

# *BLOSSOM HILL*

## PLANT LIST 2008

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Dear Customers:

Blossom Hill specializes in delphiniums and peonies and now offers our customers mail order services. After more than ten years of operating as a direct sales business at our home, we decided to expand to meet the needs of many of our clients who live far away.

We have always been avid gardeners and came across the British strain of *Delphinium elatum*. These hybrids possess stronger stems and larger florets and they are hardier than other *Delphinium elatum*. We found them hard to resist. We wanted to share our joy at finding this amazing plant and decided to venture into the world of retail business in 1994. We have continued to expand and last year all of our seedlings were our own hand-crosses.

We're thrilled with your response to the peonies offered in our catalogue last year. We planted more varieties in our display gardens, including more species, tree and Itoh (intersectional) peonies last season. We now have 330 plus varieties, (1500 plants) growing in our yard and field. The collection produces an amazing show. Visitors are welcome at the nursery to view our many perennial beds and trial gardens. The main show for peony flowers is the month of June, with a few blooming in late May and early July. Delphiniums tend to flower from mid-June to mid-July and again in late summer and autumn.

We open Saturday, April 26th until December 24th. After the growing season, we still have dried flowers and Christmas decorations for sale at the nursery. Business hours are by appointment or by chance. We will be closed on Tuesdays this year.

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.

We look forward to serving you again this season.

*Growing Together,*

*Joe, Hazel and Amy Cook*



# Peonies

## PICTURES AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB PAGE

Peonies are divided and shipped bare root in autumn, starting in September. All roots will be large divisions with at least 3 to 5 eyes. We encourage customers to visit our gardens throughout the season to choose plants according to bloom and foliage. Other varieties may be available for sale at the nursery in small numbers, some as potted plants in the spring.

If you are searching for a particular peony not listed, contact us. We may have it but not in sufficient numbers for the catalogue.

**A la Mode:** (Klehm, 1981) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Single. Large pure *white* flower with yellow stamens on strong stems. Height 36 inches. Flowers early to midseason.

**Akashigata:** (Japanese origin) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Single. Bright *pink* petals surround gold centre. Flowers midseason.

**Alberta Kelsey:** (Kelsey) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Semi-double, fragrant incurved *rose pink* petals interspersed with narrow gold-tipped petals. Flowers early midseason.

**Amberglow:** (Thurlows & Stranger, 1951) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double, *flesh pink* fragrant flowers on strong stems. Buds are delicate pink. Medium height and flowers midseason.

**Angelo Cobb Freeborn:** (Freeborn, 1943) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$25.00 Double. Vivid *coral red* bloom which are long-lasting.. Strong stems. Flowers early midseason.

**Ann Cousins:** (Cousins, 1946) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Fragrant, pure *white* blooms. A Canadian bred vigorous plant but may need support. Blooms mid late season.

**Auguste Dessert:** (Dessert, 1920) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Double flowers with wheel-like form. Bold vivid petals of *violet-rose* on strong stems. Great garden plant. Blooms midseason.

**Bill Krekler:** (Mains W. / Krekler, 1960) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$30.00 Double vivid *pink*. Our earliest blooming double peony.

**Bravura Supreme:** (Krekler) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$35.00 Single *red* lactiflora. Stands out in the field. Flowers early

**Browns Red Jap:** (Brown) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Japanese. A *deep pink* rather than red surrounding a gold centre. Very attractive. Fragrant. Flowers midseason.

**Constance Spry:** (Saunders, 1941) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$30.00 Semi-double light *cherry* coloured. Flowers early midseason.

**Cytherea:** (Saunders, 1953)

\$35.00 Semi-double. Deep rose pink large cupped flowers. Strong growing and early blooming.

## *Peonies* (continued)

**Dainty:** (Nicholls, 1941)

\$35.00 Single, light silvery *pink* large flower formed by two rows of wide petals surrounding yellow stamens. A strong garden plant and show flower. Blooms early.

**Dandy Dan:** (Auten E. Jr., 1946) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$30.00 Semi-double dark claret *red* with all its petals the same size. Faint fragrance. No staking needed. Height 25 inches. Flowers early.

**Dinner Plate:** (Klehm Carl G., 1968) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Double. Hugh *shell-pink* flowers. Strong plant and stems. Slight fragrance. Excellent cut flower. Height 34 inches. Flowers midseason.

**Donna Jean:** (Brown, 1949) Lactiflora

\$35.00 Japanese- Soft *Pink* early blooming anemone shaped flower. A Canadian introduction. Blooms mid season.

**Early Scout:** (Auten, 1952) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$35.00 Single. Very deep *red* flowers with distinctive dissected foliage. Height 21 inches. Ideal for rock gardens or front of border. A favourite. Flowers very early

**Edith M. Snook:** (Snook, 1931) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Distinctive, double, fragrant rose- shaped *ivory* flower changing to milk white on strong stems. Mid late bloom.

**Ella Christiansen:** (Brand, 1925) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Double. Very large fragrant *medium pink* flowers on strong stems. Floriferous and holds its colour well. Flowers midseason.

**Ellen Cowley:** (Saunders, 1940) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$30.00 Semi-double. Extremely vivid, *coral-pink*; also described as *cherry-red*. Almost impossible to describe but very striking with dissected foliage. Height 28 inches. Flowers early season.

**Fairy's Petticoat:** (Klehm Carl G., 1970) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Double. Extremely large, *blush-pink* with a golden glow from the centre. As many as three side buds on strong stems. Fragrant. Height 32 inches. Flowers early.

**Felix Crousse:** (Crousse, 1881) Lactiflora; Royal Horticultural Society Award of Garden Merit

\$25.00 Double. A bright *crimson* with enlarged outer petals. Very floriferous, producing clusters of flowers. Height 30 inches. Flowers mid to late season.

**Firelight:** (Saunders, 1950) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$30.00 Semi-double. Deep *rose pink* with darker flares and crimson stigmas surrounding a gold centre. A family favourite. Blooms early

**Florence Nicholls:** (Nicholls, 1938) Lactiflora

\$ 25.00 Double. Very large rose-shaped of *blush white* with a deeper tone in centre. Very fragrant and floriferous. Strong stems with many side buds. Medium height. Flowers mid season.

**Friendship:** (Glasscock, 1955)

\$30.00 Single or semi-double *pink* with white edges. Makes a great landscape plant and gift item for friends. Slightly fragrant. Blooms early.

**Gardenia:** (Lins, 1955)

\$25.00 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 mid season.

## *Peonies* (continued)

**Gay Paree:** (Auten, 1933) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Japanese. Very striking, Japanese type lactiflora with outer guard petals of *deep magenta* and light pink centre with light fragrance. Height 3.5 ft. Flowering midseason.

**George W. Peyton:** (Nicholls, 1938) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Double. Large *pale buff* with a hint of pink especially toward the centre. Blooms midseason.

**Grover Cleveland:** (Terry, 1904) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Double. Bright crimson *red* double that blooms mid to late.

**Henry Sass:** (Sass, 1949) Lactiflora

\$ 25.00 Double. Pure *white*, fully double and large with strong stems and slight fragrance. Very striking and excellent cut flower. Flowers midseason.

**Illini Belle:** (Glasscock, 1941) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$ 30.00 Semi-double with four or five rows of glossy *ruby-red* petals and yellow stamens. Flowers early.

**Indian Hill:** (Glasscock, 1950) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$25.00 Double. Medium height. *Dark red* bomb type on upright stems. Blooms early.

**Jayhawker:** (Bigger, 1949) Lactiflora

\$ 35.00 Double *light pink*. The fragrant flower holds its shape well. Stiff stems. Flowers early to midseason.

**Joyce:** (Auten, 1938) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Clear *medium pink* with a flat shape on strong stems. Fragrant. Blooms mid season.

**June Rose:** (Jones, 1938) Lactiflora

\$ 25.00 Double. Large rose-shaped *cerise pink* bloom that holds its colour well. Dark green foliage. Striking and slightly fragrant. Height 31 inches. Flowers midseason.

**Kansas:** (Bigger, 1940) Lactiflora, American Peony Society Gold Medal

\$ 25.00 Double. Popular, deep *fuchsia-purple* (considered red) which does not fade. Vigorous with strong stems. Height 36 inches. Flowers midseason.

**Karl Rosenfield:** (Rosenfield, 1908) Lactiflora

\$ 20.00 Double. Large, globe-shaped bright *crimson* (considered red). Free-flowering with strong stems. Good garden and cut-flower variety. Height 31 inches. Flowers mid- to late season.

**Krinkled White:** (Brand, 1928) Lactiflora

\$ 25.00 Single. *White* petals with slightly wrinkled edges surround a yellow mass of stamens. Very photogenic and slightly fragrant. Blooms mid season.

**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.

**Legion of Honor:** (Saunders, 1941) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$ 30.00 Single or semi-double. Strong *cherry red* colour surrounding yellow center. A good landscape plant that blooms early.

**Leto:** (Neeley, 1930) Lactiflora

\$ 25.00 Japanese lactiflora with *white* petals surrounding yellow staminodes with white tips. Blooms early.

## *Peonies* (continued)

**Lois Arleen:** (Moots, 1962) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$30.00 Semi double to double. Brilliant *red* with gold stamens, vigorous, floriferous. Highly recommended. Blooms early.

**Longfellow:** (Brand, 1907) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. 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 mid season.

**Lotus Bloom:** (Saunders, 1943) Herbaceous hybrid

\$30.00 Semi double. Enormous, flat, very striking *pink* blooms. Flowers early.

**Louise Lossing:** (Lossing 1943) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Large *white* flower with hints of yellow and pink deep in centre. Blooms mid season.

**Lovely Louise:** (Murawska, 1962) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Light to *medium pink* large blooms held up well despite wiry stems. Blooms mid to late season.

**Marie Jacquin:** (Verdier) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Semi-double or double. *Pale pink* fading to ivory tones with large cluster of yellow stamens. Variable fullness but blooming in clusters for a great addition to the landscape. Strong pungent perfume. Early mid season.

**Martha Reed:** (Krekler, 1965) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Double. Long-lasting *white* flowers have a twisting petal arrangement with golden stamens. Flowers held high above foliage on strong stems. Blooms early.

**Mildred May:** (Murawska, 1943) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Semi-double. Pure *white* with a ring of golden stamens. Floriferous with many side buds. A favourite. Early mid season.

**Milton Jack:** (Jack, 1980) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double deep *rose* (considered red) with strong stems. Stands out in the field and lasts well. A Canadian cultivar. Flowers midseason.

**Mme. Emile Galle:** (Crousse, 1881) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Large, very *light rose-pink* petals in a pleasing arrangement. Pleasing rose fragrance. Good stems and foliage. Blooms late.

**Mons. Jules Elie:** (Crousse, 1888) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Double. Large guard petals with a well defined centre, all *rose-pink*. Moderately fragrant. Excellent cut flower but may need support in the garden. Very old variety but still very popular. Blooms early mid season.

**Mr. G. F. Hemerik:** (van Leeuwen, 1933) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Japanese. Very large *rose pink* with creamy yellow staminodes filling the centre. Slightly fragrant. May also be listed as Mrs. G. Hemerik. Many blooms held high but no need for support. Flowers midseason.

## *Peonies* (continued)

**Mrs. Edward Harding:** (Shaylor, 1918) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Double. Perfect form of *white* with interspersed and central golden stamens. Stiff stems and excellent foliage. Blooms midseason

**Mrs. Frank Beach:** (Brand, 1925) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. A creamy *white* flower on somewhat dwarf strong stems. Fragrant. Blooms mid late.

**Nick Shaylor:** (Shaylor/Allison, 1931) Lactiflora; American Peony Society Gold Medal Winner

\$ 25.00 Double. Flowers open *blush pink* with a hint of yellow and fade to white with blush pink in centre. Strong, reliable grower. Flowers mid late.

**Paula Fay:** (Fay, 1968) Herbaceous Hybrid, Gold Medal

\$ 30.00 Semi-double. A *shocking pink* with 5 rows of petals carried upright on strong stems with dark leaves. Outstanding in the garden and in shows. Blooms early.

**Peter Brand:** (Brand, Abrahm, before 1938) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Large *ruby red* with good texture. Blooms late.

**Pride of Blasdell:** (Kelsey) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Japanese. *Dark pink* guard petals with yellow tipped staminoides. Very attractive. Blooms mid late.

**Princess Margaret:** (Murawska, 1960) Lactiflora

\$35.00 Double. Enormous *deep pink* with good foliage and strong stems. Excellent cut lower. Blooms early midseason.

**Red Grace:** (Glasscock/ Klehm, 1980) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$30.00 Double. *Dark red* ball form, almost a globe. Blooms early.

**Requiem:** (Saunders, 1941) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$ 30.00 Single. Very tall *waxy white* flowers with high golden centers. Good landscape peony. Blooms early.

**Roselette:** (Saunders, 1950) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$ 30.00 Single. Large, single cup-shaped light *rose-pink* surrounding a yellow centre. Height 22 inches. Very floriferous and a great landscape plant.. Flowers very early.

**Ruth Clay:** (Kelsey, 1935) Lactiflora

\$ 30.00 Double, deep *magenta* (considered red). Buds shaped like rosebuds. Very strong and attractive. Midseason.

**Sea Shell:** (Sass, 1937) Lactiflora

\$30.00. Single. Large, bright *pink* with a full centre of yellow stamens on strong, tall stems. Great cut flower. Midseason.

**Shawnee Chief:** (Bigger, 1940) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. *Dark red* with strong stems and exceptional foliage all season, even in late autumn. Suitable for a hedge or specimen plant. Blooms mid late.

**Souvenir de Louis Bigot:** (Dessert, 1913) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Double. Large blooms of vivid *rose pink* with slightly lighter edges. An older variety that is still very popular. Bloom midseason.

## *Peonies* (continued)

**Sprite:** (Saunders, 1950) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$ 40.00 Single, *Ivory white* apple blossom flowers with pink edges. Delightful. Blooms early.

**Susan B. White:** (Brand, 1933) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Dome shaped pure *white* with green tints near base. Stamens light up the flower. Bloom midseason.

**Susie Smith:** (Brown, 1950) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Japanese. A very *light pink* with soft gold coloured centre. Another Canadian introduction. Blooms midseason.

**Tempest:** (Auten, 1931)

\$25.00 Semi-double or double. Mid size *deep red* flowers. The side buds often bloom with the main flower resulting in a cluster. Mid season.

**The Nathans:** (Kelsey, 1937) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Large, fragrant rose pink flowers with broad outer petals and tight inner petals. Semi-dwarf. Midseason.

**Tourangelle:** (Dessert, 1910) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double, Compact plant with *creamy-white* bomb-shaped flowers tinted with soft pink. Beautiful fragrant flower but requires support. Blooms late.

**Unknown Soldier;** (Holland/ Jack) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Double. Dark *crimson red*. A Canadian introduction. Blooms mid to late.

**W. L. Gumm;** (Gumm, 1929) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Double, *white* flowers with heavy textured petals. Medium height. Flowers late.

**Westerner:** (Bigger, 1942) American Peony Society Gold Medal, Lactiflora

\$ 25.00 A Japanese shape, medium *pink* flower filled with bright yellow staminoides. Vigorous with sturdy stems. Height 36 inches. Flowers late season.

**White Water:** (Kelsey) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Large, *white* beautiful bloom with strong stems. Mid to late season.

## *Peony Growing Tips*

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 bone meal. Very well aged manure may be used in moderation. Peonies will not survive in waterlogged soil.

**Planting:** Place the peony plant 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.

**Watering:** Peonies are drought tolerant but would benefit from watering if the weather is dry during the first 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, cut foliage off and remove it from the garden to help prevent spread of any possible disease or fungus.

## *Other Hardy Perennials*

Blossom Hill gardens contain many hardy and unique perennials that are too numerous to include in this catalogue. Most of these are propagated and potted, ready for sale throughout the season. If you are searching for a particular plant, please contact us for its availability and price. We will send plants by mail-order if you wish.

### **Dates of Interest**

April 11, 12 and 13, 2008	we will have a booth at 'For the Love of Gardening' Show – Peterborough
April 26, 2008	Blossom Hill Nursery opens for season
June	Peonies bloom
Mid-June to Mid-July	Delphiniums first bloom
September	Peony roots available at the nursery starting in September; Delphinium second bloom
Mid November	Christmas at Blossom Hill starts in mid November. Planters, wreaths etc. are available.

## *Gift Certificates Available*

*Available for power point presentations & group tours by appointment*

## *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](mailto:info@blossomhillnursery.com). We can not accept phone orders.

Plants will be reserved once full payment is received. Any NSF cheques will result in an additional fee of \$25.00 to cover bank and accounting fees. No COD orders will be accepted. Deadline for ordering from this catalogue is Sept. 30, 2008. At this time, we ship only to Canadian destinations. Minimum order is \$25.00 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 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
G,H,K,L,M,N,J	\$ 11.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 14.00
B,C,E,P,R,S	\$ 15.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 19.00
A,T,V,X,Y	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 24.00

**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 cheque or money order with order, payable to **Blossom Hill**. We can not accept credit card payment or COD orders.

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

