

PEONY VARIETY GUIDE 2011





Gardenia

Lovely large double blush-white peony with a buttery yellow center and dark green leaves. Sweet, mildly enchanting fragrance with petals curled upwards resembling the Gardenia shaped flower.



Duchess de Nemours

A classic and classy creamy-white, double, globe-shaped flower. The fragrant, creamy white blooms have a beautiful soft yellow center that deepens to a pale green at the base of the petals. A much loved old favorite!



Charlie

Double white flowers, lightly fragrant, with big white guard petals. The central petals are serrated and tinged with a glow of yellow from inside. Large outer petals surround globular bowl-shaped flower. A popular flower.



Bartzella

Very large, bright yellow, semi-double to double blossoms stand above the lush, dark green, deeply dissected foliage. These lemon-yellow flowers have a soft touch of red flares at the center. Flowers have a pleasant, slightly spicy, lemon fragrant scent.



Raspberry Sundae

Lush raspberry and vanilla colored petals surrounded by beautiful green foliage. This flower is made up of a center puff of pink petals, ringed lightly in gold with a ruff of larger, soft pink petals that gradually mature to white. The look of this peony is sometimes likened to a scoop of ice cream with raspberry topping. These large blooms offer a mild, sweet fragrance and are framed by deep green, well cut foliage.



Mother's Choice

Mother's Choice is a creamy-white fragrant peony with double blooms that are large and compact with the occasional whisper of red edging., Elegant petal formation makes this a connoisseur's choice.



Festiva Maxima

Festiva Maxima is considered to be one of the best double flowering Peonies. A large, loose rose-form flower of pink blush that gives way or fades to almost pure white flecked with splashes of crimson red throughout the center. Flowers are very fragrant. Festiva Maxima Peonies are a favorite wedding flower.



Mr Ed

Extra large blushing pink-cream bomb like shaped double blooms. The huge bomb-type blooms have large guard petals and high, domed centers. Their color may be blush pink, white dappled with pink or blush-cream, creating a lovely monochromatic color effect. May have pink flowers and luscious blush-cream blooms on the same bush. Good cut flower with a light fragrance.



Coral Sunset

A unique luscious coral, semi-double, with dark yellow stamens. The petals have ruffled edges that increase the flower fullness. Fades from coral to ivory. What a gorgeous shade to add to the usual peony color palette. A spectacular coral flower!



Pink Hawaiian Coral

Pink Hawaiian Coral is a beautiful semi-double, coral-pink goblet-shaped flower that opens to reveal a center of yellow stamens. Fragrant blooms have cupped and rounded notched outer petal edges in a lovely salmon-orange, a truly unique color among peonies. Opens to a redder coral than others.



Paula Fay

A distinctive single lustrous shocking pink, semi-double flower. Paula Fay is a beautiful almost watermelon color semi-double peony. The gleaming intense fuchsia pink petals form a deep, tulip-like cup flower with golden stamens in the center. Fragrant with crinkle-textured flower petals and rounded light green leaves.



Monsieur Jules Elie

The double, Monsieur Jules Elie has large smooth, rose-pink outer guard petals that surround a raised mound of curved, silvery-pink petals, giving the flower a slight two-toned effect. The huge, very fragrant blooms have a delicious rose scent. This very large, rounded, double peony has deep glossy green lobed leaves.



Sarah Bernhardt

A double variety peony, which flowers in a large, spherical form with ruffled, overlapping petals that are the same color pink as apple blossoms. The giant flower fills the center with stamens that are absent or inconspicuous. The edges of the petals are a lighter color, almost a light seashell pink. Extremely fragrant with foliage that is a very dark green. One of the most popular heirloom cut flower varieties. This variety is a perfect example of old fashioned peony charm.



Margaret Truman

A rich deep pink double ruffled flower flushed light pink to white at the edges. Showy double flowers that open into a shallow cup to eventually reveal a small ring of golden stamens. Large, glossy, mid green leaves. Beautifully scented.



Felix Supreme

A beautiful ruby red, double peony, with frothy petals. Felix Supreme has a very large flower head with leaves that are deeply cut and dark green. Lovely lightly fragrance. An excellent cut flower.



Big Ben

Exhibiting the classic bomb form, Big Ben has blossoms with full, domed crested tops framed by a ring of larger, horizontal petals. This peony's double flowers are a deep fuchsia-red, without the slightest tinge of orange, making them ideal for mixing with blues and pinks. It is fragrant, which is an unusual virtue in red flowered peonies.



Red Sarah

New red version of the well-known 'Sarah Bernhardt', has beautiful large, bowl-shaped, fully double blooms. Blooms and dark green, shiny foliage are supported with very strong stems. Excellent cut flower.



Paul Wild

Large, luscious vivid velvety ruby-red blooms that are fully double. This spectacular double red is lightly fragrant. This regal peony is considered the finest double red and one of the most sought after red peonies.



Kansas

Gorgeous rose-type, fully double flowers are a bright watermelon red. The double flowers of Kansas emit a wonderful, spicy aroma.



Torch Song

Pretty red, large double flower with yellow anthers at the ends of the stems. Good green foliage and stiff stems. A large flower with a lovely fragrance.



Karl Rosenfeld

This outstanding semi-rose style peony has large, globe-shaped, fully double intense red flowers. The vivid color is striking against its glossy green foliage. Karl Rosenfeld is considered to be one of the best Peony varieties for cut flowers. Excellent as cut flowers.



Scarlet O'Hara

Scarlet O'Hara peony features bold bright scarlet red lightly-scented cup-shaped flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems.



Henry Bockstoe

Dark, rich red and double doesn't begin to describe the beauty of this peony. Double blossoms in a deep, rich cardinal red, with rounded, rather than cut, petal edges give it a full, soft look. The center of each blossom is shaped like a rosebud. Leaves are dark green, each with 9 lance-shaped, rough margined leaflets. The double red flowers are bowl-shaped and fragrant.



Raspberry Charm

Cousin to the incredibly popular Coral Charm this brilliant semi-double raspberry-red colored hybrid has the same form as Coral Charm. The scarlet flowers are enhanced by golden stamen tufts and a mild fragrance.



Red Charm

Gigantic ruffled double bomb-type blooms of deep crimson with a big fluffy center of petals piled high surrounded by a cup of short outer petals. Slight clove fragrance with dark green glossy leaves.

Flower Information

Availability: Almost available year round but predominant season is May thru June and October thru December.

Vase Life: Approximately 5 - 10 days (depending on variety)

Characteristics:

With their bright, colorful blooms and soft fragrance peonies are a year round favorite. Originally grown for the medicinal value of their seeds, leaves and roots, they are now loved for the beauty. They can be found in many colors ranging from yellows to pinks, reds and corals, but not blue.

Flower Care & Handling:

With the proper care and handling, flower vase life can increase and enable flowers to take on a better appearance.

- Re-cut about 1" off stems and remove any foliage that is damaged or will be below the waterline when placed in solution to avoid the growth of bacteria.
- Place flowers in a clean container with water and flower preservative and store in the cooler until you are ready to use them, no cooler than 40F.
- Containers should be refilled with fresh water every other day. Do not place peonies too tightly inside buckets. The flowers need room to open.
- Peonies are ethylene sensitive so be careful and avoid ethylene situations. Do not store peonies near fruit as ethylene gas can prematurely wilt and fill the flowers.
- ** If you plan to use your peonies for a wedding or a one day special event, follow steps #1 and #2. Then place your peonies into solution at room temperature until they open to the desired stage. Next, store them in solution in the cooler until you are ready to use them. Peonies need to be hydrated for at least 24 hours before they can start to open.



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