

## Peonies VII



"True humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less."  
~C.S. Lewis



"We are all apprentices in a craft where no one ever becomes a master."  
~Ernest Hemingway



"Courage uncovers strength, grace reveals beauty, vulnerability expresses humility, inner peace reflects contentment"  
~Millen Livis

### Finding Humility in the Garden....

The quickest way to squash what I think I know is working in the garden. I am always reminded to stop thinking so much about what I might get and re-learn that it is the things we do to sustain and nourish our gardens that are the joys. I remember one year we had Dahlia's that were stellar and I thought we could enter them in any contest and they would take the grand prize. That was fifteen years ago and have not had even one remotely close. Now I never complain, because it seems like every year a different plant is showcased. Two years ago it was Bearded Iris, last year was the Hydrangeas and Peonies. This year was our Tulip Magnolia and Cercis Canadensis in bud, right out my office window. It is endlessly fascinating to find out the more I learn each year..... the less I know.



### July Fun Facts....

#### 'Celebrate'

July is usually the warmest month of the year, and is sometimes called the Hay month because the grass dries out. No surprise that some of our favorites are celebrated this month like Ice Cream, Blueberries and Hot dogs. July's birthstone, the ruby is often associated with contentment, love, passion and integrity. Thomas Jefferson changed the wording of the Declaration of Independence from "the pursuit of property" to "the pursuit of happiness". I wonder how our history would have been different if that change had not been made.

### What's Growing on...

#### News & Noteworthy

This July is so hot that our yard is looking like it is late August! Irrigation remains our number one priority. We had our busiest spring ever and will be making sure everyone's properties are in tip top shape for the summer. The heat has put us back on some of the detail pruning but we are hoping the weather will cool a little so we can get caught up. We are still booking projects about a month out, so if you would like to get on the calendar let us know. Our Senior Designer, Guy Feldman has availability next week.