

Conference schedule – Growing Alaska Peonies from the Ground UP!

Thursday Feb. 14th

8:00	Registration		
8:30	Opening Session, housekeeping, welcomes,		
9:15	A View from the Farm , Andre Wierstra, Oregon Perennials		
10:00	break		
10:15	Getting Started – site preparation. – Charlie Knight, Ed Keep-Barns, Shelly Rainwater, Harry Davidson.	Agri Business Planning - Small Business Administration	Long term peony field management – Piet & Andre Wierstra
11:15	Agricultural Support and Resources: Alaska Division of Ag, UAF Cooperative Extension, USDA – FSA & NRCS,		
12:15	Lunch and Trade Show opens		
1:15	Roots - suppliers / what should root look like /root care on arrival – Peit & Andre Wierstra	Grants & Loans - FSA – NRCS - Div of Ag representatives	Practical Peony Business Management - bookkeeping, Inventory management , labor concerns , Insurance Virginia Young and others
2:15	Break		
2:30	Basic Peony Biology –Dr. Dave Russell, UMO Dr. Jill Russell, CMSJ	Insect threats & insect Management Dr. Beverly S. Gerdeman, PhD. W S U	Phytosanitation Certification and other export issues - Doug Warner & Carolyn Chapin
3:30 – 5:00	Round Tables		
5:00	Break		
6:00	Mixer, regional meetings,		
7:00	General Membership Meeting		
7:30	Mixer continues		

Trade Show – 12:15 -5:30

Artist’s Show – 12:15 – 5:30

Silent Auction – 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Thursday’s Round Table

<p>Francie Havermeister, DIV of Ag Cooperative Extension Representatives Division of Agriculture Representative NRCS Representatives FSA Representatives SBA Representative, Div. of Ag. Virginia Young, Springerhill Farm and other Business management Presenters</p>	<p>Andre Wierstra, Oregon Perennials Piet Wierstra , Oregon Perennials Dr. Beverly S. Gerdeman, Washington State U Dr Dave Russell, University of Miami, Ohio Dr.Jill Russell, College of Mt. St Joseph Caroline Chapin, Polar Peonies Nah Zu Trade Charlie Knight, Ed Keep-Barns, Shelly Rainwater, Harry Davidson and others</p>
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Friday, February 15th

8:00	Registration		
8:15	Housekeeping and announcements		
8:30	Current Peony Research - Dr. Patricia Holloway & Dr. Mingchu Zhang, UAF; Sue Kent, APGA Mid-Night Sun Peonies		
9:15	break		
9:30	Research and Resources – Drs. Pat Holloway & Mingchu Zhang, UAF	Traveling to New Zealand – A review of lessons learned – Rita Jo Shoultz Perfect Alaskan Peony	FedEx Services and FedEx on-line – FedEx representative
10:30	Break		
10:45	Weeds and Weed Management - Todd Burkdoll, BASF	"A business website - How do I do that?" – Chris Beks UA Information Technology	Botrytis and other peony diseases – Julie Riley, Cooperative Extension, Dr. Pat Holloway UAF
11:45	Lunch & trade show		
12:45	Irrigation & fertigation – Ron Illingworth North Pole Peonies, Clay Sullivan Mid-Night Sun Peonies	"The future is now - How social media affect your business" – Chris Beks UA Information Technology	Integrated Pest Management for Peony Farms – Todd Burkdoll, BASF
1:45	Alaska Peony Network – Ko Klaver		
2:30	Break silent auction closes 2:45		
2:45	Roots - suppliers / what should root look like /root care on arrival – Piet & Andre Wierstra Oregon Perennials	Google Doc to support your farm operation - Gary Bender, UA Information Technology	Peony Network Discussion continues – Ko Klaver, moderated by Chris Beks
3:45	Break Silent Auction results		
4:00	Hands on workshops	Presenter Round Tables	
5:00	Wrap – up		

Trade Show – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Silent Auction – 8:00 am – 2:45 pm

Friday's Hands –on Workshops	Friday's Round Tables
Varietals an AK Perspective- Daisy Lee Bitter	Piet Wierstra, Oregon Perennials
Packing & Grading – Rita Jo Shoultz, Perfect Alaskan Peonies	Andre Wierstra, Oregon Perennials
Square – Marji Illingworth North Pole Peonies	Dr. Patricia Holloway, UAF
Irrigation & Fertigation – Clay Sullivan & Ron Illingworth	Dr. Mingchu Zhang, UAF
Regional Cooperatives – Caroline Chapin, Polar Peonies	Sue Kent, Mid-
Fed-Ex on Line – Fed Ex representative	Todd Burkdoll, BASF
	Chris Bek, UAF,
	Gary Bende, UAF
	Julie Riley , Cooperative Extension