



# Registration Form

## Image Documentation Statement

(Read before registering)

More people have access to information and images published by the American Peony Society than ever before. The accuracy of information and the quality of images submitted can enhance how people view and learn about newly registered peonies, and also improve the quality of records APS keeps for future reference. There are two purposes for photos. The first is to provide the registrar with the means to verify some of the information given in the written form, as well as to provide additional information which the form may not have specifically asked for but which might be useful and apparent in the photo. The second purpose is for publication where it accompanies the written description. It is here that the opportunity exists for the registrant to have their peony stand out from the rest, but it needs a little bit of thought, though not much more effort to get that quality image.

With the above in mind, the APS offers the following list to consider when photographing peonies for registration purposes:

Photographic documentation:

- 1) Digital images are required to register a peony
- 2) Images should:
  - a. be in clear focus
  - b. be clear of obstructions to the main subject
  - c. have NO text or watermark
  - d. have resolution of 1000 px X 1000 px at minimum, larger files are welcome and encouraged.
  - e. not be cropped or computer enhanced before submission (APS will do this if needed)
  - f. be of a single flower for publication and posting to online registry. As well, photos of stem, leaf, bud and whole plant are useful and desired for registration purposes. Also a close-up taken straight down into the center of the flower to show the stamens and carpels, if any.
  - g. have the flower open and without damage to any part, without pollinating insects in attendance, and without a distracting background.

A good reference for producing quality images may be found at: [Photographing Peonies](#).

### Disclaimer:

The entire peony community and anybody who is interested in peonies, as well as, the registrant themselves will benefit from high quality images that accurately represent the cultivar. In most cases people will decide whether or not to read about your peony after they look at the photo. If they don't like what they see, they may just skip on to the next one and an opportunity is lost. The APS edits photos to conform as much as possible to the style wanted for publication, but they cannot improve the basic quality of those images. When a poor photo is submitted, it remains a poor photo and may reflect badly on the cultivar being registered, but that is not the fault of the APS.