



Golden Skep Farm

2010 PEONY OFFERINGS

Plant in full sun and they start to bloom in the late spring. Peonies are hardy to Zone 3 and will increase with vigor each year. Where happy, peonies may live fifty years or longer!

All varieties: \$19.95 each !

- Alley Cat** 30-32" Large creamy white single flowers with raspberry tips
Anemone 32-38" Bright red single flowers with yellow centers; long bloom period
DUCHESS de NAMOURS 34-36" White flowers w/yellow centers; very fragrant
FELIX CROUSEE 30-32" Carmine-red double flowers
Festiva Maxima 30-32" Very large white flowers
Karl Rosenfeld 30-32" Velvet crimson flowers
Mons Jules Elie 30-32" Large light rose-pink flowers; fragrant
Nippon Beauty 30-36" Burgundy-red Japanese type flower
RACHEL 34-36" Dark crimson flowers
Sarah Bernhardt 36-40" Double rose-pink flowers
SHIRLEY TEMPLE 32-34" Pinkish buds open to creamy white flowers
SOFT SALMON JOY 26-30" Shell pink single flowers

The Medicinal, Magical Peony

"In traditional Chinese medicine, the roots and bark of the peony were used to "cool the blood" and treat bacterial infections. In medieval Europe, the peony was a cure-all remedy for gall stones, jaundice, sore gums and more. Because it was associated with the moon (large, white, round), it was thought to be a remedy for lunacy, as well as for epilepsy, nightmares, and nervous disorders. Peony seeds were swallowed whole to prevent bad dreams or used in a poultice to relieve stomachaches, while the flower petals were dried and brewed in a tea to ease coughs.

In Europe, peonies were planted near the door to keep evil from entering the house. In England, the seeds were strung and hung as necklaces around children's necks, to keep them from being carried off by fairies and witches. An odd number of flowers on a plant was a sign that death would come before the year was out."

...China Bayles' Book of Days – Susan Whittig Albert

Planting instructions are available on our website at: www.goldenskepfarm.com

"We are facing a crossroad. If we have a collapse of both managed and native bees.... we will not have affordable access to most fruits, nuts and vegetables."

... Frank Drumond, Professor of Insect Ecology
University of Maine