than most gardenias.

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Gardenia 'Crown Jewel' was selected from a controlled cross and developed by Oakmont Nursery in Chatham County, North Carolina. Philip Dark, the Oakmont owner and breeder, was inspired in his efforts by the late JC Raulston, of the JC Raulston Arboretum and Dr. Michael Dirr of the University of Georgia. This extremely compact and cold-hardy Gardenia is the epitome of timeless beauty.



Hardiness: USDA Zone 7 to 10, (testing in Zone 6)

Bloom: Double white, medium-sized blooms in mid-June. Light pruning after bloom set will stimulate more blossoms. Blooms on old and new wood, so late frosts will not take away all blooms.

Foliage: Medium to small sized leaves for *Gardenia augusta*.

Habit: Spreading to prostrate. 24" tall by 48" wide.

Growth Rate: 6" per year

Propagation: Roots easily from softwood cuttings.

License required to propagate.

Culture: Full sun to partial shade. Requires little pruning. Provide organic soil amendment and good drainage.

Use: Excellent plant for containers or as a low accent plant in the garden and for mass planting.

Protection Status: US Plant Patent: #19896

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