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Klein's Floral & Greenhouses Online Newsletter

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**KLEIN'S 2013 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** is **November 28 thru December 1**. Enter a winter wonderland filled with our homegrown poinsettias, holiday plants and gift ideas. Let us inspire you with our extensive collection of gift ideas and ornaments for all your decorating needs. Free refreshments on hand.

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**On Saturday, November 30, learn about:**

--**Designing & Creating Outdoor Holiday Containers** with fresh pine greens, branches, berries and all the traditional (and not-so-traditional) holiday baubles, bangles and beads. Oodles of pre-made containers will be available or make your own on site. Bring your own empty container(s) or purchase one of ours and we'll get you started.

--**Creating Your Own Miniature Garden, Fairy Garden or Terrarium**. Here's your chance to purchase pre-made miniature gardens and supplies or make your own on-site. Bring your own container or purchase one of ours.

**Then on Sunday, December 1, learn about:**

--**Decorating Wreaths** for an eye-catching welcome to guests during the holidays. Purchase one of our plain pine wreaths (many choices and sizes available) and leave with a masterpiece you've created. We'll have everything you need!

--**Painting Poinsettias**. Painted poinsettias continues to be one of the hottest trends in holiday decorating. The past few Christmases we couldn't keep our eye-popping creations on the shelves. Ever wanted a blue poinsettia? Green Bay Packer themed? Or how about something elegant, sprinkled in glitter? The possibilities are endless. You, together with our designer, come up with a design and watch how the beauty unfolds right before your eyes!

\*\*\*Please note that painted poinsettias require a drying time and may need to be picked up later or even in the following days.

**Also on Sunday from 1:00-3:00:**

**Holiday Family Photo Shoot.** Come in with your family and/or pet for a photo in front of a beautiful Christmas display of poinsettias and lighted trees. Julie Fix will be our photographer. Receive a free 5 x 7 and have the opportunity to purchase Christmas cards and/or additional photos. To reserve your time and for more information, contact Sue Klein at [sue@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:sue@kleinsfloral.com).

**FANTASTIC SELECTION OF SPRING BULBS STILL IN STOCK!**

**We have all of your favorites**--tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocus, alliums--and a few not-so-well known treasures for your garden. **November is the Best Time** to plant your spring bulbs (planting too early promote premature leaf growth) and nothing could be more uplifting after a long winter than crocus, snowdrops and winter aconite blossoms peeking through the snow come spring. Allow the Klein's staff to share planting tips and ideas to keep those pesky squirrels from digging up those newly planted bulbs. And for indoor blooms, don't forget a few hyacinths, paperwhites and amaryllis for indoor forcing. We carry a lovely assortment of forcing glasses, vases and decorative pottery. Forced bulbs make for an inexpensive and treasured holiday gift. Any bulb questions? Don't forget our **Mad Gardener** @ [madgardener@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:madgardener@kleinsfloral.com)!

**A Reminder: Bulbs can be planted until the ground freezes . . . usually into early December.** Watch for season end savings on bulbs for the garden during the month of November and as the weather cools.

**DURING NOVEMBER, ENJOY THESE END OF SEASON SAVINGS:**

**CLEARANCE** on overstocked Garden Art, Pots, Floral Supplies, Selected Holiday Items, and much, much more. Hurry on in! Supplies are limited and we need to make room for poinsettias!!!

**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.

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**NOVEMBER STORE HOURS:**

Monday thru Friday : 8:00-6:00

Saturday: 9:00-5:00

Sunday: 10:00-4:00

**Holiday Hours Begin Friday, November 29**

Monday thru Friday 8:00-7:00

Saturday: 8:00-5:00

Sunday: 10:00-4:00

**Holiday hours run through Monday, December 23**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Speaking of calendars, the new **2014 FTD Calendar** is now available at our checkout. These beautiful, flower-filled calendars are free. No purchase necessary.

**Watch for great specials on all remaining spring bulbs.** November is the perfect month for planting next spring's bloomers. Selection becomes limited and includes daffodils, tulips, crocus and more. Sale does not include paperwhites, amaryllis, forcing hyacinths and gift boxes.

**November 3**--Daylight Savings Time ends

**November 11**--Veterans' Day

**November 16**--**Miniature Garden, Fairy Garden and Terrarium 'Make & Take' Workshop from 10:00 to 4:00 at Klein's. We supply the soil, you supply the imagination!!** Here's your chance to stop by and purchase pre-made miniature gardens and supplies or make your own on-site. Bring your own container or purchase one of ours. Instructors will be on hand making gardens, to answer questions and get you started. No sign-up necessary. Just show up and be prepared to get dirty. We will be repeating this same workshop during our **Holiday Open House** later in the month.

**November 17**--Full Moon

**November 28**--Thanksgiving Day--Unlike Kohl's, Penney's, etc., we are closed!

**November 28**-- 'Thanksgivukkah'--Hanukkah Begins. This is the first time Thanksgiving and Hannukah overlap and it won't happen again until **November 27, 79,811** due to the fact that the Jewish calendar is slowly getting out of sync with the solar calendar.

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--**Decorating Wreaths. (10-4, Sun. Dec. 1)**

--**Painting Poinsettias. (10-4, Sun. Dec. 1)**

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

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, here are a few ideas from the Society of American Florists' website at [www.aboutflowers.com](http://www.aboutflowers.com). For more decorating ideas give Klein's a call at [608/244-5661](tel:6082445661) or [888/244-5661](tel:8882445661) and ask for one of our talented designers--Kathy, Sue or Kim. Be sure to order early for prompt delivery.  
[kleinsfloral.com/delivery.php](http://kleinsfloral.com/delivery.php)

Appointed as a day to give thanks for the bountiful gifts of the land, the first national Thanksgiving day was proclaimed by George Washington and celebrated on November 26, 1789. In 1863 Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Thursday of November. The Canadian observance of Thanksgiving began in 1879 and is celebrated annually on the second Monday of October.

Thanksgiving Floral Decorating Ideas

•Accessorize a large table by placing a long, narrow centerpiece in the center of the table. Add a few smaller accent pieces or candles on each side of the arrangement for an added effect.

- Ask your florist to create a centerpiece in a treasured family vase or bowl, or in seasonal pieces such as a cornucopia or a utility vase surrounded by dry corn cobs.
- To create a lot of drama and variety, place a topiary at one end of the table leading to a cluster of small potted plants, then two smaller topiaries with candles leading to a tray of votive candles and flower petals, and so on...
- Ask your florist to use vegetables or fruits as accents in your floral arrangement.
- Garnish your serving trays with flowers and greens.
- Scatter colorful fall leaves, flowers and votive candles along the center of your dining table.
- Float flowers in crystal wine glasses.
- Place a single long-stem rose on each plate to welcome your guests to the table.
- Decorate small desserts with flowers or make an ice ring with flowers to chill champagne or wine.
- Ask your florist to design the arrangements for your buffet table on several different levels to keep the eye flowing all along the table.
- Place a garland of fruit, flowers and fall foliage over your front door.

#### Flower Suggestions

Chrysanthemums, bittersweet, gerbera daisies, roses, carnations, alstroemeria, lilies, wheat, solidago, monte casino, marigolds. Potted plants in season include chrysanthemums, daisies and cyclamen.

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

**Received a lovely tri-colored hibiscus for Mother's Day. How do I care for it when I bring it in? I don't have a big space to store it. Thanks, Barb**

Hi Barb,

Hibiscus are best overwintered near a very bright window--south or west are best. Prune the plant(s), pretty hard and to shape before bringing it inside. Hibiscus are best pruned in the fall here in the north, rather than in the springtime. Pruning in the spring can delay blooming by up to a month or more. Your hibiscus will probably lose most, if not all of its leaves once brought indoors while it acclimates to its new environment and lower light levels. This is completely normal and it will send out new leaves as time passes.

Hibiscus like to be kept moist, so water thoroughly once dry to the touch. Don't allow it to stand in water, but don't allow it to get too bone dry too often either. Keep an eye out for pests. We recommend applying a systemic pesticide every 5 weeks through the winter months. Hibiscus are especially prone to aphids and whiteflies. Whiteflies can be especially hard to control once established.

There's no need to fertilize during the dead of winter. Begin fertilizing again once the days lengthen in February.

I hope I was of some help and thanks for your question,

Klein's Mad Gardener

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

**. . . that miniature gardening, terrarium gardening and fairy gardening continue to be the fastest growing segments in the garden industry?**

Just take a look inside any garden catalog or gardening magazine these days and you're sure to find all sorts of information and products related to miniature gardening. Klein's has made it one of our goals to satisfy this ever-

growing niche by offering the widest selection of plants and accessories devoted to miniature gardening in the Madison area. We have everything you need under one roof. And our selection continues to expand!

New to Klein's are whimsical settings for your fairy and miniature gardens from **River Root Gardens**. These natural and rustic gardens allows you to garden vertically in an almost treehouse-like structure. These truly unique items are suited for both indoors and out. Connect to their website with the link below to appreciate the beauty of these works of art. For more details about them at Klein's ask for Jen [608/244-5661](tel:6082445661).

### **About River Root Gardens**

Handmade From the Roots of Latin American Trees

All of our planters and furniture are handmade, which means that no two are exactly alike.

The roots grow along the base of the trees in Latin American rivers. The roots are harvested from the riverbanks, and they are shaped while they are wet. Harvesting the root doesn't harm the trees; it actually helps them to grow. We have 3 weeks to shape the root before it begins to dry. Once it dries, the wood hardens and becomes very strong and sturdy.

We employ around 26 families from the same village. The Artisans use a railroad spike to hammer the galvanized nails into the root because it is fast and efficient and has to be done before the root dries- no power tools are used. There are many variances of tree root, so that is why every piece is unique.

Each piece is treated for bugs, but may need re-treating every couple of years. The planters love water, so all plants can be watered directly in them. The creations are very durable and can go inside or outside. However, if the roots are going to be out in the direct sunlight and not on a covered patio, under an overhang, inside, or at least in the shade, we recommend using a wood sealer such as Thompson Water Seal or polyurethane.

Visit [riverrootgardens.com/wholesale-garden-decor/](http://riverrootgardens.com/wholesale-garden-decor/) to see the full selection of River Root products.

In addition to a great selection of miniature plants, Klein's carries a wide assortment of decor and accessories from **Georgetown Home and Garden** and **Grassland Roads** for both indoor and outdoor miniature and fairy gardens.

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

### **ENTRY: OCTOBER 1, 2013 (Blurb in Wisconsin Gardening Magazine)**

Thought I'd share a little article of mine that appeared in the September/October edition of Wisconsin Gardening magazine ([statebystategardening.com/wi/](http://statebystategardening.com/wi/)). At Klein's, we just received our assortment of windowsill herbs for winter sales. We have far-and-away the best selection of easy-to-grow herbs for indoors in the entire Madison area. They are huge sellers for us at the Garden Expo at the Alliant Energy Center in February. Our just-planted herbs are ready for sale in mid-November.

From the Ask the Expert column of Wisconsin Gardening magazine:

### **Which herbs perform best when grown indoors for gardeners who love to garden in the summer and cook in the winter?**

"Growing herbs indoors during our cold, dark winters is both uplifting and rewarding. Very bright light and well-drained soil are crucial for success. Although fast-growing dill, cilantro and even basil aren't good choices for growing indoors, bay laurel and rosemary are beautiful and long-lived plants. Other favorites include thyme (especially 'Doone Valley' lemon thyme), parsley and many of the mints and oreganos."

### **ENTRY: OCTOBER 11, 2013 (Favorite Rare Geraniums)**

In preparation for winter, I cut back and moved many of my potted geraniums to their windowsill perches in the basement.

Never a huge fan of geraniums, I realize, however, the role they play in our gardens. They are reliable bloomers, tolerant of adverse conditions and are easy to overwinter and propagate. My mother was one of those gardeners who grew little more than geraniums, petunias, marigolds, dusty miller and alyssum with the occasional spike or red salvia . . .and more geraniums. When I've chosen to grow geraniums, I've preferred those with simple single blooms rather than the huge balls of flowers that tend to rot during wet and humid weather.

Over the years I've collected and propagated a few old-fashioned varieties that I've now had 20 or more years--varieties I've never seen again at our local garden centers. These favorites are non-stop bloomers with interesting foliage or flower color. Each fall I store a pot or two of each variety in the basement near a bright window for safe keeping in order to ensure that I have it for years to come. In addition, I take a dozen or so cuttings from each so I'll have an adequate supply next summer for visual impact. The cuttings save a lot of space in the basement versus overwintering all of the pots.

Favorites of my now hard-to-find antique varieties include:

**Stadt Bern**--Single flowers are bright and fiery scarlet red. Plants are stiff and very upright. Foliage is very dark green with and even darker, almost brown, zone (the markings on geranium leaves). I looked online and found no retail source in the U.S.! This was a geranium we were propagating at Klein's when I started working there in 1991 and I've had it ever since.

**Grosser Sorten**--This one I can't even find on-line when googled! Single flowers are a rich, bright salmon with very dark foliage similar to Stadt Bern on slightly larger, very upright plants. I've never seen a geranium like it! And like Stadt Bern, this was a geranium we were propagating at Klein's when I started working there in 1991.

**Happy Thought Pink**--Happy Thought is a fancy leafed variety. The usual flower color is red and can be found at many garden centers in the springtime. However, a long time ago (and for only one season), Klein's carried Happy Thought Pink and I've been propagating it ever since. Like Happy Thought Red, the foliage is a rich green with an almost chartreuse, sometimes creamy-yellow center. The single flowers are a pure bright pink. The effect is very showy! Plants are available from online sources.

**Persian Queen**--This is my very favorite and its presentation is striking--bright fuchsia, single blossoms held over pure chartreuse foliage. I find no geranium more eye-catching. One blogger writes, "Here's the geranium that proves that chrome yellow and hot pink are soul mates. With 'Persian Queen', sunglasses are always a help. A plant this bright demands center-stage." Though hard to find, Persian Queen sources can be found online.

#### **ENTRY: OCTOBER 22, 2013 (Surefire Tips for Overwintering Elephant's Ears)**

With our first hard freeze this morning, my elephant's ears are ready to be dug from the ground and put into storage.

One of the most often asked questions by customers and employees alike is how to best overwinter their elephant's ears. There are several options (and opinions) and much depends on the type of elephant's ear (colocasia vs. alocasia) and the environment in which they will be stored--a cool basement, a warm basement, in the house, at a greenhouse, etc.

Though both are called elephant's ears, alocasias and colocasias are very different plants and usually grow in somewhat different conditions. As a rule, alocasias tend to grow more upright, make better houseplants, tend to enjoy more shade and are better overwintered actively growing, rather than allowed to go completely dormant. Colocasias, on the other hand, are actually a type of bulb called 'corms' (as are crocus) and can be allowed to go completely dormant. Most are tolerant of full sun outdoors here in northern gardens.

Having said all of that, there is a lot of cross over in how the plants are treated based on individual varieties. For example, we're finding that some of the newer and showier varieties of colocasias (i.e. Elena, Mojito, Lime-aide, Black Coral) overwinter best if allowed to actively grow in a semi-warm environment. If allowed to go completely dormant, they seem to deteriorate through the years and the bulbs rot more easily than the species when kept a little too moist. We recommend removing unsightly or overly large foliage before bringing indoors and placing them in a bright and semi-warm spot. They will need to be tidied throughout the winter. Leaves will show brown tips due to low humidity causing no harm to the plants.

Vice versa, some alocasias can go fully dormant and be stored overwinter like colocasias (Calidora for example). For the most part, we tell our customers to cut back their alocasias to a manageable size and move them indoors to a warm spot where they get good light and can be treated as houseplants during the winter months.

Here are my tips for overwintering old-fashioned, common elephant's ears (*Colocasia esculenta*). These are the bulbs one finds in bulk in late winter and early spring. They are also known as taro root and used in the Hawaiian dish, poi.

### **Overwintering Old-fashioned Elephant's Ears (*Colocasia esculenta*)**

Allow to freeze off in the garden or if in a pot, allow to dry completely in a garage.

For plants grown in the ground, dig the large, tuberous roots and allow to "cure" a few weeks in the garage, removing any rotted or soft portions. The curing process is the same as with potatoes or onions. After a few weeks, place the bulbs in dry peat moss in a large container of choice. A pail or muck bucket works perfectly. Store dry in the warm part of your basement. They can be stored cool, but there is no need.

For plants grown in containers, simply move your container to the basement once the pot has completely dried out. Remove all foliage. Again, store dry.

THEN--the key to success with elephant's ears is jump-starting them early enough for next season, something often overlooked. In late January, begin watering your stored plants as normal. New growth will appear in about 2 months--sometimes longer! By starting your plants early, you'll be rewarded with larger plants much earlier next summer. By the time you place your stored tubers in the garden in late May, your first leaves will already be 2-3' tall.

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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!!

No Thanksgiving dinner is complete without stuffing, whether baked in the bird or in a casserole dish on the side. Favorite family stuffing recipes are as personal as a favorite song or a favorite movie and can evoke strong memories of times shared with family and friends. The following are among our families' favorites. Enjoy and Happy Thanksgiving!

**GRANDMA LOIS' TO-DIE-FOR STUFFING**--This simple stuffing is perfect every time and an easy way to transition the kids from boxed Stove Top Stuffing to the 'real' thing. A perfect combination of flavors and texture! The edges are lightly browned, while the center is nicely moist.

1 1/2 lbs. hearty white bread (Pepperidge Farm whole grain white), cubed. Allow the bread to sit out, covered, for a day or dry in the oven on cookie sheets @ 300° for 20 minutes, tossing and rotating as needed

1/2 lb. bulk, sage pork sausage or bulk mild Italian sausage, thawed if frozen

1 qt. milk

2 large eggs

1/2 tsp. poultry seasoning

1/2 tsp. salt

1 medium onion, chopped

2 stalks celery, chopped

broth or water for moistening

About 1/2 hour before prep begins, place the thawed sausage back in the freezer for easier slicing. Preheat the oven to 330°. Prep a glass 9x13" baking dish with cooking spray and set aside. Cut the lightly frozen sausage into 1/2" slices. In a very large bowl and by hand, lightly toss together the bread, onion, celery, salt, seasoning and the sausage torn into 1/2" chunks. Add the egg, pour in the milk and continue to mix carefully by hand until well mixed. Place the mixture in the prepped pan and bake, uncovered, for 50 minutes. Add a little bit of broth to moisten, then cover with foil and bake, covered, about 1/2 hour.

This recipe is especially delicious if prepared earlier in the day and then reheated in the oven later (adding a little extra broth) while baking a turkey, roasting chicken or preparing any pork or poultry dish.

**BUTTERNUT SQUASH STUFFING**--A WOW recipe from the pages of BetterHomes & Gardens magazine from November, 2011. Best made ahead and reheated!

2 TBS. butter

1 medium onion, finely chopped

1 cup fresh cranberries

2 cups chicken broth  
1/2 cup raw wild rice  
1 x 1 1/2 lb. butternut squash, peeled and cut into 1/2" cubes  
1 tsp. dried thyme  
another medium onion, finely chopped  
3 stalks celery, chopped  
1 1/2 cups half and half  
8 eggs  
1 1/2 cups chicken broth  
3/4 cup dried cranberries  
1 tsp. dried, rubbed sage  
8 cups dried, cubed sourdough bread

Melt 1 TBS. of the butter in a large Dutch oven on medium heat. Add the first onion and cook 1 minute. Add the cranberries and cook 1 minute. Add the 2 cups chicken broth, rice and 1 tsp. coarse salt. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer, covered, for 45 minutes. Drain.

Preheat the oven to 350°. Return the Dutch oven to medium heat. Add the rest of the butter, the squash and the thyme. Cook and stir 2 minutes. Add the remaining onion and celery and cook 3 minutes more. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and set aside. In a large bowl whisk together the half and half, eggs and 1 1/2 cups broth. Stir in the cooked rice, squash, dried cranberries, sage and the bread cubes. Transfer to a shallow 3 qt. baking dish. Bake, covered, 20 minutes. Uncover and bake 30 minutes more until golden. Serves 8.

**COUNTRY STUFFING**--Recipe source: Parade insert to the Wisconsin State Journal from November, 2008

4 cups French bread cut into 1" cubes  
4 cups cornbread cut into 1" cubes  
4 TBS. olive oil  
1 TBS. dried thyme  
1 lb. sweet Italian sausages, casings removed and broken into bite size pieces  
1 cup chopped onion  
1 cup chopped celery  
1 TBS. minced garlic  
2 tsp. crumbled, dried sage  
3/4 cup dried cranberries  
3/4 cup chopped pecans  
1/2 cup pitted prunes, quartered  
1 cup chicken broth

Preheat the oven to 350°. In a very large bowl, toss the bread with 2 TBS. oil, the thyme and salt and pepper to taste. Spread the bread on to two large, rimmed baking sheets and bake 15-20 minutes until toasted, stirring and rotating the pans once. Return the baked bread to the bowl. Brown the sausage in a skillet on medium heat. Set aside, discarding the fat. Saute the onion, celery, garlic and sage in the remaining 2 TBS. oil on medium-low heat for 15-20 minutes. Toss with the bread, cranberries, pecans and prunes. Drizzle the broth over the mixture and toss well. Season to taste. Bake, covered, in a baking dish or roasting pan at 350° for 30-45 minutes depending on desired texture and moisture. Serves 10.

**ITALIAN STUFFING (RIPIENO DI SALSICCE)**--A super-tasty family recipe. Traditionally served as a side with any roasted meat or poultry.

6 links (1 1/2 lbs.) sweet or hot Italian sausage, casings removed  
2/3 cup olive oil  
2 cups chopped onion  
1 cup chopped celery  
1 TBS. minced garlic  
1 tsp. dried oregano  
1 tsp. dried rosemary (1 TBS. minced fresh best!)  
1 tsp. dried thyme  
8 cups cornbread stuffing  
1/2 cup Parmesan  
1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes in oil, drained and cut into 1/4" strips  
1/2 cup chopped, fresh parsley  
1 to 1 1/2 cups chicken broth  
pepper



Cook the sausage in a large skillet, breaking up with a spatula, until browned-about 15 minutes. Drain the fat. Transfer to a large bowl and wipe out the skillet. Add the olive oil, heat and add the onion and celery. Cook, stirring, over medium heat until tender, but not brown. Add the garlic and herbs and cook 1 minute. In the bowl, toss together the sausage, onion mixture, bread, Parmesan, tomatoes, parsley and a 'good amount' of pepper. Add the broth and stir gently to combine. Bake, covered, at 350° until heated through--about 40-45 minutes.

**WILD RICE STUFFING**--This new favorite appeared last November in the pages of the now defunct Everyday Food magazine.

2 cups raw wild rice  
2 TBS. olive oil  
2 stalks celery, diced  
1 small onion, diced  
2 cloves garlic, chopped  
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped  
salt and pepper to taste  
1/2 cup toasted pumpkin seeds (pepitos)  
1/2 cup golden raisins  
1/4 cup vegetable broth  
2 1/2 tsp. ground coriander  
1-2 TBS. white wine vinegar

Cook the rice per package instructions. Preheat the oven to 375°. In a small skillet, saute the celery, onion, garlic and jalapeno in the olive oil until tender. Season to taste and transfer to a bowl. Add the cooked rice, pumpkin seeds, raisins, broth and coriander. Stir to combine and transfer to a 9" square baking dish. Bake until heated through--about 20 minutes. Drizzle with the vinegar and serve. Serves 8.

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## **NATURAL NEWS--**

Because we're still in the midst of peak bulb planting season, we thought we'd keep this article posted for one more month for those who missed it last month. Proper protection now avoids heartache come spring.

### **How to Protect Bulbs from Squirrels**

#### **6 Tips to Keep Your Spring-Blooming Bulbs Safe from Foraging Squirrels**

By Colleen Vanderlinden at [organicgardening.about.com](http://organicgardening.about.com)

One of the prices of living in an old neighborhood full of mature trees is that we have a very, very healthy squirrel population. Squirrels nest almost every year in at least one of the trees in my yard. While their antics can (sometimes) be amusing, more often than not you can find me shaking a fist at them and (maybe) cursing. Not that that helps, other than to make me feel a bit better.

The worst annoyance, as far as I'm concerned, is the fact that my neighborhood squirrels see my annual fall planting of spring bulbs as their own personal smorgasbord. Unless I take a few precautions to ensure that my bulbs stay where I planted them, the dozens of bulbs I plant in October can dwindle to almost nothing by the time spring rolls around.

Luckily, there are a few things you can do to keep your spring-blooming bulbs where they belong.

#### **1. Chicken Wire or Hardware Cloth**

One of the most fail-safe ways of protecting your bulbs from ravenous squirrels is to protect them with either chicken wire or hardware cloth. Hardware cloth is metal mesh, much like chicken wire, except that it is a grid, usually of half-inch squares. There are two general ways to use either chicken wire or hardware cloth to protect your bulbs. The first way is to simply cut a section of it the size of your planting area, and lay it over the top of the soil once you're done planting. You'll have to secure it, either with stakes or

large rocks, to keep it where you install it. Simply cover it with a mulch of shredded leaves or shredded bark mulch so you won't have to look at the wire. The stems will come up through the holes in the chicken wire or hardware cloth, but the bulbs themselves will be protected from digging squirrels. This admittedly works best in open areas of your garden where you won't have to work around perennials or other plants.

Another way to use chicken wire or hardware cloth is to make simple cages from the wire mesh place the bulbs inside, and plant the whole thing in the garden. This is especially effective if you have tunneling animals, such as moles, in your garden.

## **2. Repellents**

There are several natural, organic repellents on the market. Don't just limit yourself to squirrel or rodent repellents; I've had decent luck with organic deer repellents as well. (**Bonide's Deer and Rabbit Repellent** is listed as an effective squirrel repellent)

Another natural repellent that works well against squirrels is red pepper flakes. A liberal sprinkle of red pepper flakes over the area you've planted will do a good job of keeping hungry squirrels from digging there.

## **3. Sharp Gravel**

If you're planting small areas of bulbs, or planting a few bulbs in an established garden bed, you may want to consider adding some sharp gravel to the top and sides of your bulb planting holes. Squirrels won't like trying to dig through the sharp gravel, and will usually give up once they encounter it in your garden. Look in home improvement centers or landscape supply yards. It is often used to provide drainage under patio stones.

## **4. Set Up a Squirrel Feeding Station**

The theory behind setting up a squirrel feeding station is that if the squirrels have their own little buffet available, they won't bother trying to dig up your bulbs. Ideas for stocking your squirrel feeding station include dried corn cobs and peanuts. The flip side of this advice is that providing food for squirrels may just attract more of them to your yard, and that they'll dig up your bulbs anyway. It may be worth a try, but it's not a solution for every gardener.

## **5. Keep the Planting Area Clear of Debris**

When you are finished planting your bulbs, be sure to pick up any papery bulb husks, bad bulbs, or other debris. Any of that will attract the attention of squirrels, who will start digging to see what other goodies you've left lying around for them.

## **6. Plant Bulbs That Squirrels Don't Find Delicious**

Bulbs like tulips and crocuses are favorites of squirrels, but there are several spring blooming bulbs that squirrels don't like. These include:

Daffodils  
Alliums  
Scilla  
Squill  
Hyacinth  
Muscari (Grape Hyacinths)  
Fritillaria

A bit of prevention, and you won't be cursing the squirrels next year. Instead, you'll get to enjoy all of those bulbs you lovingly planted in the fall!

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

**AMARYLLIS**

November marks the arrival of a holiday favorite. After the poinsettia and the holiday cactus comes the amaryllis in popularity and it's one of the easiest and showiest of the holiday bloomers. Klein's offers the largest and healthiest amaryllis bulbs available on the market. We offer bulk bulbs as well as gift boxes. In early December, started plants with 4-6" flower stalks become available. New for 2013, we're selling lovely, clear amaryllis vases. These are similar to hyacinth glasses though larger; for starting amaryllis with just water, rather than soil. There are no showier flowers for indoor enjoyment!

Amaryllis are large bulbs and form their own family of bulbs. There are different types of holiday amaryllis based on flower structure and bloom time, but cultural requirements are the same for each. More popular types include:

**Christmas Flowering (singles and doubles)**--Smaller bulbs but still large flowers that bloom only 4-6 weeks after planting. Excellent when blooms are desired by the holidays. Plants grow to 16-20" tall.

**Royal Dutch Hybrids (singles and doubles)**--Bulbs and flowers are larger, but take 8-12 weeks to bloom after planting. More popular at retail level. The bulbs themselves are given as gifts or in gift boxes with the pot and soil already included. Have the largest of the amaryllis blooms. Flower stalks can grow to 3'.

**Miniature Amaryllis**--Available both as Christmas flowering and Royal Dutch Hybrids. Same flower power on smaller plants. Grow to 10-16".

**Cybister Amaryllis**--A species-type with slender, spidery flowers. Should be grown year round and not allowed to go dormant.

Amaryllis colors range from the ever-popular red to pink, peach, white and bicolors.

Plant amaryllis bulbs in any well-drained, bagged potting soil. Use a terra cotta or ceramic pot for added weight. Amaryllis are notoriously top heavy. Choose a pot that extends no more than one inch from the edges of the bulb. For proper blooming, amaryllis bulbs require the snug fit. Plant the bulb firmly with 1/4-1/3 of the bulb above the soil line. Water in well and place in a warm location. From this point on, water on the lighter side until the flower stalk is 3-6" tall, after which watering can be increased to the point where the soil never dries out. Move your 3-4" tall amaryllis to a bright location, rotating the pot as needed so the plant doesn't lean too much.

After flowering, cut off the flower stalk, leaving the foliage. Continue watering as any houseplant, leaving the pot in a bright location.

Come spring, plant your amaryllis into the garden in a fairly sunny location. Your plant should get rather large with firm, deep green foliage. Dig the bulb in early September and allow it to rest in a warm, dry location for 8-10 weeks. The bulb should be large and firm and completely rejuvenated. The foliage can be removed once it has yellowed entirely. After the 8 weeks repot your bulb as you did the previous season. The cycle begins anew. Amaryllis bulbs can last for many, many years with proper care.

Klein's offers a dozen or more amaryllis choices in all of the types listed above. You'll find them in the cooler in our main showroom near the checkout.

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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.

## **31st Annual Herb Fair**

Saturday, November 2, 9:00-3:00.

The Herb Fair annually sponsored by the Madison Herb Society, reaches out to the public through lectures and demonstrations and provides an outlet for members to expand their knowledge and abilities to use herbs.

For more information visit [www.madisonherbsociety.org](http://www.madisonherbsociety.org) or call Marge Snyder at 608/233-6219 or Rosemary Stenback at 608/833-3532.

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

**Fall Garden Symposium:  
New Old Favorites for the Midwestern Garden**

Saturday, November 2, from 9:00 to 3:30

Take an exciting behind-the-scenes look at both woody and perennial plant breeding programs for the Upper Midwest and get the real dirt on “New and Improved” cultivars of old garden favorites.

Speakers:

Jim Ault, Dir. of Ornamental Plant Research, Chicago Botanic Garden  
Kris Bachtell, VP of Collections and Facilities, Morton Arboretum  
Susan Martin, Dir. of Marketing Communications for Walters Gardens, home of Proven Winners

RBG Friends Members, \$55, General Public, \$65. Registration required.

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

**Bolz Conservatory Exhibit--Plants of the Dinosaur Age**

November 2, 2013 thru March 2, 2014

Daily from 10:00-4:00, Sundays 10:00-5:00

In the Bolz Conservatory

What would many dinosaurs have eaten when they roamed the earth millions of years ago? Plants! And a lot of those plants are still alive today. See prehistoric plant species up close including figs, breadfruit, ferns, palms, and cycads while you learn about the amazing plant-eating dinosaurs that roamed the Earth.

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608/246-4550 or [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org) for details.

**Evening Garden Seminar:  
The Sticky Business of Bees and Beekeeping**

Wednesday, November 20, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m

Presented by Wally Brown, Beekeeper and Southern District Chair, WI Honey Producers Association.

You've probably heard about Colony Collapse Disorder, a problem that is decimating honey bee populations worldwide. Theories abound as to the factors contributing to this widespread phenomenon—bees leaving their hives and never returning—including pesticides, viruses, mites, cell phone transmissions, and more. Come and hear tales from the front lines as Wally Brown, local beekeeper and honey producer, shares his knowledge of this ancient trade as well as some of the problems affecting bees and beekeepers everywhere.

RBG Friends Members & Master Gardener Volunteers \$5/General Public \$7. Pre-registration not required for this series.

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608/752-3885 or [www.rotarygardens.org](http://www.rotarygardens.org)

### **Olbrich Garden's Holiday Express: Flower & Model Train Show**

December 7 thru December 31

Twinkling lights, festive poinsettias, tiny landscapes, and large-scale model trains: all aboard for Olbrich's Holiday Express! Using large-scale model trains, Olbrich's horticulture staff will showcase miniature landscapes among hundreds of colorful poinsettias. Members of the Wisconsin Garden Railway Society come from all over the state to show off their large-scale model trains. Relax with friends and family and enjoy holiday refreshments available for purchase in the lobby. Olbrich's Photo Depot also provides the perfect background for a holiday photo! Admission for Olbrich Botanical Society members is free. Admission to Olbrich's Holiday Express for the general public is \$3 for adults, and \$2 for children ages 3 to 12. Children 2 and under are free. Admission to the tropical Bolz Conservatory is included.

Olbrich's Holiday Express is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Olbrich will close at 2 p.m. on December 24, and will be closed all day on December 25 and January 1.

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)

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

Saturdays, November 16 thru December 21, 7:30-noon  
Monona Terrace

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

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

- Visit Olbrich, Rotary or Allen Centennial Gardens and note plants of fall interest for spring planting and best selection.
- Put up all birdfeeders and fill daily as needed. Begin feeding raw suet.
- Make water available to the birds. Begin using a de-icer as needed.
- Dig new beds now! It's easier now than in spring when super-busy.
- Continue planting spring bulbs till the ground freezes.
- Plant bulbs for forcing and put in a cool location for 10-12 weeks.
- Stop feeding houseplants and cut back on watering.
- Continue planting deciduous shrubs and trees until the ground freezes.
- Clean up stalks and leaves of annuals and vegetables, preventing viruses and pests for next year's garden.
- Continue harvesting brussels sprouts, kale, greens and root crops.
- Cut perennials back to 4-6", leaving those for winter interest.
- Make notes in your garden journal for changes, improvements, etc.
- Mow the lawn at shortest setting for last mowing of the season.

- \_\_\_ Ready lawnmower and tiller for winter. Prep the snowblower.
- \_\_\_ Keep gutters clear of leaves and debris.
- \_\_\_ Clean empty pots and containers for winter storage.
- \_\_\_ Purchase marsh hay and rose protection. Wait till the ground freezes to apply.
- \_\_\_ Wrap trunks of susceptible trees to protect from rodents.
- \_\_\_ Visit Klein's---The poinsettias are just about ready. Look for end of the season savings on all remaining spring bulbs.

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.harrisseeds.com](http://www.harrisseeds.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.seedsavers.org](http://www.seedsavers.org) or 563/382-5990
- Select Seeds @ [www.selectseeds.com](http://www.selectseeds.com) or 800/684-0395
- Territorial Seeds @ [www.territoriaalseed.com](http://www.territoriaalseed.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:**

- Heronswood Nursery @ [www.heronswood.com](http://www.heronswood.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 NOVEMBER:**

- Our employees prep the store inside and out for the upcoming holidays.
- The employees have brought to Klein's many of their own tender plants for winter storage--one of the perks of working at a greenhouse. See some of the fascinating things we grow in our own gardens in the back of our Number 1 and 2 Showrooms.
- Wreaths, roping and pine boughs arrive mid-month from northern Wisconsin.
- Violas, hardy annuals and herbs continue to arrive for next February's Garden Expo at the Alliant Energy Center.

---Most plant material has been ordered for the 2014 growing season. We order early to ensure you best selection in spring.

**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.

### **Art Poles by Studio M and Magnet Works, Ltd.**

Garden art poles are beautifully painted 4-6 foot eye-catching pieces of art for garden decor. They add a focal point to the landscape much as a sculpture would. Klein's is happy to share that we will be carrying many of these beautiful pieces from the Studio M collection by Magnet Works, Ltd.

#### **About Magnet Works:**

It all began with a simple idea – a decorative mailbox cover that could easily be changed for each season or holiday.

When the idea first came to Sue Todd in 1988, no one had done it before. Her husband, Curt, spent about \$20 on materials to make a prototype. They decided on how to make the product, but they were stuck when it came to an easy attachment method.

The solution revealed itself one evening when Curt went to the refrigerator for some ice. He noticed a flexible magnetic calendar attached to the freezer door. "I grabbed it and ran outside," Curt recalls the moment. "It was dark, 20 degrees, snowing, and I was wrapping a calendar around our mail- box in my slippers."

And with that, the concept of MailWraps® magnetic mailbox covers was born.

Our Magnet Works community is at the root of everything we do and every decision we make. Our community of coworkers, independent retailers, sales reps, vendor partners, and artists is what motivates us to strive for remarkable. And it's our commitment to each of these relationships that sets us apart as a company.

With our community in mind and the creative spirit at heart, we recommit to supporting local, independent retailers - the core of our community - by developing remarkable products exclusively for them.

To view Magnet Work Art Poles, please visit: [www.magnetnetworks.com/c-1110-art-poles.aspx#UmbntxYsCnw](http://www.magnetnetworks.com/c-1110-art-poles.aspx#UmbntxYsCnw)

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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.

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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

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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://hort.uwex.edu>

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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