

'THE SAGE'--MAY 2009

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OUR 2009 SPRING PLANT LIST can be viewed on-line by clicking on **SPRING PLANTS** on the left side of our home page. This comprehensive listing contains every plant that Klein's will be offering for the 2009 season and is extremely helpful for both the home gardener and landscaper alike. The list contains fun facts, cultural information and pot or pack size for each item and comes in very handy in planning your garden this spring. BUT, PLEASE call ahead to make sure a desired plant is ready for sale or that we still have it in stock. Because we "grow our own", all supplies are limited.

AND NEW IN 2009, you'll be able to plant up your very own containers in our cozy and well-stocked "Potting Shed". It's all very simple:

Either bring in your own pots or purchase one of ours. Then, using our own famous potting soil, you'll be able to create your own masterpiece onsite! We'll simply charge you for the plants and the amount of soil you use (based on the pot size). We require, of course, that no plants be brought in from outside sources and it's always a good idea to call ahead to reserve a spot--especially during peak hours. Just ask for Jen @ 244-5661. Our talented staff will be available to answer all questions, help pick out some plants and to get you started. We'll even deliver them for you for an added fee.

THE MAD GARDENER

"Madison's Firsthand Source for Expert Gardening Advice"

Ask any of your gardening questions by e-mailing them to us at madgardener@kleinsfloral.com. Klein's in-house **Mad Gardener** will e-mail you with an answer as promptly as we can. We'll be posting a link to this e-mail address on our home page and also in all subsequent newsletters. Your question might then appear in the **"You Asked"** feature of our monthly newsletter. If your question is the one selected for our monthly newsletter, you'll receive a small gift from us at Klein's. The **Mad Gardener** hopes to hear from you soon!

Sorry, we can only answer those questions pertaining to gardening in Southern Wisconsin and we reserve the right to leave correspondence unanswered at our discretion. Please allow 2-3 days for a response.

MAY STORE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday : 8:00-8:00

Saturday: 8:00-6:00

Sunday: 9:00-5:00

Open Memorial Day, May 25, 9:00-5:00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May 5--Cinco de Mayo

May 9--Full Moon

May 10--This is Madison's average last frost date, but keep your eye on the weather before planting. Madison has a notorious reputation for late May frosts. Many local old-time gardeners refuse to plant, especially their tomatoes, peppers, morning glories, etc. until Memorial Day weekend when the soil has warmed properly. Novice gardeners especially have a tendency to plant too early!

May 10--Mother's Day. Order early and shop early!!! Mother's Day is second only to Valentine's Day for deliveries and the Saturday before Mother's Day is traditionally our busiest day of the entire year. Extra drivers will be on the road Saturday, May 10 for prompt and efficient service. Click on **Delivery Information** on the left side of our home page for more details about Klein's delivery. **We will not be delivering on Mother's Day, Sunday May 10.**

May 25--Memorial Day-the unofficial beginning of summer! Store Hours: 9-5:00

'THE FLOWER SHOPPE':

The weekend of Mother's Day is THE busiest time of the year at Klein's, far surpassing even Valentine's Day. The showrooms bustle with not only shoppers looking for that perfect Mother's Day gift, but also gardeners with cartloads of annuals, vegetables, perennials, seeds and garden supplies. Our retail cooler is filled to the brim with stunning spring arrangements for mom and buckets of loose cut flowers to create your own at home. An array of beautiful blooming plants makes your selection even more difficult.

Avoid the rush by shopping early. Call us 608/244-5661 or 888/244-5661 to talk to one of our designers personally or order on line. Click on 'Floral Arrangements' on the left side of our home page.

Klein's has it all for mom--"one-stop shopping" for floral arrangements, gorgeous hanging baskets and patio pots, interesting and whimsical garden ornaments or the ever-appreciated gift certificate.

The following is from the Society of American Florists website at www.aboutflowers.com --a fantastic source for all information regarding the cut flower industry:

"The first celebrations of Mother's Day can be traced back to the ancient Greeks, who worshiped mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele. During the 1600s in England a special day was set apart as Mothering Day, a day of taking small cakes and trinkets to mothers".

"In the United States the idea for Mother's Day has generally been credited to Anna Jarvis. The first Mother's Day observance was a church service held at her request in Grafton, West Virginia (the burial place of her mother) on May 10, 1908. Because of her mother's fondness for them, Miss Jarvis wore a carnation to that first service. She went on to play an active role in encouraging the government to establish a national holiday to honor mothers everywhere. By 1911 Mother's Day was being celebrated throughout the United States, as well as in Mexico, Canada, South America, China, Japan and Africa. On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as National Mother's Day and asked all Americans to offer their respect and love for mothers publicly".

MOM DESERVES TO BE PAMPERED:

For all the work Mom does throughout the year she deserves to be pampered on Mother's Day. The Society of American Florists has provided the following tips to make Mom feel extra special:

- If you're planning on taking Mom out to eat, take a plate, bowl, napkin and set of silverware to your florist the week before Mother's Day. Ask your florist to make a floral arrangement in the bowl and include the silverware among the flowers. Then slip in an invitation to her favorite restaurant.
- Invite Mom to brunch or dinner at her favorite restaurant and have a flower arrangement delivered right to your table for all to see.

- For Moms that like to cook, ask your florist to create an herb garden design with several small pots of herbs.
- Make a special tribute to Mom by sending a decorated "Mother's Day Tree." The week before Mother's Day, take several of your favorite family photos to your florist and ask him to attach them to a plant or miniature tree using colorful ribbons. Prepare the photos ahead of time by pasting them onto pretty colored papers or put them in small frames.
- If your Mom is planning on attending worship on Mother's Day, find out what she plans to wear and ask your florist to design a special corsage to match. For a very special twist, choose a new dress or hat for Mom and have it boxed and wrapped with the corsage in place of a bow on the outside.
- Give Mom something to relax with by wrapping a new book and asking your florist to place it into a fragrant flower bouquet with a note that reads "Today is your day to relax!"
- Ask your florist to help you create a special spa kit. A few days ahead of time, bring goodies like nail polish, a loofa sponge, bath crystals, oils and other pampering items to your florist and have him design a basket with the spa items on one side and flowers on the other. You could even add a certificate for a manicure, pedicure, massage or spa treatments at a local day spa or salon.
- If you want to surprise Mom from across the miles, ask a florist in her town to make a floral arrangement and include an airline ticket for a visit to you. Be sure to mail the ticket to the florist well in advance and confirm that he received it.
- Incorporate flowers into a theme gift. If Mom is an avid gardener, ask the florist to create a design that includes gardening goodies such as a trowel, garden gloves, seed packets and tools. If Mom is a bird watcher, how about a design in a bird feeder? An athletic would certainly appreciate a pair of workout shoes - with flowers arranged inside. Tennis balls, golf balls or sport headbands can be a unique addition to any floral arrangement. If Mom loves clothes or jewelry, tie a scarf or drape a necklace around a vase of flowers to make the gift extra special.

FOR THE KIDS:

- Give Mom a "double feature." Provide your florist with the latest edition of the newspaper movie section, and ask him to include it in a box of flowers. Decorate the outside of the box with movie theater candy and attach a card that tells Mom she gets to see a movie of her choice. Of course, you buy the tickets and the popcorn!
- Let Mom know you think she is your treasure with a treasure hunt! Visit your local flower shop and pick out several pretty stems of flowers. Ask the florist to put water tubes on the flowers. Tell Mom that she is on a treasure hunt and give her clues as to where she can find each of the flowers. At the end of the hunt, have an empty vase ready with a card telling Mom what a treasure she is to you. Then you can arrange the flowers in the vase together.
- Give Mom a kitchen break. Take a cooking pot from your kitchen along with some kitchen utensils to your florist. Ask him to make a floral arrangement in the pot that includes the utensils. Give the arrangement to Mom with a note that tells her she is getting a kitchen break. Then let her sit back and relax while you and Dad prepare dinner.
- Surprise Mom with a home pampering party. When she comes in the door, have rose petals on the floor leading to the bathroom. Prepare a bubble bath and float rose petals in the water. Place small vases of flowers on the edge of the tub with scented candles and a cup of tea or a glass of wine. Then leave her alone to relax.
- Breakfast in bed is a treat that every Mom loves. Dads and kids can prepare a special morning for Mom by greeting her with a homemade breakfast in bed, on a tray adorned with fresh flowers.
- For a very personal tribute, write her a note telling Mom why you're glad she's your mom and attach it to a long stemmed rose.
- Present Mom with a vase of her favorite flowers. On each stem tie a "coupon" for a chore that you promise to do.

Klein's "12 Month Blooming Plant or Fresh Flower Club"

Send or receive a whole year of seasonal blooming plants or fresh flower arrangements and save!!

There's no easier way to give gorgeous blooming plants or fresh flower arrangements, month after month. Each month a seasonal blooming plant or fresh arrangement will arrive on yours or a loved one's doorstep. You choose the start date and we'll make your special delivery the very same day each month.

For just \$300, we'll send a year's worth of seasonal blooming plants--perhaps a bulb garden or azalea in the spring, one of our famous large geraniums or a tropical hibiscus in the summer, a chrysanthemum or Thanksgiving cactus in the fall or one of our homegrown poinsettias or cyclamen for the holidays and winter months. Selection of the blooming plant will be based on availability.

And for just \$350, receive one of Klein's lovely fresh floral arrangements. All arrangements will be seasonal and will contain only the freshest flowers. All arrangements are **Designer's Choice**, but are sure to satisfy the most discerning lover of fresh flowers.

Prices include delivery within our delivery area. For delivery details click on "**Delivery Information**" on the left side of our home page. If your chosen delivery date happens to fall on a Sunday or holiday, we will deliver it on the next available delivery day. All regular delivery conditions apply.

Order your **12 Months of Flowers** by calling Klein's at **608/244-5661** or **888/244-5661** or by stopping in. We request that payment be made in full before the first delivery and the prices do not include sales tax.

DID YOU KNOW. . .

. . .that Klein's continues to be family owned and operated? Yes, since 1913 the Klein family has owned and operated Klein's Floral and Greenhouses at the same East Washington Ave. location, making us the oldest garden center in the greater Madison area and actually one of the oldest continuously operating businesses of any kind in the city of Madison. With so much experience under our belt, it's no wonder we continue to grow and thrive. And in all that time, there have been only three Klein owners.

Sue Klein has owned Klein's Floral and Greenhouses since 1990. Amazing changes have occurred under Sue's ownership, and our loyal customers are the first to attest to all the wonderful improvements. Under Sue, Klein's exposure in the community continues to increase. We're no longer one of Madison's "best kept secrets". Klein's is becoming increasingly visible in the Madison community through involvement and sponsorship. We continue to modernize the facility and offer the customer high quality and cutting edge product. But most importantly, Klein's has invested itself in top notch staff that are both knowledgeable and personable. Many of Klein's employees have been there many years through all the changes, and continue to strive to make Klein's Madison's premier garden center.

The future? Continued success ensures Klein's place as Madison's one-stop-shop for annuals, vegetables, perennials, herbs, seasonal plants, houseplants and cut flowers. The fact that Sue has four children might also help. Jim, Jonathan and Michael already help out as much as possible between school and sports. And daughter, Megan, has spent much of her young childhood running through the greenhouses or "helping out" in the flower shop. The next Klein generation is at the doorstep so stay tuned!

NOTES FROM MY GARDEN JOURNAL--Tips and Observations from My Own Garden by Rick Halbach.

ENTRY: APRIL 20, 2009

Just looking out of the TV room window and into the backyard, we have a lot of work ahead of us this spring. We can't wait for warm weather to enjoy the new screenhouse we had built out back last fall. But as a result of the construction, there's a lot of landscaping and repair work to the yard to be done. The workmen were very careful not to step on plants in the surrounding perennial beds, but the lawn on the other hand took a pretty sound beating. Day after day the workers took the same routes through the yard to the work site and even now 7 months later the grass isn't growing as well in the areas that were really compacted. In addition, they needed to dig a trench right through the middle of the yard to supply the screenhouse with electricity. Luckily, yesterday was the perfect day to get a bit of yard work done and do the lawn repair. April is a great time to plant grass seed. The rainy and cool weather make for ideal germination and growing conditions for nearly all turf grasses.

In preparation, I had backfilled the trench with the removed soil last fall, but it had settled a good 2 inches over winter and with recent heavy rains. I simply filled the trench with bagged topsoil, tamped it down by foot, loosened the top inch with a garden rake and liberally broadcast the area with a layer of good, all-purpose grass seed. I then lightly

raked the seeded area and watered it thoroughly. In just a few days I should see a blanket of delicate seedlings filling in the bare soil. The key to success now is to keep the area well-watered until the seedlings are well established.

For the areas of the yard that were compacted by foot traffic, I strapped on my aerating shoes (available at larger garden centers and home improvement stores) and enjoyed a leisurely stroll round and round the back yard. I bet Julie next door got a kick out of that!

After aerating the yard I broadcast seed evenly over the grass, focusing particularly on the spots where the lawn seems thin. I watered the lawn thoroughly to ensure two things: that the grass seeds are washed down to the soil level in order to make contact for germination and that the area is well-watered to give the plants a good start. More typically I give the yard a broadcasting of grass seed each fall, rather than spring, for a thick carpet the following year. After all, a thick turf is the safest and surest way to avoid weeds from taking hold.

ENTRY: APRIL 25, 2009

I can't believe that I'm already receiving catalogs for flowers I won't even see until May or June of 2010! That's more than a year away. But it's now while the spring bulbs are in full bloom that we receive the bulb catalogs for fall planting. The reason is obvious. It's now, while the tulips, daffodils and alliums are growing and blooming that we are reminded that we not only want more of them or what the neighbors have in their yards, but also it's the time of the year to note where we can create new daffodil beds, where the tulips have diminished over time or where we can fill in some holes in the perennial beds with sweeps of scilla, muscari, crocus or trillium. After all, shortly after the spring bulbs are finished blooming, the foliage yellows and withers away, disappearing entirely as the summer garden goes into full bloom. By September, the tulips blooming now are a long gone memory--making shopping difficult as the spring blooming bulbs appear at local garden centers. Therefore, it's now that I make my notes and begin planning for fall planting--even though I haven't even begun my spring planting yet! I notice NOW that I need more allium over near the blue spruce or that I really don't like those pink tulips in the front bed anymore. It's NOW that I'm really loving the primrose yellow daffodils over the bright yellow daffodils and I need more of those throughout the yard. It's NOW that I'm appreciating the diminutive and subtle species tulips that are lining the rock wall. And it's NOW that I want every bulb I see blooming at Olbrich Gardens. It's time to order spring bulbs NOW!

John Scheeper's @ www.johnscheepers.com or 860/567-0838
McClure & Zimmerman @ www.mzbulb.com or 800/883-6998

ENTRY: APRIL 27, 2009

YEAH, it's time to start clearing the plants out of the basement! Some of those coleus and geranium cuttings have been down there under shop lights since last September and I don't think they can take the lack of fresh air and sunshine much longer! My new seedlings are right at the point where natural light, cool night temps and the wind will prevent them from becoming leggy. The time is right to get almost everything outside. The forecast for the upcoming week looks great, with daytime highs in the 60's and overnight lows for the most part in the 40's.

The first bit of prep work is to free up space in the garage. The pickup truck is gonna spend the next few weeks outside. The garage is the perfect place to acclimate the plants for a life in the big outdoors. I've already set up a few card tables just inside the garage door. As I bring my flats of seedlings from the basement, they spend their first few days on those tables. Being just inside the garage, the young plants receive ample natural light, but are protected from full sun or the wind. Each evening I close the garage door to protect them from the still very cool nights. After a few days have passed, I move the seedlings outside to full sun (or shade depending on the plant requirement) ready to move them back inside the garage for exceptionally cold nights or in the event of a thunderstorm. By May 10, my annuals and vegetables will be fully acclimated and ready for planting in my beds and containers.

As for my overwintered plants; I first place them in a shady and protected spot for a few days. After they've been outside for a while, I gradually move them to spots that fit their light requirements. Again, I need to be prepared to move them to the garage during cold snaps or to protect them from strong winds or hail.

KLEIN'S RECIPES OF THE MONTH--These are a selection of relatively simple recipes chosen by our staff. New recipes appear monthly. Enjoy!!

Strawberry season is a number of weeks away yet, but it's never too soon to go into the new pick-your-own season with a few new recipes in hand. With the local farmers' markets in full swing, hoop house, locally raised berries will be appearing in short order. Some say homegrown berries taste the best of all! Klein's offers several varieties of both June and Everbearing varieties for the home garden. In addition, we sell hanging baskets of an everbearing variety known to produce handfuls of the sweetest berries all summer long.

SPINACH STRAWBERRY SALAD--Talk about fresh spring flavors! This favorite of adults and kids alike is from *Asparagus to Zucchini: A Guide to Farm-Fresh Seasonal Produce*.

2 TBS. sesame seeds, toasted and set aside
4 TBS. sugar
4 TBS. red wine vinegar
Minced garlic to taste
1 tsp. dry mustard
coarse salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup vegetable oil (not olive)
2 bags of spinach
2+ cups sliced strawberries
1 tsp. dried dill

Combine the sugar, vinegar, mustard, garlic, salt and pepper in a bowl. Whisk in the oil in a thin stream. Toss together with the spinach, berries, dill and sesame seeds. Serves 8.

RHUBARB STRAWBERRY SAUCE--We don't remember the source for this one, but it's absolutely delicious over ice cream or pancakes. A sure family favorite!

3 cups rhubarb in 1/2" chop
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup water
1 pt. strawberries, halved
2 TBS. fresh, chopped mint

Combine the rhubarb, sugar and water in a saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally, until the sugar is dissolved. Simmer gently for 7 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the strawberries. Transfer to a bowl and stir in the mint. Serve either warm or chilled.

ROSY CHAMPAGNE PUNCH--This party pleaser will become a favorite for its sheer ease and refreshing qualities. Appeared in a December 1989 issue of Parade. The punchbowl quantity shown here can be easily adjusted as needed.

8 cups ripe strawberries
1 cup sugar (fine if possible for easy dissolving)
2 bottles (750 ml) chilled dry white wine, e.g., chablis
4 bottles (750 ml) chilled champagne
2 cups chilled strawberry juice or any berry juice.

Wash and hull the berries, halving the large ones as needed. Place the berries in a large punch bowl. Sprinkle with the sugar and toss gently. Pour the wine over the berries and let rest in a cool place for 2-3 hours. Just before serving stir in the champagne and the juice.

RHUBARB STRAWBERRY CRISP--Strawberries and rhubarb are a match made in heaven; hence the hundreds of recipes that combine the two. Both appear at the same time in the garden perhaps making the pairing inevitable. The following appeared in the April 2008 issue of Cooking Light magazine.

6 cups sliced rhubarb
2 1/2 cups halved strawberries
3/4 cup sugar
3 TBS. cornstarch
1 tsp. orange zest
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
2/3 cup flour
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup rolled oats (not quick cooking)
1/4 tsp. more cinnamon
a dash of salt
6 TBS. chilled butter cut into small pieces

Preheat the oven to 375°. Combine the rhubarb, strawberries, sugar, cornstarch, orange zest and 1/2 tsp. cinnamon. Spoon into a 9 x 13" baking dish coated with cooking spray. Combine the flour, brown sugar, oats, 1/4 tsp. cinnamon and salt in a bowl. Cut in the butter with a pastry blender. Sprinkle over the filling. Bake for 30 minutes until bubbly. Let stand 10 minutes.

NEW PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT--Each month we will spotlight some new product that we already carry or one that we've taken note of and plan to carry in the near future. Likewise, if you would like to see Klein's to carry a product that we don't currently, please let us know. Our goal is to be responsive to the marketplace and to our loyal clientele. If a product fits into our profile, we will make every effort to get it into our store. In addition, we may be able to special order an item for you, whether plant or hard good, given enough time. **This month's spotlight features Bond Manufacturing Company's line of gardening tools and "Garden For The Cause" and the fight against breast cancer:**

From the Garden for the Cause website at: www.gardenforthecause.com.

In the fight against breast cancer, Bond Manufacturing has introduced its new line of pink tools, "Garden for the Cause". A portion of all sales of this new line will go directly to NBCF, one of the most respected foundations in the fight against breast cancer. Bond Manufacturing is proud to support the National Breast Cancer Foundation and Klein's is happy to carry their full line of Garden for the Cause hand tools.

The mission of the NBCF is to save lives by increasing awareness of breast cancer through education and by providing mammograms and medical treatment for those in need. NBCF works with local organizations to execute programs that provide services to women who lack the financial resources for breast cancer and treatment.

Beyond their bright, cheerful appearance, this complete line of eye-catching pink tools is ergonomically designed for women and includes gardening hand tools, kneeling pads, rakes, shovels, tool kits and watering items.

The Unfortunate Facts of Breast Cancer

- Over 200,000 American women develop breast cancer each year.
- 1 out of 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Breast cancer is the leading cause of death in women between the ages of 40 and 55.
- When breast cancer is found early, there is a 96% survival rate.
- If breast cancer is not detected and goes untreated, the disease will be fatal.
- 46,000 women will die of breast cancer this year.

Learn more at www.nationalbreastcancer.org

NATURAL NEWS--

Klein's continues to pride ourselves, thanks to retail manager, Jennifer Wadyka, with our growing selection and wide number of options in natural pest control and fertilizers. The current market dictates that we continue carrying traditional products, but with continued education and public concern, we're hoping we can someday eliminate most, if not all, chemical pesticides and fertilizers. As we continue to expand our selection, your feedback is critical--we need to know what products work best, what works with limited success and, equally important, what products don't work at all. Companies we've carried for a number of years and with great success include:

PHARM SOLUTIONS --From the web site press release at www.pharmsolutions.com:

These are the world's first USDA certified organic pesticides.

Developed by a family of Organic Growers, the Pharm Solutions line of patent pending organic pesticides have been available since 2004. In Jan, 2005 the ready-to-use line was voted "Best New Product", "Best New Packaging" and "Best of Show" by the Lawn and Garden Marketing & Distribution Association. Recognizable in its distinctive colorful packaging, the line is available nationwide at Independent Lawn and Garden Centers (Klein's), Farm Supply Stores, Whole Foods Markets, Smith and Hawken, Fred Meyer Stores, as well as many catalogs and gardening web sites. Products are made from organic soaps and oils.

MESSINA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT "Repelling pests, not customers"

From the web site at www.messinawildlife.com:

Messina Wildlife Management is a privately-owned corporation that manufactures a full line of organic animal management tools including, Deer Stopper®, Goose Stopper®, Plotsaver™, Plotsaver Yard and Garden™ and Plotsaver Plus™. Our products are patent protected and additional patents are pending. Deer Stopper is the original pleasant smelling deer repellent™.

They also make products that repel groundhogs, moles, mosquitoes, rabbits and squirrels.

New in 2009 are products from:

ST. GABRIEL ORGANICS "The Smart Choice for Everyone"

From their website at www.milkyspore.com.

St. Gabriel Organics started over 30 years ago with one family, one idea, and one product, Milky Spore. Today the Reuter Family continues to play an important role in driving the business forward through innovation and research. The Company now manufactures a complete line of 100% natural and organic lawn care and household products. The Company is dedicated to manufacturing products that are effective and safe for you, your family, pets and the environment.

PERFECTLY Natural™ "Spectacular Results Made Safe"

From their website at www.perfectlynatural.com

Why should you use a natural approach to lawn and garden care?

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) encourages the use of safe, effective alternative pest control products.

PERFECTLY Natural products are safe and effective. They are made from natural or organic ingredients and have proven to be the most effective natural products available. Our fertilizer programs focus on improving overall plant and soil health by providing the needed nutrients in a natural way. Pesticides and chemicals can discourage the activity of beneficial soil microorganisms, versus natural and organic alternatives that promote beneficial activity in the soil.

Our weed control products kill weeds and grass quickly, with no concerns for the health of you, your pets or your family.

Natural and organic solutions focus on plant health. Using organic and natural ingredients helps to increase your plants ability to thrive in a natural setting, reducing the need for chemicals. This is an environmentally responsible approach that works.

MAY'S PLANT OF THE MONTH:

ETHNIC GREENS

As Madison's population becomes increasingly ethnically diverse, Klein's has continued to respond by growing a larger and larger selection of ethnic vegetables and herbs. Few garden centers offer as varied a selection as Klein's. For the Latin American cuisine we offer gardeners tomatillos, a huge selection of chile pepper choices (including wild piquins), epazote and Mexican oregano. And from Southeast Asia we offer bitter melon and a nice selection of Oriental eggplants. But no area has expanded faster than our selection of fresh garden greens. Quite literally, just a few years back, there were no greens to be found on the sales floor at Klein's. As we learned about the needs of our clientele and learned more about the diversity of their foods, we responded. Today, we're happy to offer a little of everything; cos lettuce, assorted kales, chard, malabar spinach, collards, arugula, radicchio, pak-choi, mustard greens and Chinese cabbages, in addition to a full selection of seeds for the spinach, beet green or mesclun lover. For more detailed information about selection, plant requirements and culture, click on **Spring Plants** on the left side of our home page and then **Vegetables**.

YOU ASKED THE MAD GARDENER. . .

I own a second home in far Northern Wisconsin. Our soil is very sandy and rocky. I'd like to know the best plants (perennial and shrubs, trees) to plant up there. keeping in mind we have deer, bear and all sorts of birds. I'm sure that limits what will survive. Any information is appreciated. Lori

Hi Lori,

By chance I have an aunt who lived in Racine and also had a second home in Minoqua. She currently lives in that home year round and is an avid gardener. She tried for years to use the plants she was familiar with here in southern Wisconsin in her "sandy and rocky" garden up there, but with little success. Plants seemed to do OK the first season, but withered away in subsequent seasons. The sandy soil dries quickly and doesn't allow the plants to root out before the onset of cold weather. In addition, many areas of Northern Wisconsin are a full 3 Zones colder than we are here in Madison! It's nearly impossible for the already weak plants to survive the cold winter. Her best success has come from using plants that are native to that area and durable prairie plants like rudbeckias, coneflowers and similar plants and they are often more dwarf than here in the southern part of the state. Your best bet is to tap the knowledge of garden centers located in the area of your second home. They can offer you the best advice and suggest the best plants for that area. They are used to answering the questions of home owners from Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Though my aunt's garden isn't as showy as she had originally intended, it's filled with durable and carefree natives. For a few beds, she's removed the sand and brought in some topsoil. It's in those beds that she's planted her perennials that can tolerate the cold but prefer richer soil like daylilies, hostas, etc., and carefree annuals like geraniums, marigolds, etc.

As for trees and shrubs, it's best to take your cues from what you see in the local forest, namely conifers (pines), birch, etc. The local garden centers will suggest ones that are especially showy and will offer tons of winter interest . . .remember that winter can last up to 7 months in the Northwoods!

Thanks for your question and Good Luck!!

The Mad Gardener

AROUND TOWN:

NOTE: If you know of any community or neighborhood events or garden tours you would like posted on our web site in our monthly newsletters, please contact Rick at (608) 244-5661. Please include all details, i.e. dates, locations, prices, brief description, etc. Our readership is ever-growing so this is a great opportunity for free advertising. Events must be garden related and must take place in the immediate Madison vicinity.

Dane County Farmer's Market

Saturdays, April 18 thru November 7, 6:00-2:00
On the Capitol Square

Wednesdays, April 22 thru November 4, 8:30-2:00
In the 200 block of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

For details visit www.madfarmmkt.org

Olbrich Garden's

Bolz Conservatory Exhibit-Light Gaps

April 4 thru June 30, 2009

Daily from 10:00-4:00, Sundays 10:00-5:00

In the Bolz Conservatory

The trees are trimmed, the bushes pruned, and it's time to see the light in the forest. Learn about light and how plants develop and change in the forest as light fluctuates. Admission to the Conservatory is \$1. Admission is always free for Olbrich Botanical Society members and children 5 and under, and is free for the general public on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave., Madison
608/246-4550 or www.olbrich.org for details

Going Green Wisconsin Expo

Saturday, May 2, 10:00-5:00

Sunday, May 3, 10:00-5:00

Going Green Wisconsin EXPO is the premier green lifestyle show in the state. The event will showcase diverse local and national green businesses displaying and selling eco-friendly, fair trade and sustainable products. The EXPO includes more than 130 exhibitors, product sampling, instructional seminars and more. Special attractions include the Green Chataouqua, a hybrid test course, the fresh market, a beer garden, a health and wellness pavilion, and a kids zone.

As an exciting gathering of people, products and resources, the EXPO is designed to enhance our daily living and to increase public awareness of all efforts to go green. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door Children under 12 are free. Please visit www.channel3000.com/mm-green-expo/index.html for more details.

Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way
Madison, WI 53713
608/267-3976 or www.alliantenergycenter.com

Dahlia Tuber Sale

Sunday, May 3, 12:00-2:00

Dahlias are late summer bloomers popular for their extravagant blooms, diverse forms, and bright colors. They're subtropical annuals grown each year from tubers dug up in the fall and overwintered in a cool, dry environment. The sale is sponsored by the Badger State Dahlia Society. For more information call 608-577-1924.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave., Madison
608/246-4550 or www.olbrich.org for details

**The Wisconsin Gardener
"Ideas for Spring"**

Thursday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.

on Wisconsin Public Television

Check local listings for the station nearest you.

Spring is a wonderful time of year to watch the world come alive and turn green again. Today host Shelley Ryan travels to Avalon, WI to learn about new plants for small scale gardens including miniature hostas and junior evergreens. UW-Madison Extension entomologist Phil Pellitteri shows how to combat bugs with some of the new insecticides available to gardeners and in Winter, Wisconsin the focus is color in the garden. The program also includes a visit to a spring woodland garden that shines in the shade.

For more information, visit www.wpt.org/garden

**Olbrich Garden's
Plant Sale with the Pros**

Friday, May 8, 4:00-7:00

Saturday, May 9, 9:00-5:00

Enjoy one-stop shopping convenience during Olbrich's Plant Sale with the Pros at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Buy the same unique plants and exclusive leaf mulch used in Olbrich's gardens. Olbrich's Plant Sale with the Pros will feature everything from annuals and perennials to ornamental grasses and shrubs. Olbrich members shop early at a special pre-sale on Friday, May 8 from 11:00 to 4:00

The plant sale will feature the newest cultivars on the market including tropical plants that will fire up your garden, small-scale garden conifers, herbs, and butterfly plants along with hundreds of annuals and perennials. Shoppers will find rare shrubs and trees, including hardy shrub roses that thrive in the challenging Wisconsin climate.

Expert Advice

Olbrich horticulturists and master gardeners will be on hand to answer any question and give expert advice. Olbrich's Schumacher Library will also be at the sale with reference books and garden information. Be inspired by plant combinations and displays developed by Olbrich's professional staff.

Take advantage of free container design and potting services at the Plant Pro Potting Bench. Get help selecting the best plants for a stunning container garden or hanging basket...then let a professional plant them for you! Pots are available for purchase at the sale or bring your own containers!

Proceeds from the plant sale benefit Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Shop early since quantities are limited. Shoppers are encouraged to bring cartons, wagons, or boxes for carrying plants. New this year, the sale will accept credit cards: MasterCard and Visa. Cash or checks also accepted.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave., Madison
608/246-4550 or www.olbrich.org for details

Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 9, 9:00-2:00

U.W.-Madison Arboretum Visitor Center

More than 100 species of quality prairie plants, woodland plants, shrubs, vines and trees are available for purchase under one tent. Experts will be on hand to answer questions. Proceeds support Arboretum projects.

University of WI Arboretum
1207 Seminole Hwy.
Madison, WI 53711
608/263-7888 or uwarboretum.org/events

The Wisconsin Gardener

“Think Green”

Saturday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.
on Wisconsin Public Television
Check local listings for the station nearest you.

Host Shelley Ryan looks at green weed control using some very common and safe kitchen products, even boiling water! Wild Parsnip is a noxious weed that poses dangers to the landscape and to gardeners. Find out how to identify and control it. On a more happy note, the program visits Rotary Gardens in Janesville where the hellebores are blooming. They are easy to grow, long-lived and low maintenance. At Olbrich Gardens in Madison Jeff Epping shows how and why certain trees and shrubs benefit from being cut back all the way to the ground every couple years.

For more information, visit www.wpt.org/garden

Spring Plant Sale

Friday, May 15, 9:00-5:00
Saturday, May 16, 9:00-5:00
Sunday, May, 17, 9:00-5:00
Rotary Gardens Horticulture Center

Featuring vegetable plants including heirloom tomatoes, bell peppers, hot peppers, basil, miscellaneous herbs and beans. Thousands of daylily divisions from the gardens will also be available for purchase as will bagged mushroom compost

Rotary Botanical Gardens
1455 Palmer Drive
Janesville, WI,
608/752-3885 or www.rotarygardens.org

Badger Bonsai Annual Show

Saturday, May 16, 10:00-5:00
Sunday, May 17, 10:00-5:00

Marvel at these growing miniature landscapes. Sponsored by the Badger Bonsai Society. For more information call 608-233-3305.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave., Madison
608/246-4550 or www.olbrich.org for details

The Wisconsin Gardener

“From Distant Shores”

Saturday, May 23, 10:30 a.m.
on Wisconsin Public Television
Check local listings for the station nearest you.

This is part of a series celebrating the gardening contributions of Wisconsin immigrants. First, however, host Shelley Ryan highlights the gardening gifts of Native Americans with a visit to the Tsyunhehkwa Project in Oneida. Learn how to create a hardy tropical garden at the Thai garden in Olbrich Gardens, and how to grow Hmong vegetables at the Green Bay Botanical Garden. Also, Liza Lightfoot shows how to create a simple water feature and shares her love for South African art.

For more information, visit www.wpt.org/garden

Spring Ephemerals and Alien Invaders

Sunday, May 24, 1:00-3:00

Discover drifts of wildflowers along the woodland trails. Explore the relationships between spring wildflowers and invasive species. Help with restoration activities by pulling invasive garlic mustard and dame's rocket. Outdoor and indoor activities are planned.

University of WI Arboretum
1207 Seminole Hwy.
Madison, WI 53711
608/263-7888 or uwarboretum.org/events

The Wisconsin Gardener "Spring Games"

Saturday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.
on Wisconsin Public Television
Check local listings for the station nearest you.

The program starts with a look at unusual annuals then teaches you how to stake perennials and build a living playhouse. The show wraps up with a tour of great shade trees.

For more information, visit www.wpt.org/garden

Iris Show

Sunday, May 31, 1:00-5:00
Sponsored by the Madison Iris Society
For details call 608/825-7423

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave., Madison
608/246-4550 or www.olbrich.org for details

Hosta Sale

Sunday, May 31, 10:00-1:00 or until supplies last
Sponsored by the Wisconsin Hosta Society

Pick up some interesting hostas to add to your collection at the Wisconsin Hosta Society's Plant Sale. These shade-loving perennials, prized for their interesting foliage, come in a variety of sizes, shapes, and colors. For more information call 608-443-4281.

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3330 Atwood Ave., Madison
608/246-4550 or www.olbrich.org for details

MAY IN THE GARDEN--A checklist of things to do this month.

- By May 1, cool weather items like pansies, cole crops, onion sets, etc. should already be planted.
- Sow successive crops of radishes and greens every 2 weeks.
- Mow your lawn frequently and at a high setting to control lawn weeds.
- Reseed bare spots in the lawn as needed.

- ___ Begin hardening off your seedlings and overwintered plants. Move inside or cover on cold nights.
- ___ Prep beds as soon as the soil is workable and not too wet.
- ___ Till compost into beds.
- ___ Perennials, shrubs and trees can now all be planted safely.
- ___ Divide and propagate most perennials as desired (except peonies & iris)
- ___ Plant strawberries and asparagus early in the month.
- ___ Plant your leftover Easter Lily into the garden. They'll bloom each July in the garden.
- ___ Be prepared to move plants indoors if a sudden cold spell (or snow) hits.
- ___ After May 10, begin setting out all plants, but **KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEATHER!**
- ___ Sow beans and corn after the last scheduled frost date.
- ___ After May 20, begin planting warm weather items: tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cucumbers, coleus, impatiens etc.
- ___ Mulch beds as needed to cut down on weeds and watering.
- ___ Begin a weeding as needed. The smaller the weed, the easier to remove.
- ___ Prune spring blooming as desired AFTER they are done flowering.
- ___ Wait until after the foliage has yellowed to cut back daffodils, tulips, etc.
- ___ Begin pinching tall perennials like asters, goldenrod, phlox, etc. for shorter and bushier plants.
- ___ Visit Klein's---SPRING PLANTING IS FINALLY HERE!.

Some of our very favorite seed and plant sources include:

For seeds:

- Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds @ www.RareSeeds.com or 417/924-8887
- Burpee @ www.burpee.com or 800/888-1447
- Harris Seeds @ www.harrisseeds.com or 800/514-4441
- Johnny's Select Seeds @ www.johnnyseeds.com or 207/861-3901
- Jung's Seeds @ www.jungseed.com or 800/247-5864
- Park's Seeds @ www.parkseed.com or 800/845-3369
- Seeds of Change @ www.seedsofchange.com or 888/762-7333
- Select Seeds @ www.selectseeds.com or 800/684-0395
- Territorial Seeds @ www.territorialseed.com or 888/657-3131
- Thompson & Morgan @ www.thompson-morgan.com or 800/274-7333

For bulbs:

- Colorblends @ www.colorblends.com or 888/847-8637
- John Scheeper's @ www.johnscheepers.com or 860/567-0838
- McClure & Zimmerman @ www.mzbulb.com or 800/883-6998

For plants:

- Heronswood Nursery @ www.heronswood.com or 360/297-4172
- High Country Gardens @ www.highcountrygardens.com or 800/925-9387
- Logee's Greenhouses @ www.logees.com or 888/330-8038
- Plant Delights Nursery @ www.plantdelights.com or 912/772-4794
- Roots and Rhizomes @ www.rootsoftheearth.com or 800/374-5035
- Wayside Gardens @ www.waysidegardens.com or 800/213-0379
- White Flower Farm @ www.whiteflowerfarm.com or 800/503-9624

Note: To receive every possible seed, plant or garden supply catalog imaginable, check out **Cyndi's Catalog of Garden Catalogs** @ www.gardenlist.com. Most catalogs are free and make for great winter reading!

BEHIND THE SCENES AT KLEIN'S--This is a sneak peek of what is going on each month behind the scenes in our greenhouses. Many people are unaware that our facility operates year round or that we have 10 more greenhouses on the property in addition to the 6 open for retail. At any given moment we already have a jump on the upcoming season--be it poinsettias in July, geraniums in December or fall mums in May.

IN MAY:

---Transplanting continues!! Early in the month we finish transplanting the seedlings for spring sales. But during mid-month we begin transplanting the seedlings for our summer "Jumbo-Pack" program. Customers continue to purchase bedding annuals through the summer months. Sometimes they're replacing plants that have succumbed to summer heat or heavy rains. Or maybe some quick color is needed for selling a house or having an outdoor party. Whatever the case, we can fill their needs.

---The spring onslaught is in full swing. The back greenhouses are filled floor to ceiling with plants awaiting purchase. Our outdoor space is a sea of color. Flats of plants waiting for sale fill most nooks and crannies of our property.

---Watering is a nonstop endeavor. On hot, windy days, we no sooner finish the first round, when we have to start all over again. Some plants in our retail areas may need watering 3 or 4 times in a single day! You wouldn't do this at home, but customers don't like to see wilted plants. It's not harmful for us to let them wilt a bit, but it makes for bad presentation.

---Restocking is also constant. Cart loads of product are moved nearly continuously from our back greenhouses to the front showrooms.

---Believe it or not, but our fall mums arrive! The small plants are put into small pots now and then stepped into larger tubs later in the summer. They won't be available for sale until mid-August.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE--JENNIFER WADYKA

A bundle of energy is the best way to describe Jennifer. Though Jennifer has worked at Klein's for 7 years, it was in 2006 that she was promoted to the retail manager position and the changes since she took the reins are quite apparent. Jennifer says her priority is always the customer. With years of retail experience, Jennifer has made our retail area very customer friendly with tons of interesting information, new product lines and a new, far less cluttered layout. In addition, she has drastically upgraded our computer system for the quick processing of sales transactions and has instituted a bar code system for even faster service. Next on Jennifer's list is to have a register open on a daily basis in our annuals and vegetables area. for even faster check out. It's easy to see how ambitious Jennifer is!!

Like everyone at Klein's, Jennifer, too, is a jack-of-all-trades. She started at Klein's as a floral designer, having worked "on the production line" at Felly's Flowers here in Madison. Jennifer is a very creative and talented designer and is, in fact, a certified floral designer. But she's also a gardener at heart. Joining the Klein's team has allowed her to express herself in both areas. From the onset, Jennifer has been a key player in both the floral and retail departments. Her design talent has expanded from the vase to designing gorgeous and eye-catching patio containers. Some noted examples have included those at Johnny Delmonico's near the Square and those at the Encore Senior Living facility.

At home Jennifer says she loves to grow flowers, of course, but her passion is actually the vegetable garden. She says she loves to experiment each year with many of the new varieties we grow here at Klein's and that her real pride is her homemade salsa. She says that her love for gardening comes from both her mom and her dad, who themselves are passionate gardeners. In fact, she and her dad have a yearly contest to see who can make the best salsa. Jennifer is a 1994 graduate of Sun Prairie High School and has begun the horticulture program at Madison Area Technical College.

One of Jennifer's passionate goals at Klein's is to continue to expand our product line of organic fertilizers and especially pest control and she enjoys telling our customers about our many choices. Another of Jennifer's greatest retail assets is her ability to watch the marketplace and bring in product lines that are fresh and exciting and suit our clientele's taste. Jennifer's chosen lines of garden art and pottery are truly cutting edge and eye-catching. The same eye for beauty that makes her a talented floral designer has made her an equally talented retailer.

Visit Klein's this spring and let Jennifer's infectious laugh, outgoing personality and bubbly demeanor add to your spring shopping experience. Her sense of fun has rubbed off on all of us! If you're a longtime Klein's shopper, you'll immediately notice her magic touch.

PERMANENT FEATURES-- **KLEIN'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

Have our monthly newsletter e-mailed to you automatically by signing up on the right side of our home page. We'll offer monthly tips, greenhouse news and tidbits, specials and recipes. . .everything you need to know from your favorite Madison greenhouse. And tell your friends. It's easy to do.

THE MAD GARDENER--"Madison's Firsthand Source for Expert Gardening Advice"

Ask us your gardening questions by e-mailing us at madgardener@kleinsfloral.com. Klein's in-house **Mad Gardener** will e-mail you with an answer as promptly as we can. The link is posted on our home page and in all newsletters.

We can only answer those questions pertaining to gardening in Southern Wisconsin and we reserve the right to leave correspondence unanswered at our discretion. Please allow 2-3 days for a response.

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT

We offer a 10% Off Senior Citizen Discount every Tuesday to those 62 and above. This discount is not in addition to other discounts or sales. Please mention that you are a senior before we ring up your purchases. Does not apply to wire out orders or services, i.e. delivery, potting, etc.

BUCKY BOOK COUPON

Klein's is again showing our proud support of community UW athletics and academics with advertising and coupons in the 2009 edition of the Bucky Book. Visit www.buckybook.com for more information and to order your copy.

RECYCLING POTS & TRAYS

The City of Madison will recycle rinsed out hard plastic pots and trays when brought to their drop-off locations at 4602 Sycamore Ave. and 1501 West Badger Rd. They do not accept light plastic or multi-celled packs. White plastic #5's are also not accepted in city recycling bins or at the drop-off sites. For more information call 267-2626 or visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets/RigidPlasticRecyclingDropOff.cfm

DELIVERY INFO

Klein's Floral and Greenhouses delivers daily, except Sundays, throughout all of Madison and much of Dane County including: Cottage Grove, DeForest, Fitchburg, Maple Bluff, Marshall, McFarland, Middleton, Monona, Oregon, Shorewood Hills, Sun Prairie, Verona, Waunakee and Windsor. Current delivery rate on 1-4 items is \$6.95 for Madison, Maple Bluff, Monona and Shorewood Hills, slightly more to the surrounding communities and for more than 4 items. We not only deliver our fabulous fresh flowers, but also houseplants, bedding plants and sundries. A minimum order of \$25.00 is required for delivery. Delivery to the Madison hospitals is \$4.95. Deliveries to the four Madison hospitals are made during the early afternoon. There is no delivery charge to funeral homes in the city of Madison, although regular rates apply for morning funeral deliveries to Madison's west side. Regular rates also apply for funeral deliveries in the surrounding communities.

Morning delivery is guaranteed to the following Madison zip codes, but only if requested: 53703, 53704, 53714, 53716, 53718 and Cottage Grove, DeForest, Maple Bluff, Marshall, McFarland, Monona, Sun Prairie, Waunakee and Windsor. We begin our delivery day at 8:00 a.m. and end at approximately 4:00 p.m. Except during holidays, the following west-side zip codes and communities can be delivered only during the afternoon: 53705, 53706, 53711, 53713, 53717, 53719, 53726, Fitchburg, Middleton, Oregon, Shorewood Hills and Verona. During holidays (Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, etc.) we are able to make morning deliveries to all of the above areas. We are not able to take closely timed deliveries on any holiday due to the sheer volume of such requests. It's best to give us a range of time and we'll try our absolute hardest. Orders for same day delivery must be placed by 12:30 p.m. or by 2:30 p.m. for Madison zip codes 53704 and 53714. We do not deliver to Cambridge, Columbus, Deerfield or Stoughton.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Please refer all questions, concerns or feedback in the following departments to their appropriate supervisor.

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Floral Department Manager Kathy Lehman

kathy@kleinsfloral.com

Head Grower & Horticulturist Jamie VandenWymelenberg

jamie@kleinsfloral.com

Retail Manager

Jennifer Wadyka

jennifer@kleinsfloral.com

House Accounts & Billing Barbara Foulk

Delivery Supervisor

Rick Halbach

Owner Sue (Klein) Johnson

sue@kleinsfloral.com

RELATED RESOURCES AND WEB SITES

University of Wisconsin Extension

1 Fen Oak Ct. #138

Madison, WI 53718

608/224-3700

www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/

www.uwex.edu/ces/wihort

Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic

Dept. of Plant Pathology

1630 Linden Dr.

Madison, WI 53706

www.plantpath.wisc.edu/

Insect Diagnostic Lab

240 Russell Labs

1630 Linden Dr.

Madison, WI 53706

www.entomology.wisc.edu/

State Soil Testing Lab

5711 Mineral Point Rd.

Madison, WI 53705

608/262-4364

www.soils.wisc.edu

American Horticultural Society

www.ahs.org

Garden Catalogs (an extensive list with links)

www.gardenlist.com

also www.mailordergardening.com

Invasive Species

www.invasive.org

Friends of Troy Gardens

Rm. 171, Bldg. 14

3601 Memorial Dr.

Madison, WI 53704

608/240-0409

www.troygardens.org

Community Gardens Division (Madison area)

Community Action Coalition

1717 N. Stoughton Rd.

Madison, WI 53704

608/246-4730

www.cacscw.org/gardens/

Madison Area Master Gardeners (MAMGA)

www.madison.com/communities/mamga/

Wisconsin Master Gardeners Program

Department of Horticulture

1575 Linden Drive

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Madison, WI 53706

608/265-4504

www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/

The Wisconsin Gardener

www.wpt.org/garden/

Has a list of garden clubs and societies

Allen Centennial Gardens

620 Babcock Dr.
Madison, WI 53706
608/262-8406
www.horticulture.wisc.edu/allcentennialgardens/Index.html

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave.
Madison, WI 53704
608/246-4550
www.olbrich.org

Rotary Gardens
1455 Palmer Dr.
Janesville, WI 53545
608/752-3885
www.rotarygardens.org

University of WI Arboretum
1207 Seminole Hwy.
Madison, WI 53711
608/263-7888
www.uwarboretum.org

University of Wisconsin-West Madison
Agricultural Research Center
8502 Mineral Point Rd.
Verona, WI 53593
608/262-2257
www.cals.wisc.edu/westmad/

PLANTS POISONOUS TO CHILDREN:

Children may find the bright colors and different textures of plants irresistible, but some plants can be poisonous if touched or eaten. If you're in doubt about whether or not a plant is poisonous, don't keep it in your home. The risk is not worth it. The following list is not comprehensive, so be sure to seek out safety information on the plants in your home to be safe.

- Bird of paradise
- Bull nettle
- Castor bean
- Chinaberry tree
- Crocus
- Daffodil
- Deadly nightshade
- Dieffenbachia (dumb cane)
- Foxglove
- Glory lily
- Hemlock
- Holly berry
- Indian tobacco
- Iris
- Jimsonweed
- Lantana
- Larkspur
- Lily of the valley
- Marijuana
- Mescal bean
- Mexicanes
- Mistletoe
- Morning glory
- Mountain laurel
- Night-blooming jasmine
- Nutmeg

- Oleander
- Philodendron
- Poison ivy
- Poison sumac
- Pokeweed
- Poppy
- Potato
- Privet
- Rhododendron
- Rhubarb
- Water hemlock
- Wisteria

PLANTS POISONOUS TO PETS:

Below is a list of some of the common plants which may produce a toxic reaction in animals. This list is intended only as a guide to plants which are generally identified as having the capability for producing a toxic reaction. Source: The National Humane Society website @ www.hsus.org/

- Aconite
- Apple
- Arrowgrasses
- Autumn Crocus
- Azaleas
- Baneberry
- Bird-of-Paradise
- Black locust
- Bloodroot
- Box
- Buckeye
- Buttercup
- Caladium
- Carolina jessamine
- Castor bean
- Chinaberry tree
- Chockcherries
- Christmas berry
- Christmas Rose
- Common privet
- Corn cockle
- Cowbane
- Cow cockle
- Cowsliprb
- Daffodil
- Daphne
- Day lily
- Delphinium (Larkspur)
- Dumbcane
- Dutchman's breeches
- Easter lily
- Elderberry
- Elephant's ear
- English Ivy
- European Bittersweet
- Field peppergrass
- Foxglove
- Holly
- Horsechestnut
- Horse nettle
- Hyacinth
- Iris
- Jack-in-the-pulpit
- Jerusalem Cherry
- Jimsonweed

- Lantana
- Larkspur
- Laurels
- Lily of the valley
- Lupines
- Mayapple
- Milk vetch
- Mistletoe
- Monkshood
- Morning glory
- Mustards
- Narcissus
- Nicotiana
- Nightshade
- Oaks
- Oleander
- Philodendrons
- Pokeweed
- Poinsettia
- Poison hemlock
- Potato
- Rhododendron
- Rhubarb
- Rosary pea
- Sago palm
- Skunk cabbage
- Smartweeds
- Snow-on-the-mountain
- Sorghum
- Star of Bethlehem
- Wild black cherry
- Wild radish
- Wisteria
- Yellow jessamine
- Yew