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CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY

Membership in the Society is open to both professional and amateur growers. Nomination is not necessary for those desiring admission, but a list of applicants for membership is presented to the Society at its annual meeting and the names are there voted upon.

Those who make application for membership at any time receive the current publications of the Society as they are issued.

The dues are \$3.00 per year, and all checks covering membership dues should be made to The American Peony Society and sent to the Secretary with application for membership. Dues in future are to run from January 1st to January 1st of the following year.

Back bulletins of the Society will be charged for at the rate of 25c per copy and \$1.00 for the Symposium Number (No. 14). To non-members these prices are doubled.

REPORT OF THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY HELD AT THE ANTHONY HOTEL, FORT WAYNE, IND., JUNE 15, 1926.

Preceding the meeting a splendid banquet was served in the parlors of the Anthony Hotel. This banquet has always been a most enjoyable gathering of peony fans and this year seemed to me to surpass former years and bring together an unusually large gathering of real peony lovers.

Mr. Albert H. Scharf, president of the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, gave the opening address of welcome to the visiting members. Chairmen of the various committees were introduced.

Mr. C. W. Bunn of St. Paul, Minn., gave the principal address which follows:

"I congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, and through you the people of your city, upon the splendid peony show we saw today, so largely the result of your effort. The show is notable for high class bloom, and will take its place with the best in the National Peony Society's history.

That society has reached an age which makes it fitting to take account of what it has accomplished and consider what it ought to stand for in the future.

When it came into being nomenclature of peonies was in chaos to the confusion of both growers and amateurs. Some varieties were known by several names, and in other instances several varieties masqueraded under the same name. Neither was there any standard of excellence and a great list of worthless varieties was kept up to tempt the unfortunate buyer.

The society was a leader in reform of these abuses; in eliminating duplicate and worthless varieties and in giving those retained definite and now universally recognized names. It placed a rating on each variety in such a way as to command general approval. One buys a peony root now feeling certain of what he is getting. One result of this is encouragement of those who, like our president, follow the great hybridizer Lemoine and produce for us new peonies. It is idle to scoff at their work so long as the newer varieties take the first prizes, and it is hard for a peony dating from before 1900 to take first. Origination of new flowers is the most worthy work of the florist.

The society should maintain for the future its policy of the past. Among other things it should not give hasty approval of new flowers. The seal of its approval puts any flower on the market and nothing new will be much bought without that approval. Originators of new things will be encouraged in their work if the society's approval is not lightly given and means much when

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given, and certainly we who buy could not be pleased with any other policy.

The society ought by all proper means to enhance and extend popular knowledge of the flower and its more general cultivation. Teach those of the northern states that it is the queen flower of the north. A flower it is which revels in the cold and which abhors heat. Its "farthest north" has not been marked and probably it could be grown within the arctic circle. It thrives at Winnipeg and an ideal place for its culture would be the north shore of Lake Superior, where the south wind coming over that icy sea is colder than the north wind.

Every member of this society ought to do what he can to teach better cultivation of the peony. This is of peculiar interest to dealers and peculiarly within their power. Every flower show is attended by many who believe the unusual blooms are attributable to some magic touch or to some mysterious fertilizer. Dealers are too prone to suggest mulching with manure—a most dangerous proceeding and a common cause of poor plants and flowers. Your president wrote me that his long observation convinced him, that failure in growing peonies resulted more from over-fertilization than from all other causes together. If people could be convinced that good planting of clean roots with frequent cultivation was the secret of success, more peonies would be grown, and the quality of the product would be immensely improved.

Some dealers advertise clumps, which allures the uninitiated. Some recommend one year old roots. The public ought to be told never to plant a clump and that good divisions are better than one year old roots. A one year old root should, before planting, be pruned to substantially a division. Growers can do much to teach better methods. They ought not to temporize or compromise with inferior methods, which would be a shortsighted view of their own interests."

Judge Lawrence A. Vories of St. Joe, Mo., was the next speaker on the program. He chose as his subject the "Production and Propagation of New Varieties." Judge Vories has been very successful in producing new varieties among which might be mentioned Frankie Curtis, Nancy Dolman and others. He urged caution in selecting varieties for propagation. Unless a variety is distinct and of outstanding character it should not be propagated. Judge Vories directed his talk to amateurs, but professionals alike found sound advice in his remarks.

Mr. J. J. Kline, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce banquet committee, acted as chairman and toastmaster in a very creditable manner.

A splendid concert by the Cafaro Symphonic Quartette was greatly enjoyed by all present.

After a sumptuous repast, the regular meeting was called to

order by President Brand.

As a full report of the previous meeting appeared in Bulletin No. 25, the reading was dispensed with and a motion made and passed that they be accepted. The same action was taken on the report of directors' meeting, a full report of which appeared in Bulletin No. 27.

At this point the new by-laws were read by Mr. Harry F. Little, chairman of the committee for revising same.

Mr. Little—"Those of you who were present at the last meeting will recall that the president appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. Dean Funk, Mr. James Boyd and myself to revise the by-laws. Changes deemed necessary to meet present conditions were made and presented at the last directors' meeting for discussion and approval. Your committee has gone into this matter very carefully and we feel that the by-laws as amended will meet present day conditions and prove of benefit to the society in many ways."

Each section and article of the by-laws was carefully read by Mr. Little, a copy of which follows:

AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY BY-LAWS

Article I—Membership.

Section 1. All reputable persons, professional or amateur, who are interested in the peony, its propagation, culture, sale and development, are eligible to membership.

Section 2. The government of the society, the transaction of its business and ownership of its property shall be vested in the Active Members only. (This includes Commercial and Life Members but not Honorary Members.)

Section 3. Each Active Annual Member shall pay to the secretary on January 1st, a membership fee of \$3.00 for the current calendar year. Any Active Member whose dues remain unpaid on April 1st of that year shall cease to receive the publications of the society and if dues are not paid by October 1st, his name will be dropped from the roll of membership and he shall cease to be a member. He can be readmitted only by vote of the directors.

Section 4. Any Active Member (Annual or Life) who offers peonies for sale by printed price list, catalogue, stationery, sign or advertisement shall be considered a Commercial Member and his name shall be printed in heavy faced type in the membership lists.

Section 5. All Commercial Members shall pay annually to the secretary on January 1st an extra or additional fee of \$7.00 for the current calendar year.

Section 6. Any Active Member (but no firm or corporation) may become a Life Member by paying \$50.00 to the secretary.

Section 7. Honorary Members may be elected on the recommendation of the board of directors, by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the society. Such Honorary Members shall be entitled to attend all meetings and exhibitions of the society and to participate in discussions, but shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

Section 8. All moneys received from Life Memberships shall be maintained in a separate fund and only the income from this fund shall be used for the general purposes of the society.

Article II—Meetings.

Section 1. The society shall hold an annual meeting in the city of New York for the election of directors and the transaction of general business, not later than 90 days after January 1st in each calendar year. The first annual meeting under these new by-laws, if adopted, shall be held in the city of New York within 90 days after January 1st, 1927, at such time and place as the president may direct.

Section 2. The presence of ten active members of the society shall constitute a quorum at any annual meeting.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet annually in January, February or March in the city of New York at such time and place as the president may direct.

Section 4. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time in the city of New York on the written call of the president or of any three members of the board.

Section 5. The secretary shall notify each member of the board of all regular or special meetings, by mailing to each director's last known address, postage prepaid, at least ten days before any such meeting, a written or printed notice thereof giving the time, place and in the case of special meetings the objects thereof.

Article III—Directors.

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of nine members. They shall have general charge of the affairs, funds and property of the society and shall have authority to designate the officers who shall make contracts and purchases for the society. They shall have full power and it shall be their duty to carry out the purposes of the society according to its charter and by-laws.

Section 2. At the first annual meeting after these by-laws are adopted there shall be elected by ballot three directors for three succeeding calendar years, three directors for two such years and three directors for one such year, and at each succeeding annual meeting there shall be elected by ballot three directors to serve for three calendar years. At each annual meeting any

vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the election of a member to serve the unexpired term. The directors shall hold office during the term for which they are elected and until their successors are chosen. All ballots may be deposited in person or sent by mail to the secretary.

Section 3. The directors to be elected at each meeting shall be Active Members nominated by the board and their names shall be published in the society's bulletin or on printed notices from the secretary to each member in good standing at least sixty days before the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made by any ten Active Members in writing to the secretary at any time before November 1st, and the secretary will publish them in the society's bulletin at least thirty days before the annual meeting, or by notice as above referred to.

Section 4. The Board of Directors must have at least one director at all times who is a resident of the state of New York.

Article IV—Officers.

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall at its first meeting after election choose from its own body a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Section 2. The president, and in his absence the vice-president, shall preside at all meetings of the society and the Board of Directors. The president ex-officio, shall be a member of all committees. He shall have general direction of all the activities of the society and shall at all times seek to promote the interests and extend the usefulness of the society. He shall have power to fill any vacancy in the Board of Directors by the appointment of an Active Member who shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the society.

Section 3. The treasurer shall receive and keep account of all of the moneys and securities of the society. He shall pay out all funds under the direction of the Board of Directors and shall take proper vouchers for all disbursements. He shall make an annual report to the Board of Directors at their annual meeting in January, February or March of all receipts and disbursements during the preceding calendar year, and the Board shall audit such account and publish in Bulletin. The treasurer shall furnish a bond in such amount as the board shall determine, the premium for which shall be paid by the society and the bond shall at all times be in the custody of the president.

Section 4. The secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the society and of the Board of Directors. He shall keep minutes of such meetings. He shall conduct the correspondence and keep all records of the society. He shall be the keeper of the seal of the society. He shall notify members of their election and shall

perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The secretary shall be paid a quarterly salary, to be determined by the Board of Directors. This salary may be increased or decreased by the Directors at any time.

Section 6. The offices of the secretary and treasurer may be held by one director if the board so directs and elects.

Section 7. Any vacancy among the officers shall be filled by appointment of the president for the balance of the unexpired term.

Article V—Rules and Amendments.

Section 1. The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order Revised" shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this society.

Section 2. These by-laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting of the society, provided that printed notice of an intention to move for such amendment shall have been published in the Bulletin or mailed to each member in good standing at least thirty days before the meeting at which same is to be considered.

Mr. Little presented a motion that the by-laws as amended by the committee be approved and accepted by the society. Motion seconded by Mr. W. H. Thurlow and carried without a dissenting vote.

The adoption of the new by-laws changed the regular order of business somewhat to conform with same. With the adoption of the new by-laws every member of the society will have an opportunity to register a vote for the officers as called for in Article III.

President A. M. Brand dispensed with his annual address and a brief report was made by the secretary showing 67 new members being received during the year, 29 resignations and six deaths. 181 members reported in arrears covering annual dues. Through change in advertising policy the last Bulletin carried \$200.00 worth of advertising as against \$180.00 for the previous year for three issues of the Bulletin. The secretary urged that the matter of dues should be handled promptly by the membership so that the present rate of \$3.00 per year can be maintained.

The treasurer's report was next presented and follows herewith:

THE AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY

Treasurer's Report

Jan. 1, 1926 to June 1, 1926

Receipts

Balance in bank Jan. 1, 1926.....		\$ 136.76	
Dues	\$1,873.73		
Advertising	60.00		
Back Bulletins, etc.	17.35		
Interest on Reserve Fund	37.16	1,988.24	\$2,125.00
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Disbursements

Secretary's salary	\$ 400.00		
Bulletin No. 26 (1200).....	137.00		
Expressage on Bulletins from Clinton, N. Y., to Robbinsdale, Minn.	12.88		
Railroad fare & lunches Directors' Meeting	277.12		
Medals, etc.	17.60		
Printing—Secretary's Office	31.75		
Misc. Expense & Refunds.....	99.15		
	<hr/>	\$ 975.50	975.50
Bank Balance June 1, 1926.....			<hr/>
			\$1,149.50

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY

June 1, 1926

Assets

Cash in Bank June 1, 1926.....	\$1,149.50	
Investments—Government Bonds..	3,400.00	\$4,549.50
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Liabilities

Lee R. Bonnewitz Mem. Prize....	\$ 100.00	
Surplus	4,449.50	\$4,549.50
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A motion was presented by Mr. W. W. Cook and seconded by Dr. C. F. Menninger that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was carried.

Under reports of special committees, Mr. James Boyd, who had been appointed by the directors to look into the matter of the new manual, gave a brief but intensely interesting account of the progress being made. This report appears in full in this issue.

Under miscellaneous business President A. M. Brand spoke in part as follows: "I want to take up at this time the mix-up in regard to Japanese peonies and suggest the establishing of a test garden where the different varieties can be studied and the confusion now existing in names and varieties be eliminated."

Mr. Paul Battey, called upon to respond, spoke of the Holland Peony Society expressing a desire to co-operate in the matter by either establishing a trial ground in the United States or Holland, and suggested that action be taken at the meeting to make the trial grounds a reality. It was also suggested that the University of Illinois at Urbana, Ill., had extensive experimental and trial grounds and it was thought possible they might be willing to co-operate. The plan is to have these trial grounds carefully taken care of and opportunity given for study and comparison. A careful record is to be kept of all donors of roots and the varieties supplied. Progress will be reported in the Bulletin as this work progresses. President Brand appointed the following committee to investigate and report to the president from time to time what progress they are making and final action is to be taken at the winter meeting of directors as to what they consider best to do.

Mr. Paul L. Battey, Chairman, Glencoe, Ill.
Mr. Edward Auten, Jr., Princeville, Ill.
Mr. W. L. Gumm, Remington, Ind.

The selection of place for next meeting and annual exhibition was taken up.

Mrs. D. S. Brown of Peoria, Ill., president of the Peoria Garden Club, spoke briefly extending an invitation to meet in Peoria in 1927 and introduced Mr. M. J. Finn, secretary of the Convention Bureau of the Peoria Chamber of Commerce, who spoke at some length about the possibilities of Peoria as a desirable meeting place, the facilities afforded for the successful handling of a flower exhibit, both as to cold storage and display halls, and the cordial hospitality and co-operation that could be depended upon to insure success.

Mr. Bonnewitz called for an expression from the growers in that section of the country who would be willing to exhibit in the 100 class. Mr. Brand called for a rising vote and the following responded:

Mr. Benjamin Auten, Jr., Princeville, Ill.
Mrs. Dean Funk, McLean, Ill.
Mr. Lyman D. Glasscock, Joliet, Ill.
Mr. Paul L. Battey, Glencoe, Ill.
Mr. C. N. Wettengel, Macomb, Ill.
Mr. E. D. Inslee, Momence, Ill.
Mr. W. L. Gumm, Remington, Ind.

With the addition of the Ohio growers and others in that

section of the country we are assured there will be keen competition for the gold medal.

Mr. Thurlow: "We feel that we can go most anywhere if the season is right, and late enough to permit us to show. We were hoping the show would be late enough to permit us to bring a display here but I regret that some of us northern people have not been able to exhibit at any of the American Peony Society's exhibitions for some time. The date should be late enough to permit growers in northern latitudes to exhibit. The local growers could hold their peonies in storage and carry them through in good condition. I would like to see the show go to some other part of the country. I would like to see a show in Canada again. We have quite a number of Canadian members. We want to make this a society for America. We also have a good many European members."

Mr. Little: "I think we have found from experience at the last three or four shows that it takes more than an invitation to make a successful exhibition. I think it would be well to refer this matter to the Board of Directors to determine where the show is to be held after they have made a thorough investigation of conditions."

Mr. Auten: "I can vouch for the statements made by the representatives from Peoria. There is no doubt but that Peoria will stage one of the best exhibitions we have ever had." Mr. Auten urged that prompt action be taken so that growers would know how to handle their peonies this fall. Many would refrain from dividing their stock if there was a possibility of exhibiting the following spring.

Mr. Thurlow made a motion that the matter be left to the directors to investigate and if possible visit any place suggested and come to some definite decision before August 1st. Mr. Little seconded the motion which was carried.

(After a careful survey of conditions it was decided to accept the invitation of Peoria for the 1927 show.—Secretary.)

Mr. McBride, president of the Duluth Peony Society, extended an invitation to the American Peony Society to meet in Duluth in 1928. Detroit, Mich., Toronto, Can., Racine, Wis., Colorado Springs, Col., Asheville, N. C., Indianapolis, St. Louis, New York, Cincinnati, Ohio, Memphis, Tenn., sent in invitations to hold the 1927 meeting of the society.

At this point the secretary presented the names of new members who were duly elected as members of the society.

Dr. C. F. Menninger of Topeka, Kan., spoke as follows:

"I feel the society owes a debt of gratitude to some of the charter members of the society who have been active since its

infancy and who, by reason of infirmities of age and illness, are not with us this evening, but whom I know from what they have done in the past are with us in spirit. Their enthusiasm is still young though they may be old in body. I refer to A. H. Fewkes of Newton Highlands, Mass., who for many years served the society as secretary and also to E. J. Shaylor of Auburndale, Mass. I think it would be fitting to send them a word of greeting and assure them that we are trying to carry on this work with the same enthusiasm that they instilled into it, and I move that we send them greetings and well wishes and assure them that we will try to carry on to the best of our ability what they helped to bring into existence and worked so faithfully to insure success."

Mr. W. G. DuMont of Des Moines, Ia., presented the name of Mrs. Sarah Pleas of Whittier, Cal., to be included in the motion. The motion amended to include the name of Mrs. Pleas. The motion seconded and unanimously adopted, and the secretary instructed to convey the greetings as outlined.

A committee on resolutions was appointed as follows:

F. A. Goodrich, chairman, Baldwinsville, N. Y.
Mr. W. G. DuMont, Des Moines, Ia.
Dr. C. F. Menninger, Topeka, Kan.

The following resolution was presented:

"We, the committee appointed by the American Peony Society, hereby wish to express to the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Fort Wayne, Ind., and its citizens, our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for their assistance and co-operation in making the twenty-third annual exhibition of this society so great a success."

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. Goodrich, Chairman.
W. G. DuMont.
Dr. C. F. Menninger.

As the adoption of the new by-laws was voted upon and accepted at the opening of the meeting, the election of officers and directors will be carried out in accordance with provisions set forth in the amended by-laws, a copy of which is presented in this report.

There being no further business a motion for adjournment met the hearty approval of all present.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. Christman,
Secretary.

REPORT OF TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY, FORT WAYNE, IND., JUNE 15 AND 16, 1926

Those who were privileged to attend the twenty-third annual peony show at Fort Wayne, Ind., will long remember it as a most memorable event. A great deal of credit is due to the very capable manner in which the exhibition was conducted and to the loyal support given by all interested. The most cordial hospitality was apparent on every hand and the attendance was large from the opening of the doors to the closing hours. A large percentage of the membership of the society was present, many coming halfway across the continent. It was estimated that 6,000 people were present the first day with an even larger attendance recorded the second day.

The annual banquet and business meeting was held the evening of the first day of the show, a full report of which appears in this number of the bulletin. On the second day a most delightful auto trip to Van Wert, Ohio, was conducted for the purpose of visiting the Van Wert peony plantings. I think Van Wert can safely lay claim to the honor of having as many peony enthusiasts as any town in the United States of its size. The largest plantings are those of Mr. Bonnewitz, Mr. Wassenberg, Mr. Germann and Miss Anderson. A most enjoyable dinner was served at the Van Wert Y. W. C. A. under the supervision of Mrs. C. F. Wassenberg, after which a visit to the gardens above mentioned was thoroughly enjoyed by the 150 or more in the party. The peonies and iris vied with each other for the most attention. Many iris enthusiasts were in the party and had an opportunity to study their favorites. The party reached Fort Wayne late in the afternoon, where some returned to their homes and others to Concordia Hall, where the exhibition was held.

The large, spacious hall provided an excellent place to show to the best advantage the immense lot of bloom that was exhibited. There were a large number of entries in nearly all the classes and the quality of bloom shown was of a high order.

In Class No. 1, which is always one of the most interesting, there were eight entries. This class calls for not more than 100 nor less than 80 varieties and the gold medal of the society is awarded the winner in addition to a substantial cash prize.

The American Rose & Plant Co., Springfield, Ohio, were adjudged the winners. Their display was outstanding due to the immense size of the bloom displayed. I am giving the list of varieties in this collection in full and it will be interesting to note a number that are not usually shown. Again there will be noted many of the old standard varieties that have long since proved their worth.

Admiral	Lamartine (Lemoine)
Armandine Mechin	La Tendresse
Asa Gray	Madelon
Atrosanguinea	Marguerite Gaudichau
Auguste Dessert	Marie Crousse
Baroness Schroeder	Marquis C. Lagergren
Bayadere	Mignon
Bunker Hill	Milton Hill
Candeur	Mlle. Jeanne Riviere
Chestine Gowdy	Mme. Calot
Claire Dubois	Mme. De Galhau
Constant Devred	Mme. de Vetry
Coquelin	Mme. Emile Dupraz
Coquette	Mme. Emile Lemoine
Couronne d'Or	Mme. Francois Toscanelli
Dr. H. Barnsby	Mme. Gaudichau
Dr. H. van der Tak	Mme. Jules Dessert
Elie Chevalier	Mme. Savreau

Elizabeth Barrett Browning
 Ella Wheeler Wilcox
 Elwood Pleas
 Enchanteresse (Lemoine)
 Enfant de Nancy
 Eugenie Verdier
 Festiva Maxima
 Frances Shaylor
 Francois Willard
 Francois Rousseau
 Georgiana Shaylor
 Germaine Bigot
 Gigantea
 Glorious (Kelway)
 Gravatey
 Graziella
 Gretchen
 Grover Cleveland
 H. A. Hagen
 Henri Murger
 Henry Woodward
 James Kelway
 Jeanne d'Arc
 Karl Rosefield
 Kelway's Glorious
 Lady Alexandra Duff
 Lafayette
 La Fee
 La Fontaine
 La France
 La Lorraine

Modeste Guerin
 Mons. Jules Elie
 Mr. L. van Leeuwen
 Octavie Demay
 Odette
 Othello (Lemoine)
 Pasteur
 Philippe Rivoire
 Philomele
 Poet Frederic Mistral
 Pride of Essex
 Primevere
 Princess of Wales
 Princess Maude
 Queen Wilhelmina
 Rachel (Lemoine)
 Reine Hortense
 Rosa Bonheur
 Rose d'Amour
 Sappho
 Sarah Bernhardt
 Sarah Carstenson
 Solange
 Souv. de Louis Bigot
 Strassburg
 Suzanne Dessert
 Sylvia
 Therese
 Thomas Holloway
 Tourangelle
 Venus
 Walter Faxon
 Wiesbaden

Second prize in Class No. 1 was awarded to Lee R. Bonnewitz of Van Wert, Ohio. Here was shown another fine collection of bloom. Among the most outstanding were noted the following:

Midsummer Night's Dream	Strassburg
Phyllis Kelway, exceptionally good bloom	Therese
W. F. Christman	Edwin C. Shaw
Enchantment	Georgiana Shaylor
Karl Rosefield, an immense bloom	Avalanche
Mrs. Edward Harding	John M. Good
Kelway's Glorious	Rachel (Lemoine)
Welcome Guest	La Perle

There were many more exceptionally fine varieties shown in this collection that were greatly admired.

Mr. Chas. F. Wassenberg of Van Wert, Ohio, was awarded third honors in Class No. 1. Here was another fine display, noted among which were:

Wilton Lockwood	Virginie
Mrs. M. P. Clough	Martha Bulloch
Minnie Shaylor	La Fee
Milton Hill	Lillian Gumm, a fine pink
Opal	

Competition in Class 1 always brings out a fine array of bloom and this year was no exception to the rule.

CLASS NO. 2—Collection of ten named varieties, double, three blooms each, brought out 24 entries. Good & Welsh Peony Farms, Inc., of Springfield, Ohio, were awarded first with the following:

Chestine Gowdy
 Modele de Perfection
 La Tendresse
 Sarah Bernhardt
 Samoset

Chas. McKellip
 La Lorraine
 Frances Willard
 Sarah Bernhardt
 Katherine Havemeyer

Second honors in this class went to E. M. Buechley, Greenville, Ohio, with the following high class varieties:

Martha Bulloch
 Kelway's Glorious
 Sarah Bernhardt
 Mad. Jules Dessert
 Tourangelle

Solange
 Rosa Bonheur
 Le Cygne
 President Wilson
 Karl Rosefield

CLASS NO. 3—Twenty blooms, double, named, white or cream, one variety. This class brought out twenty entrants.

First honors to E. D. Inslee, Momence, Ill., with a charming bunch of Solange. Second prize awarded Lee R. Bonnewitz of Van Wert, Ohio, with Frances Willard, the peerless white.

CLASS NO. 4—Twenty blooms, double, named, light pink or pink and cream, one variety. Thirty-one entries were received in this class.

First prize awarded W. L. Gumm, Remington, Ind., with his own origination, Lillian Gumm.

Second prize to Good & Welsh Peony Farms, Inc., Springfield, Ohio, with the variety Albert Crousse.

CLASS NO. 5—Twenty blooms, double, named, dark pink, one variety. Twenty-six entries were made in this class.

First honors given to American Rose & Plant Co., who displayed Sarah Bernhardt in splendid form.

Second honors to L. J. Germann with Souv. de Louis Bigot, another charming variety.

CLASS NO. 6—Twenty blooms, double, named, red or crimson, one variety. There were twenty-four entries in this class.

First to American Rose & Plant Co., with Mr. L. van Leeuwen. Second to C. F. Wassenberg with David Harum.

CLASS NO. 7—Six specimen blooms, double, named, one variety. There were sixty-eight entries in this class, which will give an idea of the bloom staged in this one class.

First honors to Franklin B. Mead, Fort Wayne, Ind., with Le Cygne.

Second to E. M. Buechley, Greenville, Ohio, with Milton Hill.

CLASS NO. 8—One specimen bloom, double, named, any variety, representing the best flower in the show. Here is where the judges had their work laid out for them, as there were 59 entries in this class alone.

First prize awarded Franklin B. Mead with the variety Le Cygne.

Second prize to L. J. Germann with the same variety.

This grand white is always in evidence at our shows, as it has no superior.

CLASS NO. 9—Collection of peonies best representing the various types of flower, single, Japanese, anemone, rose, semi-rose, crown and bomb, one bloom of each, named. There were six entries in this class.

First prize awarded to L. D. Baker, Kendallville, Ind., with the following varieties.

TYPE	VARIETY
Single - - - - -	L'Etincelante
Japanese - - - - -	Tomatbako
Anemone - - - - -	Philomele
Rose - - - - -	Mont Blanc
Semi-rose - - - - -	Sarah Bernhardt
Crown - - - - -	Duchesse de Nemours
Bomb - - - - -	Mons. Jules Elie

Second prize awarded to W. G. DuMont of Des Moines, Iowa, showing the following varieties in the order above given.

Isani Gidui	Mons. Martin Cahuzac
Flora	Beauty's Mask
Solange	Mons. Jules Elie

CLASS NO. 10—Collection of Japanese varieties, one bloom of each. There were nine entries in this class.

First prize awarded W. L. Gumm, Remington, Ind., with one of the largest collections of Japanese varieties I have ever seen at a show.

I have made a complete list of these varieties, as I feel that the Japanese type of peony will become more popular each year.

Gypsy	Medusa
Ama-no-sode	Tomatbako
Pride of Remington	Kukenu Jishi
Newbold	Capt. Alcock
Flamboyant	Onahama
Golden Rose	White Lady
Luella Shaylor	Ohangasa
Attraction	Queen Alexandra
Yeso	Crimson and Gold
Clairette	Beatrice Kelway
Some Ganoko	Fuyajo
Isani Gidui	Snow Wheel
Rose of Nippon	Torpilleur
Mikado	Departing Sun
Kino-kimo	Lady Renny Watson
Kokenyishi	Kumagoe
Dawn	O'Fuji
Tokio	Karatsu
White Queen	Hana No Sato
Noonday	Major Loder
Kameno-Kerogama	Ruigegno
Dog Rose	Princess Duleep Singh
Ho-Gioku	Golden Nugget
Foaming Wave	Hinode Sakai
Ohirama	

Second prize awarded Lee R. Bonnewitz. Among the good ones noted in this collection were the following:

Altar Candles	Mikado
Isani Gidui	Kameno-Kerogama
Noonday	Attraction
Fuji-No-Mine	Magnificence
Fuyajo—Splendid	Kino Kimo
Hawa	Some Ganoko
Torpilleur	Tokio—very fine
The Dragon	Ama-no-sode
Ho-Gioku	Hana No Sato
Hinode-Saka	Flashlight
Hirishima	Lothario
Yeso	Tomatbako

Mr. Bonnewitz had a splendid collection of fine quality.

It is hoped that the proposed test garden for Japanese varieties will help straighten out the cumbersome names now existing and also correct the confusion in varieties now existing.

CLASS NO. 11—Collection of singles, one bloom of each. Eleven entries in this class:

First prize in this class awarded to Lee R. Bonnewitz with a fine list which I am showing quite complete, as the single peony is becoming more popular each year and it will be interesting to many to note the varieties in this prize-winning class.

Albiflora Carnea
 Marguerite Gerard
 Toreador
 Minerva
 Nellie
 Souv. de D'Harcourt
 L'Etincelante
 Perle Rose
 Nell Germaine Perthuis
 Somerton
 The Moor
 Veloutine
 Vesuve
 Lucienne

Mistral
 Venice
 Shogun
 Perle Blanche
 La Fraicheur
 Le Jour
 Camille
 Pure Love
 Othello (grand variety)
 Langport Beauty
 Mafeking
 Kelway's Wild Rose
 La Fiancee
 Die Hard

Second honors were awarded to Mr. W. L. Gumm with a very fine collection. Among those not found in the above collection might be noted:

Schwindt
 Snowflake
 Vera
 Le Noir
 Pride of Langport
 Murille
 La Nuit
 Defiance
 Dorothy Allison
 Whitleyi Major

Geo. Alexander
 Marguerite Dessert
 Carnot
 Black Prince
 Laura Cotes Reed
 Deborah Sayles
 Hollbein
 Silver Cup
 Madeline Gauthier

CLASS NO. 12—Collection of tree peonies, single or double.

It is to be regretted that this class did not bring out some outstanding display. The writer missed Prof. Saunders' fine collection of tree peonies as well as his new hybrid peonies that made such a favorable impression at the Philadelphia show.

No awards made in this class.

CLASS NO. 13—Collection of early flowering herbaceous species and hybrids derived from *Officinalis*, *Wittmaniana*, etc., but not including Chinese peonies.

Here again the judges could award no prize. This is a most interesting class and we hope for better results the coming year.

CLASS NO. 14—New varieties introduced in the year 1911 and later, one bloom each, no limit to number. There were thirty-seven entries in this class.

First honors awarded Lee R. Bonnewitz. As these varieties are many times found in the prize-winning classes it speaks well for the quality of the newer originations. This interesting array of new varieties was in splendid condition. The interest taken in new varieties prompts me to give this list complete.

Lillian Gumm
 W. F. Christman
 Shaylor's Dream
 Nell Shaylor
 David Harum
 Gloriana
 Mabel L. Franklin
 Isoline
 Minnie Shaylor
 Aviateur Reymond
 Mrs. M. P. Clough
 Wilton Lockwood
 Secretary Fewkes
 Faribault
 Perrette
 Alice Harding
 President Wilson
 Mamman Millet
 Souv. de Louis Bigot
 August Dessert (very fine)

Desire
 Frances Shaylor
 Wm. F. Turner
 Mme. Edouard Doriat
 Reine Baronet
 Candeur
 Ginette
 Louisa Brand
 Rose Shaylor
 Old Silver Tip
 Will McClelland
 Renee Marie
 Mrs. Edward Harding
 A. M. Slocum
 John M. Good
 Eunice Shaylor
 H. F. Reddick
 E. W. Becker
 Victoire de la Marne
 Chas. Neidel

Nymphaea	Jessie Shaylor
Mary Woodbury Shaylor	Floweret of Eden
Rosette	Exquisite
Mrs. John M. Lewis	Mathilde Lewis
Nina Secor	Jocelyn

Second honors in this class went to the American Rose & Plant Co., with a fine display of thirty-two varieties. A few not appearing above follow:

Strassburg	Elisa
Mignon	Souv. de Gen. Gallieni
Poet Frederic Mistral	Balfour
Dr. Barnsby	Queen Wilhelmina

CLASS NO. 15—Basket or other container, diameter not over 12 inches, main feature to be peonies.

First prize awarded to Lyman D. Glasscock of Joliet, Ill. This basket consisted of pink peonies and syringa, a most pleasing combination. Second prize awarded W. G. DuMont showing a basket of pink peonies, green foliage and snowberries.

CLASS NO. 16—Vase, any size, main feature to be peonies.

First honors went to Mr. W. G. DuMont. His vase consisted of pink and white singles mixed with Japanese varieties and lilac Joseka. A charming arrangement.

Second honors were carried off by L. J. Germann, who had a lovely vase consisting of fine double peonies, mixed varieties.

CLASS NO. 17—Vase of Japanese peonies, one or more varieties.

Mr. DuMont was again successful in this class with a splendid vase of several varieties of red Japs.

Chas. F. Wassenberg won second honors with the variety Mikado in a tall gold floor basket.

CLASS NO. 18—Vase of single peonies, one or more varieties.

Mr. DuMont was again awarded first honors. American Rose & Plant Co., second.

CLASS NO. 19—Seedling peonies. Sixty-six entries were received in this class alone, bringing out some very promising seedlings. The special judges made no awards in this class, but gave recognition to the following:

Brand Peony Farms, Faribault, Minn., covering seedlings 26-530, 26-501, 26-500, 26-610, 20-71. Some most promising seedlings here. The first figure represents the year, viz., 26-530 denotes No. 530 of 1926. Unfortunately many of their finest seedlings were not in show condition.

Edward Auten, Jr., of Princeville, Ill., covering 1A753, 1A343. These give great promise.

American Rose & Plant Co. with their seedlings numbers 335, 25, 329. Here again are some promising new ones.

Dr. J. H. Neeley, Paulding, Ohio, for his numbers 20, 200 and 75. Dr. Neeley has originated some fine ones. More to follow.

J. F. Rosefield of Indianapolis, Ind., exhibited two, 123 and 47A, of great merit.

Good & Welsh Peony Farms, Inc., of Springfield, Ohio, for the following: S-11, S-106, S-70, S-53, S-59, S-81, S-38, S-123. In this list are some very promising varieties.

A. E. Kunderd of Goshen, Ind., had some seedlings not under number, one a dark red of much merit.

W. L. Gumm, Remington, Ind., for his No. 2, 4 and 17. Mr. Gumm has brought out some fine peonies and will doubtless produce more.

Recognition must be given three successive years to receive an award in this class. The production of new seedlings is getting to a point where extreme care should be exercised before a variety is put on the market. Unless a variety possesses rare charm or distinct coloring or form in advance of other existing varieties it should not be introduced.

ADVANCED AMATEUR CLASSES

CLASS NO. 20—Collection of not more than fifty nor less than forty named varieties, double, one bloom of each. There were four entries in this class and in every way the bloom shown was on a par with the professional exhibits.

First honors in this class were awarded to Dr. J. H. Neeley of Paulding, Ohio, second to W. W. Cook, Clinton, Iowa, and third to C. O. Mitchell of Portland, Ind.

CLASS NO. 21—Collection of ten named varieties, double, three blooms of each. There were ten entrants in this class. Mr. G. J. Boehland, Rockford, Ill., carried off first honors, with Harry F. Dietz of Indianapolis, Ind., as second winner. As in Class No. 20, the blooms shown were splendid and the judges had no easy time awarding the prizes.

CLASS NO. 22—Peonies arranged for effect, one or more varieties, not over 25 blooms. Four entries in this class.

First, Mrs. Ivey Shaw, Van Wert, Ohio. Second, C. O. Mitchell, Portland, Ind.

The possibilities of beautiful effects being attained by artistic arrangement was fully demonstrated in this class.

CLASS NO. 23—Vase of fifteen blooms, double, one variety, named. Four entries in this class.

First to Franklin B. Mead of Fort Wayne, Ind., with a magnificent vase of Le Cygne.

Second to Mrs. Ivey Shaw, Van Wert, Ohio, with some splendid Elwood Pleas.

NOVICE AMATEUR CLASS

CLASS NO. 24—Collection of six varieties, double, named. Ten entries in this class.

First to G. J. Boehland, Rockford, Ill. Second to Dr. A. O. Truelove, Fort Wayne, Ind.

CLASS NO. 25—Vase of three blooms, white, double, any one variety. Four exhibitors in this class.

First to G. J. Boehland with Avalanche. Second to Dr. A. O. Truelove with Festiva Maxima.

CLASS NO. 26—Vase of three blooms, light pink or pink and cream.

First to Dr. A. O. Truelove with Sarah Bernhardt. Second to G. J. Boehland with Chestine Gowdy.

CLASS NO. 27—Vase of three blooms, dark pink, double, named, any one variety.

First to Dr. A. O. Truelove with Walter Faxon. No second prize awarded. There were four entries in this class.

CLASS NO. 28—Vase of three blooms, red or crimson, double, named, one variety. Again we have four entries.

First award to A. B. Himes, Van Wert, Ohio, with Philippe Rivoire. Second to Dr. A. O. Truelove with Mons. Martin Cahuzac.

SPECIAL CLASSES

CLASS NO. 29—The Central Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company of Van Wert, Ohio, donated the prizes in this class and it brought out a large number of entries. Open only to those not previously exhibiting at a national show.

Section A—Three specimen blooms, double, named, one variety, exhibited by a novice exhibitor from the state of Indiana. Seventeen exhibitors in this section. First, Franklin B. Mead with the variety Le Cygne. Second, Harry F. Dietz, Indianapolis, Ind., with Solange. Third to Dr. A. O. Truelove, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Section B—Same specifications as Section A, but exhibitor to be from the state of Illinois. First, Mrs. Jane R. Bowie, St. Charles, Ill., with the variety Marguerite Gerard. Second to G. J. Boehland, Rockford, Ill., with Sarah Bernhardt. Third to E. D. Inslee, Momence, Ill.

Section C—Novice exhibitor from the state of Michigan. First prize awarded Frank J. Stahl, Dowagiac, Mich., with the variety Jubilee. No second awarded.

Section D—Novice exhibitor from Kentucky. No entries in this section.

Section E—Novice exhibitor from the state of Ohio. There were sixteen entries in this class. First to A. B. Himes, Van Wert, Ohio, with Le Cygne. Second to Byran R. Owens, Greenville, Ohio, with Solange. Third to Dr. J. H. Neeley, Paulding, Ohio.

Section F—This called for an exhibit by an exhibitor from any other state than the ones mentioned above in Sections A to E, inclusive. No entries.

CLASS NO. 30—The Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. of Fort Wayne, Ind., offered a silver medal and \$25.00 for the best collection of double peonies, one each, rating 9.0 or over, according to the latest symposium. Quality and quantity both to count. There were four entries in this class which brought out some splendid bloom.

First awarded to Lee R. Bonnewitz, Van Wert, Ohio, who had a splendid exhibit of high-rated varieties. Space prevents a complete list. In the other exhibits were also noted many of the top-notch peonies of recent introduction. This is always an interesting class and is featured at each national show.

CLASS NO. 31—The Brand Peony Farms Silver Cup for the best peony exhibited at the show in whatever exhibit it may be found. This class awarded to Franklin B. Mead for the variety exhibited in Class No. 8.

CLASS NO. 32—This covered the Harrison Memorial Prize offered by Lee R. Bonnewitz, Van Wert, Ohio, for a new yellow peony. There were no entries in this class. We are hopeful each year that someone will be successful in obtaining this much sought for color in the peony in a solid form.

CLASS NO. 33—The Sisson Memorial Prize for a new pink peony. There were three entries, but the judges gave no awards.

CLASS NO. 34—The Brand Peony Farms offer for a seedling Japanese peony of special merit. There were also three entries in this class, but the judges made no awards.

Judges in the various classes were as follows:

OPEN CLASSES

W. H. Thurlow, West Newbury, Mass.
James Boyd, Haverford, Pa.
A. M. Brand, Faribault, Minn.

AMATEUR CLASSES

C. W. Bunn, St. Paul, Minn.
H. W. Claybaugh, Franklin, Pa.
W. F. Christman, Robbinsdale, Minn.

SPECIAL JUDGES

C. W. Bunn, St. Paul, Minn.
Mrs. Dean Funk, McLean, Ill.
Miss Myrtle Gentry, Faribault, Minn.

SEEDLING COMMITTEE

James Boyd, Haverford, Pa.
Harry S. Little, Baldwinsville, N. Y.
Dr. J. H. Neeley, Paulding, Ohio

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. CHRISTMAN, Secretary.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PEONY SHOW, BOSKOOP, HOLLAND, JUNE 15-18, 1926

Since this was the first large exhibition which was held by our society, the arrangement of the flowers was given into the hands of the greatest decorators of our country. This was done because we wanted to show the public and florists what could be done with the peony flower.

There are plans being discussed now by our society to have a large show again in three years and at this future show the intention is to have two large halls: one for the peony fan, where the various classes will be shown as numbers of the program, and the other hall entirely for decorative purposes.

The show was also attended by visitors from England and Germany who were full of praise. These, too, seemed extremely interested in the single and Japanese peonies.

We enclose lists of the varieties with which the "big" classes won the various awards. We thought that both professional growers and amateurs in the United States would be interested to know these names, so as to give them an idea how our collections in our country compare with those of the United States.

This letter we are sending you (with all the information which goes with it) because we are members of your society and we thought you and the other members of the American Peony Society might be interested to know what happens in other countries in the peony field. No doubt you will soon publish a bulletin in which will appear the report of the annual meeting of your society in Fort Wayne, and you would oblige us greatly if you would include in this bulletin, if not the entire report, at least something of the national peony show which was held in Boskoop, Holland, from June 15th to and including June 18th of this year. This show was held under the auspices of your sister Society: The Netherlands Society of Peony Growers and Dealers.

The show was attended by a great many visitors, amongst whom was Her Majesty the Queen Mother. As usual Her Majesty was intensely interested. What seemed to interest her more than anything else were the collections of single and Japanese peonies. This seemed to be the case with a great many of the visitors and even growers of peonies. Many growers of peonies have never paid any attention to this class of peonies, but they were quite surprised about the beauty of this class. The mistaken idea that singles and Japanese peonies do not last as long as the double varieties was proven all wrong by this exhibition, since the singles and Japanese as a whole made a better showing than the doubles at the end of the exhibition.

**Names of the Varieties With Which Class B-IIa Has Been Won by
L. van Leeuwen & Son, Sassenheim, Holland**

(Largest collection of varieties entered into the trade since
January 1st, 1915) 1 to 3 flowers.

Argentine	Arlequin	Auguste Dessert
Aviateur Reymond	Candeur	Charlot
Cherry Hill	Clemenceau	Dr. H. van der Tak
Denise	Elisa	Gen. Gorgas
Ginette	Inspecteur Lavergne	Isoline
Jeannot	Katherine Havemeyer	Kelway's Unique
Libellule	Mme. Edouard Doriat	Madelon
Madam Millet	Mary Woodbury Shaylor	Mrs. Edw. Harding
Mrs. John Lewis	Nanette	Othello (Lem)
Perrette	President Wilson	Renee Marie
Rita	Rosette	Reine Baronet
Sarah K. Thurlow	Sam. Hughes	Sir John French
Souv. de A. Millet	Souv. de Gen. Gallieni	Sylviane
Victoire da la Marne		

**Names of the Varieties With Which Was Won the Award
for Class B-IIb**

(Fifty varieties, 6 to 8 flowers.)

Albatre	Albert Crousse	Asa Grey
Atrosanguinea	Augustin d'Hour	Aurore
Baroness Schroeder	Bernard Palissy	Candeur
Chestine Gowdy	Claire Dubois	Coquelin
Duc de Wellington	E. G. Hill	Enchanteresse
Germaine Bigot	Ginette	Inspecteur Lavergne
Jeanne Gaudichau	Kelway's Glorious	Karl Rosefield
La Rosiere	La Tendresse	La Tulipe
Lady Alex. Duff	Laura Dessert	Longfellow
Mme. Aug. Dessert	Mme. Benoit Riviere	Mme. d'Hour
Mme. Emile Dupraz	Mme. Emile Lemoine	Mlle. Renee Dessert
Mackay	Marie Crousse	Nanette
Perrette	Richard Carvel	Pres. Taft
Sarah Bernhardt (Lem)	Sarah K. Thurlow	Rosette
Souv. de Gen. Gallieni	Souv. de L. Paillet	Souv. de Fr. Ruitton
Stanley	Therese	Standard Bearer
Wiesbaden		Victoire de la Marne

Names of the Varieties With Which Was Won Class B-IIIa

(Twenty-five or more varieties which have a rating of at
least 8.)

Alsace Lorraine	Albatre	Albert Crousse
Arlequin	Asa Gray	Auguste Dessert
Baroness Schroeder	Candeur	Cherry Hill
Chestine Gowdy	Claire Dubois	Clemenceau
Edmond Lebon	Enchanteresse	Eugene Verdier
Francis Willard	Georgiana Shaylor	Germaine Bigot
Ginette	Judge Berry	Katherine Havemeyer
Kelway's Glorious	Karl Roschfeld	La France
Lamartine (Lem)	La Rosiere	La Tendresse
Lady Alexandra Duff	Le Cygne	Longfellow
Mme. Benoit Riviere	Mme. Emile Dupraz	Mme. Emile Lemoine
Mme. Gaudichau	Mme. Jules Dessert	Mlle. Jeanne Riviere
Mlle. Renee Dessert	Mlle. Rousseau	Marcelle Dessert
Marie Jacquin	Mons. M. Cahuzac	Mont Blanc (Lem)

Mary Woodbury Shaylor	Mrs. Edw. Harding	Nanette
Perette	Philippe Rivoire	Pres. Wilson
Pres. Taft	Raoul Dessert	Richard Carvel
Rosa Bonheur	Sarah Bernhardt (Lem)	Sarah K. Thurlow
Souv. de Louis Bigot	Therese	Tourangelle
Victoire de la Marne	Wiesbaden	

Names of Varieties With Which Was Won Class C-II
(Largest collection single Chinensis and Japanese peonies.)

Akalu	Antwerpen	Balliol
Camille	Clairette	Claire
Fusyama	Emma	Eva
Gretchen	Hakodate	Hawa
Ho-Gioku	Henri Potin	Isani Gidui
Japenska Ikku	Karatsu	King of England
Kinsui	Katori Nahiko	Kokurun Rui
l'Étincelante	Louise (Ruigegno)	Lucienne
Mr. G. F. Hemerik	Mr. B. H. Farr	Nagasaki
Nymphe	Ohinawa	Ohirama
Othello (Dessert)	Perle Rose	Princess Mathilde
Shi-pen-kue	Soshi	Suruga
Taikoon	Tokio	Tora-no-maki
Veloutine	Vesuve	Ya Machina

THE PEONY MANUAL

BY JAMES BOYD

For many years the American Peony Society has contemplated the publication of a manual, and the money which the society received from the sale of the Cornell collection was put aside and reserved for this purpose. Two or three efforts have been made to get the book started, but little or nothing has been accomplished. At the last meeting of the directors, which was held in New York last spring, the matter was again thoroughly discussed, and Mr. Boyd was requested to confer with Mr. J. Horace McFarland of the Mount Pleasant Press at Harrisburg in reference to the publication of such a book. It was decided to employ Mr. Stevens of the Mount Pleasant Press to check over old descriptions and compile new ones. Mr. Stevens has had much experience with rose descriptions and has a critical eye for color. Under the guidance and direction of Mr. Harry Little, he visited nearly all of the prominent plantings in the Middle West, and was present at the show in Fort Wayne. He has collected a large amount of data from various growers in reference to the character and habits of many peonies, and this data is now being carefully compiled. When complete, it will be submitted to a number of experts for their criticism and suggestions.

There will be a general statement at the beginning of the manual discussing reasons for discarding low rated varieties.

The manual will only give descriptions of peonies that have been rated by the A. P. S. at 8.0 or better. Some few exceptions will be made to this rule of rating, and members having much experience will be asked to suggest varieties that they think are really entitled to that rating, and yet for some reason have not attained same.

Many new peonies of merit that have not yet been rated will be described and there will be a list of all peonies with names of introducers and dates of introduction.

There will be an article on peony breeding by a well-known expert, and also an article on preparing peonies for exhibition, the pathology of the peony, and other interesting subjects.

The book will contain a history of the American Peony Society from its organization to the present time, with a list of all officers and dates of their election. It will contain a list of peonies recommended for various districts of the United States and Canada.

It will contain advertisements of peonies or related garden requirements that have the full endorsement of the Peony Society.

It will contain illustrations in black and white and in color. The number and selection of varieties to be listed has not yet been decided upon.

Preceding the descriptions there will be a statement of standards, and a discussion of the color terms used. If possible, the color will refer to or be compared with well-known peonies, or other flowers. There will be an illustration and explanation of the different forms of peonies, and there will be advice in regard to fertilizing, cultivating and propagating.

It is proposed to make it a valuable book to all who are interested in peonies whether for pleasure or profit. It will give the experience, opinions and advice of many experts in different parts of the country. It will take some months to compile and publish such a book, and suggestions in regard to same will be very gladly received. They should be addressed to Mr. James Boyd, Haverford, Pa.

PEONY WILT

[The following communication received from an eastern grower is of vital interest and we would like to hear from anyone experiencing similar trouble. Any measures for elimination of the trouble being practiced or successful remedies applied for control will find prominent space in the bulletin.—Editor.]

Will you kindly advise where I can get the best information on peony diseases? Possibly you have information covering the particular disease in which I am at the moment interested.

Soon after the blooming season, plants here and there in the nursery begin to wilt. That is, the entire top loses vitality and in a few days is entirely withered and finally dries up. The tops appear as though all flow of sap has been suddenly cut off from an otherwise healthy plant. The change takes place very rapidly. Some years there is practically none of this trouble and other years it is quite prevalent, and some varieties, particularly *Edulis Superba*, are very much affected.

We have dug plants from time to time in all stages, and the only difference that we can observe is that the roots of the wilted-top plants appeared to be matured, while the roots showing the live tops still have the feeding roots, which indicates that they are growing. The only way in which the roots are injured, so far as our observation goes, is that they do not have as long growing season as those that retain the green tops until the frost kills them.

We cannot feel that this is a root disease, nor can we feel that it is a disease that carries over from one season to another in either the roots or the tops. The infection must come from some outside source, because we know for a fact that the same roots that are affected one year are not any more likely to show the infection the following season than the plants that have never been affected.

This trouble, whatever it might be, seems as erratic as the blight on apple trees, that is, some seasons an apple tree will be very much affected, and probably for several years thereafter the

trouble will be so slight that it is not worth noticing, and often there is no blight infection at all.

This same disease is prevalent more or less in all peony blocks in the East, so far as we have had the opportunity of observing same; however, but slight information can be gotten from other nurseries, because for the most part none of them are willing to admit that they have any disease. You, being more or less disinterested, we thought perhaps you could give us some information.

As the wilting of the tops, as above indicated, does not seem to permanently affect the roots, we do not consider this as a serious disease, especially as it does not show up to any material extent except occasionally. However, in a very large block of peonies, with a serious infection just one year in several, with the necessary retarding of root growth and especially in the higher-priced varieties, there is a material loss.

It was extremely dry here this season, heavy rains coming about a week before the first wilt was noticed.

SOIL AS AFFECTING PEONIES

It is a well-known fact that certain varieties of peonies do better on some soils than do others. The behavior of two varieties—Mons. Jules Elie and Reine Hortense—is so different on different soils that I wish to call attention to them. I well remember how the catalogs of fifteen years ago praised Jules Elie so much that I thought it must be superior to all others. For three years I thought that the variety I had under this name was not the true type, for while the blooms were true to color and description in all except being good flowers, surely such poor blooms could not be the wonderful Jules Elie. So I obtained the variety from two different growers, and upon blooming they proved to be the same as we had had for several years. About this time I saw the Jules Elie in Seattle growing on a black loose soil, while my soil is a very stiff clay. It was then that I saw the Jules Elie that so many had praised, and I concluded that its excellence was simply the type of soil upon which it grows.

During these same years I could never understand why Reine Hortense did not cop all the first prizes at all shows, for I never read of its taking a first prize but in one show some ten years ago. With us this variety grows to the size and shape of a medium large cabbage and we have no trouble keeping it for two weeks as a cut flower. At all our exhibits it stands up the best of all at the end of the show—in fact, is at its best the second day. Yet I have seen this variety growing on a loose soil making but a medium showing.

I believe that the behavior of these two varieties are probably extremes in showing what different varieties of peonies will do under different soil conditions, so that one undertaking to grow peonies for cut flowers should plant those varieties which will do best on his type of soil.

HOWARD WEED,
Beaverton, Oregon.

SOLANGE

*To show to the waiting world,
One of the miracles of God
Solange—A perfect flower was born
As its petals were unfurled.
It has come to life, through patience,
Constant watching, tender care.
Surely God has sent his blessing
With this bloom of texture rare.
This miracle I see—of bloom unfolding
As I gaze on the petals of Solange,
Like the first faint flush of dawn
Or pale pink pearls upon a strand.
For days I have been watching
This wonder-flower unfold,
Like nature—I must be patient
If I see its heart of gold.
As I look in awe and wonder
I can never understand,
How that soft, faint flush of dawn
Came on the petals of Solange.
Muriel Meek Sataley.*

A COLOR CLASSIFICATION FOR PEONIES

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Due to the fact that but one primary color, red, exercises any considerable influence in the coloration of the peony, it might seem, on first thought, that a color classification of that flower would be an impractical undertaking. However, when we stop to consider the effect of this color in dilution and the influences of yellow, lavender and purple, it becomes evident that it would not be a simple matter to work out. Nevertheless, if such a classification can be made it should be of practical value to the enthusiast who is considering what to buy, to the hybridizer in selecting seedlings for trial or introduction and to the commercial grower in spotting sales possibilities.

It seems natural to assume that any arrangement of peonies in a classification of color should represent a gradation or sweep of color, starting with the absence of color, white, and progressing with intensification through cream, yellow, pink and red.

It might line up something like this—

1—White:

- (a) Pure (Le Cygne).
- (b) White and cream or yellow—white predominating (Mid-summer Night's Dream).
- (c) Opening blush but fading to white (Kelway's Glorious).
- (d) Some petals splashed, flecked or margined red (Festiva Maxima).
- (e) White and pink—white predominating (Jeanne Gaudichau?).

2—Cream to Yellow :

(a) Some petals white—cream or yellow predominating (Laura Dessert).

(b) Pure—light to dark (Alsace Lorraine).

(c) Some petals pink—cream or yellow predominating (Fanny Crosby).

3—Pink:

(a) Some petals white—pink predominating (Miss Salway).

(b) Some petals cream or yellow—pink predominating (E. J. Shaylor).

(c) Light pink (Madame Emile Galle) to rose (Walter Fax-on) to dark pink.

(d) Dark pink (Suzette) to red.

4—Red:

(a) Light (Inspector Lavergne?) to darkest red (Mons. Martin Cahuzac).

The predominating color of any given variety would naturally determine the division to which it belonged—selfs and secondary colors, the proper subdivision. The intensification of the predominating color would be the guide to its proper position in the line. Varieties with predominating colors practically identical might well be bracketed.

It could be successfully argued that even the proper arrangement of varieties in such a classification would in many instances fail to indicate certain characteristics that make a variety distinctive.

But we need not stop here.

By the simple addition of three columns run at the right of the varieties listed, we can overcome this handicap to a great extent. One column would show the form or type of flower, another the season of bloom and the last would provide a place for remarks. Under "Remarks" could be briefly noted opposite those varieties that deserved it, any unusual or distinctive color or petal characteristics not allocated.

Like this—

1—White

(a) Pure

Varieties	Form	Season	Remarks
99 Le Cygne	rose	early	petals incurved

If necessary, two more columns could be added to indicate the degree of fragrance and the character of the stem.

The ethereal beauty of many of our finest peonies is quickly lost when bloom is allowed to develop in the field, so, in judging color for purposes of classification, the peony should be treated as a cut flower. This need not seem illogical because the peony, if it is anything at all, is a cut flower of the first water.

This simply means that in assigning varieties to their proper division and subdivision for arrangement in a color line progressing with intensification from light to dark, blooms should be cut in the bud and allowed to develop in the shade. Then and then only can their real color, their real beauty, be captured.

Erecting the framework of a color classification presents some complications as will be noted by study of the one submitted but they are by no means insurmountable. The real undertaking, one that requires work and close observation, is the arrangement of varieties within the classification itself. It's successful accomplishment depends upon the co-operation extended by owners of large collections and, to a lesser degree, on accurate, official descriptions, based on a color chart accepted as standard.

It is realized that the classification submitted is not fool-proof or perfect. Perhaps it can be simplified or, if necessary, elaborated. In any event at least one member of our society believes we have reached a point in the road where a color classification would be helpful.

SOME BLOOMING DATES OF PEONIES

(Mr. A. W. McKenzie of Indianapolis, Ind., has compiled a list of blooming dates for the years 1925 and '26 covering observance of a five acre field, triangular in shape, open to the south. Heavy woods on east and west and a row of trees on north side, also. Observations for 1926 were made in a garden eleven miles east of the field above referred to, there being no trees within 500 feet of this garden. 1925 was a normal spring, although it froze ice May 25th. 1926 was cold before May 30th, cool after.)

	1925	1926
Alfred de Musset	May 28	June 2
Aurore	May 28	June 5
Avalanche	May 26	June 4
Baroness Schroeder	May 25	June 7
Couronne d'Or	May 30	June 4
Dorchester	June 1	June 7
Duchesse de Nemours	May 21	May 31
Edulis Superba	May 15	May 27
Eugene Verdier	May 27	June 3
E. C. Kelway	May 28	June 1
Festiva Maxima	May 22	May 31
Felix Crousse	May 29	June 3
Floral Treasure	May 29	June 2
Fontenelle	May 20	May 30
Giant		June 1
Golden Harvest		June 1
Grover Cleveland	May 31	June 4
Lady Alexandra Duff		June 3

Lamartine	May 23	June 1
La Perle	May 27	June 4
La Roserie	May 22	June 1
La Vestale	May 22	June 1
Livingstone	May 29	June 4
Le Cygne		June 2
Longfellow		June 2
Mme. Calot	May 19	May 28
Mme. de Verneville	May 18	May 30
Mme. de Galhau	June 2	June 6
Mme. Boulanger		June 6
Mme. Auguste Dessert		June 6
Mme. Emile Galle		June 5
Mme. Forel	May 29	June 4
Mlle. Leonie Calot		June 6
Marcelle Dessert	May 19	May 30
Marie Lemoine	June 1	June 7
Mary Brand		June 2
Marie Stuart		June 1
Media		June 1
Mireille	June 3	June 7
Mons. Dupont	May 29	June 3
Mons. Jules Elie	May 21	May 30
Mont Blanc		June 2
Mons. Martin Cahuzac	May 21	May 31
Mrs. Edward Harding		June 1
Modeste Guerin	May 19	June 31
Octavie Demay	May 19	May 31
Prairie King	May 19	May 28
Pierre Duchartre		June 6
Richard Carvel		May 29
Rubra Superba	June 2	June 10
Souv. de Gaspard Calot	June 1	June 8
Souv. de l'Exp. Universelle	May 27	June 3
Stanley		June 5
Therese	May 23	May 31
Triomphe de de l' Exp. de Lille	May 24	June 2
Umbellata Rosea	May 16	May 29

Blooming Dates of Second Field

	1926
Avalanche	June 9
Baroness Schroeder	June 9
Claire Dubois	June 9
E. C. Kelway	June 5
Festiva Maxima	June 2
Frances Willard	June 5
Grandiflora	June 13
Harry L. Richardson	June 13
James Kelway	June 3
Karl Rosefield	June 2

Kelway's Glorious	June 4
La Fayette	June 9
Longfellow	June 4
La Perle	June 8
*Le Cygne	June 7
*Martha Bulloch	June 12
Marie Lemoine	June 12
Marie Crousse	June 10
*Mad. Jules Dessert	June 7
Mme. Emile Galle.....	June 11
Mons. Martin Cahuzac	June 3
Mons. Jules Elie	June 2
Mme. Auguste Dessert	June 10
Mons. Dupont	June 9
Mlle. Marie Calot	June 2
Octavie Demay	May 31
Rare Brocade	June 9
Richard Carvel	June 2
Reine Hortense	June 5
Sarah Bernhardt	June 9
Solange	June 11
Walter Faxon	June 6

*Planted fall of 1925.

DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION

It is proposed in this department to provide an opportunity for all growers to register the names of their new varieties in order to establish priority and also to give descriptions of varieties which are being put on the market. The society takes no responsibility as to the quality of the varieties registered here. A system by which new varieties can be officially rated and approved by the society has been established and it is hoped that the difficulties inherent in dealing with the peony can be overcome and a plan developed which will be satisfactory both to the growers and to the society.

Mr. Edward Auten, Jr., of Princeville, Ill., offers for registration the following:

Cameo (E. Auten, Jr., 1926). A rose, fragrant, delicate blush white, crown or low bomb type; good keeper, no stamens. A refined bloom.

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No. 3. "Blonde"—A light pink, bicolored pink and cream. Good stem, rather dwarf growth—fragrant—bomb type.

No. 4. "Hottentot."—A semi-double, peculiar lilac and light pink combined with prominent stamens of various shades. Sturdy grower, good stem—no fragrance.

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No. 7. "June Welcome"—A fine, dark, single red with yellow stamens. Not fragrant. Holds color in sun without fading. A good landscape variety.

No. 8. "Eau Claire"—A single pink of merit—no fragrance. Good habit and holds color.

No. 9. "John Alden"—Tall rose pink—late—fragrant. Small flower. Good form. Rose type. Darker and better than Fragrans.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

A communication from one of our members, W. C. Otis, of Woburn, Mass., follows:

"At the Boston Navy Yard an attempt is being made to beautify the grounds by planting flowers, shrubs and trees. Only a very limited amount of money can be spent for stock as Uncle Sam does not look with favor upon the expenditure of cash for such material, particularly as an industrial establishment such as a Navy Yard. The commandant, Rear Admiral Philip Andrews, is doing everything he can to further this movement and has requested all of the civilian employees to help in any way they can.

It occurred to me that many members of the American Peony Society will be dividing their peonies this fall and for lack of room some will have to throw away many roots. A donation of even a single root of these discards would be very gratefully received by us. I am in a position to personally direct the planting of any roots that we might have given to us. Such roots would not only have a label with the name of the variety on it but the name of the donor would also be put on the label. The peonies would be planted where the many visitors to this yard could see them and would help spread the fame of the peony as a garden flower."

A membership campaign is to be inaugurated commencing the first of the year. Announcement of the plan will appear in the next Bulletin.

We feel this is a splendid opportunity to assist in furthering the cause of the peony and hope that a large number may be interested in this particular planting and will send donations.

There were a large number of local shows throughout the country of which I have received reports in brief. It has been found necessary to carry over this material for a future issue of the Bulletin.

Peoria, Ill., has been chosen for next year's show. Another splendid exhibition is assured. Already a number have expressed their intention to exhibit in Class No. 1, the Gold Medal class. With this advance information many growers will doubtless refrain from disturbing their choice varieties this fall to insure splendid bloom next spring. Splendid storage facilities will be provided and full details of the show given our members through the Bulletin.

Those of us who have long wanted a Peony Manual will be intensely interested in Mr. Boyd's announcement of the progress being made as reported in this issue of the Bulletin.

It will be of interest to read the report of the big peony show held at Boskoop, Holland, last June. The exhibition lists in the prize winning classes contain many varieties familiar to all of us. In the Japanese section are many unfamiliar to the writer and in the absence of an official checking list we will not vouch for the spelling of some of these varieties.

Through oversight the name of W. W. Coles, Kokomo, Ind., was omitted from membership list.

The address of Mrs. Mabel Turpie should be changed to Bremen, Fairfield, Ohio.

In the next Bulletin it is planned to give a complete list of the membership to date. We want to list in bold face type all commercial growers. Many inquiries are received as to names of growers having peonies to sell and this information will be helpful to all concerned. Would like this information as early as possible so that I can prepare the list accordingly. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Anyone having peonies to sell should advise me at once.

That peonies can be carried a great distance for our shows was fully demonstrated at the Fort Wayne, Ind., show where an exhibit of Ivan W. Goodner, Seattle, Wash., was displayed. Unfortunately many of the bloom were cut too tight in the bud to open good when taken out of storage where they had been held for some weeks. There were 70 varieties in the shipment. Mr. Goodner will doubtless send some bloom to Peoria, Ill., to the show next year, as they can be transported great distances if properly handled.

At the Royal Horticultural Show for amateurs in England, American peonies were well represented, shipments having been made from New Jersey by four different parties. Most of the peonies reached their destination in good condition.

In future all dues for memberships in the society as well as all bills for advertising should be sent to the secretary instead of to the treasurer's office. Due to a change in handling the accounts this has been found necessary. *Make all remittances to the American Peony Society and mail to me.*

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Bulletins addressed to the following members have been returned due to the parties having removed and left no forwarding address. Can anyone inform me of the present address of any of them?

Dr. W. H. Phipps, Paulding, Ohio.

Prof. J. Elliot Coit, 1225 S. Normandie, Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. J. T. Roberts, Jr., 3496 Emerson St., South Denver, Colo.

Mr. John L. Underwood, 3398 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

Sufficient material is at hand for another Bulletin which will be issued in December.

The Fort Wayne show will long be remembered for the large amount of bloom displayed and the large number of entries in the various classes. In the next Bulletin will be found reports of other shows held during the season.

With heavy rainfall general throughout the country, peonies will go into winter in better condition than last fall and results next spring should be more satisfactory.

Peony planting time is here and should be made the most of. Additions to your collections; weeding out undesirables; preparing your beds for winter by removing any diseased or infected foliage and burning it; charting any new plantings you may make to insure a complete record of varieties, are a few of the many things that may be done to advantage.

We have some splendid contributions in this number and hope other members will co-operate in the same manner. Let your articles come along and watch the Bulletin grow and improve.

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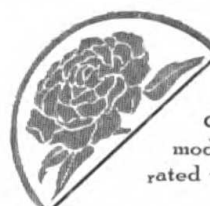
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