



VASHON PEONY CO.

Vashon Peony Co. | Vashon-Maury Island Garden Club | Ranunculus Workshop

Pre-sprouting

The workshop will look at VPC's pre-sprouting method. Ranunculus benefit from pre-sprouting. While this isn't strictly necessary, it gives the plants a great start and helps eliminate pest pressure during the first growth stage when they are most likely to be targeted by voles and rodents.

Growing On

After pre-sprouting, Ranunculus can be planted directly in the ground or in pots and grow best at temps between 35-55F. If planting new ranunculus in the ground before mid-April on Vashon, protect with frost cloth or other like option on cold nights.

Perennializing

Most Ranunculus are offered and grown as annuals in our zone. During our workshop we will discuss tips on lifting, storing, perennializing, propagation, and how to identify any Plant Breeder Rights prohibiting propagation or re-use.



2023 Ranunculus Workshop

Ranunculus are one of our favorite flower crops here at Vashon Peony Co. These early Spring blooms have enormous potential for sustainable commercial production on Vashon and we are excited to share with you some of the cultivation techniques we have been working on.

We will pre-sprout the majority of the corms for you so that they are ready for potting up or planting. During the workshop, we will go over our pre-sprouting process and bring in corms in multiple stages of growth for the Club to work with.

Nursery Options

We have second year Ranunculus available in our nursery stock that we will bring for sale as well. These corms were grown on Vashon last year, dry farmed, and returned large and healthy this year with no winter covering. They are a bright Super Green Mix and assorted Tecolote Picotee varieties in 1G pots.



Varieties

For our February workshop, we have four varieties:

- Elegance Dolce Vita Pastello
- LaBelle Violet
- LaBelle White Picotee

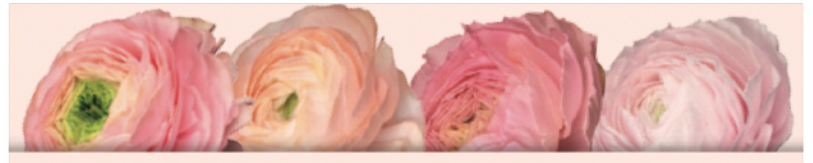
These corms are from Ednie's Bulbs and Onions Bulbs and were ordered especially for the Vashon-Maury Island Garden Club.

These pre-sprouted corms will produce 5-15 flowers this Spring.

We will have 400 Dolce Vita and 70 of each LaBelle variety available. They are \$6 per pre-sprouted corm.

We recommend buying several corms for planters or gardens and spacing 6" apart.

The LaBelle series will flower earlier than the Elegance series. The Elegance series will tolerate heat better and flower slightly longer giving you a wider range of flowering time.



	Fall Sown	Spring Sown
Pre-Soak	Early October	Late January
Plant Out	When temps drop below 50F or 3 wks before first frost	If protected: March Unprotected: Mid-April
Harvest Window	Protected: March-May Unprotected: TBD	April-June (or when temps get above 65)
Summer season	Do not irrigate/ lift after extended dry period and store	Do not Irrigate/ lift after extended dry period and store
Perennialize / Saving	TBD	Year 2 - They're doing great due to mild winter!

