



'Dreamtime'

2024 Gold Medal Award Selection



The American Peony Society is excited to present the 2024 Gold Medal Award winner, 'Dreamtime'. Hybridized by Bill Seidl and registered by Nate Bremer in 2013, Dreamtime has become a favorite plant in connoisseur gardens and is now seeing distribution from a number of specialty peony sources.

This herbaceous hybrid is a bright clear pink, many-petaled single to semi-double with three rows of guard petals. It has a mild, sweet fragrance with three to four smooth green carpels, and has pink stigmas. Stamens are yellow throughout. The entire flower structure is elegant and the colors of all structures complement one another.

The beautiful healthy foliage is red in color on emergence from ground. At full height, when in bloom, it grows to 3 to 3 ½ feet with broad pointed dark green foliage. It is a fast and vigorous grower that needs no support. Plants in and out of bloom are excellent garden subjects with strong and sturdy stems. Two or three side buds create an outstanding display in the garden and add extended bloom. 'Dreamtime' blooms in the early part of the mid-season period, just before Lactiflora Group cultivars. The foliage remains in fine shape throughout the season.

Parentage: 'Pink Vanguard' x 'Salmon Dream'. 'Pink Vanguard', the seed parent, is from a cross of 'Blushing Princess' x 'Salmon Dream', - giving 'Dreamtime' a double dose of 'Salmon Dream' in its pedigree. The multiple use of 'Salmon Dream' in its pedigree led to the use of the word "dream" as part of the cultivar name.

The plant is of interest to the hybridizer as both a pollen and seed parent, imparting vigorous growth and ornate flowers to its offspring. 'Dreamtime' is a prolific seeder and has extremely fertile pollen, making it an easy parent in crosses with compatible partners.

'Dreamtime' is another great peony from the legendary hybridizer Bill Seidl. 'Dreamtime' is suitable for many peony enthusiasts including the home gardener, cut flower grower, and peony hybridizer. It is a reliable heavy blooming plant which is sure to please!