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KLEIN'S 4TH 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 2012 OLBRICH HOME GARDEN TOUR being held

Friday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, July 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for Olbrich members and \$14 for the general public. Tickets are available at Olbrich's Growing Gifts Shop until July 12 and on July 13 & 14 at the Tour Center at 6010 Old Sauk Rd.

Tour seven exceptional gardens that illustrate this year's theme, **The Welcoming Garden**. These homes feature colorful street side gardens to be enjoyed by all who pass by. The tour surveys Madison's Highlands and surrounding areas, including several historic properties that have been welcoming visitors for years.

You are invited to linger in each of these masterful landscapes; talk with homeowners, landscape designers, Master Gardeners, and Olbrich volunteers; see how other home gardeners use innovative landscape designs and vibrant colors to add curb appeal; get ideas to make your landscape more enjoyable for you and your neighbors. 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.

FOR NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS OR GARDEN TOURS that you would like posted on our web site or in our monthly newsletters, please contact Rick at (608) 244-5661 or 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 Wednesday, July 4: 10:00-4:00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Throughout July, visit Klein's and check out our specials on annuals, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets and containers. Specials and selection change weekly so give us a call for the most up-to-date information at (608) 244-5661 or toll free at 888-244-5661 or on our home page @ www.kleinsfloral.com. 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 3--Full Moon

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 13 & 14--Olbrich Gardens' 2012 Home Garden Tour. See above for details or visit www.olbrich.org for more information.

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'THE FLOWER SHOPPE':

Join 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 all gift deliveries if desired. For delivery details visit the "**Permanent Features**" section of our newsletter below or visit <http://kleinsfloral.com/delivery.php>. If your chosen delivery date happens to fall on a Sunday or holiday, we will deliver it on the next available delivery day. All regular delivery conditions apply.

Join our **Blooming Plant or Fresh Flower Club** by calling Klein's at **608/244-5661** or **888/244-5661** or by stopping in. We request that payment be made in full before the first delivery and prices do not include sales tax.

YOU ASKED THE MAD GARDENER . . .

In late May/early June I planted 3 morning glories in a large pot (14 inch). The pot is facing south. The vines look great--very healthy. But I don't see any buds. I fertilize once a week with Blooms Plus (Miracle Grow with higher phosphorous content). Should they be showing buds by now? Would you recommend less fertilizer? Thanks. Sally

Hi Sally

Morning glories, as a rule, shouldn't be blooming quite yet (June 25). Most varieties spend the first part of the summer growing and then start blooming early to mid July. Some varieties are earlier (i.e. Early Call, Grandpa Ott's) and some bloom much later. For example, Heavenly Blue doesn't bloom until September. But once it does--there's nothing more spectacular!! As long as the vines are healthy, they'll bloom eventually.

Personally, I'd cut back on the fertilizing a bit to every 2 weeks. Though you're using a high phosphorous fertilizer, the nitrogen in the fertilizer can delay flowering--especially with fast growing vines. I use "bloom-boosters" to enhance and prolong flowering, rather than stimulate blooming from the onset.

Thanks for the question!!
The Mad Gardener

DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . .that eliminating certain weeds from your garden FOREVER may be easier than you think!

Like many of the beautiful annual flowers in your garden, annual weeds go through their entire life cycle in a single season. By eliminating them before they flower and set seed, you've won half the battle.

As with most annuals, annual weed seeds lie dormant during the winter months, ready to sprout with the onset of spring and summer (though there are a few that actually sprout in the fall). They spend the summer months growing and blooming, relying on pollinators or the wind to spread their pollen from plant to plant in order to set seed for the next season. The seeds usually drop nearby, are spread by the wind or by animals such as birds, rodents and even humans. Once dropped to the soil, they lie dormant until the following season. There are some weeds that go through multiple life cycles in a single growing season.

Unlike our perennial weeds, which often times spread via runners or below ground roots, recognizing the emerging growth of garden annual weeds isn't quite as urgent. As long as any particular plant is eradicated before it flowers or sets seed, the plant will be unable to reproduce itself for the following season. It may take a few seasons to eliminate a particular weed from your garden. Seeds can lie dormant for many years and may sprout once brought nearer the surface. New plants can also spread into your garden from neighboring gardens or farm fields. But with a few seasons of diligence, a few of your peskiest garden weeds can be gone forever. Learning about and recognizing these annual weeds will make the task far easier. Annual weeds that appear in nearly all Madison area gardens include:

Bindweed
Black Medic
Chickweed
Crabgrass
Groundsel
Knotweed

Lamb's Quarters
Nettle
Pigweed
Purslane
Spotted Spurge
Wood Sorrel (Yellow Oxalis)

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

ENTRY: JUNE 10, 2012 (About Oleanders)

Some of my very favorite tropicals for the garden are the oleanders. Though a very common perennial garden shrub in the south, oleanders grown as potted tropical annuals are a rather new phenomenon here in the north. From personal experience, few tropicals are as durable or as easy to grow. Give them a sunny spot and a little water and you're good to go!! Oleanders are extremely drought tolerant, love heat and humidity and are virtually pest-free. In addition, they flower nearly non-stop during the summer months with clusters of super-fragrant single or double blooms in shades of red, white, yellow, pink or peach.

Here in the north, oleanders must be overwintered indoors and are very tolerant of bright cool indoor conditions. However, any bright location indoors will do. Some leafdrop will occur during the winter months; much like a ficus tree. I prune mine to shape in the fall as not to waste a minute of bloom time come spring; even though much of the literature says to prune in the spring. Whereas mine are already in bloom now, had I pruned them earlier in spring, I wouldn't have seen flowers until maybe August or even September.

In my own garden, I'm using my three oleander standards as small trees to create height and definition along the path to the greenhouse. I've had these oleanders for a number of years and even pruned are at 7' tall. By summer's end, they often reach 8-10' tall. It's like having a small tree where there was none before. And because they're potted, I can move them around the garden from year to year to change things up a bit.

ENTRY: JUNE 19, 2012 (Good-bye to the Wisconsin Garden Journal)

Just heard today from one of my coworkers that after 17 years in publication, the Madison Area Master Gardeners Association Wisconsin Garden Journal will no longer be available for 2013. She was told that it was for financial reasons.

I purchased my very first Wisconsin Garden Journal in 2001 and have been making daily entries ever since--logging weather information, garden observations and my daily goings-on. As friends and coworkers are well aware, I refer back to old journals on a daily basis. The journals are a fascinating record of how my garden has evolved from four potted geraniums to the garden I have today. They've taught me to keep gardening in perspective--that every year can be so different from every other year with different plants, different problems, different weather--and that I need to be open to any combination of successes and failures.

In late 2006 (and out of the blue) I was asked to write one of the introductory articles for the 2008 journal (an article about container gardening). That opportunity continues to be a highlight of my life. They had no idea how big a fan of the Garden Journal I was when they asked me to write that article. Fate perhaps?

And each year as August approached, I looked forward to the newest edition of the Wisconsin Garden Journal arriving for sale at Klein's. I usually bought by copy the day we received it in store. Even without new editions of The Wisconsin Garden Journal in the future, I'll continue to document my garden (probably in a plain spiral notebook). But it just won't be the same.

ENTRY: JUNE 28, 2012 (An Oasis for Birds in the Garden)

Yet again, another record fell yesterday at 97° for the high temperature. By chance I had the day off and spent much of it in the garden watering, staking plants and tidying. Because it was so hot, I took a lot of breaks under the fan in the shade of the greenhouse.

I couldn't believe the flurry of activity once I left the yard. The fountain, the birdbath and the sprinkler became magnets for (it seemed like) all of the birds in the neighborhood. At any moment there had to be at least a dozen

different kind of birds in the yard and the crowd rotated as time passed. In just one 30 minute time period I observed both common visitors and birds I've seldom (if ever) seen in my yard, including an entire oriole family, a yellow warbler and a male rose-breasted grosbeak; along with wrens, catbirds, house finches, blue jays, cardinals, robins, mourning doves, cowbirds, assorted sparrows, woodpeckers, nuthatches, chickadees, starlings, goldfinches, etc. Each seemed to take their turn waiting in the wings for spots to open and then swoop in to cool down. Many of the birds had their mouths wide open on arrival; as if panting like a dog in the stifling heat. Some of the birds bathed, some drank and some just perched themselves in the branches around the fringes of the yard; yet within reach of the sprinkler.

My very favorite observation (and a first for me) was an entire family of chickadees bathing in the pools of water formed by the leaves of my 8' cup plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*). Each chickadee had his own private bathtub.

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

Growing blueberries is becoming increasingly popular in Madison area gardens. Though a bit of work to get started, the results are worth the time and energy spent.

Blueberries like moist and acidic soil in full sun with a soil pH of 4.8. It's best to test the soil and have it amended as needed before planting blueberries because they won't thrive or even survive if grown in the wrong soil type. Use a water soluble acid fertilizer like Miracid for quickest results. Plants should be spaced 4-5' apart and planted at the same depth they're planted in upon purchase. Do not allow to flower during the first season and do not allow berries to form. Doing so puts the plants energy into root development. Do not prune during the first several years of growth and do not begin harvesting until the third season. For best cross-pollination it's best to plant two varieties. Blueberries are reliably Zone 4 hardy.

Klein's offers a fine selection of blueberry bushes including:

Bluecrop--A highbush blueberry. Big clusters of big berries on very hardy bushes. All- purpose, all delicious. Ripens mid-season and is a good pollinator with Jersey.

Duke--A highbush blueberry. A very hardy late summer variety.

Jersey--A highbush blueberry. Big yields of large, light-blue berries in late June. Crack resistant berries on 6-7' tall bushes. Pollinate with Bluecrop for larger berries.

Northcountry--A very productive blueberry introduced in 1988. Highly recommended for home gardens. Fruit is 1/2" in diameter and a lovely sky blue. Flavor is sweet and mild. Mature plants are 18-24" high. Partially self-fruitful.

Northland--Hybridized to adapt to northern Michigan so super-hardy! Fruit size is small and dark blue and has a wild berry flavor. Its limber branches will not break under heavy snow load. Makes a great ornamental.

Patriot--Huge berries on very hardy plants. Plants are very upright and slightly spreading and grow to 4-6' tall. Berries are firm and very delicious fresh. Plants are highly productive. Fall color is a stunning fiery orange. More adaptable to all soil types than most blueberries.

Now at the height of blueberry season, here are a few of Klein's summer salad recipes using blueberries. Enjoy!!

BLUES SALAD WITH BLUEBERRY VINAIGRETTE--A double dose of blueberry from the pages of Better Homes & Gardens magazine, July 1999.

For the vinaigrette:

1/4 cup blueberry vinegar (store bought or homemade; see below)

2 TBS. walnut or olive oil

1/4 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. pepper

Mix the ingredients and shake well in a sealed container.

Serve desired amount of vinaigrette tossed with:

4 cups mixed greens
1 cup fresh blueberries
1/2 cup toasted walnut halves
1/4 cup crumbled bleu or feta cheese
2 TBS. chopped chives or green onion tops

Serves 4.

For the blueberry vinegar:
1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries
1 cup rice vinegar
1 TBS. honey

In an enamel or stainless steel saucepan, combine 3/4 cup blueberries with the vinegar and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer 3 minutes. Add the honey. Remove from the heat and strain through cheese cloth. Discard the berries. Add the remaining 3/4 cup blueberries. Allow to steep until needed. Can be stored airtight for up to 6 months, discarding the berries as using.

BLUEBERRY SALSA SALAD--A delightfully refreshing summer salad with a unique combination of flavors.

1 large fresh orange
2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries (if frozen, thaw and drain)
2 apples, diced
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 TBS. chopped cilantro
1/3 cup red wine vinegar
3 TBS. apple juice
2 TBS. olive oil
2 TBS. sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
10 oz. mixed baby greens
cottage cheese
cracked pepper

Cut orange slices into large pieces. Place them in a large bowl and stir in the blueberries, apples, onions and cilantro. In a small bowl, whisk together the vinegar, juice, oil, sugar and salt. Pour over the blueberry mix, stirring gently to coat. Let stand 10 minutes. Arrange greens in bowls. Top with the blueberry mixture and serve with cottage cheese. Sprinkle with cracked pepper if desired. Serves 6.

PEACHY FRUIT SALAD--For EASY . . . try this one from the Channel3000.com website from August 2008. Kids love this one!!

1 x 21 oz. can peach pie filling
2 cups fresh strawberries, sliced
2 cups halved grapes
1 large red apple, diced
1 cup canned pineapple chunks, drained
1 cup blueberries, fresh or frozen, thawed

Toss all ingredients in a large bowl; chill & serve. Serves 10.

RUBY FRUIT SALAD--A beautiful and not overly sweet fruit salad from the pages of Everyday Food magazine, September 2006.

6 TBS. brown sugar
juice of 2 limes
6 plums cut into 1/2" pieces
4 cups red grapes
2 pints blackberries
1 pint blueberries
4 TBS. chopped fresh mint

In a large bowl, stir together the sugar and the juice. Allow to sit 10 minutes then add the rest of the ingredients and toss to coat. Serves 8.

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

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

In a bowl, combine everything but the mint and allow to sit 20 minutes in the refrigerator. Gently stir in the mint. Serve in chilled wine glasses for an extra special presentation. Serves 6.

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NATURAL NEWS--

Although Madison is not experiencing a water shortage, the Madison Water Utility is advising residents to be smart about how they use water in their homes and yards during the current heat wave and dry conditions.

Being Water Smart

Saving Water Outdoors

Don't overwater your lawn. Lawns only need watering every five to seven days in the summer, and every 10 to 14 days in the winter. A heavy rain eliminates the need for watering for up to two weeks. Buy a rain gauge. Most of the year, lawns only need one inch of water per week.

Water the lawn only when needed. Step on the grass; if it springs back up when you move your foot, it does not need water. Established, healthy lawns can survive several weeks of dormancy during summer with little or no water.

Plant it smart. Xeriscape landscaping is a great way to design, install and maintain both your plants and irrigation system. It will save time, money and water.

Water lawns during the early morning hours when temperatures and wind speed are the lowest. This reduces evaporation and waste.

Position sprinklers so water lands on the lawn and shrubs and not on paved areas.

Install irrigation devices that are the most water efficient for each use. Micro and drip irrigation and soaker hoses are examples of efficient devices.

Check sprinkler systems and timing devices regularly to be sure they operate properly.

Raise the lawn mower blade to at least three inches, or to its highest level. A higher cut encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and holds soil moisture.

Avoid over fertilizing your lawn. Applying fertilizer increases the need for water. Apply fertilizers which contain slow release, water-insoluble forms of nitrogen.

Use mulch to retain moisture in the soil. Mulch also helps control weeds that compete with landscape plants for water.

Plant native and/or drought-tolerant grasses, ground covers, shrubs and trees. Once established, they do not need water as frequently and usually will survive a dry period without watering. They also require less fertilizer or herbicides. Group plants together based on similar water needs.

Use a broom or blower instead of a hose to clean leaves and other debris from your driveway or sidewalk.

Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose which can be adjusted down to a fine spray, so that water flows only as needed. When finished, turn it off at the faucet instead of at the nozzle, to avoid leaks. Check hose connectors to make sure plastic or rubber washers are in place. Washers prevent leaks.

Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended. A garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours. Use a bell timer to remind yourself to turn sprinklers off.

Avoid purchasing recreational water toys which require a constant stream of water.

Consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water. If you wash your own car, park on the grass and use a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle. Wash cars and boats with a bucket and a sponge, using the hose only for the rinse.

Avoid installing ornamental water features (such as fountains) unless they use recycled water.

If you have a swimming pool, consider a new water-saving pool filter. A single backflushing with a traditional filter uses 180 to 250 gallons of water.

In Your Home

Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it. Use it to water your indoor plants or garden.

Make sure your home is leak-free. Check your water meter when you are certain that no water is being used. If the meter reading changes, you have a leak!

Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year!

Retrofit all household faucets by installing aerators with flow restrictors.

Check for toilet leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If you have a leak, the color will appear in the bowl within 30 minutes. (Flush immediately to avoid stains.)

If the toilet handle frequently sticks in the flush position, letting water run constantly, replace or adjust it.

Install a toilet displacement device to cut down on the amount of water needed for each flush. (Don't use a brick! There are devices available at most hardware and home centers.) Be sure installation does not interfere with the operating parts. Consider low-volume toilets which use less than half the water of older models.

Take shorter showers. Replace your shower head with an ultra-low-flow version.

Place a bucket in the shower to catch excess water to water plants.

In the shower, turn water on to get wet; turn off to lather up; then turn the water back on to rinse off. Repeat when washing your hair.

Operate automatic dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded or set the water level for the size of load you are using.

When hand washing dishes, save water by filling two containers – one with soapy water, one with rinse water containing a small amount of chlorine bleach.

Store drinking water in the refrigerator. Don't let the tap run while you are waiting for water to cool.

Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator, or use the defrost setting on your microwave.

Kitchen sink disposals require lots of water to operate properly. Start a compost pile as an alternate method of disposing of food waste.

Do not waste water waiting for it to get hot. Capture it for other uses such as plant watering or heat it on the stove or in a microwave.

Consider installing an instant hot water heater on your sink and insulating your water pipes.

Don't let water run while brushing your teeth, washing your face or shaving.

Install water softening systems only when necessary. Turn softeners off while on vacation.

If you have a well at home, check your pump periodically. If the pump kicks on and off while water is not being used, you have a leak.

Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects and other similar waste in the trash rather than the toilet.

Source: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/drought/tips.htm>

JULY'S PLANT OF THE MONTH:

Bee Balm/Bergamot/Oswego Tea (Monarda)

Bee balm is one of our easiest-to-grow showy perennials and is a native to southern Wisconsin (Monarda fistulosa, et al). This mint relative spreads nicely (sometimes vigorously in perfect conditions) in the garden, but is easy to control because of its very shallow root system. Colors run the spectrum of the rainbow (minus the yellow/orange shades and true blue). The most common colors include red, burgundy, purple, lavender, pink and even white. Flower heads look like miniature fireworks and are a bee magnet--hence the name. Most varieties grow to between three and five feet, though dwarf varieties are available for smaller gardens. Individual petals are a delicious and sweet addition to mixed green salads. Plants prefer rich and moist soil in full sun to part shade, though will thrive in most garden soils. Most garden varieties are from the species Monarda didyma. Bee balms are endemic to North America. Though the fragrance is similar and teas are made from bee balm, monarda is not used in the making of Earl Grey tea. Its flavor comes from a citrus fruit; the bergamot orange.

Klein's carries an extensive collection of bee balms in our perennial area:

x 'Jacob Kline'--Edible rich red flowers, mildew resistant.

x 'Petite Delight'--The first dwarf variety available. Flowers are rosy-pink.

x 'Raspberry Wine'--Red flowers, mildew resistant.

Blue Stockings--Fragrant, dark lilac flowers.

Cambridge Scarlet--Edible, rich red flowers.

Coral Reef--Coral pink, mildew resistant.

Fireball--Compact (20"), mildew resistant. Ruby-red flowers.

Gardenview Scarlet--Rich red flowers, mildew resistant.

Grand Marshall--Fuchsia-purple.

Marshall's Delight--Mildew resistant; edible, pink flowers.

Snow Queen--Mildew resistant, white flowers.

Wild Bergamot (M. fistulosa)--A common roadside wildflower. Flowers are dark lavender-lilac.

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AROUND TOWN:

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Olbrich Garden's Bolz Conservatory Exhibit-Light Gaps

April 7 thru July 15, 2012

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 \$2 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

2012 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 2012 Schedule:
(All concerts are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.)

July 3

Wisconsin Youth Symphony--Orchestral Favorites

July 10

Ken Lonnquist--Fun Songs for Families

July 17

Anna Laube--Roots/Pop-Americana

July 24

Capitol City Band--Concert Band Favorites

July 31

Patchouli--Folk & Flamenco Guitar Duo

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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 16 and Tuesday, July 17 in preparation for Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies.

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

Windsor Area Garden Club 2012 Garden Tour

Featuring Eight Gardens In Windsor & DeForest
Friday, July 13, 10:00-3:00
Saturday, July 14, 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 by calling Karen @ [608/225-3220](tel:6082253220) and are just \$8.00 in advance or \$10.00 the day of the tour. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Windsor-Area-Garden-Club/92329162988>

Iris Sale

Friday, July 13, 9:00-5:00
Saturday, July 14, 9:00-5:00
Sunday, July 15, 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).

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

Native Plant Garden Tour: Native Gardens for Pollinators

Wednesday, July 18, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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

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

Northside Farmers Market

Sundays, May 6 through October 21, 8:30-12:30

In the Northside TownCenter at the intersection of N. Sherman Ave. and Northport Dr. across from Warner Park.

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

Dane County Farmer's Market

Saturdays, April 21 thru November 10, 6:00-2:00

On the Capitol Square

Wednesdays, April 25 thru November 7, 8:30-2:00

In the 200 block of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

For details visit www.dcfm.org

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

- Pinch hardy mums until July 4 for bushier less floppy plants.
- Begin sowing and transplanting cole crops for fall harvest.
- Fertilize and mulch asparagus beds.
- Give the garden at least 1" of moisture per week.
- Mow as little as possible and with mower raised to at least 2".
- Mulch beds to conserve moisture and keep down weeds.
- Deadheading spent blooms as needed.
- Stake and support tall plants as needed.
- Cut spent perennials to the ground to encourage new growth.
- Divide daylilies as they finish blooming.
- Fertilize potted plants at least every 2 weeks. Follow directions.
- Order spring bulbs from catalogs while your memory is still fresh.
- Keep and eye on the weather. Water as needed.
- Watch for pests and control as needed or desired.
- Stop fertilizing roses by late July.
- Visit Klein's---Watch for end of season savings on annuals, perennials & shrubs.

Some of our very favorite seed and plant sources include:

For seeds:

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds @ www.RareSeeds.com or 417/924-8887

Burpee @ www.burpee.com or 800/888-1447

Harris Seeds @ www.harriseseeds.com or 800/514-4441

Johnny's Select Seeds @ www.johnnyseeds.com or 207/861-3901

Jung's Seeds @ www.jungseed.com or 800/247-5864

Park's Seeds @ www.parkseed.com or 800/845-3369

Seeds of Change @ www.seedsofchange.com or 888/762-7333

Seed Savers @ www.seed savers.org or 563/382-5990

Select Seeds @ www.selectseeds.com or 800/684-0395

Territorial Seeds @ www.territorialseed.com or 888/657-3131

Thompson & Morgan @ www.thompson-morgan.com or 800/274-7333

For bulbs:

Brent & Becky's Bulbs @ www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com or 877/661-2852

Colorblends @ www.colorblends.com or 888/847-8637

John Scheeper's @ www.johnscheepers.com or 860/567-0838

McClure & Zimmerman @ www.mzbulb.com or 800/883-6998

For plants:

Heronwood Nursery @ www.heronwood.com or 360/297-4172

High Country Gardens @ www.highcountrygardens.com or 800/925-9387

Logee's Greenhouses @ www.logees.com or 888/330-8038

Plant Delights Nursery @ www.plantdelights.com or 912/772-4794

Roots and Rhizomes @ www.rootsrhizomes.com or 800/374-5035

Wayside Gardens @ www.waysidegardens.com or 800/213-0379

White Flower Farm @ www.whiteflowerfarm.com or 800/503-9624

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

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

IN 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.

---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.

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.

PRODUCTS FROM BONIDE® **“Trusted Since 1926”**

Klein's continues to expand our line of Bonide products for both home and garden.

New last year, Klein's introduced our **Bonide Touch Screen Problem Solver** to help you with your pest control needs. The **Touch Screen Problem Solver** is an easy way for you to choose the right product for your specific needs. Consumer friendly and easy-to-use, the **Touch Screen Problem Solver** is there to answer your questions without having to wait in line waiting for one of our retail associates. The **Touch Screen Problem Solver** is located in the Bonide section of our retail area.

Family owned and operated, Bonide has been providing quality lawn and garden products since 1926. Continually developing new products and formulations, Bonide does not have to answer to an outside board of directors, investment group or some global corporation. Bonide Products are developed specifically for you, the home gardener.

Bonide has always been committed to providing the best possible solutions for Home, Lawn and Garden Pest Problems. This includes attractive, convenient, cost effective packaging and product selection second to none. Packaging and labels are color-coded (and likewise merchandised) for easy shopping.

Bonide is very proud of their line of Garden Naturals--effective, time tested solutions that Bonide has been marketing since long before it was “hip to be green”.

For complete product detail, including label and product instructions, visit Bonide's website at www.bonide.com.

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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

Follow Klein's on [Facebook](#) where we post updates and photos on a regular basis.

TWITTER

Join Klein's on [Twitter](#) where we post company updates and photos on a regular basis.

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.

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 all gift deliveries if desired. For delivery details visit the "**Permanent Features**" section of our newsletter below. If your chosen delivery date happens to fall on a Sunday or holiday, we will deliver it on the next available delivery day. All regular delivery conditions apply.

Join our **Blooming Plant or Fresh Flower Club** by calling Klein's at **608/244-5661** or **888/244-5661** or by stopping in. We request that payment be made in full before the first delivery and prices do not include sales tax.

DELIVERY INFO

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

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

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

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

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
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/>
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/wihort/>

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

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

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

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

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

Invasive Species
<http://www.invasiveplants.net/>
<http://www.ipaw.org/>

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

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

Madison Area Master Gardeners (MAMGA)
<http://mamgawi.org/>

Wisconsin Master Gardeners Program
Department of Horticulture
1575 Linden Drive
University of Wisconsin - Madison
Madison, WI 53706
608/265-4504
<http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLANTS POISONOUS TO CHILDREN:

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

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

- Mistletoe
- Morning glory
- Mountain laurel
- Night-blooming jasmine
- Nutmeg
- Oleander
- Philodendron
- Poison ivy
- Poison sumac
- Pokeweed
- Poppy
- Potato
- Privet
- Rhododendron
- Rhubarb
- Water hemlock
- Wisteria

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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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