



# Profile

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**Mike Miller**

### **Background**

- Hobbyist grower
- Commercial root grower
- Cut flower grower
- Casual gardener
- Floral arranger
- Promotes peonies through local farmer's market with cuts and potted peonies
- Grows 5000 peonies, and 500 varieties

### **Strengths**

- I have been involved in real estate sales for 35 years and owner of a real estate company for 25 years

### **Weaknesses**

- I sometimes try to do too many things at once and have trouble speaking up or expressing my concerns

### **Interested Committees**

- Books & Publications Committee
- Convention Steering Committee
- Exhibition Committee

### **Skills and Expertise**

- I have been in sales for 35 years; this enables you to cultivate good people skills.
- I have been growing peonies since 2004 and an APS member since 2005. I have participated for several years as a Board member.
- I am currently President of Midwest Peony Society and their Auction Chairperson.
- Would like to develop knowledge in the following areas:
  - Hybridizing

### **Connections and Networking**

- I know several of the commercial growers and a lot of the APS members.

### **Passion and Commitment**

- Interest in BOD
  - The wealth of knowledge of others on the Board
- Motivation
  - When people are willing to work together.
- Time Commitment
  - In book sales and mailings, I devote whatever time is necessary to complete the task.
- Aspirations
  - Increased book sales and timely bulletins
  - With the new leadership, I see APS growing in membership in the next 2 years.