

## **'THE SAGE'--MAY 2011**

Klein's Floral & Greenhouses On-Line Newsletter

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**OUR 2011 SPRING PLANT LIST can be viewed on-line @ [kleinsfloral.com/spring\\_plants.php](http://kleinsfloral.com/spring_plants.php).**

**This comprehensive listing contains every plant that Klein's will be offering for the 2011 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.**

### **THE POTTING SHED**

**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.**

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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](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](tel:6082445661) or at [rick@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:rick@kleinsfloral.com) 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.

### **MAY STORE HOURS:**

**Again during the 2011 spring season, Klein’s will open at 7:00 a.m. every Tuesday!** Year long, Tuesday is Klein’s Senior Discount Day. On Tuesdays those 62 and over save an extra 10% off all regular priced items. Beginning Tuesday, April 26, we opened the doors an hour early. Avoid the lines and shop early! The extended Tuesday hours last through mid-June.

In addition, with the incredible success of our outdoor checkout located in our bedding plant area, we will be making this one of our primary checkout options for the 2011 spring season. Weather permitting, the outdoor register will be open daily 9:00-5:00. The outdoor checkout is located just outside our Potting Shed at the back of Showroom Number 1.

Monday thru Friday : 8:00-8:00 (Open Tuesdays at 7:00)  
Saturday: 8:00-6:00

Sunday: 9:00-5:00

**Open Memorial Day, May 30, 9:00-5:00**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**May 5--**Cinco de Mayo

**May 8--**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 7 for prompt and efficient service. Visit [kleinsfloral.com/delivery.php](http://kleinsfloral.com/delivery.php) for more details about Klein's delivery. **We will not be delivering on Mother's Day, Sunday May 8.**

**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 have a tendency to plant too early!

**May 17--**Full Moon

**May 30--**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](tel:6082445661) or [888/244-5661](tel:8882445661) to talk to one of our designers personally or order on line

@ [www.flowerskleinsflrl.com](http://www.flowerskleinsflrl.com) or [www.ftdfloristsonline.com/kleinsfloral](http://www.ftdfloristsonline.com/kleinsfloral).

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.

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

**. . . that Klein's offers numerous potting options and services for our customers?**

Being a floral shop, Klein's offers our customers year round service for many of their potting needs. Located in our #6 Showroom is Klein's 'day-to-day' potting bench. We use this bench year round for potting up and repotting houseplants, creating our in-house, custom designed dishgardens and for smaller potting jobs. When a customer purchases both a plant and a pot from us (and time permitting) we'll pot up the plant on the spot and waive our potting charges. Otherwise, we charge a nominal fee for soil and labor based on pot size. When we're busy, we ask that customers give us a few days to complete a potting job. This not only gives us adequate time for a job-well-done, but also allows the plant to acclimate to its new container and 'settle in'.

**A second potting option we offer** is our custom design potting service during the springtime for mixed annual containers. Here, customers drop off their own cleaned out pots (or purchase new ones from us) and allow our designers to create a work of art fitting their specifications. All we need to know are the light conditions, color choices, design options (one-sided vs. viewed from all sides) and price range. Our talented and knowledgeable designers will create the perfect masterpiece for your porch or patio using Klein's own soil mix with our own homemade compost. There's no limit on the number of containers we'll do. Soil and labor costs are determined by the pot size and plants chosen. We ask that you allow us at least three days to complete the project. When finished you can either pick up your completed mixed containers, or have them delivered to your doorstep for an added fee. Please visit [kleinsfloral.com/delivery.php](http://kleinsfloral.com/delivery.php) for complete delivery information.

**Our third and most fun potting option is in our cozy and well-stocked Potting Shed.** Bring in your own pots or purchase one or more from our incredible selection. 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) with no labor charges involved. 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 contact Jen @ [jsimon@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:jsimon@kleinsfloral.com) or call [\(608\) 244-5661](tel:6082445661) for more information. Our talented staff will be available to answer all questions, help pick out some plants and to get you started. **After that, you're on your own!!** We'll even deliver them for you.

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

### **ENTRY: APRIL 8, 2011 (Agaves--My Newest Plant Obsession)**

With the arrival of a few new agaves today that I ordered on-line, my collection is now up to 9 plants. My interest in succulents continues to grow as more unusual types become available. Until not that many years ago, agaves were relatively unavailable to

us here in the north. Though easy to grow, these undemanding houseplants were seldom seen. Growing interest in succulents and on-line availability has changed all that.

About 500 species of agave have been identified and nearly all originate from the arid areas of Central and South America. Agave plants form a distinct rosette of very stiff and spiny leaves. The longest and most dangerous spine is usually at the tip of each of the leaves. This spine can be removed with a fingernail clipper to make the plant a more people friendly. Spineless varieties are becoming increasingly easy to find. Most agave species are too large to make for good container plants here in the north. After all, they must be brought indoors each winter and few homes have enough room for mature plants. However, there are several species that are either slow growing or remain small and, therefore, make excellent candidates for indoor culture. Like all succulents, agaves thrive in hot and dry conditions and appreciate the summers spent outdoors in a very sunny location. Clustered together, pots of differently patterned agaves look stunning together and especially when intermingled with other succulents and cacti. It's very important to keep agaves cool and dry when overwintered indoors. They cannot tolerate wet feet under the low light conditions of our homes during the winter months. Under the right conditions, a happy agave can easily outlive its owner. Propagation is very easy from the offsets.

Tequila is made from blue agave and agave is the source of agave nectar, a sweetener that is far sweeter than honey and makes for a great alternative to honey in vegan diets.

Here are a few favorite agaves from my collection:

Agave attenuata 'Raea's Gold'--Bright yellow to chartreuse in color, Agave 'Raea's Gold' has soft, wide succulent leaves without thorns or spines. Beautiful, and fast growing, it needs well-drained soil and careful watering. Bright light brings out the brilliant yellow color. 'Raea's Gold' is a sport of Agave attenuata 'Kara's Stripes.'

Agave schidigera 'Shira ito no Ohi'--This amazingly slow-growing century plant has been circulated in the collectors' market for several years. The 1' tall x 18" wide rosette is composed of dark green leaves, each highlighted by a dramatic creamy-white border and curly white hairs. This solitary (non-offsetting) plant makes a dramatic container specimen here in the north.

Agave lophantha 'Quadricolor'--Beautiful and drought-resistant, this dwarf agave is a must-have for the garden or potted container. The 'Quadricolor' variegated foliage is simply stunning: there's a chartreuse-yellow stripe in the center of each leaf surrounded by dark green edged in creamy yellow. A row of fine teeth surrounds each leaf. Originating in Mexico, this succulent grows about 6-10" tall and reaches 1-2' wide. Grow in bright sun and well-drained soil.

Agave potatorum 'Kissho Kan'--A beautiful, but hard-to-find, dwarf agave with variegated blue-green leaves highlighted by creamy white edges and dark reddish-

brown leaf spines. Thought to be a Japanese selection of a Mexican agave, the name 'Kissho Kan' translates to "happy or lucky crown". Easy-to-grow as a potted plant because it creates a symmetrical rosette that only grows about 12" tall x 12" wide. It sends off many young offshoot plants surrounding the mother. Grow in full sun and water sparingly.

Plant and description sources: [www.plantdelights.com](http://www.plantdelights.com) and [www.logees.com](http://www.logees.com).

### **ENTRY: APRIL 19, 2011 (My Mouse Saga Continues)**

Got up this morning, as always, to the smell of brewing coffee. Minutes later, cup in hand, I made my way to my basement plant room; now filled with thousands of seedlings and overwintered cuttings, awaiting warmer weather and ready to make their move to the outdoors. The tomatilloes are getting a little leggy; I lost another coleus cutting to a some fungus; the coffee beans I'm trying to start for a friend still haven't germinated and I'll need to do a little watering before I head off to work. Everything seemed SO normal.

And then I saw it--the flat of Jiffy pots that yesterday evening was brimming with newly sprouted sunflower seedlings and now a barren flat of soil, pocked with holes where the seedlings used to be. A mouse (or mice) had not only eaten the plants (there was not a speck of green to be seen) but had also removed any remnant of seed that lay under the soil--hull and all.

Last month I told about watching the cutest little deer mouse visiting a feeder outside the TV room window and whisking away seeds, one at a time, to its secret hiding place. This feeder is only feet away from my plant room in the basement. Could he be the culprit?

I'm not planning on trying to catch him with only a few weeks before my plants go outside. Luckily, there's still plenty more time to get more sunflowers started. Sunflowers germinate easily and grow quickly. I'll just have to be a little more careful about where I place them this time around.

### **ENTRY: APRIL 27, 2011 (The Coldest April in Years)**

I heard on the weather this morning that this April has been the coldest April since 1996.

There are pluses and minuses. In my own garden, I feel the positives outweigh the negatives. Springs are notoriously short here in southern Wisconsin. In a typical year we swing from winter to summer in a few short weeks with little room to enjoy spring in between. By this date last year, my tulips and tree peonies had already finished blooming. This year, they won't even begin blooming for another couple of weeks. It seems as though the daffodils have been blooming for weeks on end. The cool weather has prolonged their bloom period and kept the blooms looking continuously fresh. Last year I had already mowed the lawn three times by this time. This year, I have yet to prep the lawnmower. The first mowing is still a week or more away. Though the days have been cool and gloomy, the cloudy nighttimes have kept temperatures above freezing, thereby preventing tender buds from frost damage.

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

The very first of this season's carrots are beginning to show up at area markets. It's these very first jewels that are the sweetest of the season. The following is a selection of Klein's favorite carrot recipes. Enjoy!!

**LOW-FAT CARROT CAKE**--This incredibly moist, healthy and easy-to-make cake was passed on to us from an employee's mother-in-law so we don't know the original source. The perfect carrot cake recipe and without all the fat.

4 cups (10 oz.) shredded carrots (not packed)  
2 cups sugar  
1 x 8 oz. can crushed pineapple with the juice  
1 cup fruit puree (an oil substitute) such as Smucker's Baking Healthy brand  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
2 tsp. vanilla  
2 cups flour  
1 tsp. salt  
2 tsp. baking soda  
2 tsp. cinnamon  
3/4 cup shredded coconut

In a large bowl combine the carrots, sugar, pineapple, fruit puree, eggs and vanilla. Stir thoroughly to blend. Add the rest of the ingredients except the coconut and mix well. Stir in the coconut and spread into a greased 9 x 13" baking dish. Bake at 325° for 50 minutes or until set in the middle. Cool on a baking rack and then frost.

Frosting:

8 oz. cream cheese  
1 TBS. butter  
3 cups powdered sugar  
1/4 tsp. butter flavored extract  
1/4 cup toasted chopped walnuts if desired

In a bowl, combine the cream cheese, butter, sugar and extract. Beat until smooth. Spread evenly onto the cooled cake and sprinkle with the nuts.

**CARROT RAISIN SALAD**--Another low-fat recipe! This delicious salad comes to us from '1001 Low-Fat Vegetarian Recipes' by Sue Spitler

2 1/2 cups shredded carrots  
3/4 cup chopped celery  
1/3 cup raisins  
1/3 cup chopped walnuts  
3/4 cup mayo

1/2 tsp. Dijon mustard  
1-2 tsp. sugar  
1/8 tsp. salt

Combine the carrots, celery, raisins and walnuts in a bowl. Add the rest of the ingredients and stir until blended. Chill. Serves 4.

**CARROT PUREE**--This easy side dish comes to us from the May 2007 issue of Everyday Food.

2 lbs. carrots cut into 2" lengths (or use baby carrots)  
coarse salt and pepper to taste  
1 TBS. butter  
1/4 cup sour cream

Cook the carrots as desired until very tender. As with mashed potatoes, blend the cooked carrots with the butter and sour cream until smooth and then season to taste. Serves 4.

**BALSAMIC CARROT SALAD**--A very versatile salad that can be served either chilled or as a warm side dish. It comes to us from the July 2006 pages of Cooking Light magazine.

4 cups (2 lbs.) carrots in 1/4" thick slices  
1/4 cup chopped cilantro  
2 TBS. balsamic vinegar (white balsamic if possible)  
1 TBS. extra virgin olive oil  
3/4 tsp. dried oregano  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
2 cloves minced garlic

Combine all ingredients and serve either immediately or allow to chill 4 hours or over night. Serves 8.

**CARROTS FOR THE GRILL**--A super easy side dish for chicken, pork or fish. Because it's prepared in foil, clean up is a breeze.

16 oz. baby carrots or carrots cut into 2" lengths  
1/3 cup orange marmalade  
1/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
1 TBS. butter

Prep the grill to medium-high heat or preheat the oven to 450°. Center the carrots in a 18 x 24" piece of foil. Combine the marmalade, sugar and cinnamon and spread over the carrots. Top with the butter. Bring up the sides of the foil to form a large packet, leaving room for steam to circulate. Grill on direct heat 20-25 minutes or until tender or bake for 25-30 minutes in the oven. 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 2011 Hot New Shrubs**

Not so many years ago, Klein's carried no shrubs, other than our extensive selection of Jackson & Perkin's potted roses. But things have changed drastically in recent years and we now carry a fine selection of blooming deciduous shrubs for the home landscape. Due to limited space, we've had to keep our selection very focused; offering the best, the newest and the showiest blooming shrubs for the garden. Our intent is to offer selections that fit perfectly when mingled amongst perennials in the natural garden, adding height and interest all season long. And though we don't carry conifers, we carry all of your favorites: hydrangeas, lilacs, rhododendrons, weigelas, spireas, forsythia, and SO much more. Some new favorites for 2011 include:

**Aronia melanocarpa 'Autumn Magic'**--Because of a wonderful introductory article by Shelley Ryan in the 2011 edition of the Wisconsin Garden Journal, we decided we couldn't pass on the opportunity to carry aronia (chokeberry) in our selection of deciduous shrubs. Apparently, aronia is a bird magnet in the winter landscape and the berries are delicious for humans alike. This native shrub has beautiful white flowers in May, followed by edible black berries. Fall foliage is a stunning red-purple.

**American Bittersweet 'Autumn Revolution™'**--Never think about having to buy a male and a female bittersweet plant again! This new bittersweet has flowers with both male and female parts. Therefore, fruits are produced with just one plant and the berries are twice the size of the species. An extraordinary improvement over the native vine.

**Easy Elegance® Roses from Bailey's Nurseries**--Roses come with a full 2 year guarantee from Bailey's Nurseries (see the plant tags for details). Developed in Minnesota, Easy Elegance Roses® are on their own root stock rather than being grafted. Now everyone can grow and maintain perfect roses with very little care. These roses have been bred for natural disease resistance and hardiness. All roses in the collection are guaranteed Zone 5 hardy or better or your money back!

**Forsythia 'Fiesta'**--Far and away our most popular forsythia. And why? In bloom, all forsythias look essentially the same. But after bloom, most forsythias are anything but beautiful for the rest of the year. Fiesta, on the other hand, lights up the garden all

summer long. Incredible variegated foliage of bright yellow and green covers the plant all season long. Red stems are an added bonus when set against the foliage. This is also a very cold hardy forsythia.

**Hydrangea paniculata 'Tickled Pink®'**--Flowers on this hydrangea are simply extraordinary. Each bloom is completely covered by sterile flower petals and each petal recurves, giving the blossoms a full, frilly, lacy appearance. Blooms start out white and turn a rosy pink. Habit is upright and compact.

**Hydrangea paniculata 'Vanilla Strawberry™'**--A delicious new creation from France. The enormous flower panicles are a blend of vanilla and strawberry, held upright on red stems. They start out white, turn pink and finally a strawberry red. New blooms give the plant a multi-colored effect. Excellent for fresh cut or dried arrangements.

**Ilex verticillata 'Berry Heavy' & 'Jim Dandy'**--Who says that fruiting holly isn't reliably hardy in the far north? Proven Winners has set out to prove the critics wrong. Here we have both male and female plants in the same pot, thereby taking out all guess work on your part. Plants put on a winter show of spectacular large, bright red berries. Foliage is thick, glossy and rich green. This holly is Zone 3 hardy!!!

**Lilac (Syringa vulgaris) 'Dappled Dawn'**--A lovely French lilac whose variegated foliage is irregularly splashed with deep yellow. Deep red-purple buds open to light mauve with very fragrant blooms.

### **NATURAL NEWS--**

While reading the most recent issue of Fine Gardening magazine, one of our staff members came across an article mentioning OMRI (The Organic Materials Review Institute). Intrigued, he checked out their website and thought he'd pass on this information to our readers.

From their website @ [www.omri.org](http://www.omri.org):

### **Welcome to the Organic Materials Review Institute**

The Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) is a national nonprofit organization that determines which input products are allowed for use in organic production and processing. OMRI Listed—or approved—products may be used on operations that are certified organic under the USDA National Organic Program. OMRI's funding comes from a variety of sources, including sales of publications, grants, donations, and subscriptions. Mainly, however, the organization generates income through fees collected for the review of products intended for use in organic production or processing. Also, OMRI operates an organic seed information service to help growers find organic seeds.

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

### **MOSQUITO PLANTS**

May is generally the only month of the year that Wisconsin gardeners and outdoors enthusiasts can spend any time outside without being bothered by mosquitoes. It's usually during the month of June that the first of the many waves strike us.

Klein's offers the customer at least three natural alternatives to chemical sprays. Though not as effective as their non-natural counterparts, customers testify that mosquito plants do actually work to varying degrees when used properly. Plants must be placed very near to seating areas and the leaves must be crushed occasionally in order for these natural repellents to be effective. Some people rub the crushed leaves on exposed body parts, thereby releasing the plant's mosquito repellent oils directly onto the skin. Because some people experience allergic skin reactions, care should be taken to test the plants out on small areas of skin before a more general application.

The three 'mosquito plants' Klein's offers include:

**MOSQUITO PLANT, CITRONELLA, *Pelargonium citrosum* Van Leenii:** A type of scented geranium which repels mosquitoes when the leaves are bruised or the juice from the crushed leaves is rubbed over the skin. Like all geraniums, the mosquito plant requires full to partial sunlight. Ideal if transplanted to an 8" pot or larger. The soil surface must be allowed to dry out between waterings. Fertilize regularly. Easy to keep over winter indoors in a sunny window. Grows to 24". Ideal for containers. Has insignificant flowers during early summer.

**MOSQUITO PLANT 'Mosquito Shocker' (*Pelargonium crispum*):** Another type of geranium which apparently repels mosquitoes when the leaves are bruised or the juice from the crushed leaves is rubbed over the skin. Has insignificant flowers during early summer. Similar to Citronella but with a musky rather than lemon scent. The foliage is nicely patterned.

**EUCALYPTUS CITRIODORA (Lemon-scented Gum):** An excellent candidate for large containers, but must be overwintered indoors. In it's native Queensland, it grows to over 100', so it's life span in a container will be limited. Cut back in the spring to maintain shape and size. The long, stunning leaves are intensely lemon-scented. Creamy white flowers may appear. The oils are used in perfumes, detergents and insect repellents. The dried leaves can be use in potpourris and sachets. Plant in any rich, well-drained soil in full sun.

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

**Hello. I was wondering if there is any safe way to get rid of daylilies. I have lived at our current house for 3 years and they were here when we bought the house but they have continued to spread. There must be thousands and I'm afraid if I dig**

**them up, they will continue to show up. I was going to cover this large area with newspaper and then a thick layer of mulch and not plant anything for a year. Do you think that this would work or is there a better approach? I'd rather not use any herbicides if I can help it. Thanks for your help! Sara**

Hi Sara,

It seems like you've done your homework and you've answered your own question!

Smothering plants is the absolute safest and surest way to get rid of them. Now (late winter and early spring) is also the very best time to put down your mulch, before new growth really gets going. Rather than newspapers, you'll need to go with landscape fabric; available at most home improvement stores, hardware stores and garden centers. Newspaper will biodegrade way too quickly and the daylilies will pop right through in very short order. You'd be disappointed by the results of your labor. Daylilies are tough, so you might even find a few trying to pop through the fabric. And you're right, digging is not only laborious, but the results are iffy. The teeniest piece of root left remaining will turn into a new plant down the road.

Personally, I'd get on this project this week before the tops get too tall (This question came to us the first week of April). Then, like you said, leave the fabric and mulch on until next spring. Once removed, you'll have a beautiful bare patch of soil that can easily be tilled and replanted with whatever your heart desires.

Daylilies are native to Europe and Asia and were brought to America for gardens, from which they escaped and now populate roadsides, fencerows and waste areas nationwide.

I hope I was of some help and good luck!!  
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](tel:6082445661) or [rick@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:rick@kleinsfloral.com) 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.**

### **Northside Farmers Market**

Sundays, May 1 through October 23, 8:30-12:30

In the Northside TownCenter at the intersection of N. Sherman Ave. and Northport Dr. across from Warner Park. Please note that Northport Dr. and Packers Ave. will be under construction during the 2011 season.

The Northside Farmers Market is a nonprofit community enterprise. It is one of the newest and fastest growing farmers' markets in Dane County. In keeping with the innovative spirit of Madison's Northside, we are surpassing what defines the traditional farmers' market. Our fundamental principles include:

--Providing an abundant selection of high quality, locally grown foods.  
The market accepts Quest, WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers.

--Supporting our local agricultural entrepreneurs who are increasingly important today in ensuring that we have the best and safest food possible.

--Educating the community about traditional foods and the history of local agriculture in an attempt to preserve (and expand upon) our rich heritage.

--Promoting nutrition and the market by hosting dinners for neighborhood groups and seniors.

Parking is always FREE!

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

### **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 2 thru July 10, 2011

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.

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3330 Atwood Ave., Madison  
[608/246-4550](tel:6082464550) or [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org) for details

### **Dahlia Tuber Sale**

Sunday, May 1, 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](tel:6085771924).

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### **Early Flowering Woody Ornamentals**

Wednesday, May 4, (no times listed on their website)  
In the Longenecker Gardens

This tour, led by Dr. Ed Hasselkus, Curator of Longenecker Horticultural Gardens, will include the yellow and Little Girl series magnolias, early lilacs and rhododendrons, and other spring flowering plants.

University of WI Arboretum  
1207 Seminole Hwy.  
Madison, WI 53711  
[608/263-7888](tel:6082637888) or [uwarboretum.org/events](http://uwarboretum.org/events)

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### **The Wisconsin Gardener**

#### **“Mistakes We have Made”**

Thursday, May 5, 7:00 p.m.

on Wisconsin Public Television

Check local listings for the station nearest you.

Host Shelley Ryan takes a lighthearted look at gardening mistakes we have all made. At Mayflower Greenhouse in Hobart, Jan Wos helps correct common mistakes made to container plantings including underwatering, overwatering and poor pruning. In Egg Harbor, visit a shopping mall where the trees and shrubs were planted too close to the road and buildings. The site is currently in the process of being re-landscaped. UW-

Extension Plant Pathologist Brian Hudelson fesses up to drowning his own tree and shares some other common tree planting mistakes including strangulation. The program ends with a pruning nightmare and luckily some advice on how to fix it.

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

### **West Side Garden Club Plant Sale**

Friday, May 6, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 7, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

3918 Nakoma Rd., Madison

Near the intersection of Nakoma Rd. & Seminole Hwy.

The West Side Garden Club was founded in 1922 and has a strong history of promoting gardening and supporting Madison's public gardens.

The plants for this sale are perennials dug from members' own gardens and also plants purchased from a Wisconsin grower who specializes in plants for our climate. There are plants for both sunny and shady locations. Club members each donate at least 40 plants for this fundraiser. Knowledgeable people will be on hand to answer all gardening questions. Again this year, there will be information on annuals that can be used in containers along with perennials.

All proceeds are used to support garden related civic projects.

For more information, please call [\(608\) 256-8250](tel:6082568250)

### **Olbrich Garden's**

#### **Plant Sale with the Pros**

Friday, May 6, 11:00-6:00 (Members Only)

Saturday, May 7, 9:00-4:00

Enjoy one-stop shopping convenience during **Olbrich's Plant Sale with the Pros** at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Buy the same unique plants 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 6 from 11:00 to 6:00. Olbrich members receive 20% off in Olbrich's Growing Gifts shop from 10:00-6:30.

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!

### NEW! Inspiration Station

Refresh a lack-luster garden area at the new Inspiration Station. Local landscape architects will sketch out garden designs on the spot using your photos and feedback. Be sure to note the features of areas in your landscape, for example, how much water is received, lighting conditions, existing plantings, etc. A landscape design created by the pros will get you started on the right foot!

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.

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### **Sundowners/Crosstown Violet Club Sale**

Saturday, May 7, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

This annual sale includes African violets, starter plants, blooming plants, leaves, gesneriads of all kinds, and potting soil and pots. Sponsored by the Sundowners and Crosstown African Violet clubs. For more information call [608/833-5552](tel:6088335552)

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### **Native Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 7, 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.

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1207 Seminole Hwy.



Madison, WI 53711

[608/263-7888](tel:6082637888) or [uwarboretum.org/events](http://uwarboretum.org/events)

### **Flowering Crabapples and Lilacs**

Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm

In the Longenecker Gardens

Emeritus Professor of Horticulture Ed Hasselkus, curator of the Longenecker Gardens, will concentrate on the Arboretum's excellent collection of flowering crabapples and present highlights in the Gardens' large lilac collection.

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### **Windsor Area Garden Club Plant Sale**

Thursday, May 12, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday, May 13, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

6596 Chestnut Cir., Windsor

As always we will have a wide variety of tried and true perennial plant divisions from our own gardens. We will also have a few annuals, vegetable, and misc. plants available. Come visit with our garden club members and receive help with general gardening questions in a welcoming environment. Master gardeners will also be available for more specific questions you may have. All proceeds will go to Gilda's Club.

Visit their website @ [www.windsorareagardenclub.org](http://www.windsorareagardenclub.org) for contact info.

### **Spring Plant Sale**

Friday, May 13, 9:00-5:00 (RBG Friends Members only)

Saturday, May 14, 9:00-5:00

Sunday, May, 15, 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](tel:6087523885) or [www.rotarygardens.org](http://www.rotarygardens.org)

**Family Horticulture Day**

Saturday, May 14, 10:00-2:00

West Madison Agricultural Research Station

8502 Mineral Point Road

Verona, WI 53593

[608/829-3467](tel:6088293467)

Horticulture will be a Technicolor experience at Family Horticulture Day. Purple, red, and yellow potatoes, red popcorn and green caterpillars will be the features of the day

Families can learn how to develop a back yard kitchen garden in a small space: tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, and eggplant seedlings will be provided, along with instructions for growing them and directions for sowing vegetable and flower seeds will be available from master gardeners.

Visit [www.cals.wisc.edu/westmad/garden/Events.html#FamHortDay](http://www.cals.wisc.edu/westmad/garden/Events.html#FamHortDay) for details.

**Badger Bonsai Annual Show**

Saturday, May 15, 10:00-5:00

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

Marvel at these growing miniature landscapes. Sponsored by the Badger Bonsai Society. For more information call [262/490-9733](tel:2624909733).

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**Azaleas and Rhododendrons**

Wednesday, May 18, 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm

In the Longenecker Gardens

Dr. Deb McCown, a specialist in woody ornamentals, will review the Gardens' collection of azaleas and rhododendrons and discuss the care of these plants in the Madison area.

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[608/263-7888](tel:6082637888) or [uwarboretum.org/events](http://uwarboretum.org/events)

**Small Ornamental Trees**

Wednesday, May 25, 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm

In the Longenecker Gardens

Jeff Epping, Director of Horticulture at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, will highlight some of the Gardens' interesting, and unusual, ornamental small trees.

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### **Iris Show**

Sunday, May 29, 12:00-5:00  
Sponsored by the Madison Iris Society  
For details call [608/271-3607](tel:6082713607)

Cut irises in a rainbow of colors will be on display in the Evjue Commons.

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

[PDF File](#)

- 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!**

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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](tel:4179248887)

Burpee @ [www.burpee.com](http://www.burpee.com) or [800/888-1447](tel:8008881447)

Harris Seeds @ [www.harrisseeds.com](http://www.harrisseeds.com) or [800/514-4441](tel:8005144441)

Johnny's Select Seeds @ [www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com) or [207/861-3901](tel:2078613901)

Jung's Seeds @ [www.jungseed.com](http://www.jungseed.com) or [800/247-5864](tel:8002475864)

Park's Seeds @ [www.parkseed.com](http://www.parkseed.com) or [800/845-3369](tel:8008453369)

Seeds of Change @ [www.seedsofchange.com](http://www.seedsofchange.com) or [888/762-7333](tel:8887627333)

Seed Savers @ [www.seedsavers.org](http://www.seedsavers.org) or [563/382-5990](tel:5633825990)

Select Seeds @ [www.selectseeds.com](http://www.selectseeds.com) or [800/684-0395](tel:8006840395)

Territorial Seeds @ [www.territorialseed.com](http://www.territorialseed.com) or [888/657-3131](tel:8886573131)

Thompson & Morgan @ [www.thompson-morgan.com](http://www.thompson-morgan.com) or [800/274-7333](tel:8002747333)

#### **For bulbs:**

Brent & Becky's Bulbs @ [www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com](http://www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com) or [877/661-2852](tel:8776612852)

Colorblends @ [www.colorblends.com](http://www.colorblends.com) or [888/847-8637](tel:8888478637)

John Scheeper's @ [www.johnscheepers.com](http://www.johnscheepers.com) or [860/567-0838](tel:8605670838)

McClure & Zimmerman @ [www.mzbulb.com](http://www.mzbulb.com) or [800/883-6998](tel:8008836998)

#### **For plants:**

Heronswood Nursery @ [www.heronswood.com](http://www.heronswood.com) or [360/297-4172](tel:3602974172)

High Country Gardens @ [www.highcountrygardens.com](http://www.highcountrygardens.com) or [800/925-9387](tel:8009259387)

Logee's Greenhouses @ [www.logees.com](http://www.logees.com) or [888/330-8038](tel:8883308038)

Plant Delights Nursery @ [www.plantdelights.com](http://www.plantdelights.com) or [912/772-4794](tel:9127724794)

Roots and Rhizomes @ [www.rootsrhizomes.com](http://www.rootsrhizomes.com) or [800/374-5035](tel:8003745035)

Wayside Gardens @ [www.waysidegardens.com](http://www.waysidegardens.com) or [800/213-0379](tel:8002130379)

White Flower Farm @ [www.whiteflowerfarm.com](http://www.whiteflowerfarm.com) or [800/503-9624](tel:8005039624)

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 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--SUE KLEIN (Owner & Manager)**

After years of raising her family and remaining behind the scenes, Klein’s Floral and Greenhouses owner and manager, Sue Klein, has again fully immersed herself in the day to day operations of her family business. The kids have grown up, the business is growing and the time has come to move us to the next levels. Klein’s evolution into a well-respected and modern greenhouse facility is a direct result of Sue’s insight and leadership. Under Sue, Klein’s exposure in the community continues to grow. Klein’s is becoming increasingly visible in the Madison community through involvement and sponsorship. Our visibility has blossomed dramatically as we increase advertising and through Sue’s involvement with Downtown Madison Inc., Dane Buy Local and many other community groups. Under Sue, Klein’s continues to modernize the facility and offer the customer high quality and cutting edge product they’ve come to expect.

Sue, quite literally, grew up in the greenhouse. She and her parents lived in the farmhouse attached to the greenhouses along East Washington Avenue until they moved into their new home just around the corner on Mendota St. Sue has very fond memories of growing up in her greenhouse setting. From a very early age she helped her mother in the flower shop with arrangements and corsages. During her free time, Sue says she enjoyed curling up with a book and the greenhouse cats atop the pile of marsh hay out back.

After graduating from Madison East High School in 1983, Sue attended the University of Wisconsin, receiving a B.S. in Floriculture in 1987. It was during her time at the university that Sue met Klein's current head grower, Jamie Vanden Wymelenberg.

After graduation, Sue attended the American Floral Art School in downtown Chicago, where she received training at one of the world's leading institutes for floral design. Shortly thereafter, in 1990, ownership of Klein's Floral & Greenhouses was passed on to Sue from her parents and the changes at Klein's began. Currently, Sue's roles encompass all financial matters, marketing and advertising, payroll and long-term planning, along with some purchasing and human resources. But it's floral design and customer service that remain Sue's biggest passions.

A certified Master Gardener, Sue says that in her own Waunakee garden, she especially enjoys container gardening and raising vegetables with her children. Sue hopes that some day, one or more of her kids shows interest in taking over the family business. Passing on to them her own fond memories of growing up in the greenhouse makes that far more likely. Jim (the mechanic and businessman), Jon (the plantsman) and Michael (the salesman) already help out as much as possible between school and sports. And daughter, Megan (the artist), has already spent much of her young life running through the greenhouses or "helping out" in the flower shop or at the counter-- just like mom did. The next Klein generation is at the doorstep so stay tuned!

### **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](tel:6082445661) or [888/244-5661](tel:8882445661) 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.

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

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Assistant Manager--Jennifer Simon [jSimon@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:jSimon@kleinsfloral.com)

House Accounts & Billing--Barbara Foulk [barb@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:barb@kleinsfloral.com)

Delivery Supervisor--Rick Halbach [rick@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:rick@kleinsfloral.com)

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](tel:6082243700)

<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](tel:6082624364)

<http://uwlabs.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](tel:6082400409)

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

Community Gardens Division (Madison area)

Community Action Coalition

1717 N. Stoughton Rd.  
Madison, WI 53704  
[608/246-4730](tel:6082464730)  
<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](tel:6082654504)  
<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](tel:6082628406)  
<http://www.horticulture.wisc.edu/allencentennialgardens/>

Olbrich Botanical Gardens  
3330 Atwood Ave.  
Madison, WI 53704  
[608/246-4550](tel:6082464550)  
<http://www.olbrich.org/>

Rotary Gardens  
1455 Palmer Dr.  
Janesville, WI 53545  
[608/752-3885](tel:6087523885)  
<http://www.rotarygardens.org/>

University of WI Arboretum  
1207 Seminole Hwy.  
Madison, WI 53711  
[608/263-7888](tel:6082637888)  
<http://uwarboretum.org/>

University of Wisconsin-West Madison  
Agricultural Research Center  
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### **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 @ <http://www.humanesociety.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
- Crowslip
- 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

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