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4. Persons age 18 or older are eligible to enter.
5. Deadline for entries: 4 p.m., Friday, June 20, or when the first load arrives, if earlier.

6. Previous winners and previous first loads are ineligible, as are employees and relatives of *The Oberlin Herald*.

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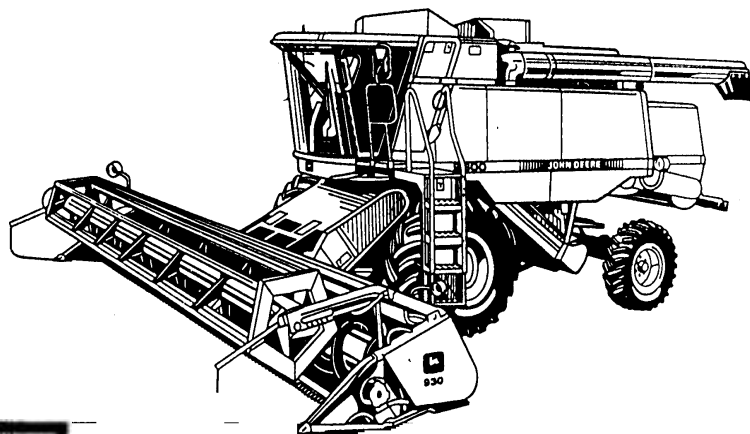
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## Adaptable peonies grow well in Kansas

Peonies are the one plant we can all grow and enjoy. It has to be the all time workhorse of the garden. It is always so good to see their red sprouts peeking up through the ground in early spring. The fragrance and beauty of those big blossoms is such a treat, and the green foliage of the plant acts as a filler and background all summer until frost finally cuts them down.

**Master Gardener**  
*By Shirley Shields*

There are two groups of peonies, herbaceous and tree. Tree peonies grow to eye level on woody stems with few branches. The stems of these peonies stay alive during the winter and bloom early. Although their blooms come in a broader spectrum of colors, they are less common because they require more care and are more expensive.

petals. Semi doubles are a mass of loose petals and stamens scattered throughout the bloom.

Doubles are very full flowers, and the bomb peonies are characterized by narrow guard petals surrounding a pompon tuft of dense petals.

Herbaceous peonies are much more common, and do well in our soil and climate. The flowers are grouped into five primary types according to the shape of the petals. These are single, Japanese, anemone, semi double, double and the secondary bomb.

My tree peony bloomed the first part of May. The foliage is lovely and the single pink blooms are about eight inches in diameter. The Japanese has not yet bloomed, but last year the blossom held up well. They do not fall over like the double. It did dry up late last summer, but looks great this spring.

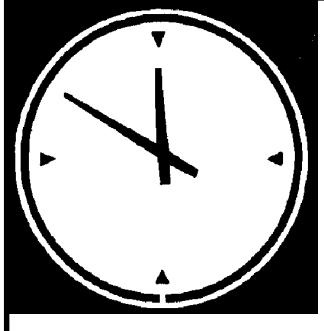
The peony "Kansas" is a bomb, and truly a favorite of mine for drying. It is a fairly old one but still readily available.

The extension office has a really good bulletin called "Peonies in the Garden." It contains information on fertilizing your plants, and cutting and storage for home and cemetery.

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## Bark beetles can attack cedars and windbreaks

Drought and bark beetles are an unhealthy combination in windbreaks, many of which have dead or dying trees. Kansas Forest Service is recommending owners of unhealthy windbreaks take action this spring and summer. The extended drought has put cedar trees in a stressed state. Bark beetles, which prey on weakened trees, have moved in and are killing these cedars.

the limbs and trunk must be saturated to kill the bark beetle.

Bark beetles may be referred to as shot beetles, shot hole borers, engraver beetles, or European Elm Bark Beetles. They are tiny beetles only 1/8-inch long, often choose conifers and hardwoods that are under stress, and are extremely destructive.

Dead and declining windbreak trees should be cut down and burned. Spraying windbreaks is not an effective control, as most spraying methods are foliar. The bark of

Recent rains have helped with the drought, however, additional watering may be needed to keep windbreaks alive. Kansas Forest Service is recommending that they be watered 10 to 12 hours a setting twice a month.

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