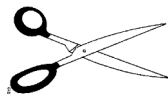


# Pieterje Vriend Wagenaar Peony



Named after the breeder's mother, Pieterje Vriend Wagenaar catches the eye with the dark pink speckles that cover its bubblegum-pink petals. A

cross of Kansas x Sarah Bernhardt that has darker paint flecks on the petals. The American Peony Society awarded its Gold Medal to this peony in 2018 and named it Peony of the Year in 2019!

## *Paeonia 'Pieterje Vriend Wagenaar'*

- **Use:** 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 2.5 feet wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-8; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Dark green lobed leaves.
- **Flowers:** The fragrant, fully double flowers emerge from striking, red buds as bubble-gum pink with candy-cane striping. In addition, the presence of side buds extends the flowering period. Lactiflora type. A treasure for cut flower enthusiasts.
- **Tips:** 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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