Town & Country gardens

Chestine Gowdy Peony

Paeonia 'Chestine Gowdy'



Chestine Gowdy Peony flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 28 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2

Description:

Fragrant, light lilac-pink double blooms; the center is surrounded by a collar of cream colored petals to create an interesting effect; some petals have subtle red edging; abundant flowers

Ornamental Features

Chestine Gowdy Peony features bold fragrant double lilac purple flowers with creamy white overtones and red edges at the ends of the stems in early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its compound leaves emerge burgundy in spring, turning green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Chestine Gowdy Peony is an herbaceous perennial with a more or less rounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Chestine Gowdy Peony is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Chestine Gowdy Peony will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 30 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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.