



# The American Peony Society

## Cultivar Registration Fee Schedule Information

Many long-standing members of the American Peony Society will recall a time when newly registered cultivars were published regularly with both description and image in the Bulletin. Over the last several years, an increase in annual submissions forced the Society to adopt a publication entirely distinct from the Bulletin: the annual Directory of New Cultivars. As the practice of breeding and registering new unique peony cultivars becomes increasingly popular, the burdens placed on the resources and infrastructure of the American Peony Society have concurrently expanded. With an unprecedented number of submissions, the 2022 Directory needed to be reformatted accordingly. As a larger publication, the costs associated with developing a new layout, printing and postage, have spurred a re-evaluation of the fees associated with cultivar registration. Additionally, all costs have increased due to inflation, as well as, hosting the online Peony Registry which will live indefinitely on APS Website.

## American Peony Society Cultivar Registration Fee Structure

**#1 - #15 registration submissions (single year/registrant) — \$40.00 each**

### **Additional submissions incur a higher fee:**

**#16 through #50 registration submissions (single year/registrant) — \$50.00 each**

**#51+ registration submissions (single year/registrant) - \$100 each**

Largely, the new fee structure will have little to no effect on a majority of individuals registering new cultivars - for those seeking to register just a few plants per year. It will, however, impact those wishing to register cultivars in larger numbers in a single year. Should individuals wishing to register large numbers of cultivars in a single calendar year still wish to proceed under this fee structure, they will contribute proportionately to the costs associated with publishing, hosting, and administering a larger Published Directory and online Peony Registry. These changes have been implemented to partially remove the financial burdens placed on Society members and volunteers who service the ICRA.

### Supporting Information

- Each submitted cultivar registration requires time for its name to be validated per ISHS nomenclature rules.
- Each submitted cultivar registration requires 1 plus hour of work to compile and edit.
- Each submitted cultivar registration is formatted (written by Registrar) to provide a quality description.
- Volunteers who service the ICRA freely supply computers, programs, paper, ink and other associated materials to produce the Registration products
- The Editor makes numerous arrangements with printer, layout person, registrar and proof readers. Then oversees production of the Directory of New Cultivars.
- All submissions are proofed for publication by volunteers.

- Paid layout for the print publication is performed by a professional and is paid for through registration fees, advertising and Society Member dues.
- Paid printing for the print publication is performed by a professional press and is paid for through registration fees, advertising and Society Member dues.
- Publication mailing costs are paid for through registration fees, advertising and Society Member Dues.
- All registrations are hosted on the APS website indefinitely – APS pays for this through Society Member dues. The online Peony Registry is a public service provided by the American Peony Society.
- All descriptions and images are uploaded and placed within the Peony Registry by volunteers. Images must be inserted into records manually.
- APS volunteers provide many hours to create and support peony registration. Registration of peonies is a public benefit to all who are interested in peonies.

APS thanks all of its volunteers, hybridizers and originators involved in the registration process and looks forward to new and unique cultivars.

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