

# Peonies and Partners: Stars of the June Garden

Named Peonies in the presentation:

## 1. Old-Fashioned Peonies

- a. Sarah Bernhardt
- b. Karl Rosenfield
- c. Festiva Maxima

## 2. APS Award of Landscape Merit Peonies

- a. Cytherea
- b. Early Scout
- c. Eliza Lundy
- d. Etched Salmon
- e. Krinkled White
- f. Sword Dance

## 3. Intersectional Peonies

- a. Bartzella
- b. Cora Louise
- c. Garden Treasure
- d. Magical Mystery Tour

## 4. Tree Peonies

- a. High Noon
- b. Souvenir du Professor Maxime  
Cornu
- c. Renkaku

**How I manage 6 weeks of bloom:**

- By choosing a variety of peony species and cultivars I can enjoy peony blooms in my garden from mid-May to the end of June in a typical year. The tree peonies and early cultivars such as Early Windflower and Early Scout are the first to bloom as well as species peonies such as the Fernleaf peony. These are followed by herbaceous peonies like Fantasia, Horizon and Lemon Chiffon as well as the species peony *Paeonia officinalis* 'Rubra Plena' aka the Memorial Day Peony. Mid-June is peak peony bloom time with many of the peonies blooming at this time, especially the old-fashioned ones, as well as the Intersectionals. The late bloomers include Whopper and Sword Dance.

**Some of the companion plants I have planted with the peonies in my garden.**

- Tall Bearded Iris
- Amsonia sp. Blue Stars
- Baptisia sp. Wild Blue Indigo and cultivars
- Alliums
- Nepeta sp. Cultivars such as Purrsian Blue or Walker's Low
- Siberian Iris
- Blue Giant Hyssop, *Agastache foeniculum*
- Salvia cultivars such as Caradonna or Mainacht
- Lamb's Ears
- Foxglove Beardtongue, *Penstemon digitalis*
- Aстранtia sp., Masterwort

**References:**

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