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### **10 Great Gift Ideas from Klein's this Holiday Season**

1. One of our many windowsill herbs in a beautiful new pot chosen from our large selection of ceramic, glazed or resin pottery. Herb choices include lavender, rosemary, mint, thyme, sage and many, many more.

2. A naturally air purifying houseplant. Choose from our large selection of houseplants in all sizes and for any decor.

3. A Dane Buy Local Gift Card available at the Home Savings next to Klein's at 3762 E. Washington Ave. For more details, check out [danebuylocal.com](http://danebuylocal.com).

4. A gift subscription to one of the many great green gardening magazines on the market today including **Wisconsin Gardening** ([statebystategardening.com/wi](http://statebystategardening.com/wi)) **Organic Gardening Magazine** ([organicgardening.com](http://organicgardening.com)) or **Mother Earth News** ([motherearthnews.com](http://motherearthnews.com)) or perhaps a book about growing things naturally.

5. Badger or Green Bay Packers themed flags, birdbaths, stepping stones, gazing balls or windchimes and so much more for the sports lover/gardener in your life.

6. A decorative ceramic birdfeeder or a lovely birdhouse to attract wildlife to the yard. Birds are nature's best means of pest control and wildlife in the garden is always enjoyable and fascinating for young and old alike.

7. The 2014 edition of the **Wisconsin Local Foods Journal**. This new journal ties together perfectly the current home gardening rage with sustainability and our buy local initiatives in addition to the "know your grower, know your food" movement and makes for the perfect garden journal for record keeping fanatics. For more info visit [wisconsinlocalfoodsjournal.com](http://wisconsinlocalfoodsjournal.com)

8. A yearly admission sticker to the Wisconsin's state parks. Share the beauty of our great state with family and friends. "The Wisconsin State Park System provides places for outdoor recreation and for learning about nature and conservation. The 99 state parks, forests, trails, and recreation areas report about 14 million visits a year. Come and join the fun!"

For more information on how to purchase a 2014 state park admission sticker, visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks>.

9. Seed starting supplies such as seeds, grow lights, seed starting mixes, cell packs, and trays, peat or coir pots, plant tags and markers or a self-contained a growing kit. Seeds for spring aren't quite available at Klein's but are available through many mail order sources. Check out the following: [Cyndi's Catalog of Garden Catalogs at gardenlist.com](#).

10. Or, of course, a Klein's gift certificate. Order one from the comfort of your home or office by clicking on [kleinsfloral.com/gift.php](#).

## **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.

## **DECEMBER STORE HOURS:**

### **Holiday Hours**

Monday thru Friday 8:00-7:00

Saturday: 8:00-5:00

Sunday: 10:00-4:00

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

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24--Open 8:00-4:00**

### **Starting December 26:**

Monday thru Friday : 8:00-6:00

Saturday: 9:00-5:00

Sunday: 10:00-4:00

**\*Please note that we will be closed Sundays during January (including Sunday, December 29). Our first Sunday open will be February 2, 2014\***

**New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31--Open 8:00-4:00**

**Closed Christmas Day, December 25 & New Year's Day, January 1, 2014**

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## **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.

**Early December**--Order your beautiful poinsettias, blooming plants, designer gift baskets or custom-made centerpieces now for holiday gift-giving and guaranteed delivery. Early ordering ensures you top quality product for your home decorating and holiday party needs.

**December 16 thru December 24**--Stop in and check-out our in-store specials for any last minute gift-giving ideas. We still have a fantastic selection of homegrown poinsettias, blooming plants, houseplants, decorations and more.

Shop early for the best selection and we'll deliver anywhere in Madison or the surrounding communities thru noon on Dec. 24.

**December 17**--Full Moon

**December 21**--Winter Solstice

**December 25**--Christmas Day (Closed)

**December 26**--Kwanzaa Begins (runs through January 1)

**December 26--The After Christmas Clearance Sale** begins at 8:00! Everything 'holiday' must go! This is a great time to plan for this week's New Years Eve party or to pick up some excellent bargains for next year's decorating. Poinsettias are perfect for adding instant color to your late season holiday party and are gorgeous in fresh arrangements.

**December 26 thru December 31**--Order your New Years Eve centerpieces and custom designed arrangements early!

**January 1, 2014**--New Year's Day (Closed)

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

A visit to Klein's during the holidays is gift-giving made easy. Our cozy winter wonderland is filled with ideas for everyone on your holiday gift list. And as for stocking stuffers, our selection of possibilities is almost endless.

Tradition dictates that one brings the host or hostess of holiday get togethers a small gift--perhaps some flowers or a bottle of wine. For something truly unique, check out our selection of **host/hostess gifts from Grassland Roads**. Possibilities include:

- a guest towel/soap dish combo
- a holiday wine bag or Packer wine cooler along with one of your favorite wines
- lovely and unique salt & pepper sets
- gift packaged recipe cards with attached cookie cutter
- fun and practical recipe holders
- festive holiday serving plates and creamers

And for the school teacher, we suggest holiday themed mugs or pens. Or perhaps a unique December calendar for the classroom. When in doubt, a small blooming or green plant or even a Klein's gift card are always surefire winners.

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

**I am new to gardening and have rose bushes. I have not cut them back yet for the winter. Some have said to cut them back (approx. 1 ft. from the graft) and then cone them. Others have said not to cut them back if I haven't already, cover the graft with a rose collar and then cut them back in the spring. What should I do?**

We get more rose questions than almost any other this time of the year and you're right, there are a lot of conflicting opinions flying around with varying degrees of success for each of them, depending on where the rose is planted, the type of rose and how bad the winter is. Current consensus is as follows:

For hybrid teas, grandifloras, floribundas and all other grafted roses, mound soil up over the graft after the ground freezes. In a typical year, this happens in early December. Using a rose collar (available at Klein's) makes this task easier by keeping the soil in place around the graft (though a rose collar is not necessary as long as the graft is protected). Less hardy rose types are grafted onto hardier stock so that roses can survive in colder climates. You should have planted your rose(s) with the graft just above the soil line. By protecting the graft, you're protecting the

type of rose you planted. Even if the entire top of the rose bush dies back during a harsh winter, the rose type you planted should survive if the graft is properly protected. Shoots that come from the roots below the graft, on the other hand, are the same rose type as the root stock, not the top of the plant.

In most winters, the simple mounding is adequate protection here in Madison. Some winter dieback is inevitable. For added protection, the bush should be wrapped in fabric. Burlap is the traditional fabric of choice. It's inexpensive, breathes well and the color blends into the landscape. Any fabric will do, however. There are some fabrics available at some garden centers or on-line designed specifically for protecting roses. Some advice says that the fabric should be packed with hay or straw for even more protection. While this is true, it also invites nesting rodents that will nibble on the bark and ultimately kill the plant.

Another reason for wrapping your roses (especially young roses) in fabric is to protect them from hungry rabbits and deer. Rabbits readily destroy rose bushes when food sources are at a minimum. The bark and tender shoots are a favorite winter food. We advise circling susceptible plants with a chicken wire fence for the winter months. Make sure to go high enough so that as the snow piles up, the tender tips remain out of reach. If desired, and for added protection from the cold, pack the ring of chicken wire full of loose leaves or marsh hay.

We advise against using rose cones for a number of reasons. First off, they act as an oven, especially in the springtime when the sun is high and the days are long, but the temperatures are still too cold to remove the cone. Sometimes the roses begin to sprout way before they should, but removing the cone exposes the tender new growth to still cold temperatures.

Secondly, rose cones not only keep the roses snug, but also keep the pests that prey on them quite snug. These include not just insects, but also the many fungi that attack roses.

Lastly, in order to use a rose cone, you'd have to prune the rose back now just to make it fit inside the cone. We suggest waiting until spring to prune all roses. One of our goals as rose growers here in the north is to keep as much foliage alive on our roses as possible. After you remove your fabric wrap in the spring, simply prune out any branches that have obviously blackened. On branches where the tips have blackened, prune the branch to just above the green parts. Avoid going into the healthy green stems when pruning. The open wound is an invitation for unwanted disease.

A last note: If you grow hardy shrub or rugosa types, you need not protect your roses from the cold (just the rabbits & deer). These roses have been bred to withstand our cold winters and are grown on their own rootstock (no graft). Simply prune as desired or needed in the springtime.

I hope I was able to answer your question and let us know how your roses fared next spring. And by the way, it's important to remove the mounded soil from the base of your rose bushes next spring.

Thanks for the question,  
The Mad Gardener  
[madgardener@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:madgardener@kleinsfloral.com)

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

**... that 2014 is just around the corner and that it's never too early to start planning your next summer's garden?**

And with every new year comes a wide array of new plants for the upcoming gardening season. Just last month Horticulture Magazine featured many of the new plants that could become a part of your 2014 garden. Here a few that we're most excited about.

It's too early to tell which ones Klein's will be carrying (or even available to us), but all will be available via some online source. Check out some of our favorite online plant and seed sources below in the **'December in the Garden'** section of this newsletter or look for our 2014 spring plant selection on posted on our website sometime in mid-April.

#### **New for 2014:**

**'Sweet Summer Love' Clematis**--A new Sweet Autumn clematis selection with longer bloom time and brilliant color--not white, but a beautiful purple. Sweet Autumn (along with Jackmanii) has forever been among the best selling clematis here at Klein's. It'll be fascinating to see the impact of this new variety of fragrant fall-blooming clematis. Though we have this clematis on order, demand will be high.

**Surfinia 'Heavenly Blue' Petunia**--Surfinia 'Sky Blue' has long been a favorite of our customers. This new selection represents the next generation of petunia breeding, creating the perfect marriage of color, habit and performance.

**New Millennium 'Dwarf Stars' Delphinium**--Standard delphiniums too tall for your garden? If so, these 24" beauties are for you. In shades of purple, blue, pink, lilac and cream, this mix has all the wonderful characteristics of taller cousins, without the height. We're looking forward to adding this new selection to our perennial area.

**'Pomegranate Punch' Superbells Calibrachoa**--This new Proven Winners introduction has true deep red flowers and a black-red center with a hint of yellow. There's no end in sight for new color introductions in the Superbells series of calibrachoa.

**'Centennial Blush' Star Magnolia**--For the 2014 season, Klein's will begin dabbling in the area of small trees for the smaller landscape. Among the selections we've ordered is this new dwarf magnolia from Bailey's. Bud and bloom hardy into Zone 4, 'Centennial Blush' offers beautiful pink buds that open to fragrant double flowers in early spring.

**'Profusion Double Deep Salmon' and 'Profusion Double Hot Cherry' Zinnia**--Nearly all colors from the Profusion series of zinnia have won the coveted All American Selections award and these two new colors are no exception. These 2014 winners are as reliable as all of their predecessors in garden performance. Profusion zinnias are self-cleaning and exceptionally disease resistant.

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

A special note:

Now that we're in the midst holiday season, I'd like to mention that visiting **Rotary Garden's Holiday Light Show** in Janesville should be a must on everyone's holiday to-do list. At just 45 minutes from Madison, this holiday experience easily outshines any other in the Madison area. It makes for a perfect evening spending time with family and/or friends. I've gone each of the last few years and continue to be amazed by the amount of time and energy put into these dazzling displays. For details visit [rotarybotanicalgardens.org/events/holiday-light-show](http://rotarybotanicalgardens.org/events/holiday-light-show)

### **ENTRY: OCTOBER 27, 2013 (A Lovely Visit to Seed Savers Exchange)**

After many years of being a member, I finally had the opportunity to visit the Seed Savers Exchange today and their Heritage Farm north of Decorah, Iowa. Just three hours from Madison, I can't believe it's taken me this long to make the trip.

The drive to Decorah is a beautiful one--especially through the Mississippi valley. Similar to southwestern Wisconsin, Decorah is located in the driftless area of northeastern Iowa. Because this area has remained free of glaciers, the landscape is very hilly with deep river valleys lined by forested limestone bluffs.

Decorah is a vibrant college town with a population of just 8,000--making it smaller than Waunakee!! It's lively and historic downtown sits inside a curve in the Upper Iowa River. The northern bank of the river, just opposite the downtown, is an undeveloped wooded bluff whose highlight is the stunningly peaceful Dunning's Spring waterfall. Decorah is a city of beautiful architecture, punctuated with church steeples and its grand courthouse near the city's bustling Water Street; where the city's shopping, restaurants, food co-op and famous Hotel Winneshiek are located.

We arrived at Heritage Farm just after open on a cold and clear Sunday morning. We were literally the only people there. The beds and fields had already been cleaned of plants, but the experience of exploring the grounds was still well worth the trip. Near the parking lot is the Lillian Goldman Visitors Center which offers a wide selection of heirloom seeds, horticultural books and garden gifts. The lone person working in the visitors center was very informative and very helpful. Because I'm a member I received a discount on all purchases. Seed Savers offers an extensive colorful free catalog to non-members. Members benefit, however, by receiving their giant members-only catalog containing 12,000 more varieties for a total of nearly 20,000 heirloom and rare vegetables and flowers. The selection is mind-boggling!

Because the weather was so beautiful, we decided to explore the nearly 900 acre farm and its miles of hiking trails. The hiking trails rival any in most Wisconsin state parks in sheer beauty. The trails follow the stream that runs through the property and then scale the steep hills that offer fantastic vistas of the surrounding countryside. Along the way, we saw many areas where heirloom plants are grown and harvested and encountered tons of deer (mostly bucks with huge racks) and flocks of turkeys. The trip was well worth it for the hike alone!

If you're interested in visiting, the farm is located six miles north of Decorah, Iowa just off Highway 52. Nestled among sparkling streams, limestone bluffs, and century-old white pine woods, the farm is a living museum of historic varieties. Thousands of heirlooms are grown in certified organic fields.

Heritage Farm is free and open to the public from March through December, Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00, and weekends 10:00-5:00. You're free to wander on your own or join a guided tour on the weekends.

Seed Savers Exchange is located at 3094 North Winn Rd., Decorah, IA, 52101 ([563/382-5990](tel:5633825990)) and visit their website at [www.seedsavers.org](http://www.seedsavers.org) for their free catalog and membership details.

### **ENTRY: NOVEMBER 5, 2013 (400+ Bulbs Planted in Just a Few Hours)**

For the most part, this has been a cool and wet fall; punctuated by a few warm and sunny days. Today was one of those days and I was lucky enough to have the day off.

It's been a number of years since I've ordered more than the 150 tulips I plant into the front bed each fall. This past June, however, I noted in my garden journal I needed to add some bulbs to a few of the bare patches in the spring beds to give the garden a little more balance. In addition to the tulip bulbs, I ordered about 200 daffodil bulbs and purchased another 100 or so allium and camassia bulbs from Klein's. I began planting the bulbs at 8:00 and was completely finished by 11:30 . . . including clean up and protecting the beds from hungry squirrels. Two invaluable tools made all of this possible --my electric tiller and my bulb auger.

Because it's been wet, the ground could be easily worked. This is a necessity when planting a large number of bulbs. For the tulip bed, I simply pulled all of the summer annuals and tilled the 6 x 6' bed with the electric tiller (an invaluable purchase from Sears). Once worked, I quickly planted the 150 bulbs using a handheld bulb planter. The planters we sell at Klein's have a spring loaded handle that releases the soil plug back into the hole with a quick whap on the handle.

The remainder of the bulbs were planted in drifts throughout the perennial beds. Because I was planting amongst established perennials and shrubs, the bulb auger became the tool of the day. I've found that the auger must be used with a corded drill. Cordless drills aren't powerful enough to cut through plant roots. The two foot auger is long enough that I can stand while drilling the holes instead of having to crawl through the beds on my knees. I had nearly 300 holes drilled in practically no time. Once drilled, I walked back through the beds and placed a bulb in the bottom of each hole. Once complete, I went back through the beds and refilled the holes by hand.

These few hours of work will yield many years of enjoyment as the bulbs spread and naturalize.

### **ENTRY: NOVEMBER 7, 2013 (Pot Care and Winter Storage)**

Over the years I've made many a mistake taking shortcuts with garden clean-up in the fall; only to pay the consequences for my carelessness the following spring. Among the mistakes has been improper care of my hundreds of empty pots once their contents have been composted for the season. After dumping the annuals and vegetables that filled them, I'd carelessly and haphazardly place the pots and saucers in the driveway for down-the-road stacking and then storage in a corner of the garage. However, before I got to that task and as the fall progressed, the pots scattered throughout the driveway filled with fallen leaves and debris and the saucers filled with rainwater. The clay pots became waterlogged. Eventually, I'd get around to cleaning out the messy pots and saucers before I stacked them to the ceiling in the garage corner--only to find that come spring, many of the always wet clay pots had shattered as they froze and thawed and refroze. Many of my plastic pots became so tightly wedged together that they were nearly impossible to separate. The water between the pots had formed a hard-to-break seal.

With a little planning in the fall, I no longer have any of these problems when spring arrives. The answer is simply keeping the pots and saucers clean and dry through the entire dumping and storage process. To do so I need to park one of our vehicles outside for a few weeks so I have room to sort the pots and saucers by size in our dry garage. I dump and compost the plants only on days when I know the weather will be relatively warm and dry. Once dumped, I allow the pots to dry out in the driveway and then immediately move them to the garage; sorting them by

size as the weeks progress. Pots no longer fill with fallen leaves and they remain dry the entire period before they are stacked in the corner of the garage after the last plants are dumped--usually in early November. Because the pots had been sorted as the dumping progressed, the stacking process takes just a few minutes rather than becoming a many hours-long project. Come spring, everything is ready to go with little or no damage. The extra time spent in the fall really pays off!!

In short, I never store any pots outdoors during the winter months. Clay pots, especially, must be emptied of their contents and are best stored clean and dry to prevent breakage. Glazed pots with exposed clay should also be stored inside to prevent the glaze from cracking. Resin and plastic pots can be stored outdoors, but are best emptied and turned upside down when store outdoors. If not emptied, resin pots can be prone to bursting especially if the top narrows or has a lip that forces the frozen soil to become trapped as it expands.

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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!!

Two of Klein's staff members recently picked up their 70 lbs.(!) of vegetables from their shared CSA storage share. Most of the vegetables contained in the share are root vegetables including; beets, carrots, onions, celeriac, ruby heart radish, sweet potatoes, daikon, rutabaga and potatoes, among others. One of the fastest and easiest ways to use up so many vegetables is cut them into chunks and roast them in the oven; along with olive oil, salt, pepper and a few favorite herbs and/or condiments. Below are some of Klein's very favorite tried and true roasted vegetable recipes.

**MARSALA OR SHERRY GLAZED ROOT VEGETABLES**--This all-time favorite is adapted from a recipe that appeared in the pages of Cooking Light magazine from December, 2003.

7-8 cups assorted root vegetables cut into chunks or 1/2" slices (i.e. carrots, parsnips)

1 1/2 cups halved brussels sprouts

1 TBS. butter

2 TBS. olive oil

1/2 tsp. dried thyme

1/2 tsp. coarse salt

1/4 tsp. pepper

1/8 tsp. nutmeg

1/2 cup marsala wine or sherry

Preheat oven to 450°. In a large bowl, toss together the vegetables, oil, thyme, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Place the butter in a glass 10 x 15" baking dish. Heat for 5 minutes in the preheated oven until the butter is melted. Swirl to coat the bottom of the dish. Carefully add the vegetables to the hot dish and spread out evenly. Pour the marsala or sherry over all. Cover with foil and bake 35-40 minutes until the vegetables are just tender. Stir and bake, uncovered, 15-20 minutes, stirring once more after 10 minutes. Vegetables should be nicely browned and slightly crisp at the edges. Serves 6.

**HONEY ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES**--Another selection from Cooking Light magazine--this one from October, 2007.

6 cups assorted root vegetables of choice cut into 1/2" cubes

1 TBS. olive oil

3/4 tsp. coarse salt

1/4 tsp. dried thyme

1/4 tsp. pepper

6 clove peeled garlic

1 large onion cut into chunks

1 TBS. honey

1 1/2 tsp. cider vinegar

Preheat the oven to 450°. In a large bowl, toss together the vegetables, oil, salt, pepper, thyme, garlic and onions. Spread onto a foil-lined, rimmed cookie sheet sprayed with cooking spray. Bake 25 minutes (without stirring), until browned and tender. Transfer to a serving bowl and toss with the honey vinegar mixture. Serves 4.

**ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES WITH ROSEMARY**--Fresh rosemary is a must for this recipe that appeared in the Wille Street Co-op Reader in October of 2002.

1 lb. unpeeled red potatoes, cut into 1" pieces  
1 lb. celeriac, peeled and cut into 1" pieces  
1 lb. rutabaga, peeled and cut into 1" pieces  
1 lb. carrots, cut into 1" slices  
1 lb. parsnips, peeled and cut into 1" slices  
2 onions, cut into 1" pieces  
2 leeks, cut into 1" rounds  
2 TBS. fresh minced rosemary  
1/2 cup olive oil  
10 cloves peeled garlic

Position one rack in the bottom 1/3 of the oven and the second in the center. Preheat the oven to 400°. Spray two large, rimmed cooking sheets with cooking spray. Combine all of the ingredients, except the garlic, in a very large bowl. Toss well to coat. Season generously with salt and pepper. Divide the vegetables between the two sheets. Bake with one sheet on each rack. Roast about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Switch the sheets and add 5 cloves of garlic to each sheet. Continue to roast until tender and browning, stirring occasionally, about 45 minutes longer.

**OVEN ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES**--"Perfection! Veggies evenly done and not overcooked." Modified from the Madison Herb Society Cookbook.

3 lbs. root veggies of choice cut into chunks--anything will work  
2 TBS. olive or canola oil  
4 cloves minced garlic  
1 tsp. dried rosemary (1 TBS. if fresh)  
1 1/2 tsp. dried marjoram  
1 tsp. dried tarragon

Preheat oven to 375°. Toss all ingredients together in a large bowl. Transfer to a large, rimmed roasting pan and spread out evenly. Cover tightly with foil and bake 35 minutes. Raise oven temp to 425°. Uncover, turn the vegetables and season to taste with salt and pepper. Roast 30 minutes more until the veggies are tender and the edges have browned. Serves 6.

**ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES WITH BALSAMIC VINEGAR**--Another favorite originally printed in the Vermont Valley CSA newsletter, Plow Shares, from October, 1999.

4 lbs. assorted root veggies of choice in chunks  
3 TBS. olive oil  
5 cloves minced garlic  
1 1/2 TBS. balsamic vinegar (or to taste)  
3 TBS. fresh chopped herbs of choice (rosemary, marjoram, oregano, sage or combo thereof). Use 1 TBS. if using dried herbs.  
salt and pepper

Heat oven to 450°. In a large bowl, toss together the veggies and oil. Spread onto a large, rimmed baking pan and roast 15 minutes. Add the herbs and the garlic and carefully toss together. Continue roasting another 20-30 minutes (depending on the veggies used), tossing periodically, until all is tender. Transfer to a serving dish and toss with the vinegar (and salt and pepper if desired). Serves 6.

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## **NATURAL NEWS--**

Anti-transpirants (also called anti-desiccants) are compounds applied to plants to reduce transpiration. Anti-transpirants are used on Christmas trees, cut flowers, newly transplanted shrubs, and in other applications to preserve and protect plants from drying out too quickly. Anti-transpirants have also been used to protect leaves from salt burn and fungal diseases.

Winter cold and winds can be harsh on your landscape. Evergreen trees and shrubs maintain foliage throughout the winter months where they continue to lose moisture. With winter temperature fluctuations, moisture loss and the ground still frozen, transpiration occurs from the needles and leaves increasing water demand. If the roots cannot keep up with these demands the needles and leaves start to turn brown and die. Desiccation is a dehydration of the plant due to water loss from the leaves through transpiration. This is caused by long dry periods of cold and thaw along with winter winds.

Historically most growers use anti-transpirants during the winter months when cold winds can seriously dehydrate and damage plants. Commonly called 'winter burn', the most visible symptom is the browning of conifers (especially arborvitae and yews in our area) planted in areas exposed to harsh north winds. The use of anti-transpirants on holiday greenery and Christmas trees slows premature browning and in many cases acts as a flame retardant.

Apply anti-transpirants when the daytime temperatures start falling below 50° (late fall/early winter). Apply when the temperatures are above freezing and there is no threat of rain or frost within 24 hours.

Anti-transpirants are organic and break down under heat and light so it is recommended to spray again in late winter. Most are made from natural waxes and tree resins. The most popular brands of anti-transpirants include Wilt Stop® from Bonide, Moisturin from WellPlant, Inc. and Wilt-Pruf®.

However, it's best to avoid plant-moisture problems in the first place by siting your plants appropriately, watering the soil as needed, and mulching to conserve soil moisture and to reduce and delay soil freezing so that roots remain active.

Sources for this article include: [landscapedesignbylee.blogspot.com](http://landscapedesignbylee.blogspot.com) and [www.wellplant.com](http://www.wellplant.com).

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

### **PAPERWHITES (Narcissus papyraceus)**

There is nothing quite so addicting as having plants blooming in your home during the winter and nothing is easier to bring into bloom than Paperwhite narcissus. Paperwhites belong to the tazetta division of daffodils and are hardy in Zones 9 and 10. In fact, in those warm climates, these are the only daffodils they can grow successfully.

Paperwhites and amaryllis can both be easily forced into bloom without any cold treatment, but unlike amaryllis, paperwhites cannot be saved to bloom again.

There are several types of paperwhites on the market. Klein's carries the following in bulk located in the cooler near the check out:

**Ziva** is a reliable strain that is imported from Israel. It produces clusters of pure white blooms with a strong, spicy fragrance on stems averaging 16-18 inches tall. Ziva takes as little as two weeks to bloom.

**Erlicheer** has clumps of white flowers with yellow centers.

**Galilee** bears pure white blooms with a lighter, musky scent on stems 12- 14 inches tall. It blooms in 3-4 weeks, often having several bloom stems per bulb.

**Grand Soleil d'Or** offers lemon to gold petals around a yellow-orange cup with a delicate sweet fragrance. It grows 12-14 inches tall and blooms in 4-5 weeks.

**Inbal** is an all white type of paperwhite, similar to Ziva, except with a very delicate and pleasant fragrance and a flatter cup.

### **Potting Your Paper Whites**

These easy-to-bloom bulbs can be successfully grown in either soil or gravel. In either case, your container must be at least deeper than the height of the bulbs. (It can be deeper, if you prefer) Space the bulbs as close as possible without touching each other or the sides of the container.

Planting paper whites in soil is a little more work but results in a stronger root system. The disadvantage to using soil is that you need a container with drainage, and that would require a saucer indoors.

To plant the bulbs, place an inch or two of a quality potting soil on the bottom of the container. Space out the bulbs and press them lightly into the soil. Add enough soil to come up to the tip of the bulbs and firm. Paper whites planted in soil can be top-dressed with decorative gravel or moss. After potting, thoroughly moisten the soil.

An alternative to soil is to plant paper whites in gravel (or sand) and water. Choose a container that you are sure is watertight. You will need gravel with small pieces that can easily settle into all the nooks and crannies between the bulbs. Bachman's offers small packages of horticultural stone for this purpose. If you have stone from another source, be sure to rinse it thoroughly before using it with your bulbs.

### **Watering Paperwhites**

If you have potted your bulbs in soil, simply keep them evenly moist. If you are growing your paper whites in gravel, keep the water level just below the bottom of the bulbs. When the water is so deep that the basal plate at the bottom of the bulb stays wet, it may rot.

### **Growing Paper Whites**

Paperwhite narcissus like good daylight, but don't want to be in direct sunlight. Temperatures of 60-65 degrees are ideal, but usually our homes are much warmer. If possible, place the growing bulbs in a cool room at night. It takes an average of 3-4 weeks for paperwhites to bloom. When grown warm, the bulbs tend to be taller and weaker, sometimes leaning over. Continue to provide water as needed until the bulbs have finished blooming. Paper white bulbs cannot be saved for another season of bloom, so you can dispose of them once they are not longer blooming or attractive.

### **Special Tips to Succeed with Paper Whites**

Add a handful of activated charcoal to the bottom of the container before planting to keep your water or soil fresh. This is especially helpful with bulbs grown in water and stones.

Water your paper whites with a solution of a capful of rubbing alcohol to a quart of water. This acts as a growth regulator and keeps them a little shorter (see below).

For stronger plants, place your newly planted paper whites somewhere cool and dark for a week immediately after planting to give them a little extra rooting time before growing. If you have extra space in a refrigerator, this works perfectly.

Keep a few extra bulbs in a cool, dark place and you'll be able to plant them every few weeks to have blooms all winter long.

Source: <http://www.bachmans.com>, Bachman's Garden Center, Minneapolis, MN

### **A Nip of Alcohol for Shorter Plants**

An interesting fun fact about paperwhites--For shorter, non-floppy paperwhites, **give them a nip of alcohol**. It turns out that alcohol, diluted with water, will shorten the narcissus stems. If you follow our instructions below, the stems will be one-third to one-half shorter than normal, but with the same size flowers. Caution: If you give them too much alcohol, it could be toxic to the plant.

Begin watering with a dilute solution of four to six percent alcohol when shoots are about one to two inches above the top of the bulbs. (Solution should not exceed 10 percent!) Rubbing alcohol and distilled spirits such as gin, vodka, whiskey, rum and tequila are all fine. Beer and wine are not appropriate because of the sugars they contain. To determine the correct dilute solution, take the percentage of alcohol on the label and divide by five.

Example 1: A bottle of gin is labelled 40 percent alcohol.  $40 \div 5 = 8$ . You'll need an 8-fold dilution to yield 5 percent alcohol, so mix your solution 7 parts water to 1 part gin.

Example 2: Rubbing alcohol is 70 percent alcohol.  $70 \div 5 = 14$ . You'll need a 14-fold dilution to yield 5 percent alcohol, so mix 13 parts water to 1 part rubbing alcohol.

Source: <http://www.hortmag.com>

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## **AROUND TOWN:**

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

### **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.

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

### **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](tel:6082464550) or [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org) for details.

### **Rotary Botanical Gardens' Holiday Light Show**

December 13-15, December 20-23 and December 26-29

Stroll Rotary Botanical Gardens (RBG) filled with 330,000 dazzling lights and fun holiday displays. Inside enjoy electric trains, local musicians, Santa visits, internationally themed activities and holiday shopping.

Doors open 4:30 pm. Last ticket sold 8 pm.  
Admission- at the door  
\$5 adults (16 and up)  
\$3 youth (3 to 15)

Tickets available at the door or online @ [rotarybotanicalgardens.org/hls-tickets](http://rotarybotanicalgardens.org/hls-tickets).

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

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

- Pick up a copy of the 2014 Wisconsin Local Foods Journal at Klein's.
- Mulch perennials to protect from the cold and prevent heaving.
- Purchase marsh hay and rose protection. Wait till the ground freezes.
- Mulch roses by mounding soil and wrapping, rather than using rose cones.
- Keep birdfeeders full. Clean periodically with soap and water.
- Make water available to the birds. Begin using a deicer as needed.
- Plant bulbs for forcing and put in a cool location for 10-12 weeks.
- Plant bulbs until the ground freezes.
- Prep lawnmower for winter storage and snowblower for weather to come.
- Mark driveways and sidewalks with stakes.
- Finish garden cleanup to make spring easier and prevent pests.
- Do any last minute raking to prevent smothering delicate plants or beds.
- Spread fireplace ashes over beds to amend the soil.
- Make sure clay pots are stored inside and dry to prevent cracking.
- Place your used Christmas tree in the garden for added wildlife protection.
- Have trees trimmed--it's often times cheaper and easier to schedule.
- Inspect stored summer bulbs like dahlias, cannas and glads for rotting.
- Stop feeding houseplants and cut back on watering.
- Inventory last year's leftover seeds before ordering new ones.
- Make notes in your garden journal for changes, improvements, etc.
- Wrap trunks of susceptible trees to protect from rodents.
- Visit Klein's---it's green, it's warm, it's colorful---it's always spring!

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

#### **For bulbs:**

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

**For plants:**

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

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

**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 DECEMBER:**

---We're prepping the hundreds of poinsettias and holiday plants that go out for orders each day. After choosing the most gorgeous plants, we need to foil, bow and sleeve each order before loading into our vans for delivery to Madison's homes, businesses and churches.

---Tropicals for next summer sale continue to arrive. Our tropicals (such as bananas, colocasias, alocasias, xanthosomas, etc.) arrive now so we are able to get the best selection and are able to offer you substantial sized plants next summer.

---Hundreds of herbs for windowsill culture are thriving in the sunny, warm greenhouses. We have chosen only the best assortment for indoor growing and winter harvest. Choose from rosemary, lavender, parsley, thyme and more.

---We continue to plan and prepare for Wisconsin Public Television's Garden Expo at the Alliant Energy Center in February by sprucing up display pieces and potting up thousands of violas, primrose, cineraria, etc. for sale at the show. This is Klein's biggest annual event and our most important advertising.

**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.

**Thomas Kinkade Christmas Ornaments from Coyne's & Company™**

New for the 2013 holiday season, Klein's is happy to introduce Christmas ornaments from the ever-popular Thomas Kinkade and Coyne's & Company™.

Thomas Kinkade was widely regarded as one of the foremost painters of light of his generation. He used techniques of the late nineteenth century American painters known as Luminists. His paintings radiate light, inviting viewers to bask in the nostalgia of earlier, less stressful times. Kinkade's work emphasized cozy English cottages, country churchyards, cityscapes, seascapes and natural landscapes including farms, ranches and majestic mountains. Each setting is accompanied by that special "Kinkade Glow", which Thom attributed to "soft edges, a warm palette and an overall sense of light".

Klein's is carrying a hand blown glass shadow box style ornament featuring silver glitter and the Kinkade image recessed inside the glass in three styles and the Light Up House ornament. The latter's LED light casts a warm glow through the windows. Both are individually packaged in holiday gift boxes.

**About Coyne's & Company™:**

Coyne's & Company™ of Minneapolis is a multi-divisional wholesale giftware company conducting its 57th year of business within the giftware industry. It is one of the few family-run companies that has survived for three

generations. In 1955, Ed Coyne developed the business around the opportunity to represent the Fenton Art Glass Company. To this day, the Fenton and Coyne families enjoy a long-standing relationship. In 1959, Ed's son, John, joined the family business after graduating from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Coyne's & Company™ continued to increase the number of giftware lines they represented. Eventually, Coyne's & Company expanded into importing and warehousing giftware items from Europe that were sold to specialty stores in the upper Midwest. From these humble beginnings, Coyne's & Company™ has grown into a key player in the giftware industry.

Today, Coyne's & Company™ has four main categories they develop and manufacture product in. Passion for Fashion is our line of jewelry and licensed artist driven personal accessories including umbrellas, handbags, totes and more. Nature's Garden is our line of garden gifts including bird feeders, tabletop fountains, bird houses and more. Williraye Studio is our line of folk art collectibles. Classic Trends is our line of gold and silver plated jewelry.

Coyne's & Company™ is committed to bringing you quality wholesale garden gifts, women's accessories, and home accents collections from our talented artists. Please visit <http://www.coynes.com/products> to see a selection of product from each collection.

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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

Grower, General Manager --Jamie VandenWymelenberg [jamie@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:jamie@kleinsfloral.com)  
Assistant Manager, Retail Buyer--Jennifer Simon [jsimon@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:jsimon@kleinsfloral.com)  
Floral Department Head--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.php>

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://wimastergardener.org>

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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