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### KLEIN'S 5TH 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 in the following weeks at [www.kleinsfloral.com](http://www.kleinsfloral.com) for details and entry information.

### THE MAD GARDENER

"Madison's Firsthand Source for Expert Gardening Advice"

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

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

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

**FOR NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS OR GARDEN TOURS** that you would like posted on our web site or in our monthly newsletters, please contact Rick at (608) 244-5661 or [rick@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:rick@kleinsfloral.com) or Sue at [sue@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:sue@kleinsfloral.com). Please include all details, i.e. dates, locations, prices, brief description, etc. Our readership is ever-growing so this is a great opportunity for free advertising. Events must be garden related and must take place in the immediate Madison vicinity.

## **JUNE STORE HOURS:**

### **Through June 16:**

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

Saturday: 8:00-6:00

Sunday: 9:00-5:00

### **After Father's Day, June 16:**

Monday thru Friday : 8:00-6:00

Saturday: 9:00-5:00

Sunday: 10:00-4:00

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

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**Throughout June**, 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](http://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.

**June 14**--Flag Day

**June 16**--Father's Day

**June 21**--First Day of Summer

**June 23**--Full Moon--Many will call the June 2013 full moon a supermoon. The upcoming full moon on June 23, 2013, will not only be the closest and largest full moon of the year. It'll also present the moon's closest encounter with Earth for all of 2013.

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

Now that our growing season is in full swing, **locally grown fresh flowers** make up a large portion of the seasonal bouquets sold here at Klein's. The quality of locally grown product is unsurpassed and we are proud to work hand in hand with other members of our local business community. The vast majority of our locally grown fresh flowers is supplied to us by Fair Field Flowers from Mt. Horeb. For many a Monday over the years, Joe Schmitt has stopped by Klein's with his truck brimming with seasonal blooms.

### **About Fair Field Flowers**

Fair Field Flowers is a cooperative partnership of experienced producers of floral material. We provide the freshest and highest quality local and sustainably grown product available to florists and other floral retailers.

Our flowers and other unique floral materials are grown in the deep, rich prairie soils of South Central Wisconsin and distributed in Madison and Milwaukee and surrounding areas.

### **How Fresh?**

At Fair Field Flowers, we are serious about fresh. We cut your flowers when you need them, at the peak of their perfection, straight into water. No overnight trips in cardboard boxes, no long waits in the sun on airline loading docks, no fumigation, middlemen, brokers or consolidators. In Wisconsin we know Fresh.

### **How Local?**

Each flower we sell is from a plant we grow ourselves. Here. Just down the road. No fuel was burned jetting from Ecuador or Holland. No diesel consumed on the long, long haul from California or Florida. And everything is grown by folks with deep roots in the local economy and community. Local growers serving your local business, providing the freshest flowers and the best service. That's what we mean by Local.

### **How Sustainable?**

Our sustainable growing methods create the safest product for consumers, the healthiest conditions for our growers, and the gentlest use of our land. Instead of relying on chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides, we implement crop rotations, selective cultivars, diverse cover crops, wild margins, compost-based fertilizers, and we closely monitor our crops. In addition, we use only organic inputs. That's Sustainable.

Please visit Fair Field Flowers website at <http://fairfieldflowers.biz>.

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

**Good morning! I am in desperate need of your help!!! I have a northwest facing bed on the front of my house, and I am at a total loss as to what to plant there. The previous owners had put some fiddlehead ferns in, but by the end of June, they were burnt and UGLY because the sunset would fry them. I'd like a perennial of some sort that is colorful and will thrive in that spot. Thanks, Sarah.**

Hi Sarah,

Was last year your first summer at this house? It was a horrible, horrible summer for ferns due to the extreme heat and drought. Mine all went completely dormant by mid-summer--the first time that's happened in the 25+ years in my house. In most summers they remain lush and green, but require lots of water--especially when used as a foundation planting.

There are lots of choices for colorful perennials in that location, but it may take a bit of experimentation over the years to see what works best. Again, if this is a foundation planting, the soil is usually backfill from when the house was built and is oftentimes the worst possible soil--usually rocky and infertile. You may want to consider amending the area first if this is the case; using peat moss, compost, manure, etc.

Keep in mind that perennials have their specific bloom time which usually lasts only a week or two. You may want to add some annuals during the first few years to add color as the perennials fill in.

My suggestion is to take some photos of the area you're wanting to plant and bring them into Klein's so we can do a walk-through in the perennial area and offer some suggestions. Keep an eye on the amount of sun that area gets (# of hours) and remember that amount changes as the summer progresses. It probably doesn't get as much sun once September arrives. Let us know what height you're thinking and the area size you're needing to plant.

Hope to see you soon!!

Klein's Mad Gardener

[madgardener@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:madgardener@kleinsfloral.com)

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

**. . . that one of Klein's very own staff members operates a beautiful, small vegetable farm and roadside stand just outside of Fort Atkinson?**

Tentatively called The Funny Farm (and still a work in progress), Sonya Kutz's lovely farm makes for a perfect afternoon get-away from Madison. Located just east of the Rock River and just outside Fort Atkinson, Sonya has almost single-handedly turned her family's beautiful homestead into her own little slice of heaven. Nestled into a little valley along a small creek, Sonya not only grows hundreds of unique and heirloom vegetables (specializing in tomatoes and ethnic vegetables), but also cut flowers. Her well-stocked, popular roadside stand is based on the trust system. Sonya says that due to the late spring, produce should appear in abundance, beginning mid- to late June.

In her on and off more-than-dozen year tenure at Klein's, Sonya has left an indelible thumb print at Klein's, from the way we merchandise our product to educating coworkers and customers alike in the areas of plant culture and disease and pest control. Sonya's incredible dedication and work ethic have been instrumental in bringing Klein's to where it is today. Sonya joined Klein's staff in 1999, not long after the passing of Oscar and Joyce Klein. This was a pivotal moment in Klein's history as we began the process of modernizing, updating and reshaping ourselves and Sonya has been an important part of that change.

Sonya sometimes sells her garden fresh vegetables, herbs and cut flowers at the Fort Atkinson Farmers' Market (held on Saturdays across from the post office), but for the most part from her

roadside stand at the farm. She says she loves talking to people about things she's grown herself and without the use of chemical fertilizers or pesticides. She says that a holistic approach (nature acting as a whole, rather than a sum of its parts) to horticulture and agriculture is essential and she enjoys sharing her philosophy with others. Sonya says people should become more educated about the things they eat.

Sonya came to Klein's with strong recommendations from Grinde's Garden Center in Eau Claire, where she was a student at UW-Stout in Menomonie. She moved to Madison with the intent of getting a degree in horticulture from the University of Wisconsin, but Wisconsin didn't offer the program that interested her most. In addition to working at Klein's, Sonya worked for Harmony Valley Farm, selling produce at the Dane County Farmer's Market. After a few years in Madison, she moved to the Twin Cities, where in 2005 she received her B.S. from the University of Minnesota in Environmental Horticulture. During her stay in Minneapolis, Sonya interned for credit at Wagners Greenhouses, a major supplier of many of the plants we sell at here at Klein's.

After her graduation, Sonya took a paid internship with the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. She says she needed to explore another facet of horticulture--one that didn't deal in production. During her stay she was in charge of the rose and flower gardens and designed their hardy fern garden. Once that internship concluded, Sonya moved back to Wisconsin to work on her farm and prepare for a semester in a program in Europe, where she studied plants and crops from an anthropological perspective. She says though, that her heart is in the Midwest and on the family farm and that her travels have taught her more than anything, that we need to educate people about how we use our own backyards.

We're very lucky to have Sonya continue her career at Klein's as she juggles planting, nurturing, harvesting (oftentimes by moonlight) and selling her produce. Visit Sonya at Klein's with all your toughest plant questions and problems. She thrives on solving the toughest of puzzles--from weed and pest identification to the best tasting heirloom tomato you can grow.

Sonya's farm is located @ N3054 Jaeckel Rd., Jefferson, WI. For a lovely drive, take Highway 12 into downtown Fort Atkinson (making a stop in beautiful Cambridge on the way) and then 106 (Sherman Ave. E) out of town to the east. Cross the Rock River. After passing Kutz Rd., take Hwy. N to the left. At about a mile (and a curve in the road), Jaeckel Rd. is a sharp right. Sonya's easily recognizable farm is just a few doors down on the left.

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

It's newsletter day . . . but it's way too beautiful outside to sit at the computer all day!! I think I'll go back and revisit a few pages from my garden journal in years past . . .

### **ENTRY: MAY 28, 2009 (Tips for Chipmunks in the Garden)**

It seems to me that most people are not too fond of having chipmunks in their gardens, but I, on the other hand, would not want to be without them. I find myself endlessly entertained by their antics and personalities. Most of the complaints I hear about them from customers at work is that they are constantly digging up newly planted plants in containers and gardens. Even though I have well over 100 containers (and it seems just as many chipmunks), I don't have a problem with them digging out my plants anymore. After years of close observation, I've learned a few things about chipmunks in the garden. First off, they seem especially attracted to soil heavy in perlite, so I try to avoid those mixes. Because we use rice hulls in our soil mixes at Klein's, I'm able to avoid the ones with a lot of perlite. The fluffier the mix, the more the chipmunks like to dig.

However, the more important fact I've learned about chipmunks, is that they are creatures of habit and go to the same spots over and over again. Therefore, when a chipmunk has dug say an impatiens plant from the soil, I simply replant it an inch or two from the original hole and do not refill the chipmunk's hole. The chipmunk revisits the spot throughout the day, always digging in the same hole and never starting a new one in that container--probably because he's buried a seed or two there for later and he likes the spot he's picked. If I attempt to refill the hole, he'll dig there again and again to find his stash. I find that early in the season like this, when my plants are still rather small, is also the time the chipmunks are harvesting the falling maple seeds and hiding them for later consumption. By giving them places to do so, they aren't interested at all in my garden plants. As the plants mature and fill in is when I refill the many holes throughout my containers and garden.

### **ENTRY: JUNE 20, 2009 (A Fertilizing Regimen for Containers)**

One of the more common questions I'm asked as neighbors and friends visit my garden is how I can possibly keep all of my containers looking so healthy from spring until fall. My simple answer is FERTILIZE, FERTILIZE & FERTILIZE! Starting about now each year I begin a rigid schedule of fertilizing all of my containers every two weeks (give or take a few days depending on the weather). Many experts recommend weekly fertilizing, but with experience, I've found every second week to be adequate. The key to my success is using a calendar or my garden journal in planning the fertilizing schedule. Doing so ensures that I actually do this most important of garden tasks.

I fertilize my containers in a cycle of three beginning in mid-June using a water soluble, all-purpose fertilizer like Miracle-Gro. An all-purpose fertilizer is higher in nitrogen to promote vigorous and rich green growth. It's very important to closely follow the recommended rates on the box for outdoor plants (1 level TBS./gallon for Miracle-Gro). I repeat the process again two weeks later--again, using regular Miracle-Gro to encourage strong new growth. But every third watering I now use one of three fertilizers based on the plant and intended results. For my foliage containers (coleus, palms, elephant's ears, bananas, houseplants, etc.), I continue using an all-purpose fertilizer for vigorous growth and healthy color. For the vast majority of my blooming containers (and vegetables), I now use a high in phosphorous "bloom booster" for added flower power, making sure to closely follow the instructions. Without a bloom booster, flowering typically slows for most annuals as the summer progresses and as the plant spends its energy. Now for my petunias, calibrachos, gerbers and certain other plants that tend to yellow, I instead use a fertilizer higher in acid, such as Mir-acid. For these plants, the acid in the fertilizer helps prevent bare and woody stems and the typical yellowing foliage as the season progresses.

In two weeks, the cycle begins again until about mid-September. As an added note, I've found that fertilizing is most effective if the soil is slightly moist. Not only do the plants take up the fertilizer more quickly and efficiently, but less is wasted. If the soil is overly dry, much of the fertilizer is lost as the water quickly runs through and out of the pots.

### **ENTRY: APRIL 11, 2010 (Dame's Rocket--Friend or Foe?)**

One of the very first hand-me-down plants given to me after we bought our house in 1986 was the early blooming, tall and very fragrant Dame's Rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*). After nearly 25 years a few plants continue to pop up each year in the semi-shady parts of my backyard in shades of lavender, pink and white. Dame's Rocket, also called Sweet Rocket, is a biennial. Seeds sprout in early summer and plants grow through the summer and into the fall. They flower the following spring, set seed and the cycle starts anew. The parent plant usually dies after it blooms, but it can become a short-lived perennial. Each plant produces thousands of seeds.

Dame's Rocket has a long and sordid history and remains one of our more controversial garden plants. This member of the mustard family came to America from Europe during the 1600's as a beloved garden plant. Seeds are often a part of wildflower seed mixes available at all garden centers. Though not "technically" considered invasive, in that it's not illegal to plant it in the garden (like say purple loosestrife), Dame's Rocket is on the Wisconsin's DNR list of invasive plants, due to the fact that it crowds out some of our native species. Dame's Rocket prefers woodland edges and damp open spaces.

Though easily controlled in the garden, problems occur in areas where it has escaped and naturalized in these areas. Dame's Rocket has naturalized throughout North America and is considered by many to be invasive on a scale similar to other non-natives, including; violets, chickweed, clover, dandelions and many of our most loved garden annuals and perennials. Is it to be embraced (it's beautiful, fragrant and long a part of Wisconsin's flora) or a foe to be destroyed? The jury is still out on this one.

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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!!

Shell peas are a seasonal treat and June is the month they are usually at their peak. Shell peas differ from snap and snow peas in that their pod is inedible and they must be shelled before eating. Fresh, shelled peas are added directly to soups and stews or are lightly cooked (just 2-4 minutes when steamed or blanched) and chilled when added to salads. Peas are delicious raw. When cooked and warm, add just a little butter for a real spring treat. Peas pair well with mint for something simple and extra-special. Peas freeze well for longterm storage. Blanch for 2 minutes, chill in ice water and drain before placing them in freezer bags.

**CLASSIC SEVEN LAYER SALAD**--During the 1970's no summer get-together was complete without this classic summer salad. This recipe appeared in the St. Albert the Great Community Cookbook in 1992. shredded lettuce--to be authentic, you gotta use iceberg for this one!!

1/2 cup chopped red onion  
1/2 cup chopped celery  
1/2 cup chopped green pepper  
10-12 oz. lightly cooked peas, chilled (fresh or frozen)  
2 cups Miracle Whip, diluted with a small amount of milk  
2 TBS. sugar  
6 oz. sharp cheddar, shredded  
8 oz. bacon, fried and crumbled

Fill half of a large bowl with the shredded lettuce. Sprinkle with a layer of the onion, then in order; the celery, green pepper, peas, salad dressing, sugar, cheese and bacon. Cover the bowl tightly and allow to chill 6-8 hours. Do not toss!!

**GREEN SALAD WITH MINT AND PEAS**--From the pages of Everyday Food, May 2007.

1 TBS. fresh lemon juice  
2 tsp. Dijon mustard  
1 TBS. olive oil  
coarse salt and pepper to taste  
fresh greens  
1 cup peas, lightly cooked, chilled and drained  
1/2 cup torn mint

Whisk together the dressing ingredients in a bowl, then toss together with the greens, peas and mint. Serves 4.

**TRULY AMAZING EGGPLANT SALAD**--This recipe has become a new family favorite and is a fantastic way to use up eggplant! Appeared in Everyday Food from May 2012.

3 medium eggplants (about 3 lbs.), cut into 1" cubes  
3 TBS. olive oil  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
10-12 oz. peas, lightly cooked, chilled and drained.  
3 TBS. fresh lime juice  
2 TBS. vegetable oil  
1 tsp. curry powder  
1/2 tsp. coarse salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1/2 cup chopped cashews, roasted  
1/2 cup chopped cilantro

Preheat oven to 450°. In a large bowl, toss together the eggplant, olive oil, 1 tsp salt and 1/2 tsp. pepper. Spread onto 2 rimmed baking sheets sprayed with non-stick spray. Roast, turning once and rotating pans until tender and golden, about 25-30 minutes. Allow to cool on the sheets.

In a large bowl, whisk together the lime juice, veggie oil, curry powder, coarse salt and pepper. Add the cooled eggplant, peas, cashes and cilantro. Toss and chill. Makes 6 servings.

**PARSLEY AND PEA PESTO**--An easy and great way to use up a lot of peas!!! Another recipe from Everyday Food. This one appeared in March 2010.

3 cups fresh or frozen peas  
1 1/2 cups packed, lightly chopped parsley  
3/4 cups chopped walnuts, toasted  
1 cup parmesan  
5 cloves garlic, smashed  
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil  
1 lb. pasta

Lightly cook 1 1/2 cups of the peas, drain and set aside. In a food processor, combine the cooked peas, parley, walnuts, parmesan, garlic and 2 TBS. water. Pulse until the mixture is pasty. With the machine running, slowly add

the olive oil until blended. Season if desired and blend. Cook the pasta per instructions, adding the uncooked peas during the last 30 seconds of cooking. Reserve 2 cups of the cooking water. Drain the pasta and return it to the pot. Add and stir in pesto to taste (reserving any leftover for other purposes). Add the pasta water as needed to create a sauce. Serve sprinkled with parmesan. Serves 8.

**WHITE CORN AND PEA SALAD**--From Better Homes & Gardens magazine, May 1999. Ideal for a family picnic!

1 x 16 oz. pkg. frozen shoe peg (white) corn, thawed  
16 oz. peas, lightly cooked, chilled and drained (or frozen, thawed)  
1 cup chopped jicama  
2/3 cup chopped celery  
1/2 cup sliced green onion  
1/4 cup chopped red pepper  
1/2 cup rice vinegar  
2 TBS. brown sugar  
1 TBS. snipped parsley  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1 TBS. snipped mint

In a large bowl, mix together the corn, peas, jicama, celery, onion and peppers. For the dressing, shake together the vinegar, sugar, parsley, salt and pepper. Pour over the salad and toss to coat. Stir in the mint. Cover and chill at least 4 hours. Serves 10-12.

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## **NATURAL NEWS--**

Now that the gardening season is in full swing and summer draws near, your thirsty plants are in constant need of valuable water. As every gardener knows, plants do much better watered with rain water versus city water or even private well water. City water contains fluoride and chlorine and rural well water often contains harmful chemicals from farm fields and both waters contain salts, which can prohibit plants from taking in vital nutrients. Rain collection, on the other hand offers an easy and fun alternative.

Rain water is nitrogen rich and naturally soft. Collecting rain water is as simple as placing any container under a down spout. An easier solution is to invest in one of the many rain barrel systems on the market. One can collect huge amounts of water with little energy. Barrels generally range from 40 to 75 gallons and this is a situation where bigger is definitely better if you have the room. Down spouts are usually reconfigured to fill the barrel directly from the top, but some systems can divert rainwater from the down spout to the barrel and then redivert it back to the down spout once the barrel is full. Barrels have overflows to direct water away from the house once the barrel is full. Safety can be a concern with small children, but all modern systems are designed with openings small enough that no child could fall in. All systems also contain screens over the top to prevent mosquitoes from laying their eggs in the water and to keep debris out. For watering easy, most barrels have a spigot at the base for filling watering cans. Some brands even have linking kits to connect more than one barrel together if desired. Prices generally range from \$60.00 for small, simple barrels to up to \$250.00 for the more elaborate systems. Either way, the investment is worth the results.

Some great mail order sources include:

Rain Barrel Source @ [www.rainbarrelsource.com](http://www.rainbarrelsource.com)  
Gardener's Supply Co. @ 800-427-3363 ([www.gardeners.com](http://www.gardeners.com))  
Charley's Greenhouse & Garden @ 800-322-4707 ([www.charleysgreenhouse.com](http://www.charleysgreenhouse.com))  
A.M. Leonard's Gardeners Edge @ 888-556-5676 ([www.gardenersedge.com](http://www.gardenersedge.com))

Also, check out [www.rainbarrelguide.com](http://www.rainbarrelguide.com). This is an amazing site with more information than you'd ever need to know about the why's and how's of rain collection.

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

## The Tomato

(from our June 2007 newsletter)

We at Klein's know our tomatoes! With over 50 varieties available, we are not only the garden center to fill any tomato need, but can also help with those many tomato questions and problems that are sure to pop up. Given the fickle nature of tomato culture; growing that perfect, unblemished fruit is not always the simplest thing in the world.

Never plant tomatoes before mid-May. And even better, wait until late May or even early June. Tomatoes are a warm weather crop. But just as important as air temperature is the soil temperature. Soils in Madison are usually not warm enough until the end of May. Tomatoes planted too early may remain stunted and never bounce back.

Tomatoes require full sun and good air circulation. Tomatoes are susceptible to a number of fungal problems so good airflow is crucial. It's also best to rotate tomatoes from season to season in the garden to help with any soil borne diseases. Many diseases can remain in the soil for years, so if historically, you've had a problem growing tomatoes in one spot, try them in another. Because tomatoes belong to the nightshade family (along with peppers, eggplant, potatoes, petunias, nicotiana and datura) they cannot be grown successfully near walnut trees. Walnut trees produce a toxin that prohibits the growth of many garden plants.

A good mulch of marsh hay, straw or fabric is also important for successful tomato culture and for two reasons. Firstly, because tomatoes are susceptible to certain fungal problems, using a mulch helps prohibit the soil borne spores from splashing up onto the leaves during rain.

Secondly, the use of a mulch helps keep in valuable moisture. Tomatoes are extremely thirsty plants. Inconsistent moisture levels causes a condition called **blossom end rot**. Most people mistake this for a fungal problem when it's actually a nutritional problem caused by wet and dry cycles. Tomatoes prefer to be kept constantly moist, but never soggy.

Support or staking is also important in keeping the fruit and foliage off the ground, but with a loose bed of hay over which to sprawl, this isn't necessary unless space is a concern.

Recently there has been a bit of debate about whether or not to remove the suckers (new growth where the leaves meet the stem). Traditionally, suckers are removed to direct all energy into the main stem. This will give you the largest tomatoes. But, with our short growing season, production can be severely reduced by removing the side shoots. Therefore, if your goal is large tomatoes, remove the suckers. If you prefer a heavier yield of smaller tomatoes, leave the suckers--the more branches, the more fruit.

For any questions regarding your tomatoes this growing season call Klein's at (608) 244-5661 and direct your inquiries to either Jamie, Marion, Sonya or Rick or contact our Mad Gardener at [madgardener@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:madgardener@kleinsfloral.com).

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## **AROUND TOWN:**

**For neighborhood events or garden tours that you would like posted in our monthly newsletter, please contact Rick at (608) 244-5661 or [rick@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:rick@kleinsfloral.com) or Sue at [sue@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:sue@kleinsfloral.com). Please include all details, i.e. dates, locations, prices, brief description, etc. Events must be garden related and must take place in the Madison vicinity and we must receive your information by the first of the month in which the event takes place for it to appear in that month's newsletter. This is a great opportunity for free advertising.**

## **Dragon Arts Annual Plant Sale**

Saturday, June 1, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Downtown DeForest near Fireman's Park

Just like the Garage Sale Plant Sale, the Dragon Arts Sale is sure to impress! The majority of the plants are "tried-and-true" divisions from our own gardens so we are certain of their quality as well as appropriate zones!!! A local greenhouse does donate a few that are not from our gardens, but we are always sure to get plants that do well in our climate! We will also continue to have Master Gardeners as well as others that just have a passion and love of gardening to answer any questions and to offer suggestions for your planing needs. You will not find better prices

anywhere! There will be a wide variety of perennials, grasses, shrubs, herbs, vegetables and a few annuals. There is always something for everyone.

Remember that 100% of our profits are donated to the local Gilda's Club!!!

Visit [www.windsorareagardenclub.org](http://www.windsorareagardenclub.org) for for more currant info.

### **Iris Show**

Sunday, June 2, 12:00-5:00

Sponsored by the Madison Iris Society

For details call [608/271-3607](tel:6082713607)

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

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

### **Hosta Sale**

Sunday, June 2, 10:00-2:00 or until supplies last

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Hosta Society

Pick up some interesting hostas to add to your collection at the Wisconsin Hosta Society's Plant Sale. These shade-loving perennials, prized for their interesting foliage, come in a variety of sizes, shapes, and colors. For more information call [608-835-3291](tel:6088353291).

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

### **Rhapsody in Bloom: Run for the Roses**

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

One of Olbrich Garden's biggest fundraisers.

For reservations call [608/246-5616](tel:6082465616)

This year's theme, **Run for the Roses**, will feature the excitement of the Kentucky Derby in Olbrich's gorgeous outdoor gardens. We're bringing the spirit of Churchill Downs to Madison with glamorous Derby hats & mint juleps. Our evening begins with hors d'oeuvres and live music in the Gardens, followed by dinner and dancing under beautiful white tents as the sun sets over Lake Monona.

#### **Derby attire welcome!**

**Ladies** - Express your inner Southern Belle! Wide-brimmed hats decorated with flowers, feathers, bows, and ribbons of any color, accompanied by pastel-colored suits, frilly dresses, or bold separates.

**Gents** - Classic styles of seersucker, khaki, or a navy blazer, vibrant shirt colors with a flashy neck or bowtie and a pair of loafers worn sockless, of course! Men's Derby hats are inspired by the style from the 1920s.

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

### **Madison Rose Society Rose Show**

Sunday, June 17, 12:00-4:00

Free Admission

The Madison Rose Society hosts this indoor exhibit of cut roses and arrangements in all sizes and colors. Members of the Rose Society will be available to answer questions. Stroll through Olbrich's two acre Rose Garden. For more info call [608-634-2146](tel:6086342146).

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

### **Native Plant Garden Tour: What's Blooming?**

Wednesday, June 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Find, compare and learn about flowers on native trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants, and see what's blooming in our collection of plants native to southern Wisconsin.

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

### **Rio Home and Garden Tour**

Friday, June 28, 4:00-8:00  
Saturday, June 29, 9:00-4:00

Tour 7 area gardens, enjoy a salad lunch, and take part in a raffle (with a beautiful quilt as 1st prize) all to benefit the Rio Community Library. Also included is a country home with many antiques which has been remodeled to be more accessible using locally harvested wood, and a sustainable homestead which incorporates geothermal and solar technology and innovative garden techniques. Tickets (\$7) are available at the library, 324 W. Lyons St., Rio, 920-992-3206.

### **2013 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 2013 Schedule:  
(All concerts are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.)

#### **June 25**

Andreas Kapsalis & Goran Ivanovic--World Guitar Duo

#### **July 2**

Mark Croft Band--Pop/Rock

#### **July 9**

The Western Starlanders--Classic Country/Western Swing/Hillbilly Boogie

#### **July 16**

Roots Collective--Reggae

#### **July 23**

The Motorz--Rock-n-Roll

#### **July 30**

Fox and Branch--Family Folk Music

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

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

April 13 thru July 14, 2013

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 or [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org) for details.

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

Saturdays, April 20 thru November 9, 6:00-2:00

On the Capitol Square

Wednesdays, April 24 thru November 6, 8:30-2:00

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

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

## **Northside Farmers Market**

Sundays, May 5 through October 27, 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](http://www.northsidefarmersmarket.org)

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

\_\_\_ By early June, finish planting all annuals and vegetables.

\_\_\_ By early June, move all houseplants out that spend the summer outdoors.

\_\_\_ In early June give all beds a thorough weeding for easier follow-up.

\_\_\_ June is a great month to plant perennials, trees and shrubs.

- \_\_\_ Prune evergreens.
- \_\_\_ Prune hard any spring flowering shrubs like forsythia, quince, etc.
- \_\_\_ Mulch beds to conserve moisture and keep down weeds.
- \_\_\_ Begin deadheading spent blooms as needed.
- \_\_\_ Remove yellowed foliage of spring tulips, daffodils, etc.
- \_\_\_ Begin staking and supporting tall plants as needed.
- \_\_\_ Begin your fertilizing regimen. Regular fertilizing makes for healthy plants.
- \_\_\_ 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.
- \_\_\_ Begin seeding cole crops for fall harvest. Also sow pansies and wallflowers.
- \_\_\_ Pinch hardy mums until July 4 for bushier less floppy plants.
- \_\_\_ Visit Klein's--Watch for end of season savings on annuals and perennials.

Some of our very favorite seed and plant sources include:

**For seeds:**

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

**For bulbs:**

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

**For plants:**

Heronwood Nursery @ [www.heronwood.com](http://www.heronwood.com) or 360/297-4172  
 High Country Gardens @ [www.highcountrygardens.com](http://www.highcountrygardens.com) or 800/925-9387  
 Logee's Greenhouses @ [www.logees.com](http://www.logees.com) or 888/330-8038  
 Plant Delights Nursery @ [www.plantdelights.com](http://www.plantdelights.com) or 912/772-4794  
 Roots and Rhizomes @ [www.rootsrhizomes.com](http://www.rootsrhizomes.com) or 800/374-5035  
 Wayside Gardens @ [www.waysidegardens.com](http://www.waysidegardens.com) or 800/213-0379  
 White Flower Farm @ [www.whiteflowerfarm.com](http://www.whiteflowerfarm.com) or 800/503-9624

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

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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 JUNE:**

---The back greenhouses are nearly empty of product. We've had another successful season. This is the time to plan for next spring--while our memories are still fresh: How can we improve in 2014? Which plants did we run out of too early? How was staffing?

---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 continue to plant some annuals, hanging baskets and containers for summer sales. Our summer "Jumbo Pack" program is under way.

---Fall mums and asters are stepped up into larger tubs and containers for fall sales.

---We begin prepping some of the back greenhouses for the arrival of poinsettia plugs in just a few weeks.

---Our employees breathe a sigh of relief and spend some much needed downtime with family and friends.

**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.

### **MIGHTY 'MATO™ GRAFTED TOMATOES AND PEPPERS** **"Stronger! Faster! Fights Off Disease and Pests! Super Yields!"**

Grafted vegetables are created when the top part of one plant (the scion) is attached to the root system of a separate plant (the rootstock). The rootstock contributes vigor and disease resistance while the scion is chosen for fruit flavor or quality. Produce growers have found that this traditional technique can dramatically improve plant health and increase harvests naturally and economically. Now, Log House Plants is making these amazing plants available for the first time to home gardeners in the U.S. **and are still available at Klein's!**

Advantages of grafted vegetables include enhanced plant vigor, stronger disease resistance, tolerance of environmental stresses, and heavier crops that are produced over an extended harvest period.

All tomatoes can benefit from grafting, but heirlooms, which are generally less disease resistant, can increase yields dramatically when grafted on special rootstock.

For the 2013 spring season, Klein's is carrying a nice assortment of both tomatoes and peppers, including the classic Brandywine tomato. Due to their costs are only available in branded 6" pots. Log House Plants says to be on the look out for many more grafted vegetable selections in the near future.

Source: <http://loghouseplants.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](mailto:madgardener@kleinsfloral.com). Klein's in-house **Mad Gardener** will e-mail you with an answer as promptly as we can. The link is posted on our home page and in all newsletters.

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

### **FACEBOOK**

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**

Plastic flower pots and garden edging can now be recycled as part of the City of Madison's [rigid plastic program](#). Flowerpots and edging must be free of dirt and can be placed in your green recycling bin. For more information call 267-2626 or visit [www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/plastic.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/plastic.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. We do not deliver to Cambridge, Columbus, Deerfield or Stoughton.

Current delivery rate on 1-4 items is \$7.95 for Madison, Maple Bluff, Monona and Shorewood Hills; \$8.95 for Cottage Grove, DeForest, Fitchburg, McFarland, Sun Prairie, Waunakee and Windsor; and \$9.95 for Marshall, Middleton, Oregon and Verona. An additional \$3.00 will be added for deliveries of 4-10 items and \$5.00 added for deliveries of more than 10 items. For deliveries requiring more than one trip, a separate delivery charge will be added for each trip.

A minimum order of \$25.00 is required for delivery.

We not only deliver our fabulous fresh flowers, but also houseplants, bedding plants and hardgoods. There may be an extra charge for very large or bulky items.

Delivery to the Madison hospitals is \$5.95. Deliveries to the four Madison hospitals are made during the early afternoon. Items are delivered to the hospital's volunteer rooms and not directly to the patients' rooms per hospital rules.

There is no delivery charge for funerals in the city of Madison or Monona, although normal rates apply for morning funeral deliveries to Madison's west side (west of Park St.). Our normal rates also apply for funeral deliveries in the surrounding communities at all times. Although we don't deliver on Sundays, we will deliver funeral items on Sundays at the regular delivery rate.

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 3:00 p.m. We do not usually deliver after 4:00 unless specific exceptions are made with our drivers.

Except for holidays, the following west-side zip codes and communities are 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.

**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](mailto:jamie@kleinsfloral.com)

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

Lead Floral Designer--Kathy Lehman [kathy@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:kathy@kleinsfloral.com)

House Accounts & Billing--Naomi Boldon [naomi@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:naomi@kleinsfloral.com)

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

Owner & Manager--Sue Klein [sue@kleinsfloral.com](mailto: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/>

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#### **PLANTS POISONOUS TO CHILDREN:**

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

- Bird of paradise
- Bull nettle
- Castor bean
- Chinaberry tree
- Crocus
- Daffodil
- Deadly nightshade
- Dieffenbachia (dumb cane)
- Foxglove
- Glory lily
- Hemlock
- Holly berry
- Indian tobacco
- Iris
- Jimsonweed
- Lantana
- Larkspur
- Lily of the valley
- Marijuana
- Mescal bean
- Mexicanes
- Mistletoe
- Morning glory
- Mountain laurel
- Night-blooming jasmine
- Nutmeg
- Oleander
- Philodendron
- Poison ivy
- Poison sumac
- Pokeweed
- Poppy
- Potato
- Privet
- Rhododendron
- Rhubarb
- Water hemlock
- Wisteria

#### **PLANTS POISONOUS TO PETS:**

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

- Aconite
- Apple

- Arrowgrasses
- Autumn Crocus
- Azaleas
- Baneberry
- Bird-of-Paradise
- Black locust
- Bloodroot
- Box
- Buckeye
- Buttercup
- Caladium
- Carolina jessamine
- Castor bean
- Chinaberry tree
- Chockcherries
- Christmas berry
- Christmas Rose
- Common privet
- Corn cockle
- Cowbane
- Cow cockle
- 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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