

## Nate Bremer



Nate Bremer is a Wisconsin hybridizer, plantsman, teacher and lecturer specializing in northern hardy Paeonia (peony) and Hemerocallis (daylily) and Lilium (true lilies). He is the current President of the American Peony Society and has served on the Board of Directors since 2017.

With more than 150 daylily and 50 peony registrations, Bremer is the proprietor of Solaris Farms, a family-run perennial nursery and hybridizing operation. A passionate gardener with a fascination for plant genetics, he has a special interest in hybridizing and promoting perennials with proven performance for the growing conditions of the upper Midwest.

A popular speaker, Bremer shares his enthusiasm of gardening through specialty events, seminars and classes for a wide variety of garden clubs and organizations. He has presented topics ranging from plant hardiness to cutting-edge cultivars to grafting to national and local groups alike.

Through a long-time collaboration with international peony hybridizer Bill Siedl, Bremer expanded his hybridizing work into herbaceous hybrid and woody (tree) peonies.

Bremer has gardened since he was a boy. He collected wild orchids in Mexico, hybridized and raised orchids in his father's greenhouse, mentored by family friend and Wisconsin orchid judge Pete Peterson. His father, Hale, also an avid gardener, introduced him to the daylily in the 80s.

Receiving his degree in science education from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Bremer taught science for 31 years and has retired. Solaris Farms now occupies his time year round. He lives with his wife Kimberly at their home in Reedsville.