

**BLOSSOM HILL NURSERY**  
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Dear Customers:

Blossom Hill specializes in delphiniums and peonies and now offers our customers mail order services. After more than ten years of operating as a direct sales business at our home, we decided to expand to meet the needs of many of our clients who live far away.

We have always been avid gardeners and discovered the British strain of *Delphinium elatum*. These hybrids possess stronger stems and larger florets and they are hardier than other *Delphinium elatum*. We found them hard to resist and wanted to share our joy at finding this amazing plant and decided to venture into the world of retail business in 1994. **Please note:** Last year we had record sales and have a very limited supply of Delphiniums left for early spring sales. Please contact us soon if you want specific colours. More plants will be available in late May when our new seedlings mature.

The response to the peonies offered in our catalogue has been overwhelming and this year's plant list includes many **new peonies**. We have also planted more varieties in our display gardens, including additional species, tree and Itoh (intersectional) peonies. We now have 380 plus varieties, (1500 plants) growing in our yard and field. The collection produces an amazing show. Visitors are welcome at the nursery to view our many perennial beds and trial gardens. The main show for peony flowers is the month of June, with a few blooming in late May and early July. Delphiniums tend to flower from mid-June to mid-July and again in late summer and autumn.

We open Saturday, April 25th until December 24th. After the growing season, we still have dried flowers and Christmas decorations for sale at the nursery. Business hours are Wednesday to Monday by appointment or by chance.

Our catalogue continues to be in a plant list format without pictures to reduce printing expenses. However, photographs of many of our plants are posted on our website for your information and enjoyment.

We look forward to serving you again this season.

*Growing Together,*

*Joe, Hazel and Amy Cook*



### *Delphinium elatum* Growing Tips:

Often delphiniums are thought of as difficult and time consuming to grow. This is not the case. While like all plants, they thrive in ideal conditions, a few basic growing techniques will ensure quality spikes in any garden.

**Soil:** Delphiniums will prosper in almost any soil type. Amend the soil with compost before planting. Do not allow waterlogged soil, especially in the spring, as this will promote crown rot. If necessary, raise the bed slightly.

**Transplanting:** Delphiniums do not like to be disturbed but if necessary move only young plants and very early in spring, just as they begin to grow.

**Thinning:** As the plants mature, the weak stems should be trimmed out close to the ground in early spring. The stems that are left will grow stronger and produce a better show.

**Watering:** needs to be consistent, especially during the growing season. Delphiniums are shallow rooted but a good soaking once a week should suffice for mature plants. We are on a hill with southern exposure but rely on well water, so our watering is minimal. In dry areas, mulch may be beneficial but not directly on the crowns.

**After flowering:** cut off the spikes but leave the foliage until new growth starts at the base of the plant, to promote strong roots. You may be rewarded in autumn with a second flowering but the spikes likely won't be as tall as in July.

**Winter care:** Cut off all plant material and clear the beds of debris before winter, to reduce the possibility of slug damage. Delphiniums are very hardy and do not require a winter mulch. They enjoy a good snow cover, if Mother Nature provides it in your area.

## *Peonies*

### PICTURES AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB PAGE

Peonies are divided and shipped bare root in autumn, starting in September. All roots will be large divisions with at least 3 to 5 eyes. We encourage customers to visit our gardens throughout the season to choose plants according to bloom and foliage. Other varieties may be available for sale at the nursery in small numbers, some as potted plants in the spring.

**If you are searching for a particular peony not listed, contact us.** We may have it but not in sufficient numbers for the catalogue.

'NEW' – These peonies are being offered in our catalogue for the first time but have been growing in our gardens for several years.

**A la Mode:** (Klehm, 1981) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Single. Large pure *white* flower with yellow stamens on strong stems. Height 36 inches. Flowers early to midseason.

**Akashigata:** (Japanese origin) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Single. Bright *pink* petals surround a gold centre. Moderate fragrance. Flowers midseason.

**Amberglow:** (Thurlows & Stranger, 1951) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double, *flesh pink* fragrant flowers on strong stems. Buds are delicate pink. Medium height and flowers midseason. Our new yellow lab puppy (shortened to Amber) is named after this peony.

**Bartzella:** (Anderson, 1986) Intersectional APS Gold Medal in 2006 NEW

\$155.00 Double *yellow* hybrid with red flares. A very floriferous, strong plant which flowers sequentially for an extended bloom period. The large flowers are held well on strong stems and the foliage is excellent well into the fall even in dry seasons.

**Browns Red Jap:** (Brown) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Japanese. A *deep pink* rather than red surrounding a gold centre. Very attractive. Fragrant. Flowers midseason.

**Charm:** (Franklin, 1931) Lactiflora NEW  
\$35.00 Very *dark red* Japanese bloom with exceptionally dark red stems in the spring. The guard petals surround red petaloids edged in yellow. Fragrant. A personal favourite and the first time offered. Very limited divisions. Flowers mid to late season.

**Chippewa:** (Murawska, 1943) Lactiflora NEW  
\$40.00 Double. A medium size very *dark red* bloom on tall dark red stems. A great cut and garden flower. Limited quantity

**Cincinnati:** (Krekler, 1962) Lactiflora  
\$25.00 Large, double *deep pink* flowers, with each petal tipped with *silver*. Flowers late.

**Dinner Plate:** (Klehm Carl G., 1968) Lactiflora  
\$20.00 Double. Hugh *shell-pink* flowers. Strong plant and stems. Slight fragrance. Excellent cut flower. Height 34 inches. Flowers midseason.

**Early Scout:** (Auten, 1952) Herbaceous Hybrid  
\$35.00 Single. Very deep *red* flowers with distinctive dissected foliage. Height 21 inches. Ideal for rock gardens or front of border. A favourite. Flowers very early

**Edith M. Snook:** (Snook, 1931) Lactiflora  
\$25.00 Distinctive, double, fragrant rose- shaped *ivory* flower changing to milk white on strong stems. Mid late bloom.

**Fairy's Petticoat:** (Klehm Carl G., 1970) Lactiflora  
\$30.00 Double. Extremely large, *blush-pink* with a golden glow from the centre. As many as three side buds on strong stems. Fragrant. Height 32 inches. Flowers early.

**Feather Top:** (Wild, 1967) Lactiflora NEW  
\$40.00 Very unusual shaped Japanese form, with 6-7 rows of *magenta* petals topped with a ring of yellow tipped staminodes and then topped with rose pink petals. It blooms midseason with good foliage.

**Flame:** (Glasscock, 1939) Officinalis hybrid NEW  
\$45.00 Single. A *hot pink* with a hint of orange that shows as a very brilliant flower in the garden. Very limited divisions. Blooms early.

**Florence Nicholls:** (Nicholls, 1938) Lactiflora  
\$ 25.00 Double. Very large rose-shaped of *blush white* with a deeper tone in centre. Very fragrant and floriferous. Strong stems with many side buds. Medium height. Flowers mid season.

**George W. Peyton:** (Nicholls, 1938) Lactiflora  
\$20.00 Double. Large *pale buff* with a hint of pink especially toward the centre. Blooms midseason.

**Golden Bracelet:** (Brand, 1939) Lactiflora  
\$30.00 Double. A double *white* but with a collar of golden yellow. Very striking and fragrant. Flowers midseason.

**Grover Cleveland:** (Terry, 1904) Lactiflora  
\$20.00 Double. Bright crimson *red* double on a medium height plant with excellent long lasting foliage. Blooms mid to late.

**Henry Sass:** (Sass, 1949) Lactiflora  
\$ 25.00 Double. Pure *white*, fully double and large with strong stems and slight fragrance. Very striking and excellent cut flower. Flowers midseason.

**Illini Belle:** (Glasscock, 1941) Herbaceous Hybrid  
\$ 30.00 Semi-double with four or five rows of glossy *ruby-red* petals and yellow stamens. Slight fragrance. Flowers early.

**Isani Gidui:** (Japanese, pre-1928) NEW

\$30.00 Japanese form with 2 rows of very large, pure *white* petals surrounding a centre of yellow staminodes. This plant of medium height is vigorous and floriferous with slightly crinkled foliage. Blooms late.

**Jayhawker:** (Bigger, 1949) Lactiflora

\$ 30.00 Double *light pink*. The flower holds its shape well. Stiff stems. Moderate fragrance. Flowers early to midseason.

**John Harvard:** (Auten, 1939) Herbaceous Hybrid NEW

\$45.00 Semi-double *dark red* hybrid with yellow staminodes. An intense colour that does not fade. Strong stems but some support would be best. Blooms early.

**Joyce:** (Auten, 1938) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Clear *medium pink* with a flat shape on strong stems. It has side buds for longer bloom period and good fall foliage. Blooms mid season.

**June Rose:** (Jones, 1938) Lactiflora

\$ 25.00 Double. Large rose-shaped *cerise pink* bloom that holds its colour well. Dark green foliage. Striking and slightly fragrant. Height 31 inches. Flowers midseason.

**Kansas:** (Bigger, 1940) Lactiflora, American Peony Society Gold Medal in 1957

\$ 25.00 Double. Popular, deep *fuchsia-purple* (considered red) which does not fade. Vigorous with strong stems. Height 36 inches. Flowers midseason.

**Karl Rosenfield:** (Rosenfield, 1908) Lactiflora

\$ 20.00 Double. Large, globe-shaped bright *crimson* (considered red). Free-flowering with strong stems. Good garden and cut-flower variety. Height 31 inches. Flowers mid to late season.

**Kaw Valley:** (Bigger, 1944) Lactiflora NEW

\$ 25.00 Double. A very *dark red* with pink tones that hold its colour well. The large flowers are held high on strong stems. Reliable bloomer with some side buds for extended bloom.

**Kickapoo:** (Auten, 1931) Lactiflora NEW

\$ 40.00 Single. Large, bright *dark red* flowers with a few side buds on strong stems. Yellow stamens contrast well. It is a favourite and has a fun name. Very limited divisions. Blooms mid to late season.

**Le Cygne:** (Lemoine, 1907) Lactiflora

\$ 25.00 Double. Translates as 'The Swan'. Very large *white* tinged with *ivory*. Often considered one of the most perfect peonies, due to its broad overlapped incurved petals. Moderately fragrant. Height 27 inches. Flowers early.

**Legion of Honor:** (Saunders, 1941) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$ 30.00 Single or semi-double. Strong *cherry red* colour surrounding yellow center. A good landscape plant that blooms early.

**Leto:** (Neeley, 1930) Lactiflora

\$ 25.00 Japanese lactiflora with *white* petals surrounding yellow staminodes with white tips. Moderate fragrance. Blooms early.

**Longfellow:** (Brand, 1907) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Bright, non-fading *crimson red* with golden stamens. Fairly short with strong stems. Slightly fragrant. Flowers in midseason.

**Loren Franklin:** (Franklin, 1931) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Fragrant, very large rose shaped *dark pink* bloom on stiff stems. Blooms mid season.

**Lotus Bloom:** (Saunders, 1943) Herbaceous hybrid

\$30.00 Semi- double. Enormous, flat, very striking *pink* blooms. Flowers early.

**Louise Lossing:** (Lossing 1943) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Large *white* flower with hints of yellow and pink deep in centre. One of our most fragrant peonies. Blooms mid season.

**Lovely Louise:** (Murawska, 1962) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Light to *medium pink* large blooms held up well despite wiry stems. Blooms mid to late season.

**Marie Jacquin:** (Verdier) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Semi-double or double. *Pale pink* fading to ivory tones with large cluster of yellow stamens. Variable fullness but blooming in clusters for a great addition to the landscape. Fragrant. Early mid season.

**Martha Reed:** (Krekler, 1965) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Double. Long-lasting *white* flowers have a twisting petal arrangement with golden stamens. Flowers held high above foliage on strong stems. Blooms early.

**Mildred May:** (Murawska, 1943) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Semi-double. Pure *white* with a ring of golden stamens. Floriferous with many side buds. A favourite and very fragrant. Early mid season.

**Milton Jack:** (Jack, 1980) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double deep *rose* (considered red) with strong stems. Stands out in the field and lasts well. A Canadian cultivar. Flowers midseason.

**Mme. Emile Galle:** (Crousse, 1881) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Large, very *light rose-pink* petals in a pleasing arrangement. Pleasing rose fragrance. Good stems and foliage. Blooms late.

**Mons. Jules Elie:** (Crousse, 1888) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Double. Large guard petals with a well defined centre, all *rose-pink*. Moderately fragrant. Excellent cut flower but may need support in the garden. Very old variety but still very popular. Blooms early mid season.

**Mr. G. F. Hemerik:** (van Leeuwen, 1933) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Japanese. Very large *rose pink* with creamy yellow staminodes filling the centre. Slightly fragrant. May also be listed as Mrs. G. Hemerik. Many blooms held high but no need for support. Flowers midseason.

**Mrs. Edward Harding:** (Shaylor, 1918) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Double. Perfect form of *white* with interspersed and central golden stamens. Stiff stems and excellent foliage. Blooms midseason

**Mrs. Frank Beach:** (Brand, 1925) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. A creamy *white* flower on somewhat dwarf strong stems. Fragrant. Blooms mid late.

**Myrtle Gentry:** (Brand, 1925) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. *Rosy white* with hints of flesh and salmon in a pleasing form. Strong stems and pleasant fragrance. Blooms late.

**Nick Shaylor:** (Shaylor/Allison, 1931) Lactiflora; American Peony Society Gold Medal Winner in 1969

\$ 25.00 Double. Flowers open *blush pink* with a hint of yellow and fade to white with blush pink in centre. Strong, reliable grower. Flowers mid late.

**Paula Fay:** (Fay, 1968) Herbaceous Hybrid, APS Gold Medal in 1988

\$ 30.00 Semi-double. A *shocking pink* with 5 rows of petals carried upright on strong stems with dark leaves. Outstanding in the garden and in shows. Slight fragrance. Blooms early.

**Peter Brand:** (Brand, Abraham, 1937) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Large *ruby red* with good texture that contrast well with gold stamens. Fragrant. Blooms late.

**Phoebe Cary:** (Brand, 1907) Lactiflora NEW

\$30.00 Double. Large soft *old-rose pink* peony with slightly darker. Slightly fragrant. It is floriferous with some side buds and blooms late on medium green foliage that lasts well.

**Pink Moon:** (Bockstoece/Landis, 1974) Herbaceous Hybrid NEW

\$35.00 Semi-double. Medium *pink* blooms on a plant with large healthy leaves that last well into the autumn even in difficult years. Blooms midseason.

**Plainsman:** (Bigger, 1949) Lactiflora NEW

\$40.00 Japanese *blush to white* with a centre of yellow staminodes on heavy medium green foliage. Blooms midseason.

**Pride of Blasdell:** (Kelsey) Lactiflora

\$30.00 Japanese. *Dark pink* guard petals with yellow tipped staminodes. Very attractive with many side buds and dark green foliage well into autumn. Blooms mid late.

**Red Grace:** (Glasscock/ Klehm, 1980) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$30.00 Double. *Dark red* ball form, almost a globe. Therefore it looks best with some support. Blooms early.

**Roselette:** (Saunders, 1950) Herbaceous Hybrid

\$ 30.00 Single. Large, single cup-shaped light *rose-pink* surrounding a yellow centre. Height 22 inches. Very floriferous even as a young plant and a great landscape plant. Flowers very early.

**Ruth Clay:** (Kelsey, 1935) Lactiflora

\$ 30.00 Double, deep *magenta* (considered red). Buds shaped like rosebuds. Very strong and attractive. Midseason.

**Shawnee Chief:** (Bigger, 1940) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. *Dark red* with strong stems and exceptional foliage all season, even in late autumn. Suitable for a hedge or specimen plant. Also holds well in cold storage as a cut flower. Blooms mid late.

**Souvenir de Louis Bigot:** (Dessert, 1913) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Double. Large blooms of vivid *rose pink* with slightly lighter edges. An older cut flower variety that is still very popular. Bloom midseason.

**Sword Dance:** (Auten, 1933) Lactiflora

\$ 30.00 Japanese form that is an outstanding *rich red* bloom with golden petaloids streaked with red in the centre. A strong striking plant that always attracts attention. Bloom mid season.

**Susan B. White:** (Brand, 1933) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Dome shaped pure *white* with green tints near base. Many golden stamens light up the flower. Some side buds. Bloom midseason.

**Susie Smith:** (Brown, 1950) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Japanese. A very *light pink* with soft gold coloured centre. Moderate height with the blooms close to the foliage for a compact appearance. Another Canadian introduction. Blooms midseason.

**The Nathans:** (Kelsey, 1937) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double. Large, fragrant *rose pink* flowers with broad outer petals and tight inner petals. Numerous side buds often opening all together for an impressive floral display. Semi-dwarf. Midseason.

**Tourangelle:** (Dessert, 1910) Lactiflora

\$25.00 Double, Compact plant with *creamy-white* bomb-shaped flowers tinted with soft pink. Beautiful fragrant flower but requires support because of long stems above foliage. Blooms late.

**Unknown Soldier:** (Holland/ Jack) Lactiflora

\$20.00 Double. *Dark crimson red* with several side buds. A Canadian introduction. Blooms mid to late.

**Walter Mains:** (Mains, 1957) Herbaceous Hybrid, APS Gold Medal in 1974 NEW  
\$45.00 Japanese form on a tidy plant about 24 in. Large, *dark red* guard petals surrounding staminodes of the same colour edged in bright yellow. Blooms midseason. Very few divisions available.

**W. L. Gumm:** (Gumm, 1929) Lactiflora  
\$20.00 Double, *white* flowers with heavy textured petals. Medium height and excellent very green foliage even in late autumn. Many side buds for extended bloom. Flowers late.

**Westerner:** (Bigger, 1942) American Peony Society Gold Medal in 1982, Lactiflora  
\$ 25.00 A Japanese shape, medium *pink* flower filled with bright yellow staminodes. Vigorous with sturdy stems and many side buds. Height 36 inches. A visitor favourite. Flowers late season.

**White Water:** (Kelsey) Lactiflora  
\$25.00 Double. Large, *white* beautiful bloom with strong stems. Blooms mid to late season with side buds for extended bloom. Very fragrant and excellent green foliage well into autumn.

### *Peony* Growing Tips

Peonies are long-lived perennials, so it is worth the effort to prepare the site well and purchase quality plants. Peonies are one of the least demanding perennials giving outstanding bloom and all season foliage on disease and pest resistant plants.

**Soil:** Peonies prefer a sunny well drained site. Dig a hole larger than the root and amend the soil with compost or bonemeal. Very well aged manure may be used in moderation. Peonies will not survive in waterlogged soil.

**Planting:** Place the peony root in the prepared hole and backfill. The crown buds should be no more than 2 inches below the soil surface. If planted too deep, they may not flower for several years. Plant potted peonies at the same depth as they are in the pots.

**Watering:** Peonies are drought tolerant but would benefit from watering if the weather is dry during the first season. If you mulch your garden, do not put mulch over the crown.

**After Flowering:** When the peonies have finished flowering, cut off the spent blooms but leave as much foliage as possible to promote strong roots.

**Winter Care:** In September, cut foliage off and remove it from the garden to help prevent spread of any possible disease or fungus.

## *Other Hardy Perennials*

Blossom Hill gardens contain many hardy and unique perennials that are too numerous to include in this catalogue. Most of these are propagated and potted, ready for sale throughout the season. If you are searching for a particular plant, please contact us for its availability and price. We will send plants by mail-order if you wish.

### *Dates of Interest*

April 9, 10 and 11, 2009 we will have a booth at 'For the Love of Gardening' Show – Peterborough

April 25, 2009 Blossom Hill Nursery opens for season

June Peonies bloom

Mid-June to Mid-July Delphiniums first bloom

September Peony roots available at the nursery starting in September; Delphinium second bloom

Mid November Christmas at Blossom Hill starts in mid November. Planters, wreaths etc. are available.

# *Gift Certificates Available*

*Available for Power Point presentations & group tours by appointment*

## *Ordering*

### **Order early to avoid disappointment**

All items, including peony roots are in limited supply.

Place orders by mail or e-mail at [info@blossomhillnursery.com](mailto:info@blossomhillnursery.com). We can not accept phone orders.

Plants will be reserved once full payment is received. Any NSF cheques will result in an additional fee of \$25.00 to cover bank and accounting fees. No COD orders will be accepted. Deadline for ordering from this catalogue is Sept. 30, 2009. We now ship to Canada as well as the USA. For USA destinations please contact us for shipping costs. Minimum order is \$25.00 for Canadian orders, \$100.00 for USA orders, before taxes and shipping. All USA orders are subject to a phytosanitary certificate charge.

### **Shipping**

We will ship delphiniums and other perennials, except peonies in early spring, primarily April or autumn once the weather is cooler. Bare root peonies are shipped in autumn. Please indicate if this is not suitable for your climate since plants should be planted into well prepared beds immediately upon arrival. All Canadian orders will be shipped by EXPRESSPOST, at the beginning of the week to allow for delivery before the weekend. Pick up orders are welcome, during business hours. Please call or e-mail in advance and indicate on your order that it is not to be shipped.

First letter of postal code	1 to 5 plants	6 to 10 plants	11 to 15 plants
G,H,K,L,M,N,J	\$ 11.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 14.00
B,C,E,P,R,S	\$ 15.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 19.00
A,T,V,X,Y	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 24.00

For larger orders, contact us and we will advise you of the shipping cost.

**Substitutions:** Please list alternate choices, in case something you order is not available. If no substitutions are indicated we will send the closest possible alternative.

**Payment:** Full payment is due by cheque or money order with order, payable to **Blossom Hill Nursery**. We can not accept credit card payment or COD orders.

If you are ordering peonies, which are not available until autumn as well as seedlings for spring shipment, include 2 shipment fees.

**Guarantee:** We ship top quality, true to name, peonies and other perennials. If for any reason, you are not satisfied with any plant that you receive from Blossom Hill Nursery, contact us immediately within one week and return it for a complete refund or credit. We can not guarantee the success of plants after this point because there are too many factors beyond our control. However, if you do have any questions or problems please contact us.

## *Memberships*

We are members of and support the following organizations: The U.K. Delphinium Society, American Peony Society, Canadian Peony Society, OFA, Ontario Delphinium Club, Ontario Rock Garden and Hardy Plant Society, Peterborough Horticultural Society, Lakefield Horticultural Society and Omeme Horticultural Society.

