

## **Hybridizer/Originator Profile**

## **Nate Bremer**

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Nate Bremer is an American hybridizer of advanced generation herbaceous and woody peony hybrids and was introduced to peonies by Bill Seidl in the 1990's. Before peonies, Nate hybridized orchids and daylilies. His interests in plants are wide, but advanced generation herbaceous and woody peonies became his focus. Currently he is the President of the American Peony Society and does much work within the organization to promote and educate those interested in peonies.

As a retired science teacher, Nate implemented many of the principles he taught for 31 years in the classroom. His hybridizing programs focus on plant habits first and then floral display/characteristics. This philosophy has produced numerous high-quality introductions, which are finding their way into hybridizer and enthusiast gardens worldwide. Special focus has been given to producing woody peonies adapted to northern tier gardens using hybrids and species from the foundational programs of William Seidl, Nassos Daphnis, David Reath, Roy Klehm and A.P. Saunders. Advanced generation herbaceous hybrids are also of keen interest and the same philosophy is applied as with woody peonies.

Nate collaborates with a number of other hybridizers who visit/work at Solaris Farms during bloom and harvest season. Through their cooperative efforts many new and diverse crosses are being made in hopes of producing better plants for the future. While his farm sells peonies, it also serves as an experimental hybridizing and trial garden. The gardens and propagation fields sport one of the most diverse collections of woody peonies in the United States, which are put to work in his hybridizing programs.

For further cultivar information visit the American Peony Society's Peony Registry and search for Bremer. URL: https://americanpeonysociety.org/cultivars/peony-registry/