

BLOSSOM HILL NURSERY
Celebrating 23 years of growing excellence
PLANT LIST 2017
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Dear Customers:

We are very excited to have registered and to be able to offer for sale the peony, **John's Dream**. This seedling started by John Simkins is the first grown and registered from Blossom Hill Nursery. It is an excellent and unique yellow peony that has been sought after by many growers and breeders. There are only a few roots available.

Our 2016 season brought many challenges and rewards to our nursery. The extreme drought conditions were a further reminder that we all need to protect the environment and adjust to global warming. We adjusted our technics to conserve water and had another successful year. Although the blooms were affected, our peonies, delphiniums and other perennials adapted and rebounded with the increased fall precipitation. Our peony root divisions were as large and healthy as other years. We are planning further changes to conserve water this coming growing season.

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 and USA 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 stain 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 (5500 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.

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, 2017. To highlight the peak bloom seasons we are once again inviting everyone to a **Peony Open Garden** event, Sunday, June 11th, 2017 and a **Delphinium Open Garden** event on Sunday, July 2nd, 2017.

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, 2017.
Order early to avoid disappointment.

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 likely won't be as tall as in July.

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.

Peonies

Pictures available on our webpage

Peonies are divided and shipped bare root in autumn, starting in September. All roots are from field grown plants and 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. There are **no** potted peonies for sale this year. We sold out of all varieties last autumn so none were potted for spring sales. The ideal method to grow peonies successfully is to plant fresh bare root divisions in the autumn.

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

‘ALM’ – Award of Landscape Merit: This award designated by the American Peony Society denotes peonies that have outstanding landscape and growth characteristics including their ability to stand up in inclement weather and disease resistance. The first year for this award was 2009. Each year worthy peonies will be honoured. We expect many more of the varieties that we grow will receive this award.

‘NEW’ – These peonies are being offered in our catalogue for the first time but have been growing in our gardens for several years.

A B Franklin – (Franklin, 1928) Lactiflora, APS Gold Medal 1933 **NEW**
\$30.00 Full double *soft pink* fading to creamy white. Height 31 inches. Flowers late season with the other lactifloras. Very fragrant and an excellent cut flower. Sturdy stems but best with some support.

A la Mode - (Klehm, 1981) Lactiflora
\$30.00 Single with large *pure white* flowers with yellow stamens on strong stems. Height 36 inches. Flowers early to midseason.

Amalia Olson – (Olson, 1959) Lactiflora, APS Gold medal 2011 **NEW**
\$40.00 Double very full *white* bloom with sturdy stems making suitable for landscape and cut flower. Very fragrant. Blooms mid to late season.

Angel Cheeks – (Klehm, 1970) Lactiflora, APS Gold Medal 2005, **ALM**
\$30.00 Double bloom of *soft pink* with light cream petals at the base. Sturdy stems for good presentation. Slightly fragrant. Blooms midseason

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.

Banquet – (Saunders, 1941) Lutes Hybrid Tree Peony **NEW**
\$90.00 Semi-double *raspberry-red* bloom with yellow undertones, yellow stamens and dark red flares. Very attractive bloom with fine cutleaf foliage on a rounded bush.

Belle Center – (Mains, 1956) Herbaceous Hybrid **NEW**
\$40.00 Semi-double *mahogany-red* cup shaped blooms with bright yellow stamens held well above foliage. Blooms early. Joe’s favourite herbaceous hybrid.

Border Charm – (Hollingsworth, 1984) Intersectional
\$90.00 Single *yellow* peony with large dusky flares in centre. A shorter plant that grows to a broad shrub. It is about 20 inches and looks great at the front of the border. Blooms early to midseason.

Boreas – *God of the North Wind* (Daphnis, 1977) Lutea Hybrid Tree Peony
\$85.00 The very dark *red burgundy* petals are slightly ruffled. Strong slightly spreading plant presents the fragrant flowers well.

Browns Red Jap - (Brown) lactiflora

\$25.00 Japanese. A *deep pink* rather than red surrounding a gold centre. Very attractive. Fragrant. Flowers midseason. A Canadian introduction.

Chinese Dragon – (Saunders, 1950) Lutea Hybrid Tree Peony, APS GOLD MEDAL 1983

\$85.00 Semi-double *crimson-mauve* petals with dark red flares and golden yellow stamens.

Coral 'n Gold – (Cousins/Klehm, 1981) Herbaceous Hybrid, **ALM**

\$35.00 Single rich *coral* cup-shaped flowers with a double row of petals surrounding thick gold stamens. Vigorous grower with strong stems. Lyman Cousins was a breeder from Ontario. An excellent cut flower. Blooms early.

Ezra Pound – (Gratwick, 1986) Suffruticosa tree peony

\$85.00 Large single to semi-double *light mauve pink* flowers with prominent purple flares are situated above the foliage for excellent garden display. It is extremely fragrant and is one of our most reliable bloomers regardless of winter conditions. Excellent foliage all season. Final height may be up to 5ft. depending on growing conditions. Formerly 'Mistress of the Monastery' it is similar to Guardian of the Monastery but a lighter colour.

First Arrival - (Anderson, 1986) Intersectional

\$130.00 A quite full semi-double *lavender-pink* flower on a compact dark green plant. The base of the petals is dark lavender. An excellent garden plant with abundant flowers. Blooms midseason.

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.

Godai-shu – (Japan, 1931) Suffruticosa Tree Peony

\$85.00 Single to semi-double large *pure white* flowers. Foliage is a blue-green colour

Golden Bowl – (Saunders, 1948) Lutea Hybrid Tree Peony

\$80.00 Single bright *yellow* petals with red flares. A strong growing plant.

Golden Era – (Reath, 1984) Lutea Hybrid Tree Peony

\$85.00 Very heavy textured *yellow* petals with reddish flares. One to three flowers per stem held well above foliage. Both pollen and seed produced for breeding.

Janice – (Saunders, 1939) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$50.00 Single cup-shaped *salmon pink* that stands out in the garden. Very limited

Jayhawker – (Bigger, 1949) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Double *light pink*. The flower holds its shape well. Stiff stems. Moderate fragrance. Flowers early to midseason.

John's Dream – (John E. Simkins / Norman and Hazel Cook, Blossom Hill Nursery, 2016) Herbaceous Hybrid **NEW** Formerly seedling garden plant JS08-01

\$350.00 Quoting from the American Peony Society registration listed in the September 2016; No. 379. "An unusual flower form in that it looks JAPANESEbut it has stamens and pollen as well. The center boss begins with stamens with thick round filaments, then as one progresses towards the center the filaments begin to flatten until they become staminodes. One flower per stem, 9 inches in size (23cm). The flower is bowl shaped, but a bowl with a wide rim having a boss of stamens and staminodes nestled inside the center cup. *Soft yellow* petals are huge, 4 inches (20 cm) at their widest point as well as being 4 inches long, the flower made up of 9 – 10 petals. Petals rounded and gently ruffled. Very large buds, 2½ inches (6cm) in height. Carpels pale yellow-green, 3 in number, smooth. Stigmas pale yellow-green with pink along the inside edge, morphologically normal. Staminodal disc prominent, complete, white with greenish cast and hint of pink on some tips. No fragrance. Presumed tetraploid. Fertile both ways and has produced seedlings showing doubling. Upright growth to 36 inches (92cm). Excellent strong plant habit, remaining healthy and green even in drought conditions late into autumn after most other varieties have gone dormant. Blooms with 'Roy Pehrson's Best Yellow'. Received APS Award of Merit at Green Bay, Wisconsin 2016." Very limited supply!

Joyce Ellen – (Moots, 1960) – Herbaceous Hybrid **NEW**
\$50.00 Single *red or dark pink* with yellow stamens on tall strong stems. Blooms early. Rarely offered and very limited.

Kopper Kettle – (Anderson, 1999) Intersectional **NEW**
\$120.00 A wonderful combination of *red, orange and yellow* which shows as copper. It fades for an attractive feature to the garden. A strong plant with great foliage. Blooms midseason.

Lady Alexandra Duff – (Kelway, 1902) Lactiflora
\$30.00 A double *blush pink* with light petals in the centre. Slightly fragrant and side-buds for extended bloom. Blooms midseason.

Leto – (Neeley, 1930) Lactiflora
\$25.00 Japanese form lactiflora with *white* petals surrounding yellow staminodes with white tips. Blooms early.

Linda Kathleen Jack – (Jack, 1970) Lactiflora **NEW**
\$40 Very full double of *deep red* on strong stems. Does not require staking here. Fragrant, which is unusual for this colour. A Canadian introduction.

Longfellow – (Brand, 1907) Lactiflora
\$25.00 Bright, non-fading *crimson red* with golden stamens. Fairly short with strong stems. Slightly fragrant. Flowers in midseason.

Louise Lossing – (Lossing, 1938) Lactiflora
\$30.00 Very large deep double *white* flower with hints of yellow and pink in its depths. Excellent cut flower but is best with support in the garden. Blooms late. A Canadian introduction.

Martha Reed – (Krekler, 1965) Lactiflora
\$25.00 Long-lasting *white* flowers have a twisting petal arrangement with golden stamens. Flowers held high above foliage on strong stems. Blooms early.

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. Very old variety but still very popular. Blooms early midseason.

Mrs. Frank Beach – (Brand, 1925) Lactiflora
\$25.00 A creamy *white* flower on somewhat dwarf strong stems. Fragrant. Blooms mid lateseason.

P. tenuifolia – species
\$35.00 A single *red* delicate looking peony with exceptionally finely cut foliage, often referred to as the fernleaf peony.

P. tenuifolia rubra plena – species
\$65.00 or 3/\$180 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.

Pastel Splendor – (Anderson, 1996) Intersectional
\$80.00 Striking contrasts in this semi-double, between the ten *creamy white* petals touched with lavender pink and the dark reddish purple flares. Many carpels in the centre but few stamens so the flares are very noticeable. A strong grower and excellent landscape plant. Blooms midseason.

Peter Barr – (unknown) Herbaceous Hybrid
\$30.00 Origin of this single *crimson* peony is uncertain but it's definitely worth adding to your garden. It appears to be a hybrid of *P. tenuifolia* as shown by its foliage. Good rock garden or front of border plant. Very early.

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.

Princess Margaret – (Murawska, 1960) Lactiflora

\$35.00 Double, enormous *deep pink* with good foliage and strong stems. Excellent cut flower. Midseason

Raspberry Charm – (Wissing/Klehm, 1985) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$40.00 An intense *raspberry-red* large semi-double cup-shaped flower on strong stems. Blooms early.

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.

Red Satin – (Sass, 1937) Lactiflora

NEW

\$40.00 Double *deep red* with the sheen of satin. Well named. Blooms mid-season on 27 inch strong stems. Does not require staking here. Slight fragrance. A favourite.

Rose Crystal - (Saunders, 1955) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$35.00 Single. Twisted *ivory* petals tipped and veined with rose. Unique and appealing. Blooms early.

Roselette - (Saunders, 1950) Herbaceous Hybrid ALM

\$30.00 Single. Large, single cup-shaped light *rose-pink* surrounding a yellow centre. Height 22 inches. Very floriferous even as a young plant 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. Blooms midseason.

Sarah Bernhardt – (Lemoine, 1906) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Double, very large deep *rose-pink*. An excellent cut flower. Flowers mid to late season.

Shaylor's Sunburst – (Shaylor/Allison, 1931) Lactiflora

\$40.00 A *white* single with a mound of gold stamens in the centre. Petals may open with a faint blush tone. Mild fragrance. Bloom mid late season.

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.

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.

W. L. Gumm - (Gumm, 1929) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Double, *white* flowers with heavy textured petals. Medium height and excellent very green foliage even in late autumn. Many side buds for extended bloom. Flowers late.

Westerner – (Bigger, 1942) Lactiflora; APS Gold Medal 1982

\$ 25.00 A Japanese shape, medium *pink* flower filled with bright yellow staminodes. Vigorous with sturdy stems and many side buds. Height 36 inches. A visitor favourite. Flowers late season.

White Water – (Kelsey, 1942) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Semi-double, large *white* beautiful bloom with strong stems. Mid to late season

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.

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 2017

April 7, 8, and 9	Peterborough Garden Show
June	Peony bloom
Sunday, June 11	Peony Open Garden event at Blossom Hill Nursery
Mid-June to mid-July	Delphiniums first bloom of season
Sunday, July 9	Delphinium Open Garden event at Blossom Hill Nursery
September	Peony roots available at the nursery starting in September; Delphinium second bloom

Memberships

Blossom Hill is a founding member of Garden Route, a group of garden related businesses in the Peterborough area. Visit us in person or via the internet at www.gardenroute.ca

We are members of and support the following organizations: The U.K. Delphinium Society, American Peony Society, Canadian Peony Society, OFA, Ontario Rock Garden and Hardy Plant Society, Peterborough Horticultural Society, Lakefield Horticultural Society, Omeme Horticultural Society, and Ennismore Horticultural Society.

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 \$25.00 to cover bank and accounting fees. No COD orders will be accepted. Deadline for ordering from this catalogue is August 31, 2017. We now ship to USA as well as Canada. For USA destinations please contact us for shipping costs. Minimum order is \$25.00 for Canadian orders, \$100.00 for USA orders, before taxes and shipping. All USA orders are subject to a phytosanitary certificate charge.

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	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$17.00
B, C, E, G, J, P, R, S	\$19.00	\$21.00	\$23.00
A, T, V, X, Y	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$28.00

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, 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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Name:		Phone:		
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Plant Code/Colour/Name	Substitution if Needed	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Subtotal:				
Total Number of Plants:		Shipping and Handling:		
		Phytosanitary Certificate (for US residence) \$20.00		
Final Subtotal:				
15% HST on final subtotal for New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and PEI				
13% HST on final subtotal for Ontario				
5% GST on final Subtotal for all other provinces				
Total				

Payment by: Cheque # _____ Money Order Credit Card Visa MasterCard

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Name as it appears on Credit Card: _____ CV V Code _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

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.

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