



American Peony Society selects 'Angel Emily'

2019 Gold Medal Award / 2020 Peony of the Year

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Peony 'Angel Emily'

The American Peony Society is pleased to announce 'Angel Emily' as the recipient of the 2019 Gold Medal and the 2020 Peony of the Year. Named for the daughter of a friend the originator and registrant, 'Angel Emily' is a *P. rockii* lineage hybrid peony that was introduced in 2003 by Bill Seidl (Manitowoc, Wisconsin) and Nate Bremer (Reedsville, Wisconsin). The original plant was a cross of Rock's Variety x Kamata Fuji and was grown on Bill Seidl's lot for nearly 30 years before propagation and registration. This woody peony (tree peony) produces abundant bloom in the early part of the season and the 30 year old original plant had a flower count of more than 130 flowers in 2007. Stem hardiness and ease of growth make this an outstanding plant for the northern tier. The medium to large flowers are lovely lavender to pink shade that feature the dark basal flares characteristic of many *rockii* lineage hybrids. One bud per stem is produced and carried in a position to face the viewer. Foliage has many fine cuts per leaf and emerges with red tints that turn green as the growing season progresses. Abundant flowers, pleasing habit, and attractive foliage make this an exceptional choice for the landscape or garden.