

## Peonies VII



"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel",  
~Maya Angelou



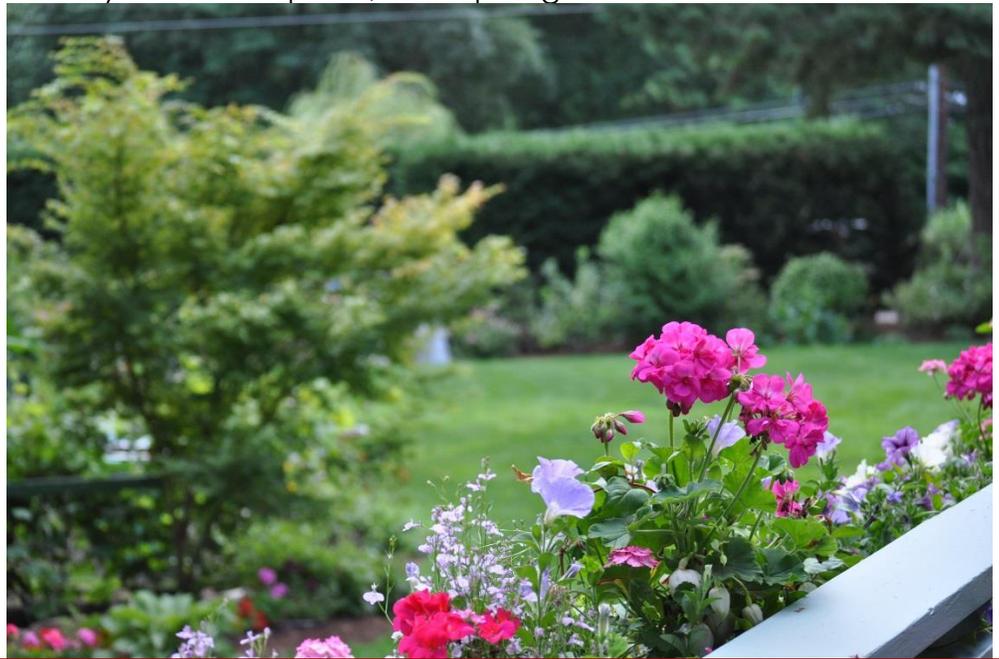
"Listen with the intent to understand, not the intent to reply"  
~Steven Covey



The fellowship of true friends who can hear you out, share your joys, help carry your burdens, and correctly counsel you is priceless. ~Ezra Taft Benson

### Seek understanding, before being understood....

There is never just one way to do something right. I have to reflect on the times that I have stood my ground to be right, when it was later discovered that I was wrong. The being wrong isn't a big deal. It was my inflexibility and closed mindedness that created that invisible barrier between myself and those I love. There is a great saying, "I'd rather be happy than right". It took me years to really understand that in order to have the lasting relationships that I desire, the little stuff really does not matter. People remember how you made them feel, not the specifics. Pontificating on an opinion will usually make people uncomfortable. And even if it is a fact, the truth will eventually bubble up. It is not my job to be the fact checker. If I catch myself in that space, I will apologize and move on.



### August Fun Facts.... 'Celebrate'

August is known for many things, including the dog days of summer, but not because of our pets. It has to do with the star Sirius, also known as the dog star. August has two birthstones: peridot and sardonyx. Peridot is among the oldest known gemstones and is green in color. Sardonyx, which is lesser-known, is a white- and brown-banded gemstone once believed to have mystical powers. The official flower for August is the gladiolus. These vertical-growing flowers were named from the Latin "gladius," meaning a sword.

### What's Growing on... News & Noteworthy

Phew! We can't believe it is already August. This has been the driest year ever so we will be keeping our eye on those with irrigation systems. Please take your time to look around your properties. All the pruning should be caught up and other than some early dropping of leaves because of the heat everything should look very tidy.

We are still booking projects about six weeks out, so if you would like to get on the calendar for a fall project let us know. Our Senior Designer, Guy Feldman has availability next week.