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## Mermaid Gem Peony\*

*Paeonia 'Mermaid Gem'*

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 2a

### Ornamental Features

Mermaid Gem Peony features bold lightly-scented cherry red cup-shaped flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from mid to late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its compound leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

### Landscape Attributes

Mermaid Gem Peony is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Mermaid Gem Peony is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use



*Mermaid Gem Peony flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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### **Planting & Growing**

Mermaid Gem Peony will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 inches apart. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

*\* This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*