



# Registration Form & Image Documentation Statement

(September 1 deadline for inclusion in current year's *Directory of New Cultivars*)

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. Only submissions with completed registration forms *and accompanying image file(s)* will be considered.

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.



# American Peony Society Cultivar Registration Form

<b>PROPOSED NAME:</b>		<b>DATE:</b>	
Name Derivation:			
<b>ORIGINATOR:</b>		<b>REGISTRANT: (if different from originator)</b>	
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
<b>SEEDLING NUMBER or GARDEN NAME:</b>			
<b>FIRST YEAR BLOOMED:</b>		<b>FIRST YEAR PROPAGATED:</b>	
<b>PARENTAGE:</b>	Pod Parent:	Pollen Parent:	
	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>	
Has cultivar been patented, trademarked or otherwise commercially protected? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
If yes, explain:			
Has cultivar been exhibited and/or received awards? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
If yes, explain:			
Has cultivar been previously distributed? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, under what name?			
<b>CULTIVAR GROUP:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Lactiflora Group <input type="checkbox"/> Herbaceous Hybrid <input type="checkbox"/> Itoh Group			
<input type="checkbox"/> Suffruticosa Group <input type="checkbox"/> Lutea Hybrid Group <input type="checkbox"/> Species Selection <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
<b>SEASON OF BLOOM:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Very Early <input type="checkbox"/> Early <input type="checkbox"/> Early/Mid <input type="checkbox"/> Midseason <input type="checkbox"/> Mid/Late <input type="checkbox"/> Late <input type="checkbox"/> Very Late			
<b>— FLOWER —</b>			
<b>FLOWER FORM:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> Anemone <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Double <input type="checkbox"/> Bomb <input type="checkbox"/> Full Double			
<input type="checkbox"/> Novelty (explain)			
<b>FLOWERS PER STEM:</b> (average number)		<b>FLOWER SIZE:</b>	
<b>FLOWER PRESENTATION:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Up facing <input type="checkbox"/> Out Facing <input type="checkbox"/> Down Facing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)			
<b>FRAGRANCE:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Very <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Malodorous			
<b>PETAL COLOR:</b> Primary:		RHS:	
Secondary:		RHS:	
<b>FLARES:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Color of flares: RHS:	
Margin of flare: <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp edge <input type="checkbox"/> Blurred edge <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding edge			
Size of flares as a percent of petal length: %			
<b>COLOR PATTERNS:</b> If flares are present, or if petals are of more than one distinct color, describe color pattern:			
<b>GUARD (outer) PETAL FORM:</b> (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Cupped <input type="checkbox"/> Twisted			
<input type="checkbox"/> Rounded <input type="checkbox"/> Pointed <input type="checkbox"/> Ruffled <input type="checkbox"/> Frilled <input type="checkbox"/> Notched			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (explain)			
Average width of guard petals:			

<b>CARPELS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> None	Average Number:	Color:	RHS:
Hairiness: Smooth <input type="checkbox"/> Sparse <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Very Hairy <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>STIGMAS:</b> Color:	RHS:	Shape: <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Feathered	
<b>STAMENS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>POLLEN:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>SEEDS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>STAMEN LENGTH:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Less than ½-inch <input type="checkbox"/> ½ to ¾-inch <input type="checkbox"/> More than ¾-inch			
<b>FILAMENT COLOR:</b> Base:		RHS:	
Tip:		RHS:	
<b>STAMINODES:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>STAMINODE SHAPE:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Linear <input type="checkbox"/> Oblanceolate <input type="checkbox"/> Spatulate		
<b>STAMINODE COLOR &amp; COLOR PATTERNS:</b>			
<b>STAMINODAL DISK:</b> (Herbaceous peonies)			
Degree of Development: <input type="checkbox"/> Well developed and complete <input type="checkbox"/> A few projections <input type="checkbox"/> Obscure			
Color:			
<b>SHEATH:</b> (Woody peonies and Itoh hybrids) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> Complete			
Color:			
RHS:			
<b>— PLANT —</b>			
<b>EARLY FOLIAGE COLOR ON EMERGENCE FROM GROUND:</b>			
<b>LEAFLETS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Finely Cut <input type="checkbox"/> Broadly Cut <input type="checkbox"/> Narrow Pointed <input type="checkbox"/> Broad Pointed <input type="checkbox"/> Broad Blunt <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular			
<b>LEAF COLOR:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Green <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Green			
Secondary Color: <input type="checkbox"/> Pink <input type="checkbox"/> Purple			
Other: (explain)			
<b>AVERAGE HEIGHT AT MATURITY:</b>		<b>DOES PLANT NEED SUPPORT?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>GROWTH HABIT:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Low/Broad <input type="checkbox"/> Spreading <input type="checkbox"/> Upright <input type="checkbox"/> Narrow Upright			

**WRITTEN DESCRIPTION:** Please provide a description of the cultivar that distinguishes it from all others of a similar type and color, and any other information you feel is important or potentially of interest. A description written by the applicant is always useful, and may contain information not asked for in the form.

Written Description Included (Use other side or additional page.)

**COLOR PHOTO:** Include a color photo or color digital image of the flower and of the foliage. The photo of the foliage can be either a single complete stem (herbaceous) or a leaf (woody or intersectional). See Photo Documentation.

Please publish my cultivar photos in your online peony cultivar database, Registry of Peony Cultivars.

- The registration submission deadline for consideration and inclusion in the current year's *American Peony Society Directory of New Cultivars* is September 1st. Any submissions received thereafter will be considered for inclusion in the following year's *Directory*. Additionally, the cultivar's date of registry will be listed as that following year in the online Registry, though it should be noted that the exact date of submission will also be recorded in the description.

- Please only submit PDF files of registration forms when sending submissions electronically.

- Only submissions with completed registration forms *and accompanying image file(s)* will be considered.

SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND PHOTOS FOR REGISTRATION TO:

[registrar@americanpeonysociety.org](mailto:registrar@americanpeonysociety.org) — or —

Jordan Kabat, Registrar  
510 Oak Street  
Manitowoc, WI 54220 USA

ALL FEES IN US DOLLARS PAYABLE TO APS - (PayPal, check or money order).  
The registration fee is \$35.00 USD, which includes a description published in the online 'Peony Registry' and 'New Cultivars' publication.

**SEND REGISTRATION FEE TO:**

Kristin Jurik, Treasurer  
American Peony Society  
5658 195<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ames, IA 50010-9239  
USA

— or —

[payment@americanpeonysociety.org](mailto:payment@americanpeonysociety.org)

**CULTIVAR DESCRIPTION:**