

PAEONIA

One of the chief points in favor of the Paeonia is its hardiness. In the severest climate the plants require no protection. Their vigorous habit, healthy growth, freedom from disease and insects are in favor of their cultivation. When the paeonia is once planted, all that is necessary has been done; it requires no further care, and each succeeding year adds to its size and beauty.

The foliage is rich and glossy, and of a beautiful deep green color, making the plants highly ornamental even when they are not in flower. The paeonia can be planted either singly, on the lawn, or it can be used to excellent advantage to plant as a border line between lots. A large bed makes a most magnificent appearance. The paeonia is the flower for the many, and a selection of sorts will give continuous bloom from May to July, and in every shade of color from pure white to dark purplish crimson. Their firm, glossy foliage ranks with the Rhododendron, while in color and fra-



**Herbaceous
Paeonia**

grance they approach the Rose. They do best in deep rich loam, rather moist, but will endure almost any soil. The plants are gross feeders and will repay liberal treat-

ment; a quantity of cow manure should be worked into the bed before planting, and a top dressing should be put over the plants in November, this being forked into the soil in spring. They need plenty of water while in bloom. The crowns should be set two inches below the surface. The longer they are left undisturbed the better.

Peonies should be planted in the fall, October or November. They will then become established and make a much better start than if planted in the spring. Our advice is **Do Not Plant Peonies in the Spring**. Nearly any place or soil is adapted to the growth of Peonies, except they do not want to be in wet ground. They are very effective as a foreground for shrubbery, in rows for a background for the lawn, as a screen for the walls of buildings, or lattice work of porches, or in beds by themselves. They also make a pretty border for walks and drives. After the flowers are gone the foliage remains attractive throughout the summer.

Fringe Leaf Paeonia (*Paeonia Tenuifolia*).—A remarkable and strikingly beautiful variety with delicate fern-like foliage and double scarlet-crimson flowers, very brilliant and satiny.



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