

Peonies

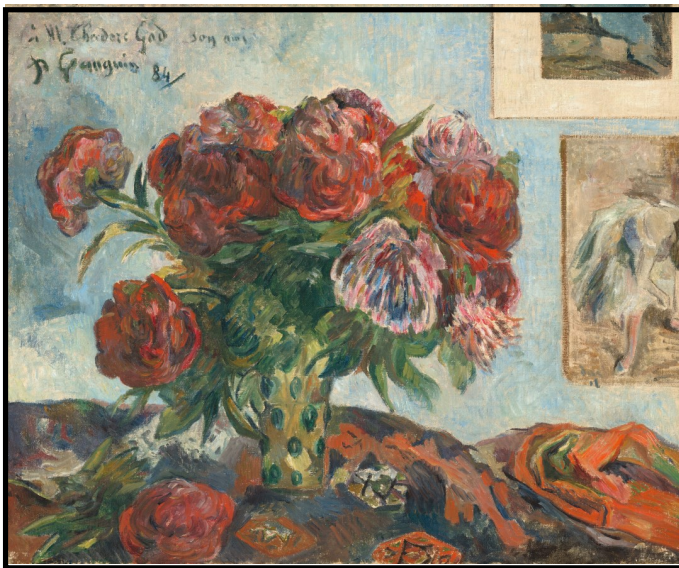
Peonies have captivated our hearts from the very beginning. China's earliest history records its use in teas and to flavor food; Confucius was even noted to have said "I eat nothing without its sauce. I enjoy it very much, because of its flavor."



Peonies By Yun Shouping, 17th Century
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Over time, peonies have been further cultivated for medicinal purposes. The genus *Paeonia* is actually named after the ancient Greek god of healing, Paeon, "The physician of the gods."

With their elegance and timeless beauty, peonies have been a popular subject for artists ranging from the Tang Dynasty to post-Impressionists and are still popular subjects with artists today. Many peony varieties



Still Life with Peonies, 1884
Paul Gauguin, 1848-1903; image public domain

are named after historic figures such as Duchesse de Nemours, the Princess of Neuchâtel from 1694-1707, and Dr. Alexander Fleming, who discovered penicillin in 1928.

The peonies that were born from those ancient plants are what we now call herbaceous or Chinese peonies. We are proud to grow this storied plant and to continue its rich history.



Name: Barbara
Color: Bright pink
Flower: Double/Bomb
Bloom: Mid-season



Name: Big Ben
Color: Red
Flower: Double
Bloom: Mid-season



Name: Dr. Alexander Fleming
Color: Pink
Flower: Double
Bloom: Late



Name: Duchesse de Nemours
Color: White
Flower: Double/Bomb
Bloom: Mid-season



Name: Kansas
Color: Red
Flower: Double
Bloom: Mid-season



Name: Monsieur Jules Elie
Color: Med. Pink
Flower: Double/Bomb
Bloom: Mid-season



Name: Paula Fay
Color: Bright Pink
Flower: Single
Bloom: Very Early



Name: Pink Pompadour
Color: Med. Pink
Flower: Double/Bomb
Bloom: Mid-season



Name: Red Charm
Color: True Red
Flower: Double/Bomb
Bloom: Very Early



Name: Red Magic
Color: True Red
Flower: Double
Bloom: Mid-season



Name: Sarah
Bernhardt
Color: Soft Pink
Flower: Double
Bloom: Late



Name: Shirley
Temple
Color: Light Pink
Flower: Double
Bloom: Mid-season



Name: Sorbet
Color: Pink/Cream
Flower: Semi-Double
Bloom: Mid-season

Our Peony Roots

All of our Peony divisions come from 2 year production

This produces divisions with fresh new vigorous tuber growth.

Our Peony divisions are graded to a very uniform size

This is not just a result of our 2 year production, but also because we have highly experienced crew cutting the divisions in our barn. This provides a consistent, high-quality plant from our field to your customer.



Growing Tips for Peonies: Cut Flower Production



- Plant the roots horizontally and (1-2" here in the PNW). Peonies need winter cooling for flower production.
- Do not plant them next to a structure or concrete that could raise the soil temperature or shade out the plants.
- Find a spot in your field where you can leave the peonies long-term. Digging or moving them loses you a year of growth and some of your production.
- Leave enough room between the plants. Older established peonies can have 20 or more stems.
- Do not cut anything during their first growing season.
- A general cutting guide: cut 1 flower out of 4-5 stems, 2 flowers out of 6-7 stems, 3 flowers out of 8-9, and NO more than half of the flowering stems off of plants over 10 stems.
- Try to keep as much foliage as possible on each plant. If you need a 24 inch stem, try to cut for that and leave the extra stem and leaves on the plant.
- Peonies for flower production should peak in years 7 through 15, but there have been fields left in for 20-25 years that continue to produce at good levels.



About Us

We are a wholesale plant grower whose roots began in the beautiful Pacific Northwest in 1981.

We grow all of our Crocosmia, Hemerocallis, Hosta and Peony crops here on our family owned, 145-acre farm in Woodland, Washington, USA .

Here at Our American Roots, we are proud to provide our customers with:

- High-quality bare root perennials with generous sizing
- Excellent customer service with experienced and knowledgeable staff
- Reliable transport options throughout the continental US and Canada* ensuring the continual quality of your product during transit. (*minimums apply)

We look forward to supplying our roots for all of your growing needs!

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