



General Auction Information

Auction proceeds are important for our society's continued success through the production of the Bulletin, maintenance of the website, convention activities and support of the many programs APS sponsors. The auctions feature plants and other peony related materials which are often difficult to come by. Growers and members donate plants/items by contacting the auction chair with information about their intended donation. Most often, peonies at the auction are delivered in the fall, while containerized plants and nonperishable items are available onsite. Historically the society has relied on a few larger growers for donations, but in recent years more members have become involved by donating unusual and sought after items/cultivars. **No matter how small or large your collection is, consider a donation to an auction-it's all for the betterment of PEONIES!**

How it works...

- 1) Member donors supply peony related items, roots and plants by submitting donations online through the Member Portal or by contacting the Auction Chair at auction@americanpeonysociety.org.
 - a. Plant donations are to include only **registered** or species peonies. Please see the Peony Registry to confirm cultivars are registered.
 - b. At live Convention Auctions non-perishable or containerized plants are often brought or sent to the auction site for the event. After the auction winning bidders may take these items home with them.
 - c. Live auctions may also have items shipped to them by donating members at a different time. This is most often done for plant donations which are to be harvested or divided in the fall digging season. See letter "e" below for shipping & reimbursement information.
 - d. Auctions require all donations to be shipped to winning bidders by donors by October 15 or earlier. See letter "e" below for shipping & reimbursement information.
 - e. Members who donate substantial numbers of peonies or other items may submit receipts for mailing costs within 30 days to the treasurer (payment@americanpeonysociety.org) for reimbursement. Members who donate smaller numbers of auction items are responsible for shipping costs and this is considered part of the donation.

- 2) APS provides the auction structure of donated material for membership and runs the auctions, either live or online. The Auction Chair records winning bid information and will supply this to donors for anything which will need to be shipped to the winning bidder.

APS thanks its generous members for their consideration and donations to these important events and hope that it brings further enjoyment of peonies to our members.