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REVERSE MAGIC – Donald Smith, 46 Exeter Street, West Newton, MA 02465, August 2002. Seedling # RC-95-01. Intersectional Hybrid (Tree Peony x Herbaceous). Seed Parent: Lutea Tree Peony hybrid, **Age of Gold**. Pollen Parent: *Paeonia lactiflora* variety **Martha Washington**. First bloomed 2000. An extremely rare reverse cross intersectional hybrid. Semi-double - double tree peony type flowers on herbaceous stems. Flowers open light yellow heavily suffused with pink and gradually change to a smooth light cream beautifully overlaid and edged with light pink. Petals are nicely waved and ruffled. Large dark red flares highlight an attractive center containing a tight circle of yellow stamen and 3 pale green carpels capped with cream stigma and surrounded by a lovely pink sheath. Large flowers up to 7" in diameter. Average number of lateral buds. Flowers are held on upright to slightly arching stems just above and beyond the foliage. Plant is very hardy with stems entirely from below ground overwintering buds. Height: ~ 28-30". Dark green attractive foliage that becomes ragged and unattractive by late summer and this seriously detracts from its value as a landscape plant. Registered primarily for its uniqueness as a reciprocal cross hybrid and for its extremely attractive flowers. Mild but pleasant fragrance.



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