Angel Cheeks Peony









This darling variety has a fitting name. **Medium-size** plants have sage-green foliage and are topped with soft warm pink blooms with a tuft of creamy feather-like petals at the base. It looks iust like a dessert! Flowers have a strong and sweet minty fragrance. Winner of the American **Peony Society** Gold Medal.

Paeonia 'Angel Cheeks'

- <u>Use:</u> These long-lived, plants are classic elements of borders and beds, and they add
 a bit of nostalgia and charm to the garden. Their fragrant blooms and lush foliage
 have made them popular for years, and with the recent resurgence in breeding, they
 will continue to improve. They can be utilized in many ways, including mass plantings,
 specimens, or hedges. WE LOVE PEONIES, BUT THEY ARE NOT A BEGINNER
 PLANT! LOTS OF RESEARCH NEEDED AND SOIL PREP FOR SUCCESS!
 PLEASE ASK FOR A HANDOUT.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Morning sun and a little afternoon shade after 3pm preferred (not deep shade here in the South); Water regularly, when top 3" of soil is dry. Use slow release fertilizer twice a year in spring and fall. Once established needs only occasional water. In very hot summers it may go summer dormant. Soil prep is very important and must be well drained and have a pH of 6.5-7 so Georgia clay will need to be amended with dolomitic lime.
- Growth: Grows 3 feet tall and 2' 6" wide.
- Hardiness: Zone 3-8; Perennial
- Foliage: Deciduous. Dark green lobed leaves.
- **Flowers:** The mildly fragrant, bomb-style flowers don't open so much as they explode, filling gardens and vases with double white blooms that are suffused with pink, illuminated by a collar of the softest yellow, and highlighted in some spots with subtle red striping and freckling. A treasure for cut flower enthusiasts.
- <u>Tips</u>: Plant them shallow, mulch in the summer, take off the mulch in the winter, and they prefer a little afternoon shade. Cold winters will ensure lots of blossoms so plant them where they will get cold in the winter and cool in the summer too.

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