

BLOSSOM HILL NURSERY
Celebrating 24 years of growing excellence
PLANT LIST 2018

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Dear Customers:

Each growing year is unique and 2017 was no exception. It was one of the coolest and wettest years in contrast to the worst drought on record in 2016. Our rain barrels and three water holding tanks filled and were not really required for most of the summer. In recent years, we have developed an apiary. Blossom Hill honey bees are providing **honey** and **beeswax candles**.

Blossom Hill specializes in **delphiniums** and **peonies** as well as many other hardy perennials. Our plants, including delphiniums and peonies are grown in our own fields. The peonies are propagated by either division or grafting but not by micro-propagation. Although the peonies are available for purchase during the entire growing season, they are only dug in the fall as that is the best time of year to propagate them. We offer mail order services to Canadian destinations, as well as direct sales from our farm. Many years ago, we added British strain Delphinium elatum to our gardens. They possess stronger stems, larger florets and are hardier than other Delphinium elatum. We have been hybridizing our own strain ever since. Our delphiniums have won the only two **Bronze Medallions** from The Delphinium Society (UK) awarded in Canada.

We are excited to include **new varieties of peonies** to this year's catalogue. Each year more varieties reach maturity in the field, so they can be added to the catalogue. We now have more than 600 varieties (6000 plants) including species, tree, herbaceous and Itoh (Intersectional) peonies. The collection produces an amazing show. Most peonies flower in the month of June but some bloom in late May and early July. Delphiniums tend to flower from mid-June to mid-July and again in late summer and autumn. Our peonies have won American and Canadian Championships.

Check out our award winning peonies and delphiniums on our webpage or even better, tour our gardens. We are open by appointment or chance starting May, 2018. To highlight the peak bloom seasons we are once again inviting everyone to a **Peony Open Garden** event in June and a **Delphinium Open Garden** event in July. The exact dates will be posted later. Our catalogue continues to be in a plant list format without pictures to reduce printing expenses. However, photographs of many of our plants are posted on our website for your information and enjoyment.

Growing Together
Joe, Hazel and Amy Cook

Gift Certificates Available
Available for Power Point Presentations & Group Tours by Appointment
Deadline for ordering from this catalogue is August 31, 2018.
Order early to avoid disappointment.

Herbaceous Peonies

Adonis- (Sass, 1930) Lactiflora

NEW

\$40.00 Full double light pink with a collar of yellow stamens. The bloom has a tall centre on sturdy stems. Blooms mid to late season.

Adrienne Clarkson- (Menard, 2004) Herbaceous Hybrid

NEW

\$45.00 Single cream coloured bloom with raspberry-pink flares. Usually, 1 bloom per strong stems up to 45 inches tall. Excellent foliage and a strong grower. Fertile both ways. Blooms early. A Canadian introduction named after Canada's 26th Governor General.

Ann Berry Cousins – (Cousins, 1972) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$30.00 An excellent peony by the Canadian breeder, Lyman Cousins. Semi-double *salmon* with deeper shades toward the centre of golden stamens. Blooms early.

Athena – (Saunders, 1949) Herbaceous Hybrid,

\$45.00 A single cup shaped peony from a quadruple cross of four species. *Peachy ivory* petals with large rose pink flares. Strong stems, excellent foliage and fragrant. One of the first peonies to bloom.

Bess Bockstoce – (Bockstoce, 1955) Herbaceous Hybrid

NEW

\$50.00 Double light pink bloom on medium high strong stems. Blooms earlier than most double pinks

Bowl of Beauty – (Hoogendoorn, 1949) Lactiflora

\$25.00 A very popular Japanese shaped lactiflora with large *magenta* petals surrounding creamy yellow staminodes. Blooms mid to late season

Florence Nicholls – (Nicholls, 1938) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Double. Very large rose shaped flower of *blush white* with a deeper pink tones in the centre. Very fragrant and floriferous. Strong stems with many side buds. Medium height. Flowers mid-season.

Garden Lace – (Hollingsworth, 1992) Lactiflora

\$35.00 Japanese form peony with *soft pink* petals surrounding a centre of delicate yellow staminodes. Fragrant. Many side buds produce abundant flowers which are very rain proof. Good landscape plant.

Gardenia – (Lins, 1949) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Double *blush white* with a slight fragrance. A truly beautiful flower with a glow of golden stamens and occasionally a streak of pink. Blooms in midseason.

George Vorauer – (Menard, 2007) Lactiflora

NEW

\$35.00 Very dark red single blooms, several per stem. The dark petals contrast well with the yellow stamens and the purple cast to the foliage. Blooms early to mid-season. A Canadian introduction 'named to honour George Vorauer, a passionate peony collector and gardener who was instrumental in leading the effort to restore and expand the historic peony collection at the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa'.

Honor – (Saunders, 1941) Herbaceous Hybrid

NEW

\$40.00 Single bright *pink* with yellow stamens held above low mounding foliage. Slightly fragrant and blooms early.

Katharine – (Reath, 2000) Lactiflora

\$35.00 Double *white* with red flecks in the buds and bloom. Fragrant. Deep green foliage on a vigorous plant. Excellent. Blooms late.

Krinkled White – (Brand, 1928) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Single. *White* petals with slightly wrinkled edges surround a yellow mass of stamens. Very photogenic and slightly fragrant. Flowers midseason.

Le Cygne - (Lemoine, 1907) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Translates as 'The Swan'. Very large *white* tinged with *ivory*. Often considered one of the most perfect peonies, due to its broad overlapped incurved petals. Moderately fragrant, height 27 inches, flowers early.

Lois Arleen – (Moots, 1962) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$30.00 Semi-double to double. Brilliant *red*, gold stamens, vigorous, floriferous. Excellent. Flowers early.

Longfellow – (Brand, 1907) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Bright, non-fading *crimson red* with golden stamens. Fairly short with strong stems. Slightly fragrant. Flowers in midseason.

Loren Franklin - (Franklin, 1931) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Fragrant, very large rose-shaped *dark pink* bloom on stiff stems. Blooms midseason

Mary Pratte – (Menard, 2006) Herbaceous Hybrid

NEW

\$40.00 Single mid *pink* bloom with slightly darker flares and yellow stamens. A strong grower and very floriferous with 6 inch blooms and strong 36 inch stems. A Canadian introduction named to honour Mary Pratte, the third president of the Canadian Peony Society.

Montezuma – (Saunders, 1943) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$45.00 A bright *red* cup-shaped single or semi-double flower on strong tall stems. Another excellent garden plant by Saunders.

Moonstone – (Murawska, 1943) Lactiflora, APS Gold 1959

NEW

\$45.00 Double mid *pink* fading to blush and then to cream tones in strong sunlight. Perfectly formed, very fragrant blooms are great in the garden and vase. Blooms mid to late season.

Night Watch – (Saunders, 1950) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$40.00 Semi-double, very *dark red*. Good presentation. Blooms early.

P. tenuifolia rubra plena – species

\$65.00 This is the famous double *red* fernleaf peony that is so sought after. The first peony to bloom each year. The fine foliage may deteriorate during the summer in hot dry conditions. Part shade and watering during the worst droughts will help the foliage last longer. Blooms very early.

Patriot – (Saunders, 1943) Herbaceous Hybrid

NEW

\$40.00 Single bright *red* with contrasting gold stamens on tall strong stems.

Pico – (Freeborn, 1934) Lactiflora

\$40.00 A large pure *white* single peony with a gold centre. Excellent landscape plant. Blooms early.

Prairie Moon – (Fay, 1959) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$55.00 A lovely *soft yellow* semi-double that fades to a creamy yellow. Best placed behind another perennial as the light green foliage may deteriorate later in the season. Blooms midseason. Our entry received Court of Honor Award at the 2010 APS convention.

Pride of Blasdell – (Kelsey, 1934) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Japanese form. *Dark pink* guard petals with yellow tipped staminodes. Very attractive with many side-buds and dark green foliage well into autumn. Blooms mid late season.

Prosperity Maud – (Menard/D'Aoust 2003) Herbaceous Hybrid

NEW

\$40.00 Single *apricot* blooms with deep pink flares intensified by the deep pink base of the otherwise golden stamens. Strong stems provide up to 3 flowers each which are fertile both ways. Very popular with our honeybees for early pollen. Excellent garden plant.

Red Charm – (Glasscock, 1944) Herbaceous Hybrid

APS Gold Medal 1956

\$40.00 True *red*, bomb-type double of exceptional quality. Excellent foliage. Midseason.

Red Grace – (Glasscock/ Klehm, 1980) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$30.00 *Dark red* ball form, almost a globe. Therefore it looks best with some support. Blooms early.

Requiem – (Saunders, 1941) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$30.00 Single, very tall *waxy white* flowers with high golden centres. Good landscape peony. Blooms early

Rhapsody – (Auten, 1956) Lactiflora

NEW

\$40.00 Japanese form bloom of medium pink encircling a mound of cream coloured small petals. May have a centre of pink and red. Blooms mid-season.

Salmon Glow – (Glasscock, 1947) Herbaceous Hybrid,

\$30.00 Single. Bright *salmon pink* petals with a gold centre. Vigorous upright grower. Blooms very early.

Scarlet O'Hara – (Falk/Glasscock, 1956)

ALM 2009

\$30.00 Single, bright *red* petals surrounding yellow stamens. Strong plant with good foliage.

Sorbet – (unknown) Lactiflora –also known as **Eden’s Perfume** NEW

\$40.00 Very high double *pink* bomb-shaped bloom with white and pink petals in layers. Fragrant, medium height, striking. Blooms mid-season.

Splendida – (Guerin, 1850) Lactiflora NEW

\$40.00 Double large medium pink fading to a light pink in strong sunlight. Very floriferous and fragrant on tall stiff stems with excellent foliage. Blooms mid-season. A personal favourite.

Sugar n’ Spice – (Rogers, 1988) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$40.00 A single *pink* with gold stamens blooms very early above dark green foliage. The petals are ruffled and the flower cup-shaped creating an impressive display for a single flower. Early. A favourite.

Sword Dance – (Auten, 1933) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Japanese form that is an outstanding *rich red* bloom with golden petaloids streaked with red in the centre. A strong striking plant that always attracts attention. Blooms midseason

Villosa – species

\$35.00 The *soft pink* blooms are perfectly displayed on lush blue green foliage. This plant is a great addition to the garden all season. Short (about 15 inches), it blooms early

Tree Peonies

Happy Days – (Saunders, 1948) Lutea Tree Peony

\$90.00 Semi-double bloom of *yellow* undertones blended with pink and reddish shades. One of the Saunders ‘Tea-Rose’ group.

Ima-murasaki – (Japan, before 1937) Suffruticosa Tree Peony NEW

\$85.00 Double *reddish purple* blooms with deep yellow stamens contrasting in centre. This tree peony takes a few extra years to establish in our environment because it experiences winter damage. It grows many stems to form a wide base shrub plant but is not as reliable of a bloomer as some, especially when young.

Marchioness – (Saunders, 1942) Lutea Hybrid Tree Peony

\$80.00 Flared petals in a single flower of lemon *yellow* blended with *rose* and raspberry red flares. A vigorous plant with strong stems and excellent foliage. Mid-season

P. Suffruticosa -Joseph Rock; P. rockii – Tree Peony

\$150.00 A collector’s tree peony with large pure *white* blooms with dark *purple flares* in the centre. It has gold stamens in the center and is truly striking. This strong growing plant reaching at least 5 feet here. It is fragrant and an excellent garden plant. Hazel’s favourite tree peony. These are our own propagations and very few are available.

Spring Carnival – (Saunders, 1944) Lutea Hybrid Tree Peony

\$80.00 Large single or semi-double *gold* flowers, with red edges and burgundy flares. Flowers held erect for a pleasing display.

Growing Tips for Peonies

Peonies are long-lived perennials, so it is worth the effort to prepare the site well and purchase quality plants. Peonies are one of the least demanding perennials giving outstanding bloom and all season foliage on disease and pest resistant plants.

Soil: Peonies prefer a sunny well drained site. Dig a hole larger than the root and amend the soil with compost or bonemeal. Very well aged manure may be used in moderation. Peonies will not survive in waterlogged soil.

Planting a) Herbaceous Peonies: Place the peony root in the prepared hole and backfill. The crown buds should be no more than 2 inches below the soil surface. If planted too deep, they may not flower for several years. Plant potted peonies at the same depth as they are in the pots.

b) Intersectional (Itoh) Peonies are planted so the top eyes are planted just below the surface and the buds on the root are about 2 inches below the surface.

c) Tree peonies will be shipped with tags indicating the correct planting depth. They will be planted a few inches deeper than they were previously since this will encourage more roots to develop on the tree peony stems.

Watering: Peonies are drought tolerant but benefit from watering during periods of prolonged dryness especially in the first growing season. If you mulch your garden, do not put mulch over the crown.

After Flowering: When the peonies have finished flowering, cut off the spent blooms but leave as much foliage as possible to promote strong roots.

Winter Care: In September, herbaceous and intersectional peonies are cut off close to the ground but the stems of tree peonies are left since they are woody shrubs. Remove all types of peony foliage from the garden to help prevent spread of any possible disease or fungus.

Delphinium elatum

Delphinium elatum are hybrids. Therefore, they do not produce identical seedlings. Colours include dark, medium and light shades of blue, purple, pink and bicolor (both blue and purple on the same floret) as well as white. The center of the floret referred to as the 'bee', may be white, black, brown or striped. All plants are guaranteed to be at least semi-double with no fewer than 13 petals. Variations in growth and colour may occur due to location, atmosphere, soil conditions, etc.

The Delphinium elatum that we sell are our own hardy Canadian hybrids available as:

- (1) Seedlings – colour not guaranteed
- (2) Year old plants that have already flowered with the florets colour indicated

Delphiniums are fast growing perennials and many are two gallon size. The plants that are shipped will be removed from pots but much of the soil will remain. Some of our other perennials may be shipped bare root depending on the species.

Seedlings Colour not guaranteed \$12.00 per plant

These plants did not flower last season. Later this spring, plants available will be this year's seedlings. If they have not flowered yet, the colour of the cross is a very good indication of the colour, but there may be some variation.

Code	Colour	Code	Colour
Seedling B	Blue	Seedling H	Purple
Seedling W	White	Seedling P	Pink

Year old seedlings Colour indicated \$15.00 per plant **SOLD OUT UNTIL FALL BLOOM**

These are year old seedlings that have flowered. They are all individuals so there will be slight variations in colour tones, i.e. a range of blues in medium blues. Many are 2 gallon pot size at the time of sale.

Code	Colour	Code	Colour
Year old DB	Dark blue	Year old DHB	Dark purple/blue
Year old MBH	Medium blue/purple	Year old W/B	White, black centre
Year old MB	Medium blue	Year old P	Pink
Year old W/W	White, white centre		

Growing Tips Delphinium elatum

Often delphiniums are thought of as difficult and time consuming to grow. This is not the case. While like all plants they thrive in ideal conditions, a few basic growing techniques will ensure quality spikes in most gardens.

Soil: Delphiniums prefer a well-drained site with at least half day sun. Amend the soil with compost before planting. Do not allow waterlogged soil as this will promote crown rot. If necessary, raise the bed slightly.

Transplanting: Delphiniums do not like to be disturbed but if necessary move only young plants and very early in the spring, just as they begin to grow.

Thinning: As the plants mature, if they produce many stems, the weak ones should be cut off close to the ground in early spring. The remaining stems will grow stronger and produce a better display.

Watering needs to be consistent, especially during the growing season. Delphiniums are shallow rooted but a good soaking once a week should suffice for mature plants. We are on a hill with south exposure and rely on well water, so our watering is minimal. Mulch may be beneficial but not directly on the crowns.

After flowering cut off the spikes but leave the foliage until new growth starts at the base of the plant, to promote strong roots. You may be rewarded in the autumn with a second flowering but the spikes will likely be shorter.

Winter care: Cut off plant material and clear the beds of debris before the winter, to reduce the possibility of slug damage. Our delphiniums are very hardy and do not require winter mulch. They enjoy a good snow cover, if Mother Nature provides it in your area.

Ordering

Order early to avoid disappointment

All items, including peony roots are in limited supply.

Place orders by mail or e-mail at info@blossomhillnursery.com. We cannot accept phone orders. Plants will be reserved once full payment is received. Any NSF cheques will result in an additional fee of \$30.00 to cover bank and accounting fees. No COD orders will be accepted. Deadline for ordering from this catalogue is August 31, 2018. We no longer ship to the USA. Minimum order is \$25.00 for Canadian orders, before taxes and shipping.

Shipping:

We will ship delphiniums and other perennials, except peonies in early spring, primarily April or autumn once the weather is cooler. Bare root peonies are shipped in autumn. Please indicate if this is not suitable for your climate since plants should be planted into well prepared beds immediately upon arrival. All Canadian orders will be shipped by EXPRESSPOST, at the beginning of the week to allow for delivery before the weekend. Pick up orders are welcome, during business hours. Please call or e-mail in advance and indicate on your order that it is not to be shipped.

First Letter of Postal Code	1 to 5 Plants	6 to 10 plants	11 to 15 plants
H, K, L, M, N	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$18.00
B, C, E, G, J, P, R, S	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00
A, T, V, X, Y	\$26.00	\$28.00	\$30.00

For larger orders, contact us and we will advise you of the shipping cost.

Substitutions: Please list alternate choices, in case something you order is not available. If no substitutions are indicated we will send the closest possible alternative.

Payment: Full payment is due by credit card, e-transfer, cheque or money order with order, payable to **Blossom Hill Nursery**. We cannot accept COD orders.

If you are ordering peonies, which are not available until autumn as well as seedlings for spring shipment, include 2 shipment fees.

Guarantee: We ship top quality, true to name, peonies and other perennials. If for any reason, you are not satisfied with any plant that you receive from Blossom Hill Nursery, contact us immediately within one week and return it for a complete refund or credit. We cannot guarantee the success of plants after this point because there are too many factors beyond our control. However, if you do have any questions or problems please contact us.

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Payment required at time of order. Credit card charged at time of purchase to reserve plants ordered.
 Bare root peonies will be shipped in the autumn, starting in September. All prices are in Canadian funds.