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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 for details and entry information.

KLEIN'S IS A PROUD SPONSOR OF THE 2013 OLBRICH HOME GARDEN TOUR being held Friday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for Olbrich members and \$14 for the general public. Advance tickets are available at Olbrich's Growing Gifts Shop until July 11 and on July 12 & 13 on site.

The 2013 Olbrich Home Garden Tour, featuring **Olbrich's Neighbors** as the theme, showcases nine diverse East Side properties, including several in the historic Marquette neighborhood. Homes range from Victorian to bungalow to ranch style, and the landscapes are as varied as the homes. But, all of the homeowners are able to find ideas and inspiration at nearby Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

Included are gardens both large and small, terrain both flat and steeply sloped, and welcoming corner lots as well as secluded back yards. Some gardeners enjoy a natural lakefront view while others have created their own ponds and waterfalls. Several gardeners are avid plant collectors while others bring unique artistic touches to their outdoor living spaces. This year's tour truly includes something for everyone!

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 Thursday, July 4: 9:00-4:00

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 4--Independence Day. Special Store Hours: 9:00-4:00. Check out special savings on most remaining annuals, herbs, hanging baskets, containers, perennials and shrubs. 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 9--Ramadan Begins

July 12 & 13--Olbrich Garden’s 2013 Home Garden Tour. See above for details or visit www.olbrich.org for more information.

July 22--Full Moon

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‘THE FLOWER SHOPPE’:

At Klein’s we’re lucky to have probably one of the best floral delivery teams in the city of Madison. Years of experience, modern technology and beautiful and eye-catching delivery vehicles contribute to our ongoing success. Our team is made up of a core of year round drivers and a crew of seasonal drivers who help out during the busy times and on holidays. We pride ourselves in the fact that we have very little turnover among our delivery team and each driver truly enjoys being out on the road and interacting the people. Let’s take some time to meet our delivery team:

Donn Hagland joined Klein's about three years ago after retiring from a career delivering supplies for Messner's here in Madison. Donn grew up in DeForest so knows the Madison area quite well. Donn is quick and efficient and loves to keep busy. He was an easy hire for us!! His smile, his experience and his charm make him perfect for the job!

It seems like fate that **John Klein** (no relation), joined the team this past January--not only in name, but the fact that he and his family ran a vegetable farm in northern Wisconsin before moving to Madison. John says he knew Klein's would be the perfect fit when he and his wife stopped in one Sunday last winter. He says he missed being around plants. John is a church pastor in his 'real job'. Before his hiring, he told us, "I can't work Sundays." John is a non-stop bundle of energy and will bend over backwards to ensure our customers are happy. He not only delivers, but helps out in the greenhouse when he can.

Marylee Ulschmid has been delivering seasonally with Klein's for more than a dozen years now; making her an invaluable member of our delivery team. Her landscaping business, Gardenworks, takes her away from Klein's from mid-March through November. And then, when we need her most, Marylee rejoins the team each holiday season; covering not only Christmas, but all the way through Valentine's Day and beyond. She also helps out in the greenhouse as needed before the landscaping season begins each spring.

Rick Halbach has been delivering for Klein's since 1991 and serves as delivery supervisor. He not only delivers, but sets up the delivery schedule and organizes deliveries during the holidays, Valentine's Day, Mothers' Day, etc. Though all of our drivers use GPS technology, Rick says that after so many years of experience, he has a map of Madison and the area etched in his brain. An avid gardener, Rick enjoys seeing other people's yards as he delivers.

For the past dozen plus years **Karen Schutz** makes her appearance as driver just four times a year--Valentine's Day, Easter, Mothers' Day and Christmas. She uses vacation days from Springs Window Fashions in Middleton to help us out when we need her most. Karen's outgoing and gregarious personality make her perfect for the job! She says she loves coming back to Klein's every few months--this is her "fun job".

In addition to the above, owner Sue Klein's sons, **Jim Larson** and **Jon Larson**, have become an integral part of Klein's delivery team as they juggle college at Whitewater and working at Klein's on Saturdays, during the holidays and whenever needed. Each of them enjoys floral delivery, are quick and efficient and are determined to guarantee success for many years to come.

For details about Klein's floral delivery, visit <http://kleinsfloral.com/delivery.php>

YOU ASKED THE MAD GARDENER . . .

This spring I purchased some day-neutral strawberry plants from Klein's. I also purchased some hay from Klein's for mulching the patch. I have a few questions:

I read online that I should use straw instead of hay because hay has seeds and will lead to weed problems. Am I safe to assume that the hay I purchased from Klein's is safe? I have also read that I will have problems my second year unless I pinch off all the flowers/fruits in this, my first year. Is that true? I'd really rather not wait a year. Thank you so very much! Steve

Hi Steve,

Though it's called marsh hay, the hay we sell is not the hay you read about. The hay they were referring to is the hay that farmers harvest as animal feed--here in southern Wisconsin that usually means alfalfa and/or a combination of alfalfa, grasses, weeds, etc. . . whatever grows in the farmer's field.

Marsh hay is a type of grass that grows in dense stands in low-lying areas. Because the stand is so dense, nothing else competes with the grass. The grass is usually harvested in late June or early July as the marshes dry up for summer and before the grasses go to seed. It's generally free of all of our common garden weeds. True straw can be best for some applications, but marsh hay is the better mulch and won't blow away as easily when windy. Straw or marsh hay are both appropriate for your application. Our marsh hay is harvested locally in the DeForest area.

You won't necessarily have problems if you don't remove the blossoms and fruits this season. The reason blossoms and fruits are removed the first season (and sometimes even the second season) is so the plants spend their energy this summer rooting out and sending out runners. The first season it's more important that the plants become established so they can make it through the winter. Winter die off is the number one cause for strawberry patches to deteriorate.

Thanks for your questions,

Klein's Mad Gardener
madgardener@kleinsfloral.com

The following comes to us from the Becker Family Farm website @
beckerfamilyfarms.com:

Marsh Hay Mulch from Becker Family Farms,

The Becker farm is located in a unique area just north of Madison, WI called the Cherokee Marsh. This area is typical of many marsh's with a few exceptions. The farm proper is located on "high ground" which allows us to grow veggies.

The immediate surrounding area is marsh that has been cut for hay for the last 35 years. This long cropping history means that the marsh grass that is harvested is free of many of the other native species that exist in most marshes, such as red sumac and cat tails. This means it is also 100% free of any weed seeds. No more volunteer weed seed in your garden that hitched a ride on your mulch.

Marsh hay is unique in it's mulching properties as well. The blades of grass have a very fine edge that interlocks with other blades of grass. This means it holds together very well when on the ground. After a good rain, it will not be going anywhere, even with some good gusts of wind.

Our bales are the small squares like you are used to seeing. They can weigh anywhere from 30-40lbs each or more. **A single bale will usually cover about 100sq ft.** A little less if you want a thicker mulch.

DID YOU KNOW...

... that in just 5 easy (but important) steps you can save your own tomato seeds?

Do you have a very favorite tomato you'd like to make sure you have in your garden from year to year. By following these easy instructions you increase your chances of success. Seed saving can be both fun and rewarding. We at Klein's preserve our own Oscar Klein Italian tomatoes by collecting seed from plants grown on-site and then we:

1. Slice the very ripe tomatoes in half and crush its pulp and seeds into a jar.
2. Wait for the pulp and seeds to ferment.
3. After 3 days, there will be a white foam on top.
4. Rinse repeatedly until the seeds are clean.
5. Spread seeds out in a clean and dry place to allow them to dry completely and then store them between sheets of paper toweling in a ziplock bag.

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

ENTRY: JUNE 2, 2013 (Shrubs & Trees Get Thirsty Too)

The importance of watering trees and shrubs cannot be understated after last summer's extreme drought. The need for water is immediately apparent with shallow rooted annuals and vegetables as they wilt in the hot sun. But the consequences of drought on trees and shrubs can be slow in coming. Few people realized the toll on their arborvitaes as the summer progressed. It was only in late summer (and once it was too late) that the widespread damage became apparent with many dead arborvitaes throughout the area.

I took no chances after reading numerous articles and diligently soaked most of my trees and shrubs on a weekly basis by laying a trickling hose at the base of each plant around the yard. Knowing that arborvitaes are shallow rooted plants best suited for low-lying areas, I paid special attention to their needs. My diligence paid off!! Except for one very mature Chinese lilac tucked in an inaccessible part of the yard, all of my shrubs came through the drought (and the very hard winter) with flying colors. The lilac had been in deterioration for a few years and the drought was the last straw. Because it grew on a slope between some buildings I couldn't deep soak it as much as it needed. The water simply ran away over the rock hard soil.

On the other hand, my roses and hydrangeas have never been more beautiful than they are this year. Last year's thorough watering and this year's constant rains have produced very lush and healthy plants. Lesson learned? Better safe than sorry!!

ENTRY: JUNE 21, 2013 (New to My Garden in 2013)

Customers at work often ask me early in the spring what plants are new and what I'm most excited about putting in my own garden. But because the plants are new, I really can't answer their question until the end of the season. What we read in magazines or in catalogs about new plants is more often hype than not. And more often than not I ultimately fall back on tried and true favorites. Yet each season yields a few surprises--especially as new discoveries enter the market especially from eastern Asia--the new horticultural hotspot (like Australia was in the 1990's).

Here are a few new items (bought at Klein's) that I've put in my own garden this spring. Only time will tell if they live up to their hype:

Archangel Raspberry Angelonia--The Archangel series has blooms up to three times larger than other angelonia series and rivals the Proven Winner Angelface series for flower size and with better branching! (So far looks great!!)
Million Kisses 'Amour' Begonia--The most vigorous trailing begonia on the market, Million Kisses is easy to grow with great branching and many early, large flowers. (I have a hanging basket and all I can say is WOW!! A stunner!! The bright orange red flowers are amazing against the dark foliage)

Whopper Begonias--This begonia series is definitely giant sized! With 2.5 feet tall plants and 3 inch blooms, the Whopper series will doubtlessly catch the eye in your flower bed. It replaces the Big Series from years past. For shade to part shade. Available in red with bronze leaves, red with green leaves and rose with green leaves. (I have these in two colors and both are impressive so far. Can't wait to see how big they are by season's end.)

Colocasia 'Black Coral'--I actually purchased this from another source last year and I've remained super-impressed. The foliage is very sturdy and blacker than any elephant's ear I've seen to date.

Cuphoric Cuphea--The Cuphoric series is the only variety of this species currently on the market. It displays a unique small-leaved plant, bursting with blooms in a semi-trailing habit. Very heat and drought tolerant for full sun. Height: 12-16" with a 12-14" spread. Available in pink. (Not much to look at when I purchased it in late May, but this has turned out to be a very nice surprise. Very airy plant with TONS of tiny flowers--almost like a pink 'Diamond Frost' euphorbia. Would look great in mixed containers.)

'Golden Girl' Salvia--A new hybrid perfect for rock gardens and dry locations in full sun. Plants grow to 2' tall and wide and are coated with lovely pure butter-yellow flowers with an orange blush on the upper exterior. Zone 7 perennial so must be treated as an annual here in the north. Discovered in 2005 in a nursery pot. (Well, they were right . . . it needs it hot and dry and our weather has been anything but. All of my plants have slowly died off because they've been too wet. Impressive at the start and who knows what would have happened in different growing conditions.)

'Winnifred Gilman' Salvia--On the other hand, this plant shows real promise in the garden; holding up far better than the above. "A selection that grows to 3 feet tall and wide with aromatic gray-green foliage and profuse golf ball-shaped clusters of electric blue-purple flowers. The flowers arise from dark ruby red calyces that form in whorls along the top foot of each reddish stem tip - flowering commences in late spring or early summer and continues for about a month. There's nothing to compare to the aroma downwind from a patch."

ENTRY: JUNE 26, 2013 (Favorite Self-sowing Annuals)

One of my favorite things about gardening is finding annuals from past seasons sprouting up throughout the garden from previous seasons' plants. It's always a surprise and the randomly growing plants add to the natural feel of my garden. Sometimes they fill in space perfectly right where they sprout. Other times I move the plants around the garden to fill in holes elsewhere in the garden. Sometimes I still find seedlings from plants that are no longer available in catalogs. An example is 'Summer Medley' Cuphea that I purchased from Select Seeds over ten years ago. Though no longer available, seedlings appear every year mixed among the zinnias in my cut flower bed and are a perfect addition.

Key to success is identifying a desirable seedling versus a weed. Sometimes the seedling is readily identifiable as with rudbeckias (black-eyed Susans). The fuzzy-leafed seedlings are miniatures of mature plants. Annual milkweed seedlings, on the other hand, look like hundreds of other weed seedlings. It takes a little bit of practice (and some trial and error) to make proper ID.

A list of annuals that readily self sow in my garden (in addition to rudbeckia and milkweed) include:

Datura 'Belle Blanche'
Annual coreopsis (Coreopsis tinctoria)
Morning glories--especially heirloom varieties like Grandpa Ott's
Browallia americana
Brazilian button flower (Centrantherum)
Nicotiana glauca (Woodland tobacco)
Kiss-me-over-the-garden-gate
Cleome
Policeman's helmet and Balfour impatiens
Painter's Palette polygonum
Garden balsam
Verbena bonariensis (Stick verbena)
Sunflowers (usually seeds dropped from birdfeeders)

And these are just to name a few!!

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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!!

Summer salads are always a hit at picnics and family get-togethers and the following, using tomatoes and many of your garden-fresh vegetables, are some of our very favorites and are sure to be passed along recipes for years to come.

TOMATO SALAD--Ever so easy! Reprinted from The Isthmus.
2-3 lbs. cherry tomatoes, quartered, or Roma tomatoes, sliced.
2 TBS. red wine vinegar
4 TBS. extra virgin olive oil
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 oz. (about 1 dozen) finely chopped, fresh basil leaves

Toss & Serve!

VEGETABLE AND ORZO SALAD--If you're not familiar with it, orzo is a small, rice-like pasta available at all supermarkets in the pasta aisle. This is a tried and true recipe from The Wisconsin State Journal 1997 cookbook. A very easy salad with great colors and textures.
2 cups dry orzo (about 1 16 oz. pkg.)
4 medium carrots, peeled and chopped
2 medium zucchinis, coarsely chopped
2 large tomatoes, diced
1 large onion, chopped
1 x 16 oz. can garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed
1/2 cup raisins (golden are best)
1/2 cup chopped dates
6 TBS. extra virgin olive oil
1/4 cup lemon juice (fresh is best)
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. ground ginger
1/4 tsp. turmeric
1/4 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup slivered almonds

Cook the orzo per package instructions. Rinse under cold water and drain well. Stir together the veggies, cooled orzo, raisins and dates in a large bowl. Whisk together the oil, lemon juice and the spices. Pour over the orzo and toss gently. Sprinkle with the almonds. Cover and chill at least 1 hour. Serves 12.

TOMATO SALAD--Sparkling fresh flavors highlight this favorite from the Wisconsin State Journal, from November 2005.

2-3 lbs. tomatoes cut into large chunks or cherry tomatoes, halved
1/2-3/4 cup fresh raspberries
2 TBS. olive oil
1 TBS. balsamic vinegar
salt and pepper to taste
1 TBS. fresh chopped chives

Arrange the tomatoes on a platter and sprinkle with all but 1TBS. raspberries. Whisk together the oil and vinegar. Crush the remaining raspberries with the back of a spoon and add to the dressing with salt and pepper. Drizzle over the tomatoes and sprinkle with the chives. Reseason to taste. Serves 4-6.

TOMATO MINT SALAD--From Better Homes & Gardens magazine, from summer 2005.

1 x 16 oz. pkg. frozen shoe peg (white) corn, thawed
2 1/2 lbs. assorted tomatoes, sliced and quartered (cherries, halved)
1 cup shredded fresh mint (or basil if n.a.)
2 TBS. red wine vinegar
2 TBS. olive oil
1 clove minced garlic
1 tsp. sugar
1/8 tsp. sea salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
8 oz. marinated feta

In a large bowl, mix together the tomatoes and mint. Whisk together the vinegar, oil, garlic, sugar, salt and pepper. Pour over the tomatoes and toss. Serve with undrained feta and additional salt and pepper to taste. Serves 6.

TOMATO AND CUCUMBER SALAD--So simple and so delicious. From Cooking Light magazine, June 2004.

3 cups chopped and peeled cucumber
2 cups chopped tomato
3/4 cup finely chopped red onion
1/4 cup finely chopped parsley
3 TBS. chopped cilantro (or basil if n.a.)
1/2 tsp. salt

In a large bowl, mix together all ingredients. Cover and allow to chill at least 2 hours, stirring once in a while. Serve with a slotted spoon. Serves 6.

NATURAL NEWS--

Gone Wild for Monarchs!

Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes, a national not-for-profit environmental education and advocacy organization based in Wisconsin, has just launched their Wild for Monarchs campaign to help preserve the monarch butterfly migration. They want everyone to know just how important this campaign is to the continuation of the best known insect migration in the world. Wild Ones Chapters and members are meeting with organizations and community members to promote such milkweed basics as how to clean, grow and collect milkweed, and to inform everyone about the current plight of the monarchs. Included as part of the national Wild for Monarchs campaign this year will be plant sales and workshops about planting monarch waystations.

The Madison WI chapter campaign is coordinated by Jeanette Tierney. Contact her at Jeanette.tierney@gmail.com for a schedule of presentations and other activities throughout summer, 2013. Stratified seeds are available from her for those who want to plant directly in the soil. If you prefer not to grow your own plants from seed, you can seek out a native plant grower in your area. To learn more about monarchs, go to the Wild Ones website at www.wildones.org to find interesting features from basic information to children's activities.

The Amazing Monarchs

It is truly amazing that the fall migrating monarchs survive for eight or nine months--through the heavy demands of migration, flying the equivalent of a marathon race every day. From the northeastern U.S. region, the butterflies navigate to a winter refuge in a specialized ecosystem, 10,000 feet up in the Trans-volcanic Mountains of central

Mexico. Sheltered by dense fir trees, the monarchs cluster together and are sustained by their own body's food reserves of longlasting lipids metabolized from milkweed leaves eaten as caterpillars, and the sweet flower nectar gathered as adult butterflies.

As the early spring days lengthen, overwintering monarch butterflies begin their movement down the tall mountains to migrate northward. As they move into northern Mexico and the southern United States, the females look for sprouts of fresh milkweed on which they'll lay the eggs that will become a new generation of monarchs, ready to continue the population's spring migration north. This first generation of the new year recolonizes their summer breeding range. This story is well known, but still inspires awe, especially for those who become personally involved through observation, reflection and stewardship of nature.

In our quickly changing world, this extraordinary annual migration has become even more challenging. Research trends show significant population decreases starting in 1997-98, in both the eastern and western migrating monarchs. The primary drivers of these declines are habitat loss -- in the overwintering sites from illegal logging and in their northern breeding range, from development and the loss of milkweed plants in agricultural areas. There is a strong correlation between the increased use of herbicides allowed by genetically-modified crops and the decline in monarch numbers. Climate change, recent drought conditions and increased frequency of severe storms can also affect monarchs and their habitat.

The monarchs have taken flight for the spring migration. They are on their way!

This season plan to welcome the monarchs back by planting more milkweed and native nectar plants. Help monarch conservation take flight! If we all grow additional milkweed and native nectar plants, we would truly provide considerable support for monarchs and other Lepidoptera, as well as an array of native pollinators.

Partnering with Wild for Monarchs

To stay involved with the campaign, periodically check back at wildones.org/learn/wild-formonarchs/ and see what new things have been added to the Wild Ones website. Share your garden photos, ideas and activities, successes and advice. Help spread the word about the Wild for Monarchs campaign by posting on your Facebook page or simply mention it to a friend. You can E-mail monarchs@wildones.org or call [877-394-9453](tel:877-394-9453) and request copies of the brochures and other promotional materials especially developed for the Wild for Monarchs campaign. Tell everyone you've "gone Wild for Monarchs!"

Wild Ones promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. Wild Ones is a partner in the Monarch Joint Venture formed by researchers and conservationists to protect monarchs and other pollinators in response to the decline in monarch numbers and habitat. See www.monarchjointventure.org for more info.

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JULY'S PLANT OF THE MONTH:

Begonia Rex

The Rex Cultorum group -- whose members commonly are known as "rex begonias" -- is aptly named. These "kings" of the begonia world display wildly varied leaves streaked, bordered, spotted, and splotched by many colors. They also flower, but usually the flowers are overshadowed by the striking foliage.

Rex Cultorum begonias are derived from the species *B. rex*, whose dark leaves are marked with a prominent silvery-gray band. *B. rex* was discovered in Assam and introduced into cultivation in the 1850s. Its immediate and widespread use in hybridizing gave rise to countless cultivars that boosted foliage begonias as indoor plants.

Most rex begonias grow from a thickened stem structure called a "rhizome." They are not classed with other rhizomatous begonias, however, because of their bold leaves and more exacting growing requirements. Some varieties are upright and branching rather than creeping.

Some of the oldest rex cultivars, such as *B. 'Abel Carriere'* (1878) and *B. 'Louise Closson'* (1889), are still in cultivation. Other cultivars include *B. 'Fireworks'*, *B. 'Helen Lewis'*, *B. 'Lady Frances Jean'*, *B. 'Merry Christmas'*, *B. 'Purple Petticoats'*, and *B. 'Woodriff's Tricolor'*. Several hundred named cultivars are grown today, and many more are

hybridized and sold but never named. Rexes hybridize readily, and, of the several hundred seedlings that may grow from a single cross, no two will be alike.

Rexes are not "easy care" plants. They require high humidity (more than 50% -- some cultivars want more than others), porous planting mix, a shallow pot, heavy fertilization during growth, and care to avoid overwatering. Once you hit the proper combination of growing conditions, the stunning color display will make it worthwhile.

Your watering technique should permit the soil surface to become almost dry between waterings. Stick a finger into the planting mix to check.

In spring, when new growth has started, a balanced complete fertilizer (23-19-14 or similar formula) should be applied quarter strength every two weeks. Or a controlled-release fertilizer can be applied every three months. Taper off in fall and stop in winter.

Provide plenty of light without putting the plants in direct, hot sun. Spring morning sun or filtered sunlight may be acceptable in mild areas. If light comes from one side, give each plant a quarter turn weekly. Rexes do best if day temperature hovers around 70 degrees F., and 60 degrees at night. If it is cooler, they usually will survive but growth will be slow.

In fall or winter, unless grown under lights, many cultivars enter dormancy -- they stop growing and might even drop some or all of their leaves. If this happens, water only sparingly until spring, when new leaves will emerge.

Most don't need pruning unless they are "upright rexes" or the rhizome has grown too long for its container and has unsightly bare sections. Pruning is simple: just cut the rhizome back. It will develop new leaves and may even branch. You can root the rhizome cutting and grow another plant. Tip pinching earlier will result in beneficial branching.

The primary enemies of rex begonias are mildew and botrytis, both fungus diseases marked by white spores. The systemic fungicide benomyl is a good preventative. Many growers use a fungicide containing karathane to kill the diseases once they have started. As with all garden chemicals, follow label directions exactly.

Occasionally, the insect known as mealybug may appear as a small cottony-looking mass tucked in the joint where a leaf joins the leaf stem or the stem joins the rhizome. To kill the bugs, just dip a cotton swab in rubbing alcohol and touch it to each mealybug.

The best way to prevent insects and diseases is to keep a plant well groomed, removing dead leaves and any debris on the surface of the planting mix.

Source: The American Begonia Society @ www.begonias.org.

Klein's still has an amazing selection of rex begonias and all are currently **Buy One, Get One Free** in 5" pots. For a complete listing of what we offered earlier in the 2013 season, visit http://kleinsfloral.com/spring_plant_PDFs/Annals_2013.pdf and scroll down to Begonia Rex.

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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 or Sue at sue@kleinsfloral.com. Please include all details, i.e. dates, locations, prices, brief description, etc. Events must be garden related and must take place in the Madison vicinity and we must receive your information by the first of the month in which the event takes place for it to appear in that month's newsletter. This is a great opportunity for free advertising.

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.)

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

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

Windsor Area Garden Club 2013 Garden Tour

Featuring Seven Gardens In Windsor & DeForest
Friday, July 12, 10:00-3:00
Saturday, July 13, 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 Monique @ [608/846-5299](tel:6088465299) and are just \$10. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Windsor-Area-Garden-Club/92329162988> or at <http://windsorareagardenclub.org>

Olbrich Home Garden Tour

Friday, July 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, July 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 2013 Olbrich Home Garden Tour, featuring **Olbrich's Neighbors** as the theme, showcases nine diverse East Side properties, including several in the historic Marquette neighborhood. Homes range from Victorian to bungalow to ranch style, and the landscapes are as varied as the homes. But, all of the homeowners are able to find ideas and inspiration at nearby Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

Included are gardens both large and small, terrain both flat and steeply sloped, and welcoming corner lots as well as secluded back yards. Some gardeners enjoy a natural lakefront view while others have created their own ponds and waterfalls. Several gardeners are avid plant collectors while others bring unique artistic touches to their outdoor living spaces. This year's tour truly includes something for everyone!

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.

Tickets are \$12 for Olbrich members and \$14 for the general public. Tickets are available at Olbrich's Growing Gifts Shop until July 11.

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

Iris Sale

Friday, July 12, 9:00-5:00

Saturday, July 13, 9:00-5:00

Sunday, July 14 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:608-271-3607).

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

Native Plant Garden Tour: Native Gardens for Pollinators

Wednesday, July 17, 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](tel:608-263-7888) or uwarboretum.org/events

Rotary Garden's Home Garden Tour

Saturday, July 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m (rain or shine)

Visit 9 beautiful gardens and enjoy music at each location!

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the event. Tickets are available at Rotary Botanical Gardens, K&W Greenery and at Patty's Plants in Milton.

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

Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies

July 17-August 11

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 \$7 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; groups of 15 or more must register by calling 608/246-4550. The Bolz Conservatory will be closed Monday, July 15 and Tuesday, July 16 in preparation for Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave., Madison
[608/246-4550](tel:608-246-4550) or 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 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

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

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

- Pinch hardy mums until July 4 for bushier less floppy plants.
- Begin sowing and transplanting cole crops for fall harvest.
- Fertilize and mulch asparagus beds.
- Give the garden at least 1" of moisture per week.
- Mow as little as possible and with mower raised to at least 2".
- Mulch beds to conserve moisture and keep down weeds.
- Deadheading spent blooms as needed.
- Stake and support tall plants as needed.
- Cut spent perennials to the ground to encourage new growth.
- Divide daylilies as they finish blooming.
- Fertilize potted plants at least every 2 weeks. Follow directions.

- ___ Order spring bulbs from catalogs while your memory is still fresh.
- ___ Keep an eye on the weather. Water as needed.
- ___ Watch for pests and control as needed or desired.
- ___ Stop fertilizing roses by late July.
- ___ Visit Klein's---Watch for end of season savings on annuals, perennials & shrubs.

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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.harrisseeds.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.seedsavers.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:

Heronswood Nursery @ www.heronswood.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.

MOSQUITO CONTROL OPTIONS AVAILABLE AT KLEIN'S

With all of the flooding rains over the past few weeks, the summer of 2013 is certainly going to go down as a banner year for mosquitoes. While we await their onslaught, it might be time to consider some of the mosquito control options we sell at Klein's:

Mosquito Beater Natural Ready-to-Spray from Bonide

All natural, residual formula repels mosquitoes, gnats, flies and other nuisance insects for up to 2 weeks. Great for lawns, patios, gardens, barns....Any outdoor area. Pleasantly scented. 1 quart treats 5000 sq. ft. Contains Cedar Oil, Citronella, Geranium Oil and Lemon Oil. Convenient, no-mix ready-to-spray applicator.

Mosquito Beater Natural Granules from Bonide

NEW - all natural, field tested formula. Effectively repels for up to 3 weeks. Non - toxic, biodegradable and pleasantly scented. Easy to use shaker applicators. Enjoy mosquito free surroundings, any place, anytime. Contains Geranium Oil, Cedar Oil, Lemon Grass Oil, Garlic and Citronella Oil.

Mosquito Beater Water Soluble Pouches from Bonide

Water soluble pouches provide the perfect delivery system for this natural mosquito larvicide. Upon dissolving, thousands of floating granules quickly and evenly release the Bti active ingredient across the surface of any standing water.

Mosquito Beater Yard Fogger from Bonide

Triple action Tetraperm® provides instant knock down, quick kill and residual effectiveness-indoors and out. Specially designed actuator delivers a large volume of fog in a single burst. Kills most biting and stinging insects.

Mosquito & Tick Repellent from St. Gabriel Organics

Mosquito Repellent Hose End Sprayer Repels mosquitoes for weeks. Once applied, product becomes odorless in minutes. Natural made from Geraniol, Peppermint, and Cinnamon Oils. Not harmful to pets or humans. Repels all flying insects, last up to 30 days.

Granular Yard Net Lawn & Garden from Liquid Fence

Yard Net is the earth-friendly, outdoor insect repellent that really works - Guaranteed! You can be sure Yard Net is safe for use around kids and pets - and it won't harm your vegetation. Made with botanical oils, it has a fresh scent your family will love!

By simply spraying the areas you wish to treat, Yard Net creates a repelling barrier that dramatically reduces the presence of biting insects such as mosquitoes, fleas, ticks and black flies (gnats). Soccer field, campsite, BBQ, outdoor wedding, or just relaxing in the backyard... If it's fun in the great outdoors, it'll be more fun without pesky, biting insects! Lasts up to one week!!

Water Wiggler from Allied Precision Industries

We know that stagnant water is a potential breeding ground for mosquitoes, making it even more important to change birdbath water daily if possible. Because mosquitoes won't lay their eggs in moving water, Water Wiggler provides an easy alternative by keeping birdbath water in constant motion. In addition to discouraging mosquitoes from laying their eggs, Water Wiggler invites birds to the birdbath; who are attracted by the water's constant motion.

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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

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

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.

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DELIVERY INFO

Klein's Floral and Greenhouses delivers daily, except Sundays, throughout all of Madison and much of Dane County including: Cottage Grove, DeForest, Fitchburg, Maple Bluff, Marshall, McFarland, Middleton, Monona, Oregon, Shorewood Hills, Sun Prairie, Verona, Waunakee and Windsor. 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

Assistant Manager--Jennifer Simon jsimon@kleinsfloral.com

Lead Floral Designer--Kathy Lehman kathy@kleinsfloral.com

House Accounts & Billing--Naomi Boldon naomi@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/>

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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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