

Peonies bring to mind memories of past

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It is extremely fragrant, exceptionally beautiful and the plant itself seems to last for generations. It's the peony, of course. It's the flower that wakes up our senses and evokes instant associations such as Grandmas garden, a spring wedding, or vases and other containers filled to capacity and placed on loved ones graves at the cemetery especially on Memorial Day.

It seems that the gorgeous flowers just ooze memories of past spring events, and bright promises of what

is to come!

I'm not sure there is a more beloved bloom available for us to utilize in our contemporary flower gardens.

Without question, roses seem to win all the popularity contests nationwide every year, especially since the introduction years ago of the beautiful hybrid tea roses. But for so many reasons, I'll take a garden full of peonies anytime.

For one thing, caring for a number of peony plants is so much simpler than the seemingly extreme insecurity of a group of rose bushes.

So many bad things can happen to a rose bush. But plant a few peony roots in the full sun and they'll provide beauty and usefulness for years to come with practically no care at all. The peony is like the little black dress of flowers...stylish, timeless and always reliable. And they just keep coming back, year after year after year.

When planted in a proper growing area, peonies will bloom for 50, 75 or even 100 years. Because they were favorites of our grandparents, they're often labeled as old fashioned, but they have enjoyed

a modern appeal, too. Their new colors of coral, salmon and yellow, and their versatile flower forms offer the new generation of flower gardeners real beauty in both the garden and the vase. Their showy structure, and absolutely out of this world fragrance, can't help but win you over and entice you to plant more of them.

Horticulturists tell us to plant carefully when we plant peonies. We should not plant them near trees that will give them unwanted shade. They should always be planted in well drained soil because they don't

like wet feet. Peonies also detest being transplanted to a new area. Their six to seven foot roots make moving them difficult. They should be fertilized just once a year, ideally in the spring while they are growing and using up soil nutrients. When the foliage turns brown after that first hard freeze in the fall, cut the old stalks back to the ground, and expect it to be even more beautiful the following spring.

One of the most popular peonies in this area is one called Festival Maxima, complete with elegant white blooms with a few red streaks,

which was introduced more than 150 years ago.

Yellow peonies are a bit more rare, but there is a new one called Yellow Crown that offers blooms up to 8 inches across under proper growing conditions, and can be ordered for \$49.95 per root, or 4 for only \$159.95. Most established cultivars of peonies are priced as low as \$5.95 each.

Please do not resist the urge to plant a few peony roots this fall. You'll love 'em, and those that follow you will forever be grateful!

Telemarketers target victims using cell phones

Over the past few years, thousands of Kansans have registered their phone numbers with the Do Not Call Registry, cutting back on the number of telemarketing calls they receive. Unfortunately, this has not stopped telemarketers from finding new ways to violate the law and get your money or personal information.

If you haven't registered yet, you can do that by calling 1-888-382-1222 or going to www.ag.ks.gov/nocall. Once you have been on the registry for 31 days, most businesses are prohibited from calling you to attempt to sell you a product or service. Exceptions include calls soliciting charitable donations, calls concerning political candidates or issues and calls from businesses with which you have a prior relationship.

Scam artists will also often try to target victims over the telephone. Here are some of the latest telephone scams reported to our office:

Tech support

Consumers throughout the state have reported being called by some-

one claiming to be technical support for Microsoft or other software companies. The caller tells the consumer that his or her software license has expired and must be renewed. They may ask for payment over the phone or direct the consumer to a website where they can enter their payment information. In addition to gaining access to your credit card or bank account number, these sites can also be a source of viruses which allow the scammer to steal even more of your personal information.

Software companies will not contact you over the phone to offer unsolicited technical support. If you do need technical assistance, contact your software provider directly by using a number provided with your software or through the company's legitimate website.

Text messages

A growing number of companies are using text messages to inform their customers of sales and special offers. This can be a useful marketing tool for companies, and valuable to customers, as long as they have opted to receive these messages. If

you receive unsolicited text message offers you have not signed up for, be suspicious. Be especially wary of text messages claiming you have won a prize and asking you to respond to claim it. This is just another way scammers can try to gain access to your money and personal information.

Getting you to contact them

Scammers are also getting around no-call laws by finding ways for you to contact them. This may come in the form of unsolicited postcards or emails offering extended car warranties, magazine subscriptions or get-rich-quick or work-from-home schemes. Abide by the old saying,

"If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

You may be better off not answering calls from numbers you do not recognize on your caller ID. Legitimate businesses and individuals trying to contact you will leave you a message and include a number where you can call them

back. If you do receive unsolicited calls after registering on the Do-Not-Call list, please let us know. You can file a complaint with our Consumer Protection Division by visiting our website www.ag.ks.gov. For more information, call our Consumer Protection Hotline at (800)-432-2310.

Worship warms the heart



Calvary Gospel Church

Pastor: Randy and Mary Payne
Fourth & College • 890-3605
Sunday: Kid's Church: 10 am
Morning Service: 8:30 and 10:30 am
Prayer and Praise: 5:00 p.m. except last Sunday of the month
Wednesday: Royal Rangers, Missionettes 6:30 p.m. during school year
Youth @ the Rock House, Sixth & Caldwell: 6:30 p.m.
Life Groups - Call for information
Join us on Facebook
www.calvarygospel.net

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Celebrant: Father Norbert Dlabal
307 W. 13th • 890-7205
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
5-5:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment
Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am
Spanish Mass:
Sunday: 12:30 pm

Goodland United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman 899-3631
Pastors: Dustin and Shelly Petz
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Simple Supper "Free will Offering"
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages

Pleasant Home Church

Serving the rural community
for over 120 years
Rt. 1, Box 180 • 3190 Road 70
(785) 694-2807
Pastor: Perry Baird
Sunday: Worship Service: 9 a.m.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Promiseland Baptist Church

Pastor: Rick Holmes • 890-7082
225 W. 16th
(785) 890-7944
Sunday: Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Morning Service: 11:30 a.m.
Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study Service 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays: Adult Bible Study 7-8 p.m.

Bible Baptist Church

Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks
Fifth & Broadway
890-7368
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Morning Service: 10 a.m.
Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
(719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 a.m.

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

La Luz Del Mundo
Spanish Speaking Church
Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.
1601 Texas • 899-5275
Daily Prayer: Sunday thru Saturday: 5a.m. & 6 p.m.
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 a.m.

United Methodist Church Brewster

Pastor: Dorine Chambers
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST
Winona:
Minister: Sheryl Johnson
Worship Service: 9 a.m. CST
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Pastor: Rev. Carol Edling Jolly
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233
Sunday: Church School - All ages 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group: 1st and 3rd Sundays 5-7 p.m.
Thursday: Prayer Class - Noon
Pastor Carol's Class 5:30 p.m.
www.goodlandfccdoc.org

Kanorado United Methodist Church

Pastor: Leonard Cox
399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene

Pastor: Bob Willis
Third & Caldwell
899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Service: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Celebrant: Father Don Martin
13th & Center
Church 890-2115 or 890-7245
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday evening

Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
6 p.m. AWANA during school
Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 youth group
Growth groups call for information
www.goodlandbible.org

First Baptist Church

Pastor: Travis Blake
1121 Main
890-3450
Sunday:
Coffee fellowship: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
Wheatridge Center

H2O Church.TV

Pastor: Craig Groeschel
1022 Main
(785) 728-0123
Experience Time
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Harvest Evangelical Free Church

521 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-6423
Pastor: Brian Fugleberg
Sunday: Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday:
Senior High: 6:30 p.m. at the church
Junior High: 6:30 p.m. at the church
www.goodlandefree.com

Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail
Pastor: Jerry Nowack
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Pastor: Darian Hybl
Sunday: Christian education/fellowship:
10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 a.m.

Church of Christ

401 Caldwell
890-6185
Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 p.m.

The following sponsors urge YOU to attend your chosen House of Worship this Sabbath:

Short & Son Trucking
Hwy. 24

Koons Funeral Chapel
North Main

Good Samaritan Center
208 W. 2nd

Goodland Star-News
1205 Main St.

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3023 W. 31

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The Goodland Rotary Club met for their regular weekly meeting Friday, April 27, at the Northwest Kansas Technical College meeting room. After the noon meal, President Marty Melia called the meeting to order.

The club welcomed guest of Linda Koon, Dane Scherling who is the husband of Linda's guest speaker.

The membership application for Ryan Hembree, manager of the Goodland Wal Mart, was passed around for club approval, having been approved by the Rotary Board. The club members in attendance gave their approval to Hembree's membership.

A work sign up sheet was sent around to round up help for the Run For The Wall Rotary breakfast on May 20 at the Armory building.

President Melia reminded the club members that the Rotary District Conference was underway in Phillipsburg, with Fred Hall and Wayne Aten and their spouses attending the conference through Saturday.

The Rotarian of the day was Linda Koons, who presented a two part program. The first part featured Lincoln Wilson, representing the Goodland Kiwanis Club, who talked about the Kiwanis Key Leader

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Ruleton Eager Beavers

The Tuesday, April 1, monthly meeting of the Ruleton Eager Beavers was called to order with 20 member, three leaders and seven guests and parents answering roll call of your favorite Easter egg color. There were four birthdays acknowledged.

The club voted to donate funds to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Final preparations were discussed for the club garage sale fundraiser.

Caleb Dechant led the group in singing "Baby Shark." Truman

hooker gave a demonstration on "Measuring Up." Cody Hooker gave a safety talk called "Woodworking 101." Hannah Dechant gave a project talk on "Sheep Feed and Conditioning." Truman Hooker led the group in playing a game of tag for recreation.

The meeting was adjourned by saying the club motto. Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 28, following the garage sale. Refreshments were provided by the Hooker and Dechant families.
Submitted by Annika Linin

Visitors and those interested in joining Rotary are always welcome to attend the Goodland Rotary meetings, held every Friday at noon in the NW Tech College Student Union.

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