



## Harvey Buchite

Hidden Springs Flower Farm  
Spring Grove, Minnesota

Harvey Buchite has served as an associate professor and specialized regional horticulture agent and Extension Educator for the University of Minnesota before becoming a business partner at Rice Creek Gardens. There he specialized in growing over 1200 different alpine plants, learned the art and science of tissue culture of rhododendrons. While there he hybridized daylilies, peonies and other perennials. He introduced Wisteria Blue Moon to the gardening world, which is now grown around the world, through Rice Creek Gardens and when forced by rezoning to relocate in 2006 he moved 23,000 peony roots with the help of Tim Kornder, Ashley Kornder and their crew to Spring Grove, Minnesota.



Harvey and his wife now own and operate Hidden Springs Flower Farm in Spring Grove, Minnesota. The farm specializes in hard to find woody and perennial plants and is a frequent destination for plant connoisseurs and peony collectors. The business makes a number of peonies available at the nursery and a greater number through mail order on its website.

Harvey began his interest in peonies by first growing species peonies from seed through the Scottish Rock Garden Society and American Rock Garden Society seed exchanges. He has written several hundred articles on such wide ranging topics as vegetable production on organic soils, bromeliads, gesneriads, orchids, daylilies and peonies. Harvey's speaking engagements have taken him to Canada, Europe, and from Portland, Maine to Portland Oregon. He has served as president and board member for 6 different specialty plant groups and is a past president of the Minnesota and American Peony Societies. Harvey loves learning about plants and peonies from the other enthusiasts he meets and shares a strong interest in seeing people succeed in growing the plants they love.