

SANDRA'S SPIRIT

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Seedling SL4. First bloomed, and propagated, 2006. SINGLE. Parentage: 'Prosperity Maud' x open pollinated. An advanced generation hybrid open pollinated offspring of 'Prosperity Maud'. The foliage is mid green with slightly purple leaf axils. The leaf margins are smooth and the leaves have sparse trichomes on the reverse. The stems are glabrous and thick. Though the plant stands without support it has a spreading or open crown. Height 70 cm (28"). The light pink flowers are neither cupped nor flat but present with the exterior petals flexed backwards as the flower ages. Petal substance is stiff and the flowers hold their colour very well over time. Two to 3 flowers per stem. Appears to resist early frost damage very well and reliably produces perfectly formed symmetrical flowers. The centre flares are discrete and are an intensifying salmon pink which gives the flowers greater visual depth. The filament ring is generous and tidy. Pollen and seeds. 'Sandra's Spirit' flowers at approximately the same time as 'Red Charm'. Named in honour of Sandra Lawrence, an exemplary Wife, Mother and Gardener. A donation was made to Le Nichoir Wild Bird Rehabilitation Centre for the privilege of naming this peony.