

PEONIES 2022

Varieties, description and culture.....



GARDEN PEONIES – *Paeonia x*

- Dr. Alexander Fleming** \$16.99 / 30" tall / Mid-late-season / Fragrant, fully double 5-6" salmon-flamingo pink blooms in early summer with inward-curved petals giving it a rounded shape. Produces many side shoots to extend the bloom time. Plants rarely need support.
- Duchess de Nemours** \$16.99 / 34" tall / Early-season / Fragrant full double pure white, strong stems and nice foliage
- Kansas** \$16.99 / 34" tall / Early-mid season / Fully double fuchsia-red flowers, vigorous grower
- Pecher** **New** \$16.99 / 36" tall / Early-mid season / Strongly fragrant semi-double blooms of romantic appleblossom pink. Ages to white, larger than average foliage
- Peter Brand** \$16.99 / 38" tall / Mid-season / Very large dark red flowers on strong stems, turning more purple with age. Makes a good cut flower, dark lustrous foliage
- Sarah Bernhardt** \$16.99 / 34" tall / Late season / Huge and full blooms of apple-blossom pink with darker centers. An old favorite, needs staked. Won the 2004 Dried cut flower of the year award from the A.S.C.F.G.
- Shirley Temple** \$16.99 / 36" tall / Early-mid season / Double blush pink blooms quickly turn pure white, delicate fragrance. Dark green foliage, vigorous grower.

Garden Peony Culture: Garden peonies are hardy, long-lived perennials requiring little more than sun and well-drained soil. A little afternoon shade and watering during dry periods may help keep the foliage looking nicer later into the year. When planting make sure that the eyes are situated 1.5-2" below the soil. More or less may result in delayed blooming for a few years. It is also recommended not to cut back the foliage earlier than October in our area no matter how bad the foliage may look as the leaves are still making food for next year's bloom. The old foliage should be burned or removed from the area if mildew was a problem. Concerning feeding, peonies resent elemental nitrogen around their roots, so it is recommended only to fertilize in early spring to help with the initial growth flush with an organic fertilizer applied at half the recommended strength.