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KLEIN'S 3RD ANNUAL MOST BEAUTIFUL GARDEN CONTEST

Think you have the **Most Beautiful Garden**? Perhaps all of that hard work and creativity can literally pay off by entering our **Most Beautiful Garden Contest**. We invite you to submit photographs along with our entry form to Klein's via e-mail or snail mail by September 1. Winners are selected by our staff and will be announced on our website in early September. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places include gift cards for a Klein's shopping spree. We have a separate category for container gardens.

They say pictures say a thousand words and sometimes the most simple of designs says more than the most elaborate. Please visit our home page at www.kleinsfloral.com for details and entry information.

KLEIN'S IS A PROUD SPONSOR OF THE 2011 OLBRICH HOME GARDEN TOUR being held Friday, July 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, July 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-tour tickets are \$10 for Olbrich Botanical Society members and \$12 for the general public and are available at Klein's. Tickets during the tour are \$12 for Olbrich members

and \$14 for the general public. Olbrich's Home Garden Tour is sponsored by the Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association.

Olbrich's 2011 Home Garden Tour showcases seven exceptional gardens that illustrate this year's theme, The Garden as Sanctuary.

Styles range from Japanese and Eastern meditation gardens to native Wisconsin woodlands; the diverse gardens on this year's tour are united by a sense of serenity, peace, and harmony with nature.

Admire ponds, water features, and drystream beds that lend beauty to the environment while controlling storm water runoff. Discover diverse plant collections including artistically pruned garden conifers, colorful prairie natives that attract butterflies, and tough woodland plants able to survive under a hardwood canopy. Learn how the sense of privacy and enclosure is created with distinctive fences, gates, pergolas, and trellises.

You are invited to linger in each of these intimate and peaceful retreats. Talk with homeowners, landscape designers, Master Gardeners, and other Olbrich volunteers, and learn some of the techniques used to transform these ordinary yards into extraordinary retreats. Visit www.olbrich.org for more information, a tour flyer and garden descriptions.

THE MAD GARDENER

“Madison’s Firsthand Source for Expert Gardening Advice”

Ask any of your gardening questions by e-mailing them to us at madgardener@kleinsfloral.com. Klein’s in-house **Mad Gardener** will e-mail you with an answer as promptly as we can. We’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.

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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 or Sue at 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 Monday, 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](tel:6082445661) or toll free at [888-244-5661](tel:8882445661). 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 en route to any Fourth of July celebration you might have.

July 8 & 19--Olbrich Gardens' 2011 Home Garden Tour. See above for details or visit www.olbrich.org for more information.

July 15--Full Moon

'THE FLOWER SHOPPE':

Harvard: Flowers Boost Morning Moods

Recent research confirms that flowers might be the perfect pick-me-up for millions of Americans who do not consider themselves "morning people." Participants of a behavioral study conducted by researchers at Harvard University and Massachusetts General Hospital confirmed that they feel least positive in the early hours but reported being happier and more energetic after looking at flowers first thing in the morning.

"The morning blahs, it turns out, is a real phenomenon, with positive moods – happiness, friendliness and warmth, for example – manifesting much later in the day," says lead researcher [Nancy Etcoff, Ph.D.](#) "Interestingly, when we placed a small bouquet of flowers into their morning routines, people perked up."

Dr. Etcoff is referencing the fact that participants in the study responded to the flowers, which had been placed in rooms they frequented in the morning. Overall, the participants reported they liked to look at the blooms first thing in the morning, particularly in the kitchen. The final study results demonstrate that flowers impact people emotionally at home, causing them to feel less anxious and more compassionate. They even reported a boost of energy that lasted through their day.

“What I find interesting is that by starting the day in a more positive mood, you are likely to transfer those happier feelings to others – it’s what is called mood contagion,” says Etcoff. “And, the kitchen is the place where families tend to gather in the morning – imagine how big a difference a better morning mood can make.”

Source: The Society of American Florists’ website @ www.aboutflowers.com.

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DID YOU KNOW. . .

. . . that time spent now staking or supporting tall or top heavy plants can spare a lot of heartbreak down the road? Read on.

“Along with watering and weeding, I really enjoy staking plants. Years of experience have taught me that a staked plant now decreases the chances of an unhappy gardener down the road. Sometimes I’ve gotten lazy or just haven’t had the time to get the staking done, only to have a late season downpour and strong winds topple my summer’s worth of work. Now I diligently do my staking like clockwork--the first ones are always my tall daturas, then the peppers in containers, next are the tall cosmos, sunflowers, kiss-me-over-the-garden-gate and tithonia. I always do my zinnias around the Fourth of July. Next will be my tall salvias, rudbeckia and, of course, the meadow blazing star and annual milkweeds. I keep their heads held high for the influx of monarch butterflies that await them. Friends can’t believe the amount of time I spend staking plants. I, on the other hand, see it as an intimate moment with each plant. It gives me the chance to spend a moment with its individual beauty. The more plants you stake, the faster the task becomes.

I use simple and inexpensive bamboo stakes and a spool of twist ties for individual stems (kite string if the plant is bushy or multi-stemmed). I place the stem in the middle of my length of twist tie, make a loose figure “8”, twisting the stake tightly into the opposite part of the “8” so it doesn’t slide down the plant. It’s far easier than it sounds and is truly worth the time spent!”

The previous article appeared courtesy of one of our staff members in our newsletter from July 2008.

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

ENTRY: JUNE 7, 2011 (Continued Fickle Spring)

After some of the cooler Aprils and Mays on record, we hit three record high temperatures over the past five day period and a 96° high just today! At work we've heard that SO many people haven't even finished planting their gardens yet and here we are; thrown into the middle of summer. On the up side, the farmers have been able to catch up with their field work and we haven't had the flooding rains of year's past--so far. All-in-all, the garden looks pretty darn good. Luckily, I've missed out on some of the hail and strong winds that hit many nearby neighborhoods. Though things are a bit late, this heat has allowed the plants to catch up quickly. I see tomatoes and zucchinis forming and it looks like I'll be making my first batch of pesto in a week or so.

ENTRY: JUNE 21, 2011 (A Happy Human Does Not a Happy Plant Make)

Just yesterday a customer/landscaper came up to me on the sales floor with a dilemma. One of her clients, with a '**very shady garden**', was insisting on having a cut flower garden of long blooming annuals as a continuous source for indoor blooms. My customer seemed at wit's end trying to figure out how to make the client happy, yet realized there was a problem with the scenario. As we know, there are few (if any) long stemmed blooming annuals that do well in the shade. She had tried to tell her client this, but the client wanted what she wanted and didn't want to hear anything to the contrary.

This is a common dilemma all gardeners face. We want plants that we simply shouldn't be growing. We squeeze them into unsuitable locations and simply hope they won't notice. We purchase plants on impulse because they're irresistibly beautiful and hope we'll find the perfect spot once we get them home--only to find the perfect spot doesn't exist in our yard. We purchase plants that require more sun than our yard offers. We hope that plants that thrive in moist, humus-rich soil won't mind the crappy clay soil that we haven't had the chance to amend. We pretend we didn't notice the Zone 6 on the tag of the perennial we just bought at the Home Depot. After all, it's a plant you've always wanted and it was SO beautiful in that Virginia garden in Better Homes & Gardens magazine. Like people, plants thrive best in conditions that suit them best.

Perhaps my customer should plant zinnias, cosmos and sunflowers in her client's shade garden. It might be a lesson well learned.

ENTRY: JUNE 26, 2011 (Hummingbird Heaven at Arm's Length)

I'm happy to say I've had great success with the collection of hummingbird luring plants I've placed on the deck just outside the TV room. A female ruby-throat has become a very frequent visitor. Normally my deck containers are a hodgepodge of favorite annuals for full sun. This year, however, I decided to be a little more focused with my plant choices and am trying to lure hummingbirds to where I can enjoy them most. Her very favorite continues to be a Gartenmeister fuchsia that stands just outside the patio door window. For years now I've place one in that same location. But the addition of

other favorites keeps the hummingbird close by for much longer periods of time. Oftentimes, it's hard for her to leave. She rests in the nearby lilac for a few minutes, preens a bit and she's right back at it, sipping nectar from the other fuchsias, lantanas, salvias, pentas, cupheas, hyssops and cape fuchsias that surround her.

At times it's difficult to concentrate on a TV show or movie with the flurry of activity just outside the TV room door.

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

Honeybees have been in the news a lot in recent years with the appearance and spread of Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) and the resulting interest in backyard beekeeping. Though September is National Honeybee Month, we thought we'd get the celebration off to an early start by sharing some of our very favorite recipes that incorporate honey. Enjoy!!

SIMPLY SWEET SUMMER SALAD--Simple and flavorful. This one comes from a May 2000 Capital Times article and appeared in one of our very first newsletters in July of 2007.

3 large tomatoes, cut into wedges
3 cucumbers, sliced
1 onion, sliced
1/4 cup packed, slivered fresh basil

Marinade:

1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup red wine or herb vinegar
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

Mix marinade ingredients and toss with the salad ingredients in a bowl. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours. Will keep several days. Drain if desired after 24 hrs.

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HONEY CHIPOTLE BAKED BEANS--From the pages of the July 2006 issue of Cooking Light magazine.

1/2 cup minced onion
1 TBS. ground cumin
1 TBS. minced garlic
1/2 cup tomato sauce
1 TBS. canola oil
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup cider vinegar
2 TBS. molasses

1 TBS. Worcestershire sauce
1/4 tsp. salt
2 chipotle chiles in adobo sauce, seeded and chopped
2 x 28 oz. cans baked beans (plain)

Preheat the oven to 300°. In a pan, saute the onions in a little oil over medium-high heat about 4 minutes until golden. Add the cumin and garlic and cook 1 minute longer. Now add the puree and the oil and cook about 2 minutes until thick, stirring constantly. Add the honey, vinegar, molasses, Worcestershire sauce, salt and chiles. Reduce the heat and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Combine the beans and the onion mixture in a 2 1/2 qt. baking dish. Bake 1 hour or until thick and bubbly. Serves 8.

HONEY MUSTARD SALMON--This super easy recipe was given to us by a regular Klein's shopper and is a family favorite.

2 lbs. skin-on salmon fillets
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
2 TBS. honey
2 TBS. brown grainy or Dijon mustard
2 TBS. brown sugar
squeeze of fresh lemon juice

Preheat the oven to 365°. Spray all sides of the fillets with cooking spray and place on a foil lined, rimmed baking sheet. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Mix together the honey, mustard, brown sugar and lemon juice. Drizzle the mixture and spread evenly over the salmon. Bake 25 minutes or until the fish flakes easily. Serves 4-6.

FRESH FRUIT SALAD WITH YOGURT MINT DRESSING--From the pages of Isthmus from sometime in the mid-1990's. Kids LOVE this one--maybe it's the amaretto!!!

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 mint
6-8 cups assorted fruit--strawberries, melons, pineapple, berries, grapes, apples, etc.

Combine the yogurt, honey, zest, ginger, liqueur and mint. Mix well and chill. Serve the dressing over individual bowls of fresh, mixed fruit to taste.

HONEY GINGER PEACH SAUCE (for grilled pork or chicken)--This fantastic seasonal recipe came along with the Weber grill and remains a standard.

4 medium peaches, peeled and pitted
2 TBS. honey
2 TBS. lemon juice
1 1/2 tsp. fresh minced ginger

1 tsp. balsamic vinegar
5 drops Tobasco sauce

Cut three of the peaches into large chunks. In a blender or processor, puree the peaches, honey, lemon juice, ginger, vinegar and Tobasco until smooth. Pour into a small saucepan. Bring the mixture to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, 15 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, finely chop the last peach. Stir into the sauce once the sauce has cooked. Chill until ready to use. Brush the sauce on the meat just for the last few minutes of cooking time. Makes 1 1/2 cups.

PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT--Each month we spotlight some 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: Plant Supports from Bond, Green Esteem, JWALT and Luster Leaf

Be it tomato cages, plant hoops, bamboo and wooden stakes or twine and twist ties, it's during the month of July that Klein's sells far and away our greatest volume of product related to supporting plants. Few garden tasks are more important than protecting one's investment from strong winds, torrential rains or heavy fruit. Klein's offers a complete line of plant supports and fasteners including innovative tomato supports that grow as your plants grow, both wood and metal trellises in all sizes, and a wide array of green coated hoops and grids designed to camouflage the fact that you're using supports at all.

Luster Leaf, Inc. "Products For Successful Gardening"

In our #3 Showroom you'll find a display filled with every type of plant fastener imaginable. We carry a full line of twine, twist ties, stretch ties and rapiclips® from Luster Leaf. Other Luster Leaf products Klein's carries includes: soil testers, soil covers, plant labels, trellis netting and other plant supports. See their website at www.lusterleaf.com.

Next, visit our garage area where you'll find tomato cages, trellises, stakes and SO much more.

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From JWALT comes DURA-CAGE™ (www.jwalt.com/products.html):

"This innovative tomato cage and plant support is made from a highly durable, weather resistant, high-tech plastic formulation. It comes assembled, is easy to open, and is highly stable (even in the strongest of winds). Installation is a breeze! Simply insert the barbed feet into the ground and you're done. By design, DURA-CAGE™ provides easy

access to plants while supporting even heaviest of vegetation (tested to hold over 50+ lbs). The legs easily move around the rings for quick folding and storage. No bends, rust, or breakage like other cages and supports. With DURA-CAGE™ you can count on season after season of solid support and minimal storage”.

Both Bond Manufacturing (www.bondmfg.com) and **Green Esteem from Hiatt Manufacturing** (www.greenesteem.com) supply us with a huge assortment of supports for every need--both large and small. Whether you're wanting to train a small ivy plant indoors or rein in a monstrous perennial outdoors, you'll find the support you're looking for in "the garage". Please talk with any sales associate to help out with any of your plant support needs.

NATURAL NEWS--

Fight Pests Naturally! A Guide to Nontoxic Pesticides

From Natural Home & Garden Magazine

With these ingenious tips from gardener and author Sharon Lovejoy, you won't need pesticides to fight insects that munch on your plants. These cures are simple, quick, earth-friendly, and fun to make.

For Ants

Spray ant routes with apple cider vinegar to cover their invisible pheromone tracks so they can't find their way back to foraging sites. Pour equal parts baking soda and powder sugar into a bowl and blend thoroughly. Transfer mixture to a cheese or salt shaker and apply directly to ant hills and trails.

For Aphids

Many aphid and mite problems can be solved with water. A strong blast from the hose dislodges aphids and breaks off their sucking mouth parts.

For Grasshoppers

Sprinkle white flour (not self-rising) on cabbage worms, loopers, and grasshoppers early in the morning when plants are covered with dew. Pests will petrify and desiccate. Rinse off the plants the next day.

For Beetles

Slip on a pair of lawn aerator sandals after a rain and dance wildly on your wet lawn to destroy grubs before they become Japanese beetles.

For Earwigs

Fill an empty milk carton with crumpled, moist newspaper and bread crumbs, and set on its side in the garden where it will collect earwigs. Empty bugs into a bucket of soapy water in the morning.

For Slugs

Lay empty flowerpots or milk cartons on their sides in a shady area and dispose of slugs and snails every morning.

Read more at: <http://www.naturalhomeandgarden.com>

The Natural Home & Garden website is great source to find interesting articles and facts regarding natural living. We use it as a resource for researching many of our articles.

And a note about pyrethrins after one of our customers asked about its safety:

Once considered a natural gardener's friend, there are increasing concerns about pyrethrin use. Pyrethrin is a "natural" pesticide derived from chrysanthemums, but read on:

While highly toxic organophosphates are no longer allowed in home pesticides, popular pyrethrum-based pesticides aren't without risk. In animal studies, pyrethroid exposure affects the brain and nervous system; increases thyroid and liver cancers; damages male reproductive organs; and reduces testosterone levels and fertility. The Cancer Assessment Review Committee classified pyrethrins as "likely human carcinogens" if ingested.

Pyrethrins have sparked concern among environmentalists and lawmakers alike. Recently, Virginia Congressman Jim Moran and Massachusetts Senator John Kerry introduced legislation to explore the link between hormone-disrupting chemicals such as pyrethroids and the dramatic increase in autism, hyperactivity, diabetes, obesity, and breast and prostate cancer.

Pyrethrum-based pesticides aren't the only cause for concern. Propoxur, commonly found in ant and roach killers, depresses the central nervous system and respiratory tract, and overexposure can cause muscle weakness, dizziness, headaches and nausea. This noxious chemical also damages DNA and negatively affects fetal growth. The chemical N-octyl bicycloheptene dicarboximide—often found in ant and roach sprays, household foggers, and flea and tick repellents—is an excitotoxin that can depress the central nervous system, causing decreased heart rate, loss of consciousness and possibly death.

Infants and children, whose internal organs are still developing, are especially sensitive to the health risks these pesticides pose. Researchers have found that exposure to home pesticides and insecticides more than doubles a child's chances of developing neuroblastoma, a rare type of malignant brain tumor, and increases the risk of leukemia. An American Cancer Society study suggests children exposed to household insecticides are three to seven times more likely to develop non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

JULY'S PLANT OF THE MONTH:

FUCHSIAS

Flamboyant, finicky and notoriously weak stemmed, fuchsias have come a long way since the gaudy Mothers' Day hanging baskets of yesteryear. Historically, Wisconsin's hot and windy summers are a fuchsia's worst enemy. Baskets purchased for Mothers' Day seldom made it through the summer beautiful and healthy. This is no longer the case as plants have been bred to be sturdier and far more heat tolerant. Today, one's fuchsia choices are endless. The flowers remain flamboyant and eye catching, but new varieties hold up extremely well in our hot weather.

Fuchsias are native to the mountainous regions of Central and South America and are members of the evening primrose family of plants. It's not known how they made their way to England during the 1700's, but they caught on there in a big way. The maritime conditions in the British Isles are perfect for growing most fuchsias, which prefer conditions that are somewhat cool and moist. In the United States, fuchsias grow exceptionally well in the Pacific Northwest and coastal northern California. Fuchsias are named after the German botanist, Leonhard Fuchs. The color and English word 'fuchsia' comes from the purplish-red color like that of the sepals of many fuchsia varieties. There are over 10,000 named fuchsia varieties and numerous societies devoted exclusively to the plant.

There are generally (though this is changing rapidly) three distinct fuchsia types: hanging fuchsias (the one's used in mom's hanging baskets), upright fuchsias (often trained as standards) and the honeysuckle fuchsias (Triphylla types) of which 'Gartenmeister Bonstedt' is the best known. Hummingbirds are attracted to all types.

As a group of plants, fuchsias prefer protected and shaded to semi-shaded locations in the garden. But, as stated above, newer varieties are increasingly durable and tolerant of a fair amount of direct sun. Fuchsia flowers range from the gaudy to the simple. Some combine the brightest of red and purple colors all in one huge double bloom. Colors usually range from white through pink, red, lavender and purple. The honeysuckle types are usually peach, coral or red. Though most often propagated from cuttings, seed varieties are available through catalogs.

Fuchsias are easily propagated by the home gardener. In late summer or early fall, simply snip 3-4" soft wood cuttings and stick them into any well-moistened soilless potting mix. Place the cuttings in a plastic bag or under a humidity dome in a warm location but away from direct sunlight. Cuttings should be rooted in about 3 weeks; at which time the dome or plastic bag can be removed. Discard any yellowed leaves.

Cuttings are a sure way to keep favorite fuchsia plants for many years to come without having to keep the original plant. Keep an eye out for aphids, whiteflies, mealybugs and spider mites--all of which can attack a fuchsia plant with a vengeance if left unchecked.

Klein's carries a huge assortment of fuchsias during the springtime and early summer in both hanging baskets and 4 1/2" pots. **We currently have an amazing collection of 5' tall fuchsia standards in many different colors!** They are guaranteed to get 'WOWS' in any garden and are very easy to overwinter in any bright and cool room indoors.

Other notable varieties we carry include:

'Firecracker'--A variegated cousin of Gartenmeister Bonstedt with stunning deep green/burgundy foliage splashed with pink and white.

'Autumnale'--A cascader with breathtaking golden leaves accented with orange and purple. Grown more for its foliage than its red-purple blooms.

YOU ASKED THE MAD GARDENER. . .

I normally go thru (the garden) when the tulips are done blooming and cut off the heads to avoid them going to seed. How soon should I remove the actual plant? I have been waiting until the entire plant is golden and papery, then snip them at various day intervals. However, my neighbor insists I can cut them as soon as they start to yellow. I'm concerned I am removing the renewal of energy gathering for the next year if I remove the foliage too soon. Please advise me on the best way. Thank you so much. Claudine

Hi Claudine,

It's best to remove the foliage as late as possible. The longer you wait, the longer you allow the foliage to feed the bulb for next year and years to come. Many people want to remove the foliage earlier because they think it looks unattractive in the garden.

In my own garden I tuck the yellowing tulip and daffodil foliage into the plants growing around them. Once the foliage has completely yellowed, it separates from the bulb naturally with no cutting. Because the foliage is completely hidden, I sometimes forget that I left the leaves on the plant at all. Keep doing what you've been doing!

I hope I answered your question.
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 or Sue at 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

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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

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.

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

2011 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 2011 Schedule:
(All concerts are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.)

July 5

Capitol City Band--Band Favorites

July 12

Peter & Lou Berryman--Folk Humor

July 19

Ladies Must Swing--Swing Music

July 26

Marcy and the Highlights

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Olbrich's 2011 Home Garden Tour showcases seven exceptional gardens that illustrate this year's theme, **The Garden as Sanctuary**.

Styles range from Japanese and Eastern meditation gardens to native Wisconsin woodlands; the diverse gardens on this year's tour are united by a sense of serenity, peace, and harmony with nature.

Admire ponds, water features, and drystream beds that lend beauty to the environment while controlling storm water runoff. Discover diverse plant collections including artistically pruned garden conifers, colorful prairie natives that attract butterflies, and tough woodland plants able to survive under a hardwood canopy. Learn how the sense of privacy and enclosure is created with distinctive fences, gates, pergolas, and trellises.

You are invited to linger in each of these intimate and peaceful retreats. Talk with homeowners, landscape designers, Master Gardeners, and other Olbrich volunteers, and learn some of the techniques used to transform these ordinary yards into extraordinary retreats.

Advance tickets are \$10 for Olbrich Botanical Society members and \$12 for the general public and are available at Klein's. Tickets the day of the tour are \$12 for members and \$14 for the general public.

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

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Steps in Ecological Restoration

Tuesday, July 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of how to do a restoration in this interactive presentation. The process of implementing a restoration is applicable to different scales (yards to landscapes) and ecosystem types (wetlands to prairies). This class costs \$13.50 and registration is required. All classes begin in the Arboretum Visitor Center.

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

Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies

July 13-August 7
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 11 and Tuesday, July 12 in preparation for Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies.

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Windsor Area Garden Club 2011 Garden Tour

Featuring Gardens In Windsor & DeForest
Friday, July 15, 12:00-6:00
Saturday, July 16, 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.

Native Gardens for Pollinators

Wednesday, July 20, 7:00-8:15 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](tel:6082637888) or uwarboretum.org/events

Rotary Botanical Gardens' Home Garden Tour

Rotary Botanical Gardens' 17th Annual Home Garden Tour will be held Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 10 am until 4 pm (Rain or Shine).

The Home Garden Tour gives gardening enthusiasts an opportunity to view some of Janesville's most beautiful home gardens. This wonderful event is meant to inspire all attendees with an interest in gardening, whether they are beginners or advanced gardeners, with exciting and sometimes unusual plants, landscape features and a host of new ideas. Unique and wonderful home gardens can be explored as part of this event, with Rotary Botanical Gardens being final destination.

Tickets are on sale at K&W Greenery and RBG. They are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the event.

Luncheon tickets can only be purchased at RBG

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

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Iris Sale

Friday, August 5, 9:00-5:00
Saturday, August 6, 9:00-5:00
Sunday, August 7, 9:00-5:00

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](tel:6082713607).

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3330 Atwood Ave., Madison
[608/246-4550](tel:6082464550) or 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 an 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 or [417/924-8887](tel:4179248887)
Burpee @ www.burpee.com or [800/888-1447](tel:8008881447)
Harris Seeds @ www.harrisseed.com or [800/514-4441](tel:8005144441)
Johnny's Select Seeds @ www.johnnyseed.com or [207/861-3901](tel:2078613901)
Jung's Seeds @ www.jungseed.com or [800/247-5864](tel:8002475864)
Park's Seeds @ www.parkseed.com or [800/845-3369](tel:8008453369)
Seeds of Change @ www.seedsofchange.com or [888/762-7333](tel:8887627333)
Seed Savers @ www.seedsavers.org or [563/382-5990](tel:5633825990)
Select Seeds @ www.selectseeds.com or [800/684-0395](tel:8006840395)
Territorial Seeds @ www.territorialseed.com or [888/657-3131](tel:8886573131)
Thompson & Morgan @ www.thompson-morgan.com or [800/274-7333](tel:8002747333)

For bulbs:

Brent & Becky's Bulbs @ www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com or [877/661-2852](tel:8776612852)
Colorblends @ www.colorblends.com or [888/847-8637](tel:8888478637)
John Scheeper's @ www.johnscheepers.com or [860/567-0838](tel:8605670838)
McClure & Zimmerman @ www.mzbulb.com or [800/883-6998](tel:8008836998)

For plants:

Heronwood Nursery @ www.heronwood.com or [360/297-4172](tel:3602974172)
High Country Gardens @ www.highcountrygardens.com or [800/925-9387](tel:8009259387)
Logee's Greenhouses @ www.logees.com or [888/330-8038](tel:8883308038)
Plant Delights Nursery @ www.plantdelights.com or [912/772-4794](tel:9127724794)
Roots and Rhizomes @ www.rootsrhizomes.com or [800/374-5035](tel:8003745035)
Wayside Gardens @ www.waysidegardens.com or [800/213-0379](tel:8002130379)
White Flower Farm @ 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. Most catalogs are free and make for great winter reading!

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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--AMY KITTLESON

Amy Kittleson was "unofficially hired" the moment she dropped off her application in late winter of early 2010. Of the hundreds of applications we see each spring, we knew we didn't want to let this one slip through our fingers. She even received the special "behind the scenes tour" that day--a privilege usually reserved for an employee's first day of work. Amy showed confidence, determination and excitement about the prospect of working at the greenhouse. It was love at first sight for us.

The feeling was mutual for Amy . . . it was love at **FIRST** sight! Amy was probably three or four when that happened. She was excited about any prospect of visiting the greenhouse with her parents so she could play with the kittens. Maybe she even told her parents she wanted to work at the greenhouse someday when she grew up. Regardless, she **KNEW** she loved being at the greenhouse. Decades later, Amy tells her husband while visiting our booths at the WPT Garden Expo, "I need to work at Klein's!" The rest is history:

Like many of us, Amy is an east sider through and through. As with many east siders, and with few places to shop, Klein's was THE place to buy plants in the springtime. Amy says that sometimes her family would come to Klein's "just for the fun of it." For a child, coming to Klein's left an indelible impression. There were miles and miles of paths through the dense jungle and those kittens could be hiding anywhere.

Amy grew up a very short distance south of Klein's in the Burke Heights neighborhood. She says that her father was the gardener in her family. Trips to Klein's were frequent. She says her father had a beautiful garden in the backyard filled with colorful annuals, some perennials and raspberries. Picking raspberries is one of her fondest gardening memories. Amy says historically that it was the men in her family who were the gardeners, yet she and her two sisters are the gardeners in her own generation and that her brother has little interest.

Amy went to Holy Cross on Milwaukee St. for grade school and then on to East High School (where she and owner, Sue Klein, were just a year apart). After graduating from high school, Amy says she set out on her own, hung out and worked assorted retail jobs before meeting her husband, Dennis. They married, settled down in Dennis' home town of Stoughton and started their family. She decided to be a stay-at-home mom while her kids, Chelsea and Kolten, were small and ran an in-home daycare during those years. Dennis' business, Inkworks (www.inkworkswi.com) was getting off the ground. Life was good.

Then, Amy says, she needed a change. She went back to school where she received a nursing degree from MATC (Madison Area Technical College) in Fort Atkinson. Upon graduation, Amy worked for a few years at a nursing home. She says that with small children, she needed to have the best possible work schedule for them. Once they were both in school, Amy took a position as a full-time pediatric nurse with Dean Clinic on Madison's east side--a position she holds to this day. We asked her how she juggles it all--a full-time job, family and then three shifts at Klein's each week. Amy says that working at Klein's is a pleasure and very therapeutic. It gives her energy, makes her happy and fills a social need. She looks forward to her shifts at Klein's. Amy's face lights up as she speaks.

Amy says she loves her Stoughton home and the gardens that have evolved all around it. She says that before her house was built, she and Dennis would take walks past a piece of undeveloped wooded property. She says that she felt connected to its beauty and "just had to have it." And like her job at Klein's, that dream was ultimately hers to be had. She says she feels especially connected to her gardens because she and Dennis have done all of the work themselves; from building retaining walls, a patio, a deck and a shed to planting "every blade of grass" and plant that fills their amazing yard. She says they've left areas of the yard as it was when they fell in love with it--filled with trillium, ferns, jack-in-the-pulpit and lily-of-the-valley under the canopy of their gorgeous trees. She says shade from the many trees have been a challenge, but she's utilized every sunny nook she can for more sun-loving perennials.

Amy says she uses her job at Klein's to learn everything she possibly can about plants. She says she's always wanting to learn. For that very reason, Amy has become a Certified Master Gardener. When asked about other interests, Amy responds, "Purely gardening! I spend winter days reading about gardening." Amy says that

working at Klein's fills a need in her life and gives her a connection to her fond childhood memories and growing up on Madison's east side.

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

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

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

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

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

FACEBOOK

Klein's has joined the Facebook frenzy. Become a fan of Klein's by visiting us at 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 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

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.

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DELIVERY INFO

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

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

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

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Grower, General Manager --Jamie VandenWymelenberg jamie@kleinsfloral.com

Assistant Manager--Jennifer Simon jsimon@kleinsfloral.com

House Accounts & Billing--Barbara Foulk barb@kleinsfloral.com

Delivery Supervisor--Rick Halbach rick@kleinsfloral.com

Owner & Manager--Sue Klein sue@kleinsfloral.com

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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://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](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/allcentennialgardens/>

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

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Rotary Gardens

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

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Madison, WI 53711

[608/263-7888](tel:6082637888)

<http://uwarboretum.org/>

University of Wisconsin-West Madison

Agricultural Research Center

8502 Mineral Point Rd.

Verona, WI 53593

[608/262-2257](tel:6082622257)

<http://www.cals.wisc.edu/westmad/>

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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
- Mexicantes
- 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
- Cowsliprb
- Daffodil
- Daphne
- Day lily
- Delphinium (Larkspur)
- Dumbcane
- Dutchman's breeches
- Easter lily
- Elderberry
- Elephant's ear
- English Ivy
- European Bittersweet
- Field peppergrass
- Foxglove
- Holly
- Horsechestnut
- Horse nettle
- Hyacinth
- Iris
- Jack-in-the-pulpit
- Jerusalem Cherry
- Jimsonweed
- Lantana
- Larkspur
- Laurels
- Lily of the valley
- Lupines
- Mayapple
- Milk vetch
- Mistletoe
- Monkshood
- Morning glory
- Mustards
- Narcissus

- Nicotiana
- Nightshade
- Oaks
- Oleander
- Philodendrons
- Pokeweed
- Poinsettia
- Poison hemlock
- Potato
- Rhododendron
- Rhubarb
- Rosary pea
- Sago palm
- Skunk cabbage
- Smartweeds
- Snow-on-the-mountain
- Sorghum
- Star of Bethlehem
- Wild black cherry
- Wild radish
- Wisteria
- Yellow jessamine
- Yew

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