



Profile

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Background

- Hobbyist grower
- Casual gardener
- Scientific studies
- Writer
- Grows 66 peonies (24 herbaceous, 25 tree, 17 intersectional)

Strengths

- Patience
- Honesty
- Slow to anger
- Focused

Weaknesses

- Puns
- Can be VERY focused
- Poor hearing
- Can be judgmental

Interested Committees

- Convention Steering Committee
- International Outreach Committee
- Scientific & Horticultural Studies Committee
- Website Committee (specific content)
- Other: Institutional gardens

Skills and Expertise

- Experience managing team projects
- Would like to develop knowledge in the following areas:
 - Long-term: a community of peony thinkers/researchers – not just “scientists”

Connections and Networking

- Connections to numerous public gardens
- Connections with peer scientists

Passion and Commitment

- Interest in BOD
 - “Networking and finding **NEW** people – not just the “already discovered”
- Motivation
 - “Professional excellence”
- Time Commitment
 - “At least a day a month, not counting the Annual Peony Convention”
- Aspirations
 - A successful 2021/22 American Peony Society Convention
 - Upgrade web content, include science
 - APS to run smoothly and on a solid financial base