**Rules and procedures for cut flowers exhibition**

**Categories**

For 2017, the Société québécoise de la pivoine and the Canadian Peony Society in association with the Parc Marie-Victorin will present the peony show. For this occasion, the choice of winning peonies will be done by judges. There will be 45 categories for the exhibition of cut peonies. Look at the bilingual document on categories. Visitors will have the opportunity to vote for the «Coup de cœur» peony (favorite peony of the show). Voting people will have the opportunity to win a peony.

**Trophies**

A trophy will be presented to the person having the winning peony chosen by the judges. The «Cascades» trophy will be presented to the person having the greatest number of winning flowers. The «Coup de cœur» trophy will be presented to the person having the peony preferred by the public.

**Rules**

1. The stem does not have leaves (to facilitate conservation) and must not be longer than 30 cm (12 inches). The stem must not be more than 4 cm (2 inches) out of the vase. Tree peonies can be shorter.
2. Participating flowers must be identified with the species or cultivar name plus the class. To validate the name, the SQP refers to The Peony Database of Carsten Burkhardt. [www.paeo.de/name/index.html](http://www.paeo.de/name/index.html)
3. To exhibit flowers, you must use identification cards given by the SQP on arrival. No other identification must be visible.
4. Not identified flowers will be displayed but won’t be eligible.
5. Those who display flowers can participate to the voting.
6. The court of honor shows the best flowers exhibited. These flowers will be chosen by the judges among the classes winners.
7. The counting for the peony «Coup de cœur» will be done by the organising comity under the supervision of a SQP member.

**Procedure**

1. You can enter your peonies on Friday, June 16th 2017 from 17h00 to 20h00 and Saturday 17th from 8h00 to 10h00 in the PMV big top.
2. On arrival, the exhibitors register and receive the identification cards for their flowers.
3. The exhibitors put their flowers in the vases and place them at the appropriate places on the tables.