In 2022 we celebrate the initial planting of the peony garden in 1922. After reviewing the archives, maps and records; 46 peonies remained in their original planting spots. Here is a selection of those plants.

Each bed is numbered 1-27 starting at the southwestern end of the garden. This is the first number after the peony name. The number and letter combination refers to it’s location in the bed grid, rows 1-5 and letters A-F. A complete list of these long planted peonies is on page 100 Years in Bloom

- **Gigantea** 21:4, E/F
- **Solange** 21:2, A/B
- **Henry Avery** 18:5, E/F
- **Madame Auguste Dessert** 12:3, A/B
- **Ginette** 9:5, C/D
- **Mary Woodbury Shaylor** 9:1, A/B
- **La Tulipe** 7:4, A/B
- **Lora Dexheimer** 4:4, A/B
- **Grandiflora nivea plena** 2:3, A/B
- **Madame Ducel** 4:1, E/F
- **Madame Emile Galle** 22:3, C/D
- **Boule de Neige** 8:4, C/D
- **La Rosiere** 8:2, A/B
- **Richard Carvel** 4:4, E/F
- **Lady Emily** 10:3, A/B

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The plants listed (left) have been in the same spot since they were originally planted. We list the bed number, then the row and then use letters for the place in each row. Below are a few descriptions from the *The Book The Peony* written by Alice Harding in 1917. She also wrote a companion volume in 1924 *Peonies in the Garden*. Yes there is a peony named for her: Mrs Edward Harding in bed 8:5, A/B.

**Grandiflora nivea plena**, 2:3, A/B  
Originator: Lémon  
Year of Introduction: 1824  
Country of Origin: France  
Description: “Full creamy flower tinged sulphur and salmon. Touches of red in centre. An old favorite in gardens”  
(Alice Harding, *The Book of The Peony*)

**Flag of War**, 3:5, E  
Originator: Kelway  
Year of Introduction: 1900  
Country of Origin: United Kingdom  
Description: “Beautiful clear shade of dark red entirely without bluish tinge. Mass of gold stamens in centre. Keeps unusually well for a single”  
(Alice Harding, *The Book of The Peony*)

**La Rosiere**, 8:2, A/B  
Originator: Crousse  
Year of Introduction: 1888  
Country of Origin: France  
Description: “Cup-shaped flower of creamy white, stamens showing in centre. Quite distinct in appearance.”  
(Alice Harding, *The Book of The Peony*)