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**KLEIN'S IS A PROUD SPONSOR OF THE 2010 OLBRICH HOME GARDEN TOUR** being held Friday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-tour tickets are \$10 for Olbrich Botanical Society members and \$12 for the general public. Tickets during the tour are \$14 for Olbrich members and \$16 for the general public. Olbrich's Home Garden Tour is sponsored by the Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association. Visit [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org) for more information.

Experience a world of garden wonders on Olbrich's 2010 Home Garden Tour. Tour private home gardens on the north side of Madison and collect ideas for your own home garden. Many of the gardens on the 2010 Home Garden Tour incorporate edible plants. Some gardeners chose to plant a large vegetable garden, while others have simply chosen to add vegetables or herbs in containers. Also enjoy a stop at Troy Community Gardens to see firsthand how gardening can become a community effort. Be inspired by creative solutions to gardening problems, beautiful landscapes, and interesting homeowners during Olbrich's Home Garden Tour.

### **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](mailto:madgardener@kleinsfloral.com). Klein's in-house **Mad Gardener** will e-mail you with an answer as promptly as we can. We've also posted a link to this e-mail address on our home page for your convenience. 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.

Please note that our **Mad Gardener** is not only an expert gardener, but can answer all of your indoor plant questions as well.

**FOR NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS OR GARDEN TOURS** that you would like posted on our web site or in our monthly newsletters, please contact Rick at (608) 244-5661 or Sue at [sue@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:sue@kleinsfloral.com). 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.

### **JULY STORE HOURS:**

Monday thru Friday : 8:00-6:00

Saturday: 9:00-5:00

Sunday: 10:00-4:00

**Open Sunday, July 4: 10:00-4:00**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**Throughout July**, visit Klein's and check out our specials on annuals, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets and containers. Specials and selection change weekly so give us a call for the most up-to-date information at (608) 244-5661 or toll free at 888-244-5661. We pride ourselves in having the best cared for plants in even the hottest weather and throughout the month we'll continue to offer a full selection of annuals and perennials.

**July 4--Independence Day. Special Store Hours: 10:00-4:00.** Check out special savings on most remaining annuals, herbs, hanging baskets, containers and perennials. Selection is excellent and quality remains top notch. Make Klein's your first stop enroute to any Fourth of July celebration you might have.

**July 9 & 10--Olbrich Gardens' 2010 Home Garden Tour.** See above for details or visit [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org) for more information.

**July 25--Full Moon**

## **'THE FLOWER SHOPPE':**

### **Choosing Annual Flowers for Your Cutting Garden**

By Marie Iannotti

There are any number of excellent plant choices for use as cut flowers. Although many perennial flowers do wonderfully well as cut flowers, you may be sacrificing the only flowers the plants will produce that season. So repeat blooming annuals are often favored for cutting gardens, because you will get a longer season bloom. It's a personal choice.

Generally speaking, what makes for a good cut flower is a stem that is long enough and sturdy enough to hold the flower in an arrangement and a flower that lasts and looks good for several days. Flowers like daylilies, that bloom for only one day, and Impatiens, with insignificant stems, would not be great choices for cut flowers.

In the end, the choice of cut flowers comes down to what the gardener likes. Cosmos bloom profusely in many colors and are on everyone's list of great cut flowers. But if you lean toward dense clusters like Bells of Ireland or lupines, or exotic, tropical colors like celosia, there's a flower for you too.

### **Annual Flowers Suitable for Use as Cut Flowers:**

**Ageratum (Floss Flower)--**Tight clusters of purple / blue flowers. Low grower.

**Amaranthus caudatus (Love Lies Bleeding)--**Hanging ropes of magenta blossoms with the texture of chenille.

**Amaranthus hybrids \***--Spiky blooms in shades from bronze to red.

**Ammi majus (Bishop's Flower, False Queen Anne's Lace, White Dill)--**The names sum it up.

**Anemone (Anemone sylvestris)--**Delicate white cups with yellow centers.

**Bells of Ireland (Moluccella laevis)\*--**Green, bell shaped flowers line tall spikes.

**Blue Lace Flower (Trachymene coerulea)--**A smaller, blue version of Queen Anne's Lace.

**Calendula (Calendula officinalis)--**Daisy like flowers in hot hues of orange and yellow.

**Callistephus chinensis (China Aster)--**Spidery pom-poms in assorted colors.

**Castor Bean (Ricinus communis)--**Panicles of small, fluffy red flowers are followed by reddish-brown seed pods.

**Celosia, cristata (Cockscomb)\*--**Cauliflower shaped flower heads in brilliant colors.

**Celosia, plumosa (Feather)\*--**Plumes in similar shades to C. Cristata.

**Celosia, spicata (Wheat)\*--**Fluffy flower spikes.

**Centaurea (Bachelors' Button)--**Periwinkle blue daisy-like flowers

**Cleome (Spider Flower)--**Gangly plants with spidery explosions of flower buds in pink, purple and white.

**Cosmos (Cosmos bipinnatus)--**Profuse bloomer in a wide assortment of colors and flower shapes.

**Dill--**Flat umbels of yellow flowers.

**Drumstick Flower (*Craspedia globosa*)\***--One-inch yellow globes on tall, stiff stems.

**Forget-Me-Not (*Myosotis sylvatica*)**--Profuse bloomer in a rare true blue

**Gomphrena (Globe Amaranth)\***--Small clover-like globe shaped flowers in many colors, on long stems.

**Heliotrope**--Dense purple flower heads with a light, vanilla scent.

**Kiss Me Over the Garden Gate (*Polygonum orientale*)**--Long, drooping, reddish flower spikes.

**Larkspur (*Consolida ambigua*)\***--Considered an 'annual delphinium', with similar flower spikes and colors.

**Lisianthus (*Eustoma grandiflorum*)**--Flowers could easily be mistaken for a rose, in white, pinks and deep purples.

**Marigold (*Tagetes erecta*)**--Pom-poms held on tall stems, in shades from soft yellow to deep gold.

**Nigella damascena (Love In A Mist)\***--Balloon shaped buds and star-shaped blooms are cloaked in delicate netting. Blue, pinks, purple and white.

**Reseda Odorata (Mignonette)**--The spikes cream-colored flowers aren't showy, but they are heavily scented and wonderful in arrangements.

**Salpiglossis (Painted Tongue)**--Soft, velvety trumpet-shaped flowers in a range of colors.

**Salvia coccinea (Lady in Red)**--Spikes of tubular, scarlet red flowers

**Salvia farinacea**--Thin, but sturdy spikes of delicate flowers in shades of blue and white

**Statice (*Limonium sinuatum*)\***--Sprays of dense, tiny pastel blossoms on very sturdy stems.

**Strawflower (*Bracteantha bracteata*)\***--Another daisy-like flower from the Aster family, but these have a dry, papery feel even when fresh. Comes in colors from pastels to hots.

**Stock (*Matthiola*)**--Dense flower spikes with a spicy scent. Comes in pastels and jewel tones.

**Sunflower \***--Short or giant, sunflowers make long lasting cut flowers.

**Sweet Annie (*Artemisia annua*)\***--Grown for its fern-like, dark green foliage. Also has delicate, sweet scented white blooms.

**Sweet Pea**--Old fashioned, tall growing sweet peas have pea like blossoms and deceptively strong stems and come in a wide variety of colors and spicy scents.

**Verbena bonariensis**--Small clusters of purple flowers top long (4') stems that waft in the breeze and intermingle with other plants.

**Zinnia elegans**--Pom-poms with dense petals and contrasting centers. Profuse bloomer.

\* Also good for drying.

The above article comes to us from About Gardening .com @ <http://gardening.about.com>

## **DID YOU KNOW. . .**

**. . .that, though this seems to be a great firefly year here in Madison, firefly populations are actually on the decrease?**

### **Disappearing Fireflies**

Like Fourth-of-July fireworks, cool swims on hot days, and lazy vacations, fireflies are a sign of summer. Many of us have cherished memories of spotting and catching them during warm summer evenings and running through fields that sparkled as if strewn with stars. But there are signs our kids may not grow up with the same firefly memories we had. That's because fireflies are disappearing from marshes, fields and forests all over the country—and all over the world. And if it continues, fireflies may fade forever, leaving our summer nights a little darker and less magical.

### **Why Are Fireflies Disappearing?**

Nobody knows for sure. But most researchers blame two main factors: development and light pollution.

Most species of fireflies thrive as larvae in rotting wood and forest litter at the margins of ponds and streams. And as they grow, they move or less stay where they were born. Some species are more aquatic than others, and a few are found in more arid areas—but most are found in fields, forests and marshes. Their environment of choice is warm, humid and near standing water of some kind—ponds, streams and rivers, or even shallow depressions that retain water longer than the surrounding ground.

The problem is that in America and throughout the world, our open fields and forests are being paved over, and our waterways are seeing more development and noisy boat traffic. As their habitat disappears under housing and commercial developments, firefly numbers dwindle. Logging, pollution and increased use of pesticides may also contribute to destroying firefly habitat and natural prey.

Human traffic is believed to disrupt firefly habitat as well. While scientific studies have only been done for the past few years, there's plenty of anecdotal evidence in areas that were once full of fireflies—and much of it goes back generations. Some areas once had so many fireflies that they profited from running firefly tours in marshes and forests—but since human traffic has increased, firefly populations have gone down.

### **Too Much Light At Night**

Scientists don't know enough about fireflies to tell for sure. But the signs are indicating light pollution as a major factor in the disappearance of fireflies all over the world.

Both male and female fireflies use their flashing lights to communicate. Some species synchronize their flashes, sometimes across large groups of thousands of insects. All species speak a language of light—scientists believe they use it to attract mates, defend their territory, and warn off predators.

Human light pollution is believed to interrupt firefly flash patterns. Scientists have observed that synchronous fireflies get out of synch for a few minutes after a car's headlights pass. Light from homes, cars, stores, and streetlights may all make it difficult for fireflies to signal each other during mating—meaning fewer firefly larvae are born next season.

Where fireflies once had uninterrupted forests and fields to live and mate, homes with landscaped lawns and lots of exterior lights are taking over. The reduction of habitat and the increase in lighting at night may all be contributing to make fireflies more rare.

Fireflies are fascinating creatures that light up our nights and bring a sense of magic and mystery to our environment. If they disappear, it will be a great loss to habitats and generations of people all over the world.

Source: <http://www.firefly.org>

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

### **ENTRY: JUNE 12, 2010 (Kiss-Me-Over-the-Garden-Gate)**

A number of years back, I was given a number of kiss-me-over-the-garden-gate seedlings from a coworker's garden and to this date, it remains one of my very favorite garden plants. Tall and showy, this heirloom hand-me-down is never without interest. And once established in the garden this tough-as-nails annual will reliably volunteer seedlings each and every year. I simply allow the ones to grow that I'd like to keep and remove (or move) those that I don't. The seedlings are easy to recognize, but late to sprout, so I need to be careful when weeding in early June.

Kiss-me-over-the-garden-gate (*Polygonum orientale*) is a relative of the common knotweed. Dangling spikes of pink or white, tiny, bell-shaped flowers are held high on 5 to 10 foot plants that are especially lovely at the back of the border or in a cottage garden. Leaves are large, heart-shaped and deep green, though variegated varieties are available. Kiss-me-over-the-garden-gate is almost always started from seed and is rarely offered at garden centers, though you'll sometimes find plants at farmers' markets. The black, hard seeds must be prechilled before they'll germinate. I sow mine in a shallow container, water them, place them in a ziplock and then chill them in the refrigerator for about a month. Once warmed and sprouted, I transplant individual seedlings into large cell packs or peat pots.

Kiss-me-over-the-garden-gate is a hummingbird magnet and blooms until the first frosts. Though attractive to Japanese beetles, damaged plants make a quick recovery once the beetles are gone in late summer and early fall. Plants like to be kept moist and wilt easily in hot afternoon sun. Staking improves appearance and sturdiness in strong winds. The flower spikes make a great cut flower and are very long lasting in the vase.

### **ENTRY: JUNE 18, 2010 (Staking Zinnias)**

One of my most enjoyable garden tasks is staking plants. I find this task not only relaxing, but it gives me the opportunity to view the garden close up. Though a bit of work, experience has taught me that the rewards far outweigh any downsides. Tall plants stay upright in heavy rains and strong winds and remain healthier and more beautiful when kept off the ground. It's especially important to stake tall zinnias. Tall zinnias break or flop very easily under the weight of rain soaked flower heads. The densely planted rows in my cut flower bed make staking even more important.

Because of the very warm and moist spring and early summer we've been experiencing, I've had to stake my tall zinnias earlier than ever this year. Plants are already 2' tall and in full bloom! In looking through my journals from the last eight years, I'm having to stake them a full week earlier than my previous earliest date in 2005 and a full month earlier than in 2009!!

Staking dates from the past:

2010, June 18

2009, July 18 (record cool July)

2008, July 4

2007, July 3  
2006, July 10  
2005, June 25  
2004, June 30  
2003, June 28

### **ENTRY: JUNE 27, 2010 (The Eclectic Garden)**

**Eclectic**, adj.: Selecting individual elements from a variety of sources or styles.

Upon opening the bathroom blinds this morning I gazed into my garden and here's what I saw; straight ahead a huge, semi-modern, blue glazed terra cotta fountain that I picked up at the end of the season last year for \$10 (it's chipped); above it a , some say, gaudy , yet functional, wren house in shape of a large, purple eggplant (got it for \$1); to the left of it a very rusted butterfly garden stake that someone gave to me many, many years ago, it's antennae and a wing long gone. To my left, an ever-present string of multicolored Christmas lights lines the deck's privacy fence. And all around I view the hodgepodge, mismatched assortment of plastic and clay pots I've collected over the years, filled with hot pink impatiens, bright orange begonias, misshapen fuchsias, a poinsettia from last Christmas, and a couple of gangly 4' tall Brazilian vervain (because I had a few left at the end of planting and they needed to go somewhere). Oddly, this insanity all works and is strikingly beautiful. I have the perfect garden.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder!

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

Crinkle-leafed spearmint (*Mentha spicata*) is among the easiest, most versatile, most common and most flavorful of all garden herbs. But gardeners beware--mint has its wicked side. In the garden setting, mint can be the bully of all bullies. Left unchecked, members of the mint family can take over a garden in no time. But grown in containers or in a confined space, spearmint is a must have for any herb enthusiast and cook. Spearmint is the most common of the mints and is used in beverages, salads, soups, desserts and in many, many ethnic dishes from around the world.

**FRUIT SALAD WITH YOGURT MINT DRESSING**-- This recipe appeared in the Isthmus a long, long time ago and remains a family favorite. We first made it in 1996.

8 oz. vanilla yogurt  
2 TBS. honey  
1 tsp. fresh orange zest  
1/2 tsp. fresh grated ginger  
a dash of amaretto or Grand Marnier  
2-3 TBS. fresh minced spearmint  
Extra mint sprigs for garnish  
6-8 cups assorted fruit: strawberries, melons, pineapple, grapes, pitted cherries, blueberries, etc.

Combine the yogurt, honey, zest, ginger, liqueur and mint. Mix well and chill for several hours. When ready to serve, mix all fruits in a large bowl. Serve the fruit with the dressing on the side. Garnish with extra mint.

**NEW POTATOES WITH PEAS AND MINT**-- This summer potato salad first appeared in the Willie Street Co-op Reader during the 1990's. Mint and peas are a traditional pairing.

Crème Fraîche:  
1 cup heavy or whipping cream  
1 cup sour cream

Whisk together until blended. Pour the mixture into a jar, cover and allow to stand in a warm place for 12 hours. Stir well and refrigerate 36 hours. It'll keep for 7-10 days.

20 small new potatoes  
1/3 cup olive oil  
1/2 cup dry white wine  
2 cups fresh or frozen peas  
2 cups crème fraîche  
1/2 cup chopped mint leaves  
3 TBS. fresh snipped chives  
salt & pepper to taste

Boil the potatoes until just tender, but not mushy. Drain and cut into quarters while they are still hot. Whisk together the oil and the wine and drizzle over the potatoes in a large bowl. Stir to coat well. Allow to cool to room temperature. Add the peas and then the crème fraîche, mint and chives. Toss to blend. Season to taste. Refrigerate several hours before serving. Serves 6-8.

**SUMMER BERRY MEDLEY WITH MINT**--From the July 2006 issue of Cooking Light magazine.

1 cup raspberries

2 cups blueberries  
2 cups quartered strawberries  
2 cups blackberries  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 TBS. fresh lemon zest  
2 TBS. fresh lemon juice  
2 TBS. Grand Marnier or limoncello  
1/2 cup torn mint leaves

Combine all but the mint and allow to sit for 20 minutes. Gently stir in the mint. Serve in wine glasses. Serves 6.

**TABOULEH**--This classic Middle Eastern salad uses parsley as one of its main ingredients. There are many recipes to be found, but this one from Jane Brody's Good Food Book remains a favorite of ours.

For the salad:

1 cup bulgur  
2 cups boiling water  
2 tomatoes, finely diced  
1 bunch green onions, finely chopped  
1 cup finely chopped parsley  
3 TBS. chopped mint (or 2 tsp. dried if fresh isn't available)

For the dressing:

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice  
2 TBS. extra virgin olive oil  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1/4 tsp. dried oregano  
1/4 tsp. ground cumin  
a dash of allspice (optional)  
a dash of coriander (optional)

In a bowl, soak the bulgur in the boiling water for 1 hour. Drain the bulgur well, pressing out the excess water through a fine sieve or cheese cloth. In a bowl, combine the bulgur, tomatoes, green onions, parsley and mint. Whisk together the dressing ingredients in a small bowl. About an hour or less before serving, add the dressing to the bulgur mix and toss to coat the ingredients thoroughly. Serves 6-8.

**MINT MARGARITAS**--Appeared in the July 2008 issue of Cooking Light magazine. Yet to be tried! Let us know what you think.

1 cup sugar  
1 cup packed mint leaves  
2 cups water  
3/4 cup tequila, divided  
1/2 cup fresh lime juice (4 limes)  
2 TBS. Grand Marnier  
3-4 dashes bitters

Combine the sugar, mint, water and 1/2 cup tequila in a saucepan on medium and cook 3 minutes or until tiny bubbles form around the edge of the pan. Remove from the heat and allow to steep for 15 minutes. Strain and discard the mint. Stir in the lime juice, Grand Marnier and 1/4 cup tequila. Cool to room temperature and add the bitters. Place the mixture in a ziplock bag, seal and freeze for 2 hours. (The booze will separate out.) Knead the bag to combine. Pour into margarita glasses, wet with a bit of lime juice and then dipped into a salt/sugar combination. Serves 4.

**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: Klein's Jumbo Summer 4-packs**

About 15 years ago Klein's began our summer 'Jumbo 6-Pack' program with amazing success; offering fresh, healthy, colorful annuals well into midsummer. The large cell pack size allows for vigorous growth and great moisture retention. These plants are perfect for quick color in tired containers or beds. We offer a full spectrum of heat tolerant annuals: petunias, salvia, impatiens, zinnias, etc. The list goes on and on with old favorites and the newest in cutting edge plants alike.

**Starting in 2009**, Klein's began offering our 'Jumbo Pack' summer annuals in 4-Packs, rather than our traditional 6-Packs. In response to customer demand, we're now offering the same great plants in smaller quantities. We were finding that because gardeners were needing to "fill in" beds and containers during the summer, our customers were needing fewer plants--wanting just two or four

instead of six. Need to replace the heat withered pansies from spring? Is that container not looking quite the way you had hoped? Have rabbits or earwigs left gaping holes in the landscape? This is the perfect opportunity to give your garden that much needed tweak! Because we "grow our own", supplies are limited so shop early for best selection.

In addition to the 'Jumbo 4-Packs', we've also recently planted an entire fresh crop of Proven Winners®. Choose from all of your PW favorites: Supertunias, Diamond Frost Euphorbia, Sunloving Coleus, New Guinea Impatiens, Angelonia and much, much more. Planning an event? Selling a house? Klein's is your one stop shopping experience for instant beautification. We also offer a great selection of tropicals--all of which thrive in our summer heat and humidity.

## **NATURAL NEWS--**

### **A Collection of Homemade & Natural Insect Repellent Recipes**

The bugs are here! We've compiled for you a list of some excellent homemade repellents made from readily available ingredients. Experiment to see what works best for you!

#### **#1--Natural Mosquito Repellent Ingredients**

If you are making large amounts of mosquito repellent, a good rule of thumb is to mix the repellent so it's 5-10% essential oil, so mix 1 part essential oil with 10-20 parts carrier oil or alcohol. For a smaller batch use:

- 10-25 drops (total) of essential oils
- 2 tablespoons of a carrier oil or alcohol

The essential oils that work well against mosquitoes are:

- cinnamon oil
- lemon eucalyptus oil
- citronella oil
- castor oil

Safe carrier oils and alcohols include:

- olive oil
- sunflower oil
- any other cooking oil
- witch hazel
- vodka

#### **Natural Mosquito Repellent Recipe**

Mix the essential oil with the carrier oil or alcohol. Rub or spray the natural insect repellent onto skin or clothing, using care to avoid the sensitive eye area. You'll need to reapply the natural product after about an hour or after swimming or exercise. Unused natural insect repellent may be stored in a dark bottle, away from heat or sunlight.

Source: <http://chemistry.about.com>

#### **#2--Herbal Insect Repellent**

2 1/2 teaspoons total of any combination of the following essential oils:

basil, cedarwood, citronella, juniper, lemon, myrrh, palmarosa, pine, rose geranium and/or rosemary (available at health food stores)

1 cup 190-proof grain alcohol (available in liquor stores)

Place ingredients in a jar with a tight-fitting lid and shake vigorously. Transfer to small bottles for storage. To use, rub a small amount on any exposed skin (test first to be sure your skin will not be adversely affected by the repellent) or dab it on clothing.

Experiment a little to find which essential oils work best with your body chemistry. If you're lucky, you also will like the way they smell; otherwise, add a few drops of peppermint oil to fine-tune the fragrance.

Source: <http://www.motheearthnews.com>

#### **#3--Three Organic Homemade Mosquito Repellents**

**Natural Mosquito Repellent Number One:** To make this organic mosquito repellent, you will need 2 tablespoons sweet almond oil, 1 tablespoon of aloe vera gel, and 25 drops of Lemon Balm (Citronella) essential oil.

Combine all of the ingredients in a jar and shake well to blend. You can leave the mixture directly in the jar and just dab a few drops on to your skin or you can place it in a misting spray bottle, and spray onto your skin.

**Natural Mosquito Repellent Number Two:** To make this organic mosquito repellent, you will need 1 cup of 190 proof grain alcohol, 1 teaspoon Lemon essential oil, 1 teaspoon Rosemary essential oil and 1/2 teaspoon Lemon Balm (Citronella) essential oil.

Place all ingredients into a jar, and shake well to blend. Dab onto skin, or put into a misting bottle and spray on.

**Natural Mosquito Repellent Number Three:** This organic mosquito repellent requires 1/2 cup Vodka, 1/2 cup Organic Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 tablespoons Lemon Balm (Citronella) essential oil.

Place all ingredients into a jar, and shake to mix thoroughly. Dab the mixture onto the skin, or put into a misting spray bottle and spray directly onto skin and clothing. Source: <http://www.associatedcontent.com>

## **JULY'S PLANT OF THE MONTH:**

### **LANTANA**

This old-fashioned mint relative has made a major resurgence among younger gardeners in recent years and why not? This nearly foolproof annual is fragrant, drought tolerant, nearly pest-free and super easy to grow. It blooms nearly nonstop, loves summer heat, attracts butterflies and hummingbirds, is well-branched, remains of manageable size and on top of it, is easy to winter over indoors. What more could one ask of any garden plant? In the early 90's, Klein's carried perhaps a color or two. However, during the 2010 spring season we carried a staggering 17 lantana varieties and colors in addition to shrubs and tree standards. Lantana performs equally well in beds, pots and in hanging baskets. Assistant manager, Jen Simon, says that lantana is her favorite garden plant and in store, it's hard for her to walk by without stopping and taking in lantana's intense fragrance. She uses lantana in many of her premade mixed container creations and enjoys introducing the plant to anyone who is unfamiliar with using it in their own garden.

Lantana camara is a tropical and subtropical shrub. There it is commonly grown as a perennial landscape plant. Here in the north, lantana is grown exclusively as an annual outdoors, but will bloom indoors all winter long if given a high light location. As the plant matures, stems become increasingly woody. Flowers are verbena-like and appear in shades of yellow, orange, red, pink, white and lavender. The foliage is heavily scented and very rough. In fact, many people break out in a rash when handling the foliage so care should be taken if unsure. Habit tends to be mounding or sprawling, though weeping types exist and common varieties can easily be trained into a tree standard. Lantana blooms best when somewhat neglected and when grown in lean soil and always in full hot sun. Container grown plants require thorough and frequent watering. Though drought tolerant, lantana prefers to be kept evenly moist. Plants eventually produce black berries which, though toxic to humans, are a favorite of many birds, especially blue jays. Pests to lantana most commonly include whiteflies, spider mites and mealy bugs. It's best to prune a plant back hard at season's end to avoid bringing these pests indoors and then treating overwintered plants once a month the a systemic pesticide.

## **YOU ASKED THE MAD GARDENER. . .**

### **How do you prevent rabbits or other pests from eating hosta? Sue**

Hi Sue,

Is the damage necessarily caused by rabbits? . . .

If you are in an area with deer or woodchucks, they tend to cause far more ongoing hosta damage than rabbits. Rabbits tend to eat hostas only early in the season (through June)--until more desirable food sources become available. Deer (and woodchuck) damage, on the other hand, is persistent throughout the growing season. Rabbit damage occurs generally only on the young and tender leaves in spring. The plants will grow out of it as the summer progresses, yet damage to the older lower leaves (where the damage first occurred) will be visible all season. Deer and woodchucks will continue to gnaw hostas down to the ground as long as they have access to them. Their damage can be devastating because the plants never have a chance to recover.

For rabbits, a temporary small fence made out of chicken wire will usually work until the rabbits find other food sources and the first batches of their young mature and find more preferable food. The young tend to nibble on anything until they find plants they like better. For deer or woodchucks, a fence must become a permanent garden feature. For all of the above, customers have found fox urine to be rather effective. Fox urine must be reapplied weekly or after rains.

Slugs are another possible culprit for the damage. Their damage is usually visible as holes throughout the leaves and leaf edges. With the warm and damp weather we've been experiencing, slugs are making an early appearance. Hostas are one of their favorite foods. Slugs are essentially snails without a shell. They hide out in damp, shady places. All garden centers sell slug bait and/or diatomaceous earth (ground mollusk shells that damage the slugs' bodies). People find homemade beer baits are also very effective. In addition, dry weather will cause their populations to drop.

So, back to the original question--is the damage definitely caused by rabbits?  
If so, put up the temporary fence and wait it out. They'll usually leave the hostas alone in just a few short weeks.

Thanks for your question and hope to hear from you soon! Please keep me up to date!

The Mad Gardener

## **AROUND TOWN:**

For neighborhood events or garden tours that you would like posted in our monthly newsletter, please contact Rick at (608) 244-5661 or Sue at [sue@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:sue@kleinsfloral.com). Please include all details, i.e. dates, locations, prices, brief description, etc. Events must be garden related and must take place in the Madison vicinity and we must receive your information by the first of the

month in which the event takes place for it to appear in that month's newsletter. This is a great opportunity for free advertising.

### **Dane County Farmer's Market**

Saturdays, April 17 thru November 6, 6:00-2:00  
On the Capitol Square

Wednesdays, April 21 thru November 3, 8:30-2:00  
In the 200 block of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

For details visit [www.madfarmmkt.org](http://www.madfarmmkt.org)

### **Olbrich Garden's Bolz Conservatory Exhibit-Light Gaps**

April 3 thru July 11, 2010  
Daily from 10:00-4:00, Sundays 10:00-5:00  
In the Bolz Conservatory

The trees are trimmed and the bushes are pruned during annual maintenance in the Bolz Conservatory...now 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. With more than 650 plants in the Bolz Conservatory, the tropical plants compete for every sunbeam that radiates through the glass pyramid. When a gap in the forest canopy is created naturally, or by a clipping from Olbrich's Conservatory staff, new growth develops at an exceptional rate. Admission is \$1 for the general public. 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](http://www.olbrich.org) for details

### **The Wisconsin Gardener "Hummingbird Gardens"**

Thursday, July 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, July 3, 10:30 a.m.  
on Wisconsin Public Television  
Check local listings for the station nearest you.

Today's program focuses on creating gardens to be enjoyed by both gardeners and hummingbirds. Host Shelley Ryan visits with three different Wisconsin gardeners to learn how to create the ideal hummingbird habitat. In Green Bay Jan Wos designs containers that will bring hummingbirds right to the porch or deck. Hummingbirds need food, shelter and water. At Blooming Valley Nursery near Spring Green the focus is providing those needs in a garden that will bring the hummingbirds back year after year. Kathi Rock discusses the importance of not only providing great nectar producing plants but also supplementing with feeders at her urban hummingbird garden in Madison.

For more information, visit [www.wpt.org/garden](http://www.wpt.org/garden)

### **2010 Summer Concert Series at Olbrich Gardens**

Let the beauty of Olbrich Botanical Gardens set the perfect stage for a night of music. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and spread out for a picnic surrounded by Olbrich's lush flowers. Or, purchase a brat or hot dog from the Madison East Kiwanis. Picnics are allowed in the Gardens for the Tuesday concerts only. In case of rain, concerts will be held indoors. A \$1 donation is suggested. Concerts are sponsored by the Olbrich Botanical Society.

Olbrich Concerts in the Gardens 2010 Schedule:  
(All concerts are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.)

**July 6**  
Capitol City Band--Band Favorites

**July 13**  
Magic Mama--Family-friendly Hip-Hop & World Beats

**July 20**  
New Horizons Swing Band--Swing Music

**July 27**

Rigel--Celtic Rock

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608/246-4550 or [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org) for details

### **Windsor Area Garden Club 2010 Garden Tour**

Featuring Seven Gardens In Windsor & DeForest

Friday, July 9, 12:00-6:00

Saturday, July 10, 10:00-3:00

Proceeds To Benefit The UW Paul P. Carbone Comprehensive Cancer Center. Klein's is a proud sponsor.

Tickets Available @; DeFlorist, Country Bloomers or call Monique @ 846-5299 and are just \$7.00. Also visit [www.windsorareagardenclub.org](http://www.windsorareagardenclub.org).

### **Olbrich Home Garden Tour**

Friday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Experience a world of garden wonders on Olbrich's Home Garden Tour, featuring edible and ornamental gardens. Tour private home gardens in northeast Madison neighborhoods and collect ideas for your own garden .

Many of the gardens on this year's tour creatively include edible plants. Some gardeners chose to plant a large vegetable garden, while others have simply chosen to add vegetables or herbs in containers. Also see creative patios, soothing water features, and bold, attention-grabbing plants; wander through intimate, shady backyards or stroll through sunny areas dotted with vegetables.

During the tour, enjoy a stop at Troy Community Gardens to see firsthand how gardening can be a community effort. Be inspired by creative solutions to gardening problems, beautiful landscapes, and interesting homeowners during Olbrich's Home Garden Tour. Pastries and sandwiches will be available for purchase onsite from Manna Cafe during the tour.

Advance tickets are \$10 for Olbrich Botanical Society members and \$12 for the general public. Tickets the day of the tour are \$14 for members and \$16 for the general public.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens  
3330 Atwood Ave., Madison  
608/246-4550 or [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org) for details

### **Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies**

July 14-August 8

Daily from 10:00-4:00

In the Bolz Conservatory

Experience the wonder of strolling through a tropical forest on a search for fleeting butterflies. Live butterflies emerge from chrysalises daily in the Bolz Conservatory. Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies is a great adventure for people of all ages. Children can visit stamping stations in the outdoor gardens with their Butterfly Passport while learning fun facts. Tour the outdoor gardens and visit the Growing Gifts shop. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 12 and under, and free for children under 2. Olbrich Botanical Society members are admitted free. Parking is free. Bus tours are welcome. The Bolz Conservatory will be closed Monday, July 12 and Tuesday, July 13 in preparation for Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens  
3330 Atwood Ave., Madison  
608/246-4550 or [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org) for details

### **The Wisconsin Gardener**

**"More Places to Visit"**

Saturday, July 17, 10:30 a.m.

on Wisconsin Public Television

Check local listings for the station nearest you.

Host Shelley Ryan explores places throughout the state that feature a vast array of plant displays, including gardens enhanced with art and recycled artifacts. In Madison she visits Longenecker Gardens at the UW-Madison Arboretum where one of the nation's largest

collections of lilacs is on display and in bloom. Robyn Mulhane is co-owner of The Flying Pig in Algoma, a business that is part gallery, cafe and gardens. Mulhane shows Ryan some of her favorite sculptures and plants and the childrens moat! Near Green Bay, Debbie Freeman has created a garden showcase of art with found objects creatures, birdbaths and whimsical containers made from rubbish. Frances Nemtin, a member of Frank Lloyd Wright's Fellowship, gives a special tour of the gardens at Taliesin near Spring Green.

For more information, visit [www.wpt.org/garden](http://www.wpt.org/garden)

### **The Wisconsin Gardener**

#### **"Basil and Landscape Lighting"**

Thursday, July 22, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.

on Wisconsin Public Television

Check local listings for the station nearest you.

Host Shelley Ryan profiles the herb basil with guest Diane Bober of Green Woman Herbs in Mineral Point. The focus will be culinary basil in its many sizes, shapes and colors. Then chef Wave Kasprzak, co-owner of The Dining Room at 209 Main in Monticello shares some great basil recipes including Thai basil shrimp and a basil bread salad. The program also includes a look at landscape lighting. Lights can be used to highlight a garden path or the outline of a tree against the sky. Director of Horticulture, Jeff Epping, shows how landscape lighting is used at Olbrich Gardens in Madison.

For more information, visit [www.wpt.org/garden](http://www.wpt.org/garden)

### **Rotary Botanical Gardens' Home Garden Tour**

Rotary Botanical Gardens' 16th Annual Home Garden Tour & Luncheon will be held Saturday, July 24th, 2010 from 10 am until 4 pm (Rain or Shine).

"Seven wonderful home gardens can be explored as part of this event with RBG being the eighth destination. Come see wonderful plants, creative landscapes and take some ideas home with you."

Ticket booklets for tour will be on sale at K&W Greenery and RBG.

Luncheon tickets can only be purchased at RBG

Rotary Botanical Gardens

1455 Palmer Dr., Janesville, WI

608/752-3885 or [www.rotarygardens.org](http://www.rotarygardens.org)

### **Native Plants for Pollinators**

Wednesday, July 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

In the Native Plant Garden

View many summer-blooming species in our diverse native garden. We will highlight plants and gardening practices that support essential pollinators in urban/suburban landscapes.

University of WI Arboretum

1207 Seminole Hwy.

Madison, WI 53711

608/263-7888 or [uwarboretum.org/events](http://uwarboretum.org/events)

### **Iris Sale**

Saturday, July 30, 8:00-6:00

Sunday, August 1, 8:00-6:00

The Madison Area Iris Society sponsors this sale of iris rhizomes, the roots that grow into iris plants. For more information call 608-271-3607.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

3330 Atwood Ave., Madison

608/246-4550 or [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org) for details

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

\_\_\_Pinch hardy mums until July 4 for bushier less floppy plants.

- \_\_\_ Begin sowing and transplanting cole crops for fall harvest.
- \_\_\_ Fertilize and mulch asparagus beds.
- \_\_\_ Give the garden at least 1" of moisture per week.
- \_\_\_ Mow as little as possible and with mower raised to at least 2".
- \_\_\_ Mulch beds to conserve moisture and keep down weeds.
- \_\_\_ Deadheading spent blooms as needed.
- \_\_\_ Stake and support tall plants as needed.
- \_\_\_ Cut spent perennials to the ground to encourage new growth.
- \_\_\_ Divide daylilies as they finish blooming.
- \_\_\_ Fertilize potted plants at least every 2 weeks. Follow directions.
- \_\_\_ Order spring bulbs from catalogs while your memory is still fresh.
- \_\_\_ Keep and eye on the weather. Water as needed.
- \_\_\_ Watch for pests and control as needed or desired.
- \_\_\_ Stop fertilizing roses by late July.
- \_\_\_ Visit Klein's---Watch for end of season savings on annuals, perennials & shrubs.

Some of our very favorite seed and plant sources include:

**For seeds:**

- Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds @ [www.RareSeeds.com](http://www.RareSeeds.com) or 417/924-8887
- Burpee @ [www.burpee.com](http://www.burpee.com) or 800/888-1447
- Harris Seeds @ [www.harriseseeds.com](http://www.harriseseeds.com) or 800/514-4441
- Johnny's Select Seeds @ [www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com) or 207/861-3901
- Jung's Seeds @ [www.jungseed.com](http://www.jungseed.com) or 800/247-5864
- Park's Seeds @ [www.parkseed.com](http://www.parkseed.com) or 800/845-3369
- Seeds of Change @ [www.seedsofchange.com](http://www.seedsofchange.com) or 888/762-7333
- Seed Savers @ [www.seedsavers.org](http://www.seedsavers.org) or 563/382-5990
- Select Seeds @ [www.selectseeds.com](http://www.selectseeds.com) or 800/684-0395
- Territorial Seeds @ [www.territorialseed.com](http://www.territorialseed.com) or 888/657-3131
- Thompson & Morgan @ [www.thompson-morgan.com](http://www.thompson-morgan.com) or 800/274-7333

**For bulbs:**

- Brent & Becky's Bulbs @ [www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com](http://www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com) or 877/661-2852
- Colorblends @ [www.colorblends.com](http://www.colorblends.com) or 888/847-8637
- John Scheeper's @ [www.johnscheepers.com](http://www.johnscheepers.com) or 860/567-0838
- McClure & Zimmerman @ [www.mzbulb.com](http://www.mzbulb.com) or 800/883-6998

**For plants:**

- Heronwood Nursery @ [www.heronwood.com](http://www.heronwood.com) or 360/297-4172
- High Country Gardens @ [www.highcountrygardens.com](http://www.highcountrygardens.com) or 800/925-9387
- Logee's Greenhouses @ [www.logees.com](http://www.logees.com) or 888/330-8038
- Plant Delights Nursery @ [www.plantdelights.com](http://www.plantdelights.com) or 912/772-4794
- Roots and Rhizomes @ [www.rootsrhizomes.com](http://www.rootsrhizomes.com) or 800/374-5035
- Wayside Gardens @ [www.waysidegardens.com](http://www.waysidegardens.com) or 800/213-0379
- White Flower Farm @ [www.whiteflowerfarm.com](http://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](http://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 JULY:**

---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.

---We're looking forward to spending a bit of downtime together at our annual summer get together--this year a Mallards' game. Lots of good food, good drink and good fun.

---Yes, the poinsettias arrive. The small plants are potted and placed in a warm greenhouse out back where they are constantly misted for a few days until they begin rooting out. After a few weeks they are individually pinched for sturdy and bushy growth.

---Summer maintenance projects are under way.

---We transplant our fall cole crops into cell packs along with our fall pansies and violas. Many of these are the famous winter hardy varieties.

## **EMPLOYEE PROFILE--SHARON BEDNER**

After graduating from college and working in a job she didn't enjoy, Sharon Bedner says she wanted to try a job that seemed fun for a while. And though Sharon no longer works at Klein's full time, that "for a while" has turned into nearly two decades of both full time and seasonal employment. Sharon started with Klein's in April of 1993 as our primary full-time floral designer, a position she held for 4 years until taking a position with Kraft Foods. Sharon continues to design as needed during busy periods and holidays, but it's the seasonal greenhouse work that Sharon enjoys most. Although Sharon currently works full-time as a Transportation Planning Analyst with Kraft, she rejoins the Klein's team each and every March, spending her weekends transplanting and then in May, both weekends and some evenings on the sales floor helping customers, answering questions, restocking and taking care of the plants. Sharon says "I'm so jealous of your job" is a common comment heard from both customers and her Kraft coworkers.

Sharon Bedner grew up in nearby Sun Prairie and says she comes from a long line of avid gardeners. Her parents and her parents' parents all maintained both flower and vegetable gardens. In fact, to this day, her dad and sisters are themselves frequent Klein's shoppers. Sharon remembers weeding as one of her garden chores while growing up. Though at the time she hated doing it, she says she really enjoys weeding now that she has her own garden.

Sharon owns a lovely and well-maintained home in the Vilas neighborhood. With bad soil and surrounded by mature trees (including black walnuts), she says that vegetable gardening is a challenge. Therefore, flower gardening has become Sharon's priority. Bright, eye-catching window boxes and containers punctuate the entry to her home and stunning perennial beds line the driveway. Sharon enjoys overwintering many of her potted tropicals indoors, some of which, including plumbago and hibiscus, are now many years old. In addition, Sharon has a fine collection of cherished and sometimes unique African violets. Though difficult to grow well for most of us, Sharon finds them rather easy to both maintain and propagate.

Sharon says it's fun to come back to Klein's each spring to spend time with coworkers and customers alike. In fact, she says that several of the "kids" from her old neighborhood in Sun Prairie are themselves regular Klein's shoppers and have carried on their parents' gardening traditions. She says, "It's a lot of fun seeing them each spring!"

## **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](mailto: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.

## **FACEBOOK**

Klein's has joined the Facebook frenzy. Become a fan of Klein's by visiting us at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). We continuously post company updates and new pictures

## **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 2010 edition of the Bucky Book. We are also selling the 2010 edition in-store--the perfect gift Visit [www.buckybook.com](http://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](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/RigidPlasticRecyclingDropOff.cfm)

## **KLEIN'S "BLOOMING PLANT OR FRESH FLOWER CLUB"**

Send or receive 3 month's, 6 month's or a whole year's worth 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 \$75, \$150 or \$300**, respectively, we'll send 3 month's, 6 month's or 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 \$90, \$175 or \$350**, respectively, 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. Enclosure cards will accompany each delivery if desired. For delivery details visit the "**Permanent Features**" section of our newsletter below. 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.

Join our **Blooming Plant or Fresh Flower Club** 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 prices do not include sales tax.

## **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. Phone: 608/244-5661 or 888/244-5661

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Delivery Supervisor  
Rick Halbach  
Owner & Manager  
Sue Klein  
[sue@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:sue@kleinsfloral.com)

## **RELATED RESOURCES AND WEB SITES**

University of Wisconsin Extension  
1 Fen Oak Ct. #138  
Madison, WI 53718  
608/224-3700  
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/>  
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/wihort/>

Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic

Dept. of Plant Pathology  
1630 Linden Dr.  
Madison, WI 53706  
<http://www.plantpath.wisc.edu/index.php>

Insect Diagnostic Lab  
240 Russell Labs  
1630 Linden Dr.  
Madison, WI 53706  
<http://www.entomology.wisc.edu/>

U.W. Soil and Plant Analysis Lab  
8452 Mineral Point Rd.  
Verona, WI 53593  
608/262-4364  
<http://uwlab.soils.wisc.edu/>

American Horticultural Society  
<http://www.ahs.org/>

Garden Catalogs (an extensive list with links)  
<http://www.gardenlist.com/>  
also <http://www.mailordergardening.com/>  
Invasive Species  
<http://www.invasive.org/>

Friends of Troy Gardens  
Rm. 171, Bldg. 14  
3601 Memorial Dr.  
Madison, WI 53704  
608/240-0409  
<http://www.troygardens.org/>

Community Gardens Division (Madison area)  
Community Action Coalition  
1717 N. Stoughton Rd.  
Madison, WI 53704  
608/246-4730  
<http://www.cacscw.org/gardens/>

Madison Area Master Gardeners (MAMGA)  
<http://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  
<http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/>

The Wisconsin Gardener  
<http://www.wpt.org/garden/>

Allen Centennial Gardens  
620 Babcock Dr.  
Madison, WI 53706  
608/262-8406  
<http://www.horticulture.wisc.edu/allencentennialgardens/>

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

Rotary Gardens  
1455 Palmer Dr.  
Janesville, WI 53545

608/752-3885

<http://www.rotarygardens.org/>

University of WI Arboretum  
1207 Seminole Hwy.  
Madison, WI 53711  
608/263-7888  
<http://uwarboretum.org/>

University of Wisconsin-West Madison  
Agricultural Research Center  
8502 Mineral Point Rd.  
Verona, WI 53593  
608/262-2257  
<http://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