

Peonies in the gardens at Casa Nova:



Albert Crousse

Location: in bed at West corner of Garden House pergola
[see notes on purchase list]



Arabian Prince

Location: in bed at East corner of Garden House

MP: Kelway "Semi-double lactiflora with magenta-crimson flowers opening from maroon-purple buds. It has a small number of stamens in the centre with an additional ring surrounding the inner petals. The carpels are very small and creamy green with magenta styles. They may develop into carpelodes or be entirely absent. Free flowering. Late season. 1m"



Bowl of Beauty

Location: under roses in border of Garden House.

(Hoogendoorn 1949). This must be one of the most famous of all herbaceous peonies and deservedly so. Upright lemony cream, ribbon-like petaloids fill the large bowl shaped flower formed by the bright pink guard petals. A strikingly lovely fragrant peony for the flower border which will never disappoint. Mid to late flowering. Height approx 90cm.

JK: "Pale pink, with upright creamy white petaloids."

MP: "Justifiably popular, this Japanese-form peony has very large fuchsine rose guard petals and masses of upright creamy yellow stamenoides, golden yellow at the base with wavy tips. The flowers, held on strong stems, can measure up to 30cm across and have pale pink carpels with magenta styles. Mid to late season. 90cm"



Kelways Majestic

Location: in bank at West side of Garden House

Imperial, cherry rose with silvery centre, early to very late, autumn colour.

JK: "Deep vivid cherry-red guard petals with a mass of long narrow ochre-yellow inner petals turning lilac and variously silvered or gilded. Very large."

[This description better matches the photo below!]

MP: "Japanese lactiflora producing magenta-pink guard petals surrounding a large mass of long narrow stamenodes. There are yellow at the base, fading to creamy yellow with pink stripes towards the broader middle and with pointy purple tips. Carpels are pale green with purple styles. Relatively long flowering period. Fragrant with good autumn colour. Midseason. 1m"



Kelways Orpen

Location: in bank at West side of Garden House

Imperial, smoky red with purple/fawn centre, tall.



Kelways Scented Rose

Location: under roses in border of Garden House.

Double, lilac and rose touched with silver, flowers on into July.

MP: "Double, lilac-rose flowers with silvered petals. Very long flowering period, free flowering and very fragrant. Mid to very late season. 90cm." Coarse foliage.



Kelways Lovely?

This name is on the original purchase list but the variety isn't currently pictured so can't cross check identity.



Red King

Location: near red rose in border of Garden House.

Single, blood red with yellow centres.

Awaiting transplantaation:



3 x Buckeye Belle.

(Mains, 1956)

Deep blood red very early flowering semi double peony from the United States.

Commands attention. The colour is as bold as some of the tulips and the golden stamens peek out from among the petals. Flowering will often be in the middle of May. May be as tall as 90cm, but rarely needs staking

MP: "Unusual semi-double hybrid with extremely dark red, well-rounded guard petals, which appear much lighter in sunshine. They are slightly crinkled and surround a mass of unusual staminoides: some of the filaments are very broad and petal-like with pale-red ribbon-like filaments, a few are completely petaloid without any sign of anthers. The carpels are pale green and tomentose with red stigmata. Free flowering. Early season. 85cm"



3 x Kelway's Glorious

(Kelway 1909)

Regarded by many as one of the best peonies ever bred. Dense plant producing an abundance of very large bomb shaped double flowers. The blooms are white with some red streaking on the occasional outer petal, and have the most sensational scent. One of the later peonies to flower, growing to around 90cm in height.



Instituteur Doriat

This was amongst the original batch purchased but may have disappeared. To locate.

(Doriat 1925) A most magnificent and dominating peony in a hue of deep velvety maroon. The centre of the flower consists of a tuft of narrow petaloids which are forked at the ends and finely tipped with white. An extremely strong growing peony, soaring to over 100cm tall, often benefitting from some support, although it is usually fine unaided. Later flowering cultivar.

JK: "Velvety carmine edged white. Large and distinct."

MP: "A rather disappointing peony, for the buds hold a promise that is not fulfilled when the flowers open. The semi-double or double, slightly scented flowers have pinkish purple petals, which alternate with rings of golden yellow stamens. The inner petals are derived from stamens and have a yellow stripe, while others are partially functional. The upper petals become silvered in strong sunshine. Midseason. 75cm."