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EIGHT TYPES OF PEONY BLOOMS

Planting Season

When you plant peonies, you surely plant expecting them to grow, thrive and blossom. There is only one right time to plant, which is from September first until the ground freezes. When the blossoms are gone in July, the Spring's foliage ripens and new eyes or buds are formed on the roots for next Spring's growth. These eyes or buds advance in size and development from July first until forcing so far that they spring into activity and put out the new, even as frost goes out of the ground in Spring.

The new buds that are formed on the roots seem to stop in Summer under the heat and dry weather. When this dormant or rest season occurs, about September first is the time to dig up and divide and transplant. Therefore, when the Fall rains come, little new roots begin to spread out, ready for the early jump into life next Spring. You should order, and get your roots in hand planted as early after September first or as soon as to take advantage of the Fall growth whereby the roots will have the advantage of this premonitory start which peonies make in the Fall ready for the early Spring jump.

Those who wait for Spring planting remember that September is the time to dig and divide. When so divided, they are put into cold storage and kept for Spring planting. Some say roots can be kept in cold storage six months and then planted without harm to the roots. True that the peony is so hardy and determined that the roots will grow and many times bloom, but it would make you heartless to read the many letters I receive saying, "I planted my peonies two years ago last Spring, why do I not get any blooms?" For the peonies I take, the waiting in the hot weather to plant flowers comes in Fall instead of Spring. Do you not see how the poor roots are shocked by six months of dry and cold (particularly the dry) in storage? Now I cannot find it in my heart to tell peonies for Spring planting, which I think of the portion dried out refrigerated roots and will shake of the poor buyer, who will wait and wait for blooms. In the Fall of 1920, I planted over nine thousand divisions of Felix Crouse and Peters Massif. This spring (1921), 90% of the young plants had buds or blossoms. Fall is the time to plant and after should be in early in the Summer, so as to have the benefit of an early turn at flowering and in early September planting, and the benefit of the new roots that start with Fall rains.

When I urge you to order early is Summer, it is not altogether for my convenience. It is for your own advantage and profit, too. Try it not once, and see whether you know about it or not. It is by trying out these suggestions that you gain experience and success.

If peonies fail to blossom, it is not the fault of the peonies. It is someone's fault. How often the peonies are blamed for the fault and nothing of others.
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