

APS Best In Show – AKA...‘Grand Champion’ or ‘Queen of the Show’



Each year, the American Peony Society, sponsors and organizes a peony flower exhibition, in conjunction with the annual convention. Growers, gardeners and peony enthusiast gather to have their best flowers evaluated and viewed by the public during the show. Flowers from a wide range of peony plant groups can typically be seen, as well as, bloom from some of the newest and most unique introductions. Exhibitors bring transport their flowers from many locations originating in North America, allowing visitor to the show the many varied bloom times of peonies all at once.

With great anticipation and excitement, the exhibitors prepare their flowers for judging the evening before judging. Judges evaluate each bloom in various divisions and award worthy flowers that meet definitive criteria. The best flowers from each division are selected and further awarded, and further selections are made to determine a number of other awards.

When all is said and done, the coveted ‘Best in Show’ is awarded to the most outstanding flower. The American Peony Society Best in Show award is the highest honor a peony can receive in our annual flower exhibition. This award is also known as the Grand Champion, and the winning flower is often called Queen of the Show.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cultivar</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>
1926	Le Cygne	Franklin B. Mead - Fort Wayne, Indiana
1931	Solange	Tom Knipe - Kokomo, Indiana
1934	Hansina Brand	Mrs. A.S. Gowen - St. Paul, Minnesota
1938	Harry F. Little	Harry Little - Defiance, Ohio
1942	Mrs. R.M. Bacheller	Judge Vories Peony Farm - St. Joseph, Missouri
1945	Martha Bullock	R.C. Schneider - St. Paul, Minnesota
1946	Hansina Brand	A.L. Volz - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1946	Hybrid: Illini Belle	M.C. Karrels - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1947	Blanche King	Myron Bigger - Topeka, Kansas
1951	Red Charm	M.C. Karrels - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1952	Nancy Nicholls	N.R. van Loon - Newton, New Jersey
1953	May Delight	Elizabeth Falk - Plainfield, Illinois
1954	Ann Cousins	D.S. Hyde - Chicago, Illinois
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1956	Le Cygne	Marvin Karrels - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1958	Doris Cooper	Glenn Greaves - St. Paul, Minnesota
1959	Hansina Brand	Loyde Thompson - Grand Forks, North Dakota
1960	Le Cygne	D. Sanford Hyde - Chicago, Illinois
1961	Frances Mains	Walter Mains - Belle Center, Ohio
1962	Minuet	Loyde Thompson - Grand Forks, North Dakota
1963	Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt	Clarence Lienau - Detroit, Michigan
1964	Hansina Brand	W.G. Sindt - Minneapolis, Minnesota
1965	Red Charm	Frank L. Howell - Newton, New Jersey
1966	Annisquam	Marvin Karrels, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1967	Doris Cooper	Walter Alexander - Bowling Green, Ohio
1968	Carol	Clarence Lienau - Detroit, Michigan
1969	Nick Shaylor	Clarence Lienau - Detroit, Michigan
1970	Cytherea	Marvin Karrels - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1971	Douglas Brand	Brand Peony Farms - Faribault, Minnesota
1972	Spellbinder	Marvin Karrels - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1973	Dinner Plate	Roy G. Klehm - Barrington, Illinois
1974	Princess Margaret	Frank Howell - Newton, New Jersey
1975	Robert W. Auten	Marvin Karrels - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1976	Cytherea	Marvin Karrels - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1977	James Pillow	Clarence Lienau - Detroit, Michigan
1978	Princess Margaret	W.G. Sindt - Minneapolis, Minnesota
1979	Yachiyo Tsubaki	Kit Klehm - Arlington Heights, Illinois
1980	Miss America	Frank Howell - Newton, New Jersey
1981	Douglas Brand	W.G. Sindt - Afron, Minnesota
1982	Haku Raku Ten	John Simkins - Oakville, Ontario, Canada
1983	Cytherea	Marvin Karrels - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1984	Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt	Robert Schmidt - Brecksville, Ohio
1985	Hansina Brand	C.F. Spangler - Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin
1986	Minnie Shaylor	Carroll Spangler - Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin
1987	High Noon	Carroll Spangler - Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin
1988	Pink Derby	Robert Schmidt - Brecksville, Ohio
1989	Robert W. Auten	Robert Schmidt - Brecksville, Ohio
1990	Etched Salmon	Carl Klehm - South Barrington, Illinois
1991	Ruffled Sunset	Reath Nursery - Vulcan, Michigan
1992	Kamada Nishiki	Joe Glocka - West Allis, Wisconsin
1993	Yellow Emperor	Robert Schmidt - Brecksville, Ohio
1994	Bowl Of Cream	Roy Klehm - South Barrington, Illinois
1995	Kamada Nishiki	C.F. Spangler - Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin
1996	Nancy Nicholls	Don Hollingsworth - Maryville, Missouri
1997	Lois Elaine Laning	Peter (Chris) Laning - Kalamazoo, Michigan
1998	Command Performance	Don & Lavon Hollingsworth - Maryville, Missouri
1999	Moonstone	Floyd Kimball - Stillwater, Minnesota

2000	Lemon Chiffon	Scott Reath - Vulcan, Michigan
2001	Garden Treasure	Peter (Chris) Laning - Kalamazoo, Michigan
2002	Bartzella	Mike Jones - Sioux City, Iowa
2003	Coral Charm	Adelman Peony Gardens - Salem, Oregon
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2007	Garden Treasure	Hollingsworth Peonies - Maryville, Missouri
2008	Brother Chuck	Adelman Peony Gardens - Salem, Oregon
2009	Stellar Charm	Adelman Peony Gardens - Salem, Oregon
2010	Flying Pink Saucer	Klehm's Song Sparrow Farm - Avalon, Wisconsin
2011	Bob	Brooks Gardens - Brooks, Oregon
2012	Hephestos	Adelman Peony Gardens - Salem, Oregon
2013	Boreas	Adelman Peony Gardens - Salem, Oregon
2014	Illini Belle	Blossom Hill Nursery - Selwyn, Ontario, Canada
2015	Salmon Dream	Hollingsworth Peonies - Hockessin, Delaware
2016	Pastelegance	Solaris Farms - Reedsville, Wisconsin
2017	Hephestos	Adelman Peony Gardens - Salem, Oregon
2018	Lavon	Brooks Gardens - Brooks, Oregon

