



Fall Bulb Sale Is Back!!

This year, the amazing Fall Bulb Sale Committee has included gorgeous herbaceous **peonies**, our club flower, in our deals. These hybrid singles are chosen for color, fragrance and form.

Requirements: Well-draining, loamy soil, air circulation, sunshine, spring moisture and usually some staking. Best planted in the fall.

General Description: Each tuber has **three to five eyes**. May/June. 2' to 3' tall and 3' to 4' wide. Planting depth: 1 1/2" to 2" beneath the soil surface and 3' to 4' apart.

Peony Jan van Leeuwen

Circa 1928, this Japanese hybrid is slightly fragrant with single to semi-double satin-white flowers with frilled

yellow stamens. May/June. 30".
Member Price: \$11.50 / tuber



Peony Tom Eckhardt

Delicately fragrant, this 1965 Japanese hybrid has a perfectly formed, deep rose-pink perianth and a large center densely filled with yellow, rose and orange stamen. 32". Member Price: \$10.50 / tuber
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Sept 4 6pm Kickoff Meeting at 1910



Our opening meeting is an evening for catching up with old friends and meeting new members. We'll forgo a speaker, which will give us time to chat with one another, and our business meeting will be brief. Please bring your favorite appetizer or main dish to share with all, along with your news from the summer months!

Hospitality will be provided by Chairs: **Linda Jackson & Ginger Selman** with Marsha Cope, Sandi Preble, Jan Vynorius

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Gardening is a kind of disease. It infects you, you cannot escape it.

When you go visiting, your eyes rove about the garden; you interrupt the serious cocktail drinking because of an irresistible impulse to get up and pull a weed.

— **Lewis Gannit**

Fall Bulb Sale

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You want out of the ordinary and exotic? **Dutch Iris**, yeah, that's what we're talkin' about! Believe the unbelievable colors. They come out later than Siberians and don't form dead center clumps. **General Description**: Terrific garden display and cut flowers. 18" to 22". May/June. Plant 6" deep and 6" apart.

Dutch Iris Eye of the Tiger

Uniquely colored, this exotic bloom has violet-blue standards and sultry, mahogany-bronze falls with yellow blotches. Bulb size: 8 cm/up. Bloom time: May/June. Member Price: 5 / \$3



Dutch Iris Bronze Beauty

This sultry beauty has deep mahogany-bronze standards with amber-bronze falls and golden blotches. Bulb size: 8 cm/up. May/June. 18" to 22". Member Price: 5 / \$2.50.



Incredible and inexpensive **lily flowering tulips** were too beautiful not to try; they are simply elegant. Reflexing, curved petals stand majestically atop strong, tall stems for a bold, graceful statement. Long-flowering, their colors are subdued, yet warm. Height: 16" to 24". May.

Tulip Elegant Lady

Subtly changing colors as its blooms mature, this beauty has pale creamy-yellow flowers edged in soft violet-red. Bulb size: 12cm/up. May. 24". Member Price: 10 / \$4.50



Tulip Mariette

The most highly decorated of the Lily Flowering Tulips, circa 1942, Mariette is luminous satin-rose with a lovely white base. Bulb size: 12cm/up. May. 22". Member Price: 10 / \$5



Two outstanding specimen for this fall: **Narcissus**

Katie Heath

An American hybrid, Katie has a slightly reflexed, ivory perianth and a beautiful, large, cup-shaped crown in varying shades of apricot-pink. 12". April/May. Member Price: 10 / \$6



Narcissus Mount Hood

Cultivated in Holland in the 1930s, this superb, white trumpet daffodil opens creamy yellow-white and gradually turns glistening ivory-white as the long-lasting blooms mature. It has been winning horticultural awards since 1937. 18" to 20". April. Member Price: 10 / \$4.75



Red bugs (BOO!) may have damaged our lilies in past years, but we're ready to hope again. **Heirloom Species Lilies** sport Turk's Cap-like flowers. Most are native to Asia. The pendulous, recurved flowers with long anthers resemble little hanging presents with fancy bows. Plant 6" deep and 12" apart. Say hello to:

Heirloom Species Lily citro-

nella: A hybrid child of Amabile Luteum, it has citronella-yellow flowers with burgundy spots. 4' and taller. July. Member Price: 5 / \$10



Dear WNGC Friends,

Last year's daffodil giveaway was such a roaring success that we're going to play it again- oh yes, Sam! We have purchased 1000 Juanita and 1000 mixed daffs to hand out to those who appear at the W. Newbury Food Mart on a given Saturday morning in September. The date will be determined depending on bulb arrival and permission from the Mart. Those wonderful people have NEVER refused us. — Maguy T. & Co.

Enter Your Bounty in the Topsfield Fair!



The Topsfield Fair, "Rediscover" and GCFM present

Discover Your Roots

The Design Division of A Standard Flower Show

October 3-13, 2008

Always admired the arrangements at the Flower Show, at Art in Bloom? Have you thought "I might try that someday"? This is a warm and friendly place to try your hand!

Class 1 A Farmer's Market

A Design using vegetables, staged on a table 24" w x 20" d x 30" h under an awning.

Class 2 A Conductor's Medley

Multi-Rhythmic Design using a 30" black metal hoop, staged on a pedestal 31" h x 16" sq. top.

Class 3 A Scavenger's Delight

Assemblage staged on an easel. Board, 20" w x 30" l x 1/2" thick, provided by committee.

Class 4 An Architect's Plan

A Design on a shelf staged in front of a frame. Shelf approx. 20" l x 15" d.

Class 5 A Floral Designer's Vision

A Mass Design staged on a pedestal 37" h x 17" square top.

Class 6 An Engineers Drawing

A Parallel Design staged in a niche 29" w x 17" d x 24" h.

Class 3 may be done in advance and placed on entry day 1 at 3:00 p.m., entry days 2 and 3 by 8:00 a.m.

Classes 1, 5 and 6 are eligible for the TriColor Award.

Classes 2, 3 and 4 are eligible for the Designers Choice Award.

Entry Days/ Times: **Thurs. Oct. 2, 3-5 PM, Tues. Oct. 7, 7-9 Am and Fri Oct. 10, 7-9 AM.**

An **Exhibitor's Meeting** will be held in the Flower Barn **Thursday, September 4, 2008 @ 10:00 AM.**

To enter Contact Ellen Todd, Entries Chairman at 978.921.2949; ellen.todd@comcast.net

Questions, Abby Lavoie at 781 639-8224; abbylavoie@comcast.net

Volunteer Hostesses Get in Free!

Hostesses from the local garden clubs are needed each day for the show area in the flower barn, in teams of two for a two hour time period. Husbands/friends are welcome to participate as the second team member.

WNGC's slot is **Saturday, October 4, 12 to 2 p.m.** Each team receives **two free admission tickets and one free parking ticket.**

This is a great way for you to support the Federation Flower Show and see the Topsfield Fair.

Please call **Sue Spicer 978-256-4658** by September 5th to volunteer. Tickets will be mailed to you by September 27th.

This is fun and easy, so grab a friend and see the show!

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Do not cut down peony foliage until it is damaged by frost. Once the soil freezes, simply rake some leaves over the plants, then remove the mulch in spring.

Perhaps your local garden club will offer some fantastic varieties for sale at advantageous prices.

Feeling lucky, Lulu? I hope that this helps to ease your mind.

Bloomingly Yours, **Peony**



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learning, and sharing*

The West Newbury Garden Club was founded in 1936 to encourage and cultivate an interest in gardening, to aid in protecting and conserving our natural resources, to further the study of horticulture and flower arranging, and to promote civic beauty. For more information, please contact President Linda Schaeffer at 978 363-5251 or at linda-schaeffer@verizon.net

Next Board Meeting

September 11, 2008 at 7:00pm



Ask Peony September

Dear Peony,

I've always wanted peonies, but in our cold north-east climate, I'm scared to plant them incorrectly. Can you give me the facts of when, where and how?

Lulubelle

PS: Love your name!

Dear Lululove,

Fall is an excellent time to buy and plant peonies in cold zones. When you choose plants, consider the flower type and color you want. Peonies have a beautiful display of flowers every spring or in late spring, depending on the variety, and glossy dark green foliage that stays attractive from early spring until a killing frost.

Peonies prefer full sun all day, but will bloom as long as they receive four or five hours of direct sun daily. Plant them in rich, well-drained soil and allow at least two feet between dwarf varieties and four feet between standard varieties.

When you plant, cover the peony roots so the pink buds or "eyes" are pointing up. Make sure to plant the top of the roots only one and one-half to two inches beneath the soil line. A common error is to plant them too deep, which means they won't bloom. Most peonies will flower for years. For a simple border with all season color, they may be planted with spring flowering bulbs and with iris, day lilies, chrysanthemums, and hardy asters.

They make good background plants for low annual flowers.

You can divide peonies in early spring or late summer. Dig up the entire clump, then split it into halves or quarters with a sharp knife or shovel. The smaller the division, the longer it will take them to bloom again.



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