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Klein's Floral & Greenhouses Online Newsletter

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**While supplies last, Klein's is conducting our annual houseplant blow out--**

### **50% OFF HOUSEPLANTS IN 6" POTS AND LARGER!**

(This sale excludes selected plants, peace lilies, blooming plants and cannot be used with other discounts. A minimum \$25 purchase is required for delivery. Delivery charges are extra. Please call Klein's at [608/244-5661](tel:6082445661) for details.)

### **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.

### **FEBRUARY STORE HOURS:**

Monday thru Friday: 8:00-6:00

Saturday: 8:00-5:00

Sunday: 10:00-4:00

**Special Valentine's Hours:**

February 13 & 14, 8:00-7:00

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**February 2--**Ground Hog Day

**February 7-9--Wisconsin Public Television's Garden Expo** at the Alliant Energy Center. The Klein's booths will entice all senses with fresh herbs, colorful window sill bloomers, spring annuals and garden decor. We'll also be giving out coupons for free annuals and in-store savings come spring. Tickets for **Wisconsin Public Television's Garden Expo** are available at Klein's for a lesser price than at the door. More details are available at [www.wigardenexpo.com](http://www.wigardenexpo.com). There, you'll find a complete list of exhibitors and a calendar of scheduled events.

**February 10--**Chinese New Year

**February 14--**Full Moon

**February 14--Valentine's Day.** Order early for guaranteed delivery. We deliver throughout Madison and most of Dane County.

**February 17--**Presidents' Day

**Throughout February--**Ever thought about working at a greenhouse? Now is the time to stop in and ask for an application. We always need seasonal, part-time counter help in the spring and greenhouse production swings into gear by mid-February. If you're interested, ask for Sue or Jen for the retail area or Jamie or Rick for the greenhouses. Benefits include a generous discount on all those plants you buy at Klein's anyway. Join our team and experience how it's all done.

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

### **Valentine's Day Flower Trends**

The Society of American Florists (SAF) asked some of the country's top florists and floral designers to describe what's in style for flowers this Valentine's Day, from popular flowers and color combinations to trendy flower design styles and flower delivery advice. Here is a compilation of their Valentine's Day flower trends and ordering tips.

### **Surprise Your Sweetheart at Work**

There is nothing like the "wow" factor when flowers come through the office door.

—Make her Monday and start her Valentine's week with flower power. She'll be the first to get flowers, and you'll be the hero.

—Send flowers on Feb. 12 or 13 with a note: "I couldn't wait to say I Love You." She'll be the first to receive Valentine's Day flowers. Imagine the water cooler talk on that one!

### **Order Flowers Early**

—Place your order early for Feb. 14 delivery. The earlier you order, the more options you have.

—Placing your Valentine's Day floral order early can pay off. Some florists offer specials for ordering early.

—If you place your order on Valentine's Day for same-day delivery, call your florist first thing in the morning to see if they still have delivery options available to help ensure your sweetheart gets flowers at work before her office closes. Or consider having them delivered a day or two before Valentine's Day so she doesn't have to wait.

### **Popular Valentine's Day Flowers**

Red roses symbolize passionate love and are a favorite for Valentine's Day. Other beautiful Valentine's Day flowers to send this year:

- Lilies
- Tulips
- Gerbera Daisies
- Hydrangea
- Orchids

- Fragrant flowers such as gardenias, freesia and hyacinths
- Callas
- Succulents
- Roses in a variety of colors. Ask your florist for some unusual varieties that can really make an impression; there are so many fabulous choices that will impress your Valentine with your creativity: orange roses are hotter than hot; peach roses; lavender roses; and pastel roses.

#### **Want To Send Something Different?**

- Succulents
- Orchids
- Tropical flowers, such as birds of paradise
- Red mini callas accented with red and black ostrich feathers
- Spring blooming plants
- Proteas
- Sunflowers
- Send your sweetheart's pet some Valentine's Day flowers

#### **On a Tight Budget?**

There are lots of wonderful Valentine's Day flower options for consumers on a budget:

- Order early and ask about specials.
- Bundles such as adding chocolates or plush toys to your floral gift will give you more for your money.
- Go to the florist shop to select your floral gift, and deliver it to your sweetheart in person.
- Send one long-stem rose. It really is an all-time romantic gesture.
- A beautiful stem of cymbidium orchid accented with lily grass, gift wrapped
- A perfect bloom (rose, orchid, gerbera, etc.) floating in a lovely glass vase accented with crystals.
- A tight gathering of tulips designed in a julep cup or small glass vase - perfect for her desktop.
- Send a bulb plant in a twiggy basket with fresh blossoms accented with curly willow and wired ribbon. Later, your sweetheart can plant the bulb outside in the spring.

#### **Send Flowers to Your Man**

Men love flowers and plants, and more than a third of women buy their husbands floral gifts for Valentine's Day.

- Bold colors
- Succulents
- Terrariums
- Proteas
- Birds of Paradise paired with orange carnations and purple statice
- Tropical flowers such as birds of paradise with orange roses and a single red rose. Ask your florist to arrange the flowers in a clean contemporary vase with some bold foliage
- Plants, such as anthuriums, bromeliads or cacti
- Sunflowers
- Rainbow Roses
- Orchids
- Beautiful preserved mosses in natural grays and lime green add great texture to any floral arrangement or dish garden

#### **Order Flowers from a Local Florist**

Make sure you know where the flowers are coming from. There is a common assumption that flowers ordered online will arrive arranged in a vase. While many internet companies put their orders through a local professional florist, some offer product "direct from the grower" and the flowers are boxed and must be processed (cut stems) and designed by the recipient.

If your expectation is give a gift of flowers that are professional designed and delivered to your sweetheart's door or office, make sure you are ordering from a company that puts the orders through a professional florist.

Source: Society of American Florists @ [www.aboutflowers.com](http://www.aboutflowers.com)

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

**About a year ago we purchased three large plants and pottery from Klein's. Klein's potted and delivered them for us. I have windows full of plants here that I care for, but I am struggling with all three Klein's plants.**

**The Norfolk pine lost all of its lowest branches almost immediately. The top is green but we still get browning of a lower branch - about one per month. There is no sign of any new growth.**

**The schefflera lost lots of leaves within a couple months of purchase then stabilized, but there is almost zero new growth.**

**The ficus was quite happy at first. But this past month, a ton of leaves turned yellow and then brown and fell. It is continuing this trend.**

**I am not sure what the problem is with these three plants. Thank you very much!  
Kerryann**

Hi Kerryann,

Sorry to hear that the three plants you bought from Klein's aren't doing well. Though all plants go through a period of stress while they're acclimating to their new environment, they usually begin rebounding after a few months and especially after a year (having spent one full summer exposed to longer daylight).

I can only guess why they're struggling. The schefflera is the biggest puzzle because they usually thrive in office settings, given very bright light and thorough waterings. I'll assume you're not overwatering. For most people, overwatering is the biggest problem during the winter months when the days are short and plants are wanting to rest.

Norfolk pines require higher humidity than most houseplants. They usually lose all of their lower branches as they grow because they are actually 100 ft. trees in their native New Zealand. Our low humidity during the winter months and especially in an office setting can be very hard on them. So long as the growing tips are healthy, your plant is healthy. It's not unusual for a few smaller branches to dry up and fall off during the winter months in addition to the bottom branches. Plants require indirect bright light (not direct sun) and evenly moist soil.

My first question with the ficus is; did anyone move it from one spot to another? Ficus drop a ton of leaves every time they're moved! They begin losing leaves every fall as the days shorten. This causes people to panic and they alter their care for the plant. They begin watering it differently and move it to a new location, hoping that helps. However, doing so causes the plant to shed even more leaves, while trying to acclimate. It's a vicious cycle--every time its conditions are changed, it drops more leaves until oftentimes the tree is nothing more than bare branches.

Ficus also require deep, frequent watering. If they ever dry out past a certain point, they shed their leaves.

Assuming you haven't moved it and you're watering it properly (and it's in bright indirect light), you should begin seeing new healthy growth as the days lengthen in late February and early March. You should also begin fertilizing again as the days lengthen (I'm also assuming you're fertilizing your plants periodically). Ficus usually have a huge growth burst through the summer months. You may need to get in there and prune out unsightly branches. This is completely normal.

Scheffleras are notorious slow-growers. It's not unusual for them to lose some leaves as they age. They, too, grow to 6-8' trees so will eventually lose all of their bottom and internal leaves. Again, deep water as needed and give it very bright light--even direct sun if possible in a south or west window. Begin fertilizing again in February and take a wait-and-see approach. You should be seeing new growth as the days lengthen. You'll only see new growth on existing growing tips. They usually won't fill out with new branches.

Winter can be very hard on our indoor plants, so I'm hoping that's all the problem is. If you're seeing any pests or the leaves have a sticky residue, put a few samples in a ziplock bag and bring them in to Klein's so we can identify any other potential problem.

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

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

**... that brushing seedlings started indoors or using a fan on them will produce stockier and sturdier plants?**

Seedlings started indoors tend to be weaker than those that sprout outside in the garden. Indoor seedlings tend to be taller and more tender, even if grown in strong light. The difference is the absence of wind—as wind shakes outdoor seedlings, their stems become stronger and their growth remains stocky.

Indoors, you can re-create the effect of the blowing wind by “brushing” your seedlings. Brush a folded piece of paper across the tops of small seedlings, quickly but gently bending them to horizontal and letting them pop up again. Do this twice a day for about a minute. As seedlings get larger, you can use your hand instead of the paper. A fan blowing over your seedlings will have much the same effect, but will dry out your seedlings much quicker. Fans also aid in protecting your young seedlings from fungus gnats.

In studies, seedlings that were brushed had smaller, darker leaves that grew closer together than those of seedlings that were not brushed. There is also evidence that seedlings that were brushed acclimate to the outdoors quicker and suffer less transplant shock.

Source: Horticulture Magazine @ [www.hortmag.com](http://www.hortmag.com)

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

### **ENTRY: JANUARY 6, 2014 (It's Time To Order Seeds)**

The seed catalogs are coming fast and furious now that the holidays have passed. My first 2014 catalog (from Thompson & Morgan) arrived in October!! Much of my free time over the next few weeks will be spent thumbing through the many catalogs and highlighting anything that interests me--looking for new product, old favorites and comparing prices. For any given seed, there is a wide range of prices between the various seed companies. I actually make myself a chart comparing the number of seeds per packet and the price per seed, keeping in mind that most seed packets will last for many years if properly stored in an airtight container (I use a Tupperware). I try to get my seed orders in by February 1. Many mail order companies offer deep discounts on early orders. In addition, my seed geraniums, pentas and lisianthus need to be started in just a few short weeks. These plants require a longer time between sowing and bloom. Using May 15 as my starting point, I count back the weeks on a calendar to arrive at the seed's sow date based on the information on the seed packets

Why purchase seed via mail order? Selection is FAR greater from mail order companies than is available at any garden center and ordering can be done in the comfort of my own home.

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

### **ENTRY: JANUARY 12, 2014 (Those Crazy Rabbits)**

As always, one of my very last garden chores for the 2013 season was to place chicken wire rabbit protection around all vulnerable plants. I learned my lesson years ago not to leave shrubs and small trees unprotected. Again this year we're finding ourselves in the midst of a brutal winter; not only with extremely cold temperatures, but with a snow cover that has remained in place since late November. This is yet another year where gardeners in the area are finding a lot of devastation from rabbits . . . and the winter is only half over!

A little back story . . . A few springs back, I planted three lovely Japanese maples and one of the newest ornamental elderberries. They thrived in the garden all summer long and had put on substantial trunks by the onset of winter. Because of their size and health, I wasn't concerned that they'd make it through the winter. Ultimately, it wasn't the weather that caused their demise, rather the three or four rabbits that took up winter residence under the front porch. That winter was a very snowy one and the rabbits were clearly hungry. In addition, there was more than one rabbit fighting for the few food sources in my small yard. By springtime, not only had my prized maples and elderberries been nibbled completely to the ground, but also a young crabapple, all of my barberries, a summersweet and a few rose bushes.

So now each fall, after all garden chores have been completed, I place a chicken wire fence around all potential rabbit victims—46 shrubs in all. Come spring, and once there's enough natural food available, I remove the fencing and store it until next season in the roof of my garage.

Even with all of my diligence I'm finding plant damage around the yard. Some of my mature arborvitaes have been girdled on trunks 6" across. I've never seen this happen from rabbits before. In addition, they've been able to get at a few of the 'protected' shrubs at the point where the ends of the chicken wire fencing meet—actually forcing their way into a rather small hole. A barberry and oakleaf hydrangea had been eaten to the snow level until I closed up their access.

It's important to note that as the snow depth rises, so too must the height of the rabbit fencing!! In the record year of 2007/08, the damn critters ate all of the lower branches off my apple trees--5 feet off the ground!

### **ENTRY: JANUARY 19, 2014 (The Wisconsin Gardener, Shelley Ryan)**

Anyone and everyone involved in gardening in the Madison area either personally knew or certainly knew of Shelley Ryan. After a many year battle with cancer, Shelley passed away this past week. I happened upon her obituary in this morning's State Journal.

Shelley was a hero to many Wisconsin gardeners—myself included. She learned about gardening (like many of us) hands on and from personal experience. She loved sharing this experience and her passion with everyone she met. Her passion was most obviously shared via her long running public television show, The Wisconsin Gardener. Years back I spent many a wonderful Sunday afternoon tuned into public television; watching the Victory Garden, Great Lakes Gardener and the always educational Wisconsin Gardener. In a 2007 article, I wrote:

—'The Wisconsin Gardener' offers even more local flavor. Host Shelley Ryan uses many familiar Madison and area locales as the backdrop for her show, especially Madison's own Jewel--Olbrich Gardens. On her show, Shelley represents the student in all of us. Her desire for knowledge is apparent. She seems authentically enthused by everything new to her and is very effective at passing on this enthusiasm to the viewer. She gives us a sense that we can do anything in our own gardens and it's OK to experiment and fail.—

I had been lucky enough to meet and talk with Shelley many times over the years; most often at the public television Garden Expo each February at the Alliant Energy Center. Then in the spring of 2007 I had the amazing opportunity to appear on an episode of the Wisconsin Gardener with Shelley. She had called me up and asked me to do a segment on all the new coleus available on the market. We would use Klein's as the backdrop. Fearful of speaking in public, Shelley calmly and with a lot of humor gave me the confidence to pull it off. She reassured me it would be great (once edited) and she was right, of course. We had talked many times over the years about her coming back to Klein's and filming a follow up segment. Sadly, we'll never have that opportunity. We'll miss you.

"Shelley loved the plants, but she loved the people of the plant world even more."

For a tribute to Shelley from Wisconsin Public Television, please visit [wptschedule.org/bemoretunedin/wisconsin-public-television-remembers-shelley-ryan/](http://wptschedule.org/bemoretunedin/wisconsin-public-television-remembers-shelley-ryan/)

To view the Wisconsin Gardener Klein's segment click on [wpt.org/Wisconsin-Gardener/Segments/growing-coleus](http://wpt.org/Wisconsin-Gardener/Segments/growing-coleus)

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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!!

**Pomegranates** are at their peak during the winter months in local grocery stores and supermarkets. Fruits are very low in calories and rich in phosphorous and potassium. The fruit rind is also used in the production of natural dyes.

Pomegranates are produced on a thorny shrub with bright green leaves, attractive orange flowers and distinctive fruits that contain numerous seeds, each surrounded by a bright red to whitish juice sac (aril).

The pomegranate is an ancient plant of Middle Eastern (Persian) origin that is perhaps indigenous to parts of Turkey and the adjoining Caspian region. The plant is steeped in history: it is a symbol of fertility and is believed to be the "Tree of Knowledge" from the Garden of Eden (there were no apples in the Middle East). The persistent calyx is thought to have inspired the crown of King Solomon and hence the typical crown of European kings. The fruit (*Punica granatum*) gave its name to the Spanish city of Grenada and the hand grenade. *Punica* refers to the Roman name for Carthage, from where pomegranates were once imported to Italy. *Granatum* means "with many seed grains". Today most pomegranates are cultivated in the Middle East, the Mediterranean and India. Fruits are picked when they are fully ripe.

The fleshy seeds are eaten fresh and the extracted juice is now popular worldwide and noted for its anti-oxidant properties. Pomegranate is the source of grenadine, a bright red concentrate that is used in drinks. The concentrate is also used in sauces, soups, meat dishes, salads and sweet couscous. The dried seeds are an important spice (anardana) for sweet-sour dishes in northwestern India.

Source material: [Food Plants of the World](#) by Ben-Erick van Wyk from Timber Press.

Pomegranate plants are a wonderful addition to the home and summer patio. Logees Greenhouses (@ [www.logees.com](http://www.logees.com)) sells a variety called 'Big Red' (quite fitting in Badger country!)

"If you're looking for a large-fruited pomegranate that can be grown in a container, then 'Big Red' is for you. The fruit quality is very good and it can reach the size of store bought pomegranates. The fruit has a leathery, deep-red outer rind with juicy red pomegranate seeds inside. The fruit ripens in late fall before plants go dormant for the season. Selected for its low chill dormancy requirements, 'Big Red' will flower as far south as central Florida and is hardy to zone 8 in the north. The chill requirements can easily be reached by leaving the potted plant outside until late fall. The dormant plant can be stored in cold buildings without light as long as the temperatures are not below freezing and not above 40° F. In the spring, bring plants outside as soon as the weather warms up." Outdoors, place in full sun. Grow to about 5' tall in a container.

**POMEGRANATE CORN SALAD**—This absolutely delicious and lovely salad appeared on the Channel [3000.com](http://3000.com) website in January of 2006.

1 x 15 oz. can corn, drained  
1/2 medium green pepper, finely chopped  
1/2 medium red pepper, finely chopped  
2 TBS. fresh parsley  
1/2 cup pomegranate arils (seeds)

Dressing:

1/2 cup pomegranate juice  
1 TBS. sugar  
1 TBS. extra virgin olive oil  
2 TBS. red wine vinegar

In a bowl, combine the corn, peppers, parsley and pomegranate and set aside. In a small saucepan, mix together the juice and sugar and bring to a boil. Allow the mixture to reduce by half. Add the oil and the vinegar. Mix well and pour over the corn mix. Stir well and refrigerate. Stir before serving. Serves 6.

**JUICY DREAMS**—This nummy cocktail was the hit of the holidays this past season for one of our employee's holiday get togethers!! Very unique and fun to make!! The recipe appeared in the 77 Square section of the Wisconsin State Journal, December 2013.

Per drink:

Ice  
2 oz. bourbon  
1 oz. Lillet, a sweet French wine found in the dessert wine section (port, sherry, etc.)  
1/2 oz. fresh lemon juice  
2 oz. pomegranate juice

In an ice-filled cocktail shaker, combine the bourbon, Lillet, lemon juice and pomegranate juice. Shake and strain into an ice-filled tumbler.

**POMEGRANATE BANANA NUT BREAD**—Also from the Channel [3000.com](http://3000.com) website from January, 2006.

2 cups sugar

3/4 cup sugar  
2 1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
2 ripe bananas, sliced  
1/3 cup canola oil  
1 egg  
1/3 cup milk  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 cup pomegranate arils (seeds)  
1 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat the oven to 350°. Butter a 9"x5"x3" loaf pan. In a bowl, mix together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. In another bowl, mix together the banana, oil and egg. Beat with a mixture until smooth. Add the milk and vanilla. Pour into the flour mixture. Stir until just blended. Add the arils and the nuts. Stir to mix. Spoon into the pan and level. Bake 45-60 minutes until light brown and set. Test doneness when a toothpick comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes in the pan. Remove from the pan and cool on a wire rack.

**POMEGRANATE CHAMPAGNE PUNCH**—From the pages of Martha Stewart's Everyday Food magazine from December, 2006.

1 1/2 cups pomegranate juice  
1 cup pear nectar  
1/4 cup orange liqueur (i.e. Grande Marnier)  
1 bottle champagne

In a pitcher combine the juice, nectar and liqueur. Slowly add the champagne. Serve over ice. Serves 6.

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## **NATURAL NEWS--**

By mid-February you'll find that all garden centers, home improvement stores and even some supermarkets will have their seed racks in place for the upcoming growing season. In just a few weeks it's time to think about indoor seed starting. The following comes to us from [www.bayeradvanced.com](http://www.bayeradvanced.com)

### **Most Common Seed-Starting Mistakes**

Seeds are magic to gardens. Tuck them in soil, add a little water and you're on the way to a beautiful bloom or tasty harvest. Start seeds indoors to jump-start your garden.

Whether or not you have experience starting seeds, you'll improve your success by avoiding these common errors.

#### **Seed-Starting Mistake #1: Catalog Hypnosis**

It's tough to resist the beautiful pictures and glowing words in seed catalogs. Even experienced gardeners struggle to resist the allure. That's the first mistake most seed starters make: ordering too many seeds.

A simple secret to success with seed-starting is exercising self-restraint. If you're new to the practice, don't start too many different types of seeds. Stick with simple ones, such as tomato, basil, zinnia or cosmos.

#### **Seed-Starting Mistake #2: Starting Too Soon**

In many regions, sowing seeds gives you a chance to get your hands dirty when it's too cold to garden outdoors.

Don't start your seeds too soon. Most plants are ready to shift into the great outdoors in four to six weeks. Read the seed packets. Establish your planting date on a calendar and work backwards from that point.

#### **Seed-Starting Mistake #3: Planting Too Deep**

Read seed packets carefully, for detailed information about how deep to plant seeds. The rule of thumb is to plant seeds at a depth equal to two or three times their width. It's better to plant seeds too shallow than too deep. Some seeds, such as certain lettuces, petunias or snapdragon, need light to germinate and shouldn't be covered at all.

#### **Seed-Starting Mistake #4: Not Labeling Trays**

Once you start sowing seeds and get dirt on your fingers, you won't want to stop and make labels. Before planting, prepare labels and add them to containers as soon as the seeds go into soil. Otherwise, it can be tough to tell seedlings apart. Be sure to include sowing date on your labels.



#### **Seed-Starting Mistake #5: Soil Isn't Warm**

Seed packets specify the temperature seeds need to germinate – soil temperature, not air temperature. Most seed germinate at 78° F. You'll have sure success if you use a waterproof root-zone heating mat. Once seeds germinate, aim to keep soil temperature in the 65- to 70° range.

#### **Seed-Starting Mistake #6: Too Little Light**

In the warmest regions of the country, there's enough ambient light in a south-facing window to grow stocky seedlings. In northern areas where winter brings persistent cloud cover, you'll need supplemental lights. Purchase or build an illuminated plant stand to start seedlings. For stocky, healthy seedlings, provide 14 to 16 hours of light daily. Suspend lights 2 to 3 inches above seedlings. Fluorescents work as well as 'gro-lights' for this purpose.

#### **Seed-Starting Mistake #7: Water Woes**

For seeds to germinate, you need to keep the growing soil damp but not too wet. Many seed starters cover the container to keep soil moist until seeds germinate. Once seeds sprout, don't miss a watering. Unlike established plants, seedlings don't have an extensive root system they can rely on for vital moisture. At the same time, it's important not to overwater and let seedlings sit in water.

#### **Seed-Starting Mistake #8: Not Enough Pampering**

Seedlings are delicate creatures. They need daily attention and lots of tender loving care, especially when they're young. If you can't monitor seedlings daily, checking on germination, soil moisture, temperature, and lights, you'll definitely reduce your chances of success. Seedlings don't survive neglect.

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

#### **Succulent Desert Gardens from Klein's**

Mixed succulent gardens continue to be a 'hot' item here in the Madison area and in more ways than one! Their small size and ease of care makes them among the most popular prepared mixed outdoor containers we sell at Klein's-- and not just in the summertime, but year round. In fact, we've spent the past few weeks planting up hundreds of succulents and mixed succulent bowls for in store sales and to take with us to the Garden Expo at the Alliant Energy Center in early February.

By nature, their versatility allows for succulent gardens to be grown in the harshest heat and scorching summer sun. And because they thrive on neglect, even the brownest of thumbs will take pride in their gardening success.

Children find the plants used in succulent gardens irresistible. And because they're so easy to grow, they are a great way to introduce kids to the world of gardening.

Choose from fuzzy-leafed to flapjack-leafed kalanchoes; bright golden sedums to plain old jade plants; hens & chicks to pencil cactus; the list is endless: cacti, aloes, echeveria, agaves, haworthias, crown-of-thorns, and so many more!

#### **A few tips to get started:**

- Select a low clay or glazed container with drainage.
- Spread gravel into the bottom of the container for drainage and top with cactus potting soil.
- Plant succulents tightly for best effect and because they are slow growing.
- Allow to get bone-dry between waterings . . . remember, these are desert plants
- In the garden, place your container in full sun on patio tables or porch railings.
- Overwinter indoors in a bright location. Cool conditions can induce flowering in many desert plants.

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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.**

### **27th Annual Orchid Quest 2014**

Saturday, February 1, 10:00-5:00

Sunday, February 2, 10:00-4:00

Escape the winter blues and join orchid enthusiasts at Orchid Quest 2014. Exhibits of exotic and deliciously fragrant orchid flowers will awaken your senses and bring cheers on a winter day. In addition to many orchid exhibits, OQ will also feature florist displays, painted porcelain, art work, quilted banners and a raffle. OQ is one of the largest orchid shows and sales in the Midwest.

Aspiring home growers can expand their knowledge by attending orchid related educational seminars, conducted by renowned orchid experts.

This year's Orchid Quest speaker is Fred Clarke who has been growing orchids since 1977 and has been hybridizing for 32 of those years. With over 30 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his 40,000 sq. ft. orchid nursery (more than an acre under cover) Sunset Valley Orchids, Inc., located in San Diego, California.

20+ vendors from the Midwest and East Coast will be selling their exotic blooming orchids. You will be able to find everything you need to take care of your new orchid plants including literature, growing media, fertilizer, orchid pots, and more. Come see this multidimensional show. Visit [www.orchidguild.org](http://www.orchidguild.org) or call 608/231-3163 for more details. Sponsored by Orchids Garden Centre & Nursery of Waunakee. Tickets are \$7 or \$10 for the two days.

Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall  
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way  
Madison, WI 53713  
608/267-3976 or [www.alliantenergycenter.com](http://www.alliantenergycenter.com)

### **21st Annual Wisconsin Public Television Garden Expo**

Friday, February 7, 3:00-9:00

Saturday, February 8, 9:00-6:00

Sunday, February 9, 10:00-4:00

Garden Expo is a midwinter oasis for people ready to venture out and dig their hands in the dirt. Now in its 21st year, this three-day event celebrates the latest trends in gardening and landscaping. Join other gardening enthusiasts to share ideas, gain inspiration and create something new. All proceeds support Wisconsin Public Television.

Things to do at the Garden Expo;

- Get your hands dirty with more than 150 educational seminars, demonstrations and hands-on workshops.
- Visit with hundreds of businesses, independent contractors, nonprofits and artists to share ideas and learn about the newest in gardening and landscaping equipment and services.
- Relax with a casual walk through the central garden—courtesy of The Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association.
- Discuss innovative gardening techniques with experts from the UW-Extension/Cooperative Extension Horticulture Team.
- Purchase seeds, tools and everything else you need to be ready when the trees bud and the ground thaws.

Tickets cost \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Two and three-day passes are available for added savings. **Advance tickets are available at Klein's.** Visit [www.wigardenexpo.com](http://www.wigardenexpo.com) for more information.

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1919 Alliant Energy Center Way  
Madison, WI 53713

608/267-3976 or [www.alliantenergycenter.com](http://www.alliantenergycenter.com)

## **The Heart Ball Put on by the American Heart Association**

Saturday, February 8  
Madison Concourse Hotel  
1 W. Dayton, Madison

The Heart Ball is one of the premier American Heart Association fundraising events both locally and across the nation. Our evening celebrates the lives saved and improved because of everyone's countless efforts.

This event promises to be an engaging evening of fun and passion, bringing community and philanthropic leaders together. By attending, you have the opportunity to become a critical part of our mission.

5:30-7:00 p.m.—Opening Reception & Silent Auction

7:00 p.m.—Dinner, Live Auction, Heart Ball Program, and Special Appeal  
(during the Special Appeal portion, individuals will be asked to donate to the American Heart Association)

9:00 p.m.—Music & Dancing

**Klein's is a proud sponsor of the 2014 Heart Ball.**

For details visit [madisonheartball.ahaevents.org](http://madisonheartball.ahaevents.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.

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

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

Saturdays, January 4 thru April 12, 8:00-noon  
Madison Senior Center  
330 W. Mifflin

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

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## **FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN**—A checklist of things to do this month.

- Check perennials for heaving during warm spells. Mulch as needed.
- Continue bringing out your cooled forced bulbs for indoor enjoyment.
- Inspect stored summer bulbs like dahlias, cannas and glads for rotting.
- Check for and treat for pests on plants brought in from the garden.
- Keep birdfeeders full. Clean periodically with soap and water.
- Repair and clean out birdhouses. Early arrivals will be here soon!
- Inventory last year's leftover seeds before ordering or buying new ones.
- Order seeds and plants. Some of our very favorite seed and plant sources include:

\_\_\_Visit Klein's---it's green, it's warm, it's colorful---it's always spring.

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**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  
Pinetree @ [www.superseeds.com](http://www.superseeds.com) or 207/926-3400  
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.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:**

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 FEBRUARY:**

---We're readying ourselves for two of our year's biggest events--Garden Expo and Valentine's Day. For Garden Expo, we've readied our displays and the plants we're selling are bursting with color. For Valentine's Day, we're awaiting the onslaught by prepping the thousands of additional cut flowers, unpacking all the beautiful vases and containers, ordering hundreds of blooming plants and securing additional delivery vehicles and staff.

---Spring plants begin arriving en masse! After Valentine's Day the first spring bedding annuals arrive. Pansies, violas and dianthus plugs are popped into cell packs so they're ready for early April sales.

---We're planting up our thousands of mixed annuals hanging baskets. The geranium hanging baskets planted in January are filling out and almost ready for their first pinching and shaping.

---We reopen greenhouses in our back range as needed. They've been shut down to save on heat and eliminate pest problems.

---The deadline approaches for Easter orders. Dozens of area churches order lilies, tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, mums, hydrangeas and azaleas for Easter delivery.

---We take advantage of the warm and sunny rooms in our front range (the retail area) to do any touch up painting or construction to ready ourselves for the spring season.

---Spring product begins arriving for unpacking and pricing--the pots, the tools, the sundries. We need to have everything priced and ready to go by April 1.

---We continue to assess our needs for spring staffing and try to have the new people in place and trained by March 1. March and April are the busiest months behind the scenes in the greenhouse and we rely on a dedicated, hardworking team to have everything ready for the customer come May 1 and the spring onslaught.

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**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.

### **Candles and Garden Balm from Good Earth Soap, Kewaunee, WI 'Blissfully Pure/Simply Natural'**

It is our pleasure to bring you a few products made by Good Earth Soaps. They are a very small company, run solely by Michael and Tracy Valenta. Their business is located near the small town of Kewaunee, WI on the lovely shore of Lake Michigan. Good Earth products are handmade in small batches with only the finest ingredients. Each batch is made with its own unique blend of pure essential oils and organic herbs, handcrafted to refresh and invigorate your soul. Michael and Tracy feel very strongly about commitment to the environment. All products are biodegradable and environmentally friendly. Each year portions of proceeds are donated to environmental organizations.

Klein's is currently carrying an assortment of Good Earth mason jar candles in a wide array of scents. Good Earth soy candles are made from soy wax, which is biodegradable environmentally friendly. They use a cotton fiber wick to ensure a soot free burn. The candles burn evenly and slow. Burn time for small mason jars is 50-75 hours, large masons 125-150 hours. Scents we carry include: eucalyptus, lemon grass, Tibetan black tea, lily-of-the-valley, lilac, lavender, sweet basil vanilla, Turkish hazelnut and sweet citrus. We're also carrying patchouli rose garden balm for dry skin.

The natural ingredients in Good Earth products include:

#### **Essential Oils**

Cedarwood: purifying, helps acne, anxiety and neutralizes odors.  
Clary Sage: enhancing, anti-fungal, helps dry skin and is soothing.  
Eucalyptus: healing, antiseptic and expedites healing.  
Grapefruit: uplifting, anti-depressant, disinfectant and may relieve anxiety.  
Lavender: calming and uplifting, antiseptic, anti-depressant, regenerative.  
Lemongrass: awareness, insect repellent, revitalizes and renews.  
Lime: stimulating, great for cleansing the skin and very refreshing.  
Patchouli: relaxing, deodorant, tones the skin and regenerates tissue.  
Peppermint: purifying, soothes and cools the skin, very invigorating.  
Rosemary, enhancer, great for skin condition and baldness.  
Rosewood: modifier, soothing to the skin and slows the aging process.  
Tea Tree: cleansing, heals cuts, wounds and skin infections.

#### **Natural Oils**

Sweet Almond: enhances the skin, leaving it feeling smooth and soft.  
Avocado: keeps skin smooth and moist, highest in vitamins A, D and E.  
Castor: helps treat eczema, psoriasis, chapped skin and burns.  
Hempseed: natural antioxidant, anti-inflammatory.  
Jojoba: hypoallergenic and pure, perfect for any skin type, helps lubricate and protect the skin and hair.  
Olive: moisturizes dry skin and relieves itching, helps synthesize collagen.  
Soy: very effective moisturizing agent and softens the skin.  
Wheat Germ: exceptional for treating dry and aging skin, possesses the ability to regenerate cells.

### **Natural Butters and Waxes**

Beeswax: is used primarily to stabilize skin care products, provides support and emolliency.

Cocoa: most often used to soften and protect the skin, great for skin irritations.

Shea: widely used to protect the skin from sun, good emollient for moisturizing, high in vitamin E and A, repairs and conditions skin.

For more information, please visit the Good Earth website @ [www.goodearthsoap.com](http://www.goodearthsoap.com)

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### **PERMANENT FEATURES--** **KLEIN'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

Have our monthly newsletter e-mailed to you automatically by signing up on the right side of our home page. We'll offer monthly tips, greenhouse news and tidbits, specials and recipes. . .everything you need to know from your favorite Madison greenhouse. And tell your friends. It's easy to do.

### **THE MAD GARDENER--"Madison's Firsthand Source for Expert Gardening Advice"**

Ask us your gardening questions by e-mailing us at [madgardener@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:madgardener@kleinsfloral.com). Klein's in-house **Mad Gardener** will e-mail you with an answer as promptly as we can. The link is posted on our home page and in all newsletters.

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

### **FACEBOOK**

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

### **TWITTER**

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

### **SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT**

We offer a 10% Off Senior Citizen Discount every Tuesday to those 62 and above. This discount is not in addition to other discounts or sales. Please mention that you are a senior before we ring up your purchases. Does not apply to wire out orders or services, i.e. delivery, potting, etc.

### **RECYCLING POTS & TRAYS**

Plastic flower pots and garden edging can now be recycled as part of the City of Madison's [rigid plastic program](#). Flowerpots and edging must be free of dirt and can be placed in your green recycling bin. For more information call 267-2626 or visit [www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/plastic.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/plastic.cfm)

### **KLEIN'S "BLOOMING PLANT OR FRESH FLOWER CLUB"**

**Send or receive 3 month's, 6 month's or a whole year's worth of seasonal blooming plants or fresh flower arrangements and SAVE!**

There's no easier way to give gorgeous blooming plants or fresh flower arrangements, month after month. Each month a seasonal blooming plant or fresh arrangement will arrive on yours or a loved one's doorstep. You choose the start date and we'll make your special delivery the very same day each month.

**For just \$75, \$150 or \$300**, respectively, we'll send 3 month's, 6 month's or a year's worth of seasonal blooming plants--perhaps a bulb garden or azalea in the spring, one of our famous large geraniums or a tropical hibiscus in the summer, a chrysanthemum or Thanksgiving cactus in the fall or one of our homegrown poinsettias or cyclamen for the holidays and winter months. Selection of the blooming plant will be based on availability.

**And for just \$90, \$175 or \$350**, respectively, receive one of Klein's lovely fresh floral arrangements. All arrangements will be seasonal and will contain only the freshest flowers. All arrangements are **Designer's Choice**, but are sure to satisfy the most discerning lover of fresh flowers.

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

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

#### **DELIVERY INFO**

Klein's Floral and Greenhouses delivers daily, except Sundays, throughout all of Madison and much of Dane County including: Cottage Grove, DeForest, Fitchburg, Maple Bluff, Marshall, McFarland, Middleton, Monona, Oregon, Shorewood Hills, Sun Prairie, Verona, Waunakee and Windsor. We do not deliver to Cambridge, Columbus, Deerfield or Stoughton.

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

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

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

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

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

Morning delivery is guaranteed to the following Madison zip codes, but only if requested: 53703, 53704, 53714, 53716, 53718 and Cottage Grove, DeForest, Maple Bluff, Marshall, McFarland, Monona, Sun Prairie, Waunakee and Windsor.

We begin our delivery day at 8:00 a.m. and end at approximately 3:00 p.m. We do not usually deliver after 4:00 unless specific exceptions are made with our drivers.

Except for holidays, the following west-side zip codes and communities are delivered only during the afternoon: 53705, 53706, 53711, 53713, 53717, 53719, 53726, Fitchburg, Middleton, Oregon, Shorewood Hills and Verona.

During holidays (Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, etc.) we are able to make morning deliveries to all of the above areas. We are not able to take closely timed deliveries on any holiday due to the sheer volume of such requests.

It's best to give us a range of time and we'll try our absolute hardest. Orders for same day delivery must be placed by 12:30 p.m. or by 2:30 p.m. for Madison zip codes 53704 and 53714.

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

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

Grower, General Manager --Jamie VandenWymelenberg [jamie@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:jamie@kleinsfloral.com)

Assistant Manager, 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)

**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
- Arrow grasses
- 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
- Cow bane
- Cow cockle
- Cow sliprb
- 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
- Nightsshade
- 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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