

## Peonies VII



"Novels and gardens," she says. "I like to move from plot to plot."  
-Bill Richardson



"No great thing is created suddenly."  
-Epictetus



"Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely."  
-Karen Kaiser Clark

### Illuminating every twist of color....

May is all about color. It brightens up even the darkest of skies. When you can look out your window to the beauty of a simple pink petunia or the bright glow of a yellow sunflower, everything seems a little lighter. When we plant the colors of May we rely on the strength of the foundation, the love of water and sun to allow its beauty to grow, and the nurturing of the soils where its roots to place. Our hope is that you too can see the color of May and it brings joy to your heart. May is also a time to honor Mothers everywhere. Just as each plant is unique, so is each and every mother. We are all a mother in one form or another. We nurture, care for, tend to, and love as a mother in so many areas of our lives. So as colors illuminate all around us, we are reminded of the nurturing it takes to grow.



### May Fun Facts....

#### "Roman Calendar"

The month 'may' have been named for the Greek goddess Maia, who was identified with the Roman goddess of fertility, Bona Dea, whose festival was always held in May. A divinity in ancient Roman religion, she was also associated with chastity, healing and protection. Images of the goddess show her enthroned, holding a cornucopia on her left arm representing generosity and fruitfulness. In her right hand, the coiled serpent, a sign of her healing and regenerative powers. It is no wonder that May was chosen to celebrate Mother's Day.

### What's Growing on...

#### News & Noteworthy

May is always one of our busiest months. We are finishing up the last of the lawn renovations, just in time for the warm wet weather of May. We have started pruning and will be doing all hedges and detail pruning over the next month. Irrigation start-ups were planned for the end of the month but we have turned most systems on already because of the heat wave we had at the end of April. Let us know if you would like to get onto our calendar. We are scheduling about three weeks out right now.