

# Itoh Peony Collection

## Peonies from Heaven!

Anyone who likes Peonies will love our new Itoh Peonies – named for Toichi Itoh who was the first to successfully cross a tree Peony with an herbaceous or garden Peony. The result? A hybrid that features the colorful and exotic flowers of tree Peonies, with the perennial growing cycle of herbaceous Peonies. Also known as intersectional hybrids, Itoh Peonies tend to resemble tree varieties, with a domed, vigorous growth habit and large double flowers with disease-resistant lacy, dark green foliage.

Once established, they have an extended blooming period, with as many as 50 blooms in a single season due to their ability to produce primary and secondary buds. They have strong stems, which make them ideal for a cut flower arrangement. These gems offer an increased color range, greater vigor and excellent resistance to Peony blight (*botrytis paeoniae*).

We work closely with leading Itoh Peony Breeder, Don Smith, recent recipient of the American Peony Societies, A. P. Saunders Memorial Medal, to bring to you some of the finest plants in the world today. We recently introduced four outstanding varieties that are Monrovia exclusives: Keiko™ (adored) and Yumi™ (beauty), were introduced last year; and Takara™ (treasure) and Misaka™ (beautiful blossom). The Japanese names reflect both the country of origin and their stunning beauty.

