

Virtual Meetings and Presentations

Great Information From Peony Enthusiasts for APS Members

Online “Virtual” Seminars, Panel Discussions & Topic Meetings... Available as noted for Members. Registration signup required to receive an invitation. After signup, an invitation will be sent your email from APS’ Zoom Account. The **Zoom** virtual meetings application will be used to conduct these options – it will be important to have this application available on your computer prior to its scheduled time. Not an APS Member and would like to participate? [Become a Member](#).

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MICROPROPAGATION OF WOODY AND INTERSECTIONAL PEONIES

- **Presenter:** Donald Smith
- **Bio:** [HERE](#)
- **Date & Time:** Sunday, May 2, 2021; 6:30 p.m. CDT
- **Program Description:** This seminar will discuss the various options for propagating the intersectional (i.e., semi-woody peonies) and tree peonies (i.e., woody peonies). Each propagation method will be briefly summarized and the advantages and disadvantages will be discussed. The majority of the talk, however, will focus on the micro-propagation of the woody and semi-woody peonies, which is rapidly becoming the propagation method of choice for these two important peony groups. Because this method is relatively new and begins in a laboratory, the details and advantages of this method are not generally or widely understood by the typical gardener. As a consequence, some outdated/misinformation persists within the peony community regarding this method and this, in turn, has led to a certain level of mistrust in the quality and authenticity of the plants produced by this method. This presentation is directed towards providing a fair, accurate and detailed up-to-date review of micropropagation as it applies to specific peony groups.
- **Platform:** Live Zoom Meeting with Shared Program
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HYBRIDIZER MEETING

- **Facilitator:** Nate Bremer
- **Bio:** [HERE](#)
- **Date & Time:** Sunday, May 16, 2021 10:00 a.m.
- **Program Description:** A meeting for new and/or experienced hybridizers. The meeting is open ended and questions, insights and observations are welcome by all attendees. The focus will be upon making crosses, techniques, barriers, successes and other related topics (not on growing peonies from seed). Nate will have a list of basic questions/topics which can be discussed, but welcomes others to submit their own. Questions or topics may be submitted to: nate@solarisfarms.com.
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PEONIES 101



- **Bio:** [HERE](#)
- **Date & Time:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021; 7:00 p.m. CDT
- **Program Description:** Peonies are very easy to grow because they require minimal attention, making them the perfect plant for a beginner gardener. Newer varieties offer strong stems that won't flop over even when in full bloom, as well as outstanding foliage that adds beauty to your garden all summer. Join us as we cover the basics of growing these fragrant beauties, including the correct way to plant, strategies for growing, and a series of care tips. Bring your questions for the Q&A portion too!
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HISTORICALLY OVERLOOKED PEONIES OF THE MIDWEST

- **Presenter:** Harvey Buchite; Hidden Springs Flower Farm
- **Bio:** [HERE](#)
- **Date & Time:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021; 6:30 p.m. CDT
- **Program Description:** This presentation will focus on overlooked and historically important midwestern peonies which have garnered greater attention as the whole peony world has come online. Many of these peonies are better known in overseas gardens than they are in the United States due to sales and collecting practices in the peony world, but should be considered excellent candidates for American gardens.
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Peonies at Hidden Springs Flower Farm



Peony 'Bob'



PEONY CUT FLOWER PRODUCTION

- **Presenter:** Michelle Ovans; Ovans Peony Farm
- **Bio:** [HERE](#)
- **Date & Time:** Sunday, June 18, 2021; Time 1:00 p.m. CDT
- **Program Description:** Michelle is an experienced cut flower grower who services the wedding industry in Wisconsin. Through this program Michelle will provide information about growing, maintenance, cutting, storage and other related activities important to a cut flower operation. Many images and supporting information will be included in the presentation. This program will certainly be useful for anyone considering getting into the peony cut flower industry.
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Michelle in her garden



Cut Flower Bouquet



GROWING PEONIES FROM SEED

- **Presenter:** Nate Bremer
- **Bio:** [HERE](#)
- **Date & Time:** Monday, July 26, 2021; 10:00 a.m. CDT
- **Program Description:** Peonies are easy to grow from seed, but a little background knowledge is helpful to understand their unique growing cycles. This program will take an extensive look at growing peony seeds outdoors and briefly discuss indoor methods which can be used to get seeds started. Collection of seeds, seed types, characteristics of seeds, timing and other important information for successful seed propagation will be covered as well. Join Nate for some interesting visuals, perspectives and experiences.
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