

## 'THE SAGE'-Klein's Online Newsletter—NOVEMBER 2014

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**KLEIN'S 2014 CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAYS are November 21 thru November 23.** Enter a winter wonderland filled with our homegrown poinsettias, holiday plants and gift ideas. Let us inspire you with our extensive collection of gift ideas and ornaments for all your decorating needs. **Free refreshments on hand and receive Double Rewards Points on all applicable purchases!**

**On Saturday, November 22 and on Sunday, November 23** join us for the following workshops:

**From 11:00-12:00—Design & Create Outdoor Holiday Containers** with fresh pine greens, branches, berries and all the traditional (and not-so-traditional) holiday baubles, bangles and beads. Oodles of pre-made containers will be available or make your own on site. Bring your own empty container(s) or purchase one of ours and we'll get you started. Please contact Sue at [sue@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:sue@kleinsfloral.com) if interested in taking part.

**From 1:00-2:00—Create Your Own Miniature Garden, Fairy Garden or Terrarium.** Here's your chance to purchase pre-made miniature gardens and supplies or make your own on-site. Bring your own container or purchase one of ours. Please contact Sue at [sue@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:sue@kleinsfloral.com) if interested in taking part.

**Also on Sunday, November 23 from 12:00-4:00:**

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

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

**We have all of your favorites--tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocus, alliums--and a few not-so-well known treasures for your garden. November is the Best Time** to plant your spring bulbs (planting too can early

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

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

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

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

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### **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.

### **NOVEMBER STORE HOURS:**

Monday thru Friday : 8:00-6:00

Saturday: 9:00-5:00

Sunday: 10:00-4:00

#### **Holiday Hours Begin Friday, November 28**

Monday thru Friday 8:00-7:00

Saturday: 8:00-5:00

Sunday: 10:00-4:00

#### **Holiday hours run through Tuesday, December 23**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Speaking of calendars, the new **2015 FTD Calendar** will be available mid-November at our checkout. These beautiful, flower-filled calendars are free. No purchase necessary.

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

**November 2--**Daylight Savings Time ends

**November 4--**Election Day. **Please vote!** Your vote counts!

**November 6**--Full Moon

**November 11**--Veterans' Day

**November 21 thru November 23--KLEIN'S CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAYS.** Enter a winter wonderland filled with holiday plants and gift ideas. Let us inspire you with our extensive collection of gift ideas and ornaments for all your decorating needs. **Free refreshments** on hand and receive **Double Rewards Points** on all applicable purchases! See above for event details.

**November 27**--Thanksgiving Day--Unlike Kohl's, Penney's, etc., we are closed!

**November 28**--Klein's Holiday Hours begin

## **'THE FLOWER SHOPPE': LIVE LIKE A FLOWER (Part 5): Live Beautifully**

A prioritized life empowers you to live like a flower — a lovely and fragrant offering to a harried and distracted world. Change agent and author of *Restoring Order*, Vicki Norris, has some advice for living beautifully, inside and out.

### **1. Rethink Order and Beauty.**

Embrace order as a gateway to beauty. (It's hard to enjoy aesthetics in the midst of chaos.) Train your mind that organizing your life and belongings is not a chore; it's an investment in a lovely life.

### **2. Repurpose Old Things To a New Life.**

Rescue vintage buckets from the corners of your garage and shapely jars from your recycle bin or canning supplies, and turn them into vessels for flowers, pencils, or utensils. Bringing yesteryear into today provides comfort through nostalgia and conveys simpler times in today's busy world.

### **3. Re-envision Your Space.**

Arrange your home or workplace around centers of activity and community (instead of by sterile rooms). Create a homework zone, a reading nook, a crafting nest, a creativity wall, or a workout niche. Make room for the things you love and create a refueling or reconnecting space. Incorporate flowers and plants in these areas. As well as beautifying and updating your living space, flowers boost emotional health. Harvard research proves people feel more compassionate toward others, have less worry and anxiety, and feel less depressed when flowers are present in the home.

### **4. Rehab Your Mind.**

Change in our natural environment or habits begins with a change of thinking. Make a list of the beautiful, lovely, praiseworthy things you can think about and post it near your sink. What we think about, we become.

### **5. Rejuvenate Your Senses.**

Take a break from the busyness of life and treat yourself to a visit to a relaxing spa, botanical garden, lavender field, or local flower shop. Surrounding yourself with the sounds, scents, and beauty of nature invites us to engage our senses, slow down, breathe and experience peace.

### **6. Refuse to dichotomize.**

Trade up from *balance* to *integration*. A completely balanced life is impossible and requires constant reallocation of time. An integrated life is one where we intentionally break down separations and blend our personal, professional, spiritual, and emotional lives together. An integrated life is a beautiful display of peace in an out-of-control world.

Because there are many life lessons we can gather from beautiful, resilient flowers as they grow from seedling to stem, the Society of American Florists and [Aboutflowers.com](http://Aboutflowers.com) created **Live Like a Flower**, a series of pieces of advice from well-known experts in life and happiness. Through the easy-to-follow advice of authors, speakers, designers and more, we can learn to bloom like a flower and live life to its fullest and most rewarding.

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

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

**Are there any flowering plants that will bloom indoors all winter? Rhonda**

Hi Rhonda,

Nothing cheers us up better during our long, dark and cold winters than indoor blooming plants. While few individual types of plant bloom for the entire 6 months from November through April, there are some that bloom sporadically through the winter, have longer bloom periods or are stimulated into bloom by the shorter days. I personally have a wide variety of blooming plants that brighten my home through the entire winter--never just one plant, but an assortment for a varied and extended show.

Rather reliable bloomers include African violets, cyclamen, many orchids (especially phalaenopsis and cymbidiums), streptocarpus, flame violet (episcia), crown of thorns, many succulents & cacti, bromeliads, jasmine, citrus trees, holiday cacti (Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter types).

In addition, many garden plants brought indoors will bloom throughout the winter when placed near a bright window. These include geraniums, flowering maples (abutilon), nearly all types of begonia, impatiens and browallia, among others. Though blooming slows, most bloom in occasional bursts of color all winter long.

**My very favorites, however, are potted forced bulbs.** In November and December pots of amaryllis and paperwhites dot the house for holiday entertaining. By mid-January, the first of my forced hyacinths begin to bloom. Then in late February potted tulips decorate my windowsills. Their show lasts all the way until the first tulips begin blooming in the garden in mid-April. Forcing bulbs is fun and rewarding, but takes a bit of research for best results. Ask the staff at Klein's for best forcing choices and growing tips. **We have a fantastic selection of bulbs currently in stock.**

As you see, it's best not to rely on a single type of plant, but a wide assortment for continuous color. It's well worth the effort! All require bright light and consistent watering--keeping in mind to cut back during the winter months as not to overwater. Fertilizing is not required during the winter months.

I hope I didn't overwhelm you with options!

Thanks for your question,  
Klein's Mad Gardener  
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## **DID YOU KNOW . . .**

**. . . that there are two very distinct types of cactus for growing indoors as houseplants?**

By Jon VanZile @ [houseplants.about.com](http://houseplants.about.com)

There are two varieties of cacti grown as houseplants, and both are popular and readily familiar. The desert cacti are the "traditional" cacti, usually covered with spines or hair and often growing in paddles, balls or obelisks. Forest (or tropical) cacti grow in wooded areas, ranging from temperate forests to subtropical and tropical regions. The most well-known forest cacti is probably the **Christmas cactus**. Both desert and forest cacti boast beautiful blooms, but they have very different growing habits.

### **The Desert Cacti:**

When I think cactus, I'm usually thinking about the desert cacti. These aren't friendly plants—grab a desert cactus without thinking about it and you're in for a nasty surprise. But they have a unique, stark beauty, and some of the desert cacti feature the most beautiful flowers in the plant kingdom. I had never thought of a desert as particularly lush until I saw my first desert bloom. There's nothing quite like it.

Growing desert cacti is not difficult—these are among the toughest of all houseplants—but it does require sticking to some pretty simple rules. There are dozens of kinds of desert cacti on the market today—for the most part, the rules governing their growth are the same. Some species of cacti will bloom after 3 or 4 years

in cultivation. Others will take longer, or never bloom indoors. Generally, follow these tips for success with desert cacti:

—Light: Strong light is essential for healthy cacti, especially in the winter. Some species may scorch in direct summer sun if they haven't been hardened off first.

—Temperature: During the active growth period, cacti prefer hot, dry temperatures, ranging from 70°F to more than 80°F. In the winter, the plants prefer a cooler period, down to 55°F. In their desert habitats, many cacti are accustomed to very chilly nights. However, protect them from very cold winter drafts.

—Water: In the spring and summer, when the plant is actively growing and/or blooming, water whenever the compost begins to dry. During these waterings, make sure the plant is thoroughly watered. During the winter rest period, nearly cease watering. **Only water if the plant begins to shrivel.**

—Potting Soils and Repotting: Pot into a fast-draining **cacti mix**. If one is not available, amend regular potting soil with inorganic agents like perlite to increase drainage and aeration. Cacti are generally slow-growing plants and will rarely need repotting. Also, remember that many species of cacti will bloom better when they are slightly underpotted.

—Fertilizer: Use a cacti fertilizer during the growing season. Some growers have poor results with standard fertilizers, so it's probably worth it to seek out a specialized cacti fertilizer.

—Common Problems: **The most common mistake with desert cacti is overwatering in the winter (!)**, which will cause rot either at the base of the plant or at the tips of the growing areas. If the rot is advanced, it might be necessary to start new plants from cuttings or discard the whole plant. Cacti are also susceptible to pests include mealy bugs and mites.

#### **The Forest Cacti:**

The forest cacti grow in tropical and subtropical regions throughout the world. They are often climbing or epiphytic plants that cling to trees. The most famous among these is the Christmas cactus, which is native to Brazil. Today, Christmas cacti are available with blooms in red, pink, purple and even yellow. They make excellent hanging plants. Other forest cacti include the stunningly beautiful orchid cacti (Epiphyllum).

—Light: These plants like bright, but not direct, sunlight. Move them outside during the summer (see Blooming Tips below).

—Temperature: During the growing season, they have a wide range, from 55°F to 70°F. During the rest period, a colder spell of 50°F is essential.

—Water: Water as a normal houseplant during the summer months and when the buds begin to show. During the resting period, only water when the soil is dry to the touch.

—Potting Soils and Repotting: Use a regular potting mix. **Repot at the beginning of the growing season.**

—Fertilizer: Fertilize during the growing season with a standard fertilizer. Reduce fertilizer during the growing season.

—Blooming Tips for Christmas Cacti: Coaxing multiple blooms from a Christmas cactus (or the closely related Easter cactus) takes a little planning. Before you want the plant to flower, cut it back and induce a rest period when watering and fertilizer is reduced and the plant is kept cool (about 50°F to 55°F). After one to two months, move the plant to a warmer place and resume watering, and buds will soon begin to show. It is also essential to move the plant outside during the summer.

—Common Problems: As with succulents and desert cacti, these plants should not be watered heavily during the rest period. Root rot will result. Advanced root rot can only be treated by taking new cuttings and starting over. Fortunately, these plants root easily from cutting. Failure to bloom is usually caused by an inadequate rest period and/or not taking the plant outside during the summer months.

**Please note** that Klein's carries a wide assortment of cacti and succulents year round. Christmas cacti become available during late November. For a fantastic assortment of orchid cacti, please visit Logee's Tropical Plants @ [www.logees.com](http://www.logees.com)

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

### **ENTRY: OCTOBER 1, 2014 (The Poem That Makes Me Think of Rick)**

On a recent afternoon hike with friends at John Muir Memorial County Park near Montello in Marquette County, we passed a beautiful grove of aspens on the shore of Ennis Lake. It was around this very lake that John Muir spent his early childhood in the mid-1800's. He probably spent many a summer day exploring the very woods and prairies though which we were hiking and spending a lovely fall afternoon. As we passed the aspen grove, I could easily imagine him atop their flexible trunks swaying like a metronome, back and forth in the warm summer breeze.

Like John Muir, I spent many a summer day on my own exploring the woods and fields of the family farm and the environs around it. I told my friends and fellow hikers that day how my brother and I would often climb high up into similar aspen trees and then sway back and forth as far as the springy stems would allow us. Depending on the thickness of the trunk, we could bow fairly low to the ground and then spring right back up before heading another direction. We often pretend-battled high up in those trees—long branches were our jousting lances and the aspens our steeds.

A few days after that hike, Gwen, one of my fellow hikers, shared with me the following email and poem—

To: Rick  
Subject: The Poem That Makes Me Think of Rick

Hi Rick,  
When I was in high school, I was in love with poems—especially this one:

### **Birches**

Robert Frost  
When I see birches bend to left and right  
Across the lines of straighter darker trees,  
I like to think some boy's been swinging them.  
But swinging doesn't bend them down to stay  
As ice-storms do. Often you must have seen them  
Loaded with ice a sunny winter morning  
After a rain. They click upon themselves  
As the breeze rises, and turn many-colored  
As the stir cracks and crazes their enamel.  
Soon the sun's warmth makes them shed crystal shells  
Shattering and avalanching on the snow-crust—  
Such heaps of broken glass to sweep away  
You'd think the inner dome of heaven had fallen.  
They are dragged to the withered bracken by the load,  
And they seem not to break; though once they are bowed  
So low for long, they never right themselves:  
You may see their trunks arching in the woods  
Years afterwards, trailing their leaves on the ground  
Like girls on hands and knees that throw their hair  
Before them over their heads to dry in the sun.  
But I was going to say when Truth broke in  
With all her matter-of-fact about the ice-storm  
I should prefer to have some boy bend them  
As he went out and in to fetch the cows—  
Some boy too far from town to learn baseball,

Whose only play was what he found himself,  
Summer or winter, and could play alone.  
One by one he subdued his father's trees  
By riding them down over and over again  
Until he took the stiffness out of them,  
And not one but hung limp, not one was left  
For him to conquer. He learned all there was  
To learn about not launching out too soon  
And so not carrying the tree away  
Clear to the ground. He always kept his poise  
To the top branches, climbing carefully  
With the same pains you use to fill a cup  
Up to the brim, and even above the brim.  
Then he flung outward, feet first, with a swish,  
Kicking his way down through the air to the ground.  
So was I once myself a swinger of birches.  
And so I dream of going back to be.  
It's when I'm weary of considerations,  
And life is too much like a pathless wood  
Where your face burns and tickles with the cobwebs  
Broken across it, and one eye is weeping  
From a twig's having lashed across it open.  
I'd like to get away from earth awhile  
And then come back to it and begin over.  
May no fate willfully misunderstand me  
And half grant what I wish and snatch me away  
Not to return. Earth's the right place for love:  
I don't know where it's likely to go better.  
I'd like to go by climbing a birch tree,  
And climb black branches up a snow-white trunk  
Toward heaven, till the tree could bear no more,  
But dipped its top and set me down again.  
That would be good both going and coming back.  
One could do worse than be a swinger of birches.

**ENTRY: OCTOBER 1, 2014 (Something To Make John Muir Glad)**

A few days after the aforementioned hike at John Muir Memorial County Park, by chance the following article by Representative Spencer Black appeared in the Capital Times.

**Something To Make John Muir Glad**

Do you recall when the U.S. Mint issued a series of quarters to commemorate the 50 states? Each state chose a few images for the back of its quarter. Predictably, Wisconsin picked a cow, a wheel of cheese and an ear of corn.

Less predictably, one of the most famous Wisconsinites appeared on the back of a state quarter and it wasn't Wisconsin's. The state: California, and the Wisconsinite: John Muir.

John Muir is probably the most influential environmentalist in history, helping move the nation (and much of the world) to value pristine wilderness for its own sake and not for its development potential. Through his voluminous, impassioned and persuasive writings, speeches, and advocacy, he jump-started the environmental movement and helped create our National Park System.

Muir was a Wisconsin farm boy and while he later lived and achieved fame in California, he always credited his upbringing on a Marquette County farm with instilling his love of wild things. That farmstead, between Montello and Portage, surrounded Ennis Lake, which was known as Fountain Lake by the Muirs.

Now the land that inspired Muir in his youth is better protected. The Natural Heritage Land Trust, a hardworking group that has protected almost 10,000 acres of open space and natural areas in southern Wisconsin, recently purchased a key part of the original Muir family farm. The newly protected area will adjoin the John Muir Memorial Park and be part of a 1,400-acre natural preserve that also includes the Fox River National Wildlife Refuge. The cross-state Ice Age Trail circles Ennis Lake.

Muir's family immigrated from Scotland and settled in Marquette County. Later, Muir taught at the Harriet Lake School outside Paoli and was one of the earlier students at the University of Wisconsin. But his love of the outdoors got the best of him and he dropped out — as he put it, he "left the University of Wisconsin for the University of the Wilderness." He soon made his way to California and the Sierra Nevada mountain range, where he worked in Yosemite Valley.

Describing that beautiful valley, he gained a national reputation as an outdoor writer. In a time before television, radio and the Internet, his writings of his love (some might say worship) of nature enthralled the nation. In all, he published more than 300 articles and 10 books. He led the fight to make Yosemite a national park and even took President Teddy Roosevelt on a multi-day adventurous hike through the Sierra, which convinced Roosevelt to protect the greater Yosemite area and the surrounding mountains. As a result of the Yosemite victory, Muir advanced the idea of a national system of parks to preserve our nation's special places for future generations.

Muir constantly battled those who would desecrate our country's natural heritage for profit and he soon realized an organization was needed to fight to protect the wilderness. In 1892, he founded the Sierra Club, which has become the nation's largest and most influential environmental group. He served as the club's first president. As a Badger, I'm proud to be vice president of the national Sierra Club.

When Muir started the Sierra Club, he said, "Let us do something to make the mountains glad." I think protecting the Fountain Lake area would make John Muir glad.

*Spencer Black represented the 77th Assembly District for 26 years and was chair of the Natural Resources Committee. He currently serves as the vice president of the national Sierra Club and is an adjunct professor of urban and regional planning at UW-Madison.*

Source: [host.madison.com](http://host.madison.com)

#### **ENTRY: OCTOBER 21, 2014 (Reblooming My Christmas Cactus)**

Temperatures are supposed to get down into the upper 20's tonight. I figure it's about time to bring my 20+ year old Christmas cactus into the house and place it on its usual perch in the living room where it spends the winter months. Mine is not one of the more modern upright varieties found everywhere. Instead, it's a cutting from a very, very old cascading type--the kind that grandma kept stashed (and neglected) nearly year round in a spare, cold and drafty bedroom upstairs in the farmhouse, brought down only in November and once the plant was loaded with hot pink flower buds. Though just a foot tall at most, my cactus nearly touches the floor with three foot long branches. The leaves on mine are rounded; not jagged like the types we carry at the greenhouse.

The key in getting mine to rebloom vigorously seems to be a combination of temperature and watering.

Once the holidays have passed, my cactus blooms sporadically into April. I keep it very dry and located near a cool north window. In May I move it outdoors to our screenhouse. Before we built the screenhouse, I'd place the cactus in a relatively shady location for the summer. Too much sun causes the leaves to scorch. In the screenhouse, I no longer have the scorching problem, but my cactus no longer receives the benefit of summer rains. Therefore, I water it only with water collected from the rain barrel during the summer months. I truly believe that soft rainwater is one of the reasons my cactus thrives. I water the cactus rather freely during the summer months and only once the surface becomes dry to the touch. I feed the cactus with a dilute fertilizer every second or third watering.

**The key to getting my cactus to rebloom comes as summer wanes.** Starting in late August I cut back on the watering; allowing the soil to become nearly bone dry between waterings. I stop the fertilizing completely. I now leave the cactus outdoors in the screenhouse long after I've brought the rest of my houseplants inside for the winter--sometimes into late October. I watch the weather closely because the plant can't be allowed to freeze. Usually by mid-October the teeniest flower buds begin appearing on the tips of the leaves. Once moved indoors and into warmth, the buds develop quickly. It's not unusual to lose some flower buds and leaves as the plant adapts to its new surroundings.

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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!!

Bulgur is an ancient grain that is very commonly used in Turkey and other areas of the Middle East. Bulgur is made from wheat and is parboiled, dried, and then ground to different textures. During the grinding process, some of the bran (the outer shell) is removed. Bulgur is still considered a whole grain because part of the bran remains and the germ is intact. The bran provides the fiber and the germ provides vitamins and minerals as well as some fatty acids. Bulgur is also a good source of protein, potassium, and iron. What's especially great about bulgur is that it cooks very quickly since it's already been partially cooked. (Source: [www.nutritioulicious.com](http://www.nutritioulicious.com))

**WONDERFUL PILAF**--This absolutely delicious recipe comes to us from Jane Brody's Good Food Book.

1 TBS. olive oil  
2 tsp. butter  
1 cup very thin pasta broken into 1" pieces  
2 medium onions, chopped  
2 cups bulgar  
4 cups chicken broth  
1/2 tsp. salt  
black pepper  
2/3 cup fresh, chopped basil (or 2 TBS. dried)  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
1 x 15 oz. can garbanzo beans, drained

Heat the oil and butter in a deep, heavy kettle with a lid. Add the pasta and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the pasta is golden. Add the onion and bulgar and cook, stirring, another 2-3 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce to very low, cover and simmer 25-30 minutes. Fluff with a fork and serve

**EDAMAME BULGAR SALAD**--A very simple recipe that appeared in the June 2009 issue of Cooking Light magazine.

2 cups bulgar  
2 cups boiling water  
2 cups frozen shelled edamame  
2 lbs halved cherry tomatoes  
2 cups chopped parsley  
2/3 cup chopped fresh mint  
1 TBS chopped dill (1 tsp. dried)  
2 cups chopped onion  
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice  
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil  
2 tsp. coarse salt  
1 tsp. pepper

Mix the bulgar and water in a large bowl, cover and allow to rest 1 hour or until the bulgar is tender. Cook the edamame per instructions and drain. Add the edamame, tomatoes and the rest of the ingredients to the bulgar. Mix well and allow to rest before serving or chill until ready. Serves 12.

**PILAF WITH ALMONDS AND DRIED CRANBERRIES**—From the pages of Martha Stewart's Everyday Food from October 2006.

2/3 cup sliced almonds  
4 TBS. butter  
1 large chopped onion  
2 cups bulgar  
2 x 14.5 oz. cans chicken broth  
coarse salt and pepper to taste  
1/2 cup dried cranberries

Toast the almonds in a small dry skillet over medium heat until golden and set aside. In a large saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until just browning. Add the bulgar and stir to coat. Add the broth and season. Bring to a boil, reduce to low, cover and simmer until the liquid is gone and

the bulgar is tender, about 15-20 minutes. Remove from the heat and sprinkle with the cranberries, cover and allow to sit 5-10 minutes to rehydrate the berries. Add the almonds and fluff with a fork. Serves 8.

**BULGAR PILAF WITH DATES, APRICOTS AND TOASTED WALNUTS**—This incredible side dish appeared in Bon Appetit magazine.

2 TBS. olive oil  
1 cup chopped onion  
2 cloves minced garlic  
2 cups bulgar  
1/2 cup pitted dates  
1/2 cup chopped dried apricots  
1 cinnamon stick, broken in half  
2 tsp. curry powder  
2 x 14.5 oz. cans chicken broth  
1/2 cup chopped green onions  
1/2 cup toasted walnuts

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Sauté the onion until golden. Add the garlic and cook one minute more. Add the bulgar and continue sautéing for 5 minutes. Stir in the dates, apricots, cinnamon and curry powder. Add the broth and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover and simmer until the bulgar is tender and the broth absorbed, about 15 minutes. Stir in the green onions and season to taste with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with walnuts and serve. Serves 8.

**BULGAR SALAD**—A simple and refreshing recipe from Cooking Light magazine, April 2010.

2 cups bulgar  
2 cups boiling water  
4 TBS. olive oil  
4 TBS. fresh lime juice  
1 tsp. salt  
16 chopped basil leaves  
2 cloves minced garlic  
1/2 cup chipped onion  
1 1/2 cup sliced green olives  
2 large tomatoes, chopped  
lime wedges

In a large bowl, mix together the bulgar and water. Cover and let stand for 45 minutes. Combine the oil, juice, salt, basil and garlic in a bowl. Add the dressing, onion, olives and tomato to the bulgar. Toss well and serve with lime wedges. Serves 8.

**RHUBARB PILAF**--Yet another recipe from the indispensable [From Asparagus to Zucchini: A Guide to Farm-Fresh, Seasonal Produce](#). Our employee reviews say, "Wonderful, easy and a deliciously sweet side dish."

1 cup uncooked bulgar  
2 1/2 cups boiling water  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1 TBS. oil  
1 clove minced garlic  
2 1/2 cups chopped rhubarb  
7 dried apricots or peaches, chopped  
1/4 cup apple juice  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
pinch of cayenne pepper  
3 TBS. honey or brown rice syrup  
1/2 tsp. tamari or soy sauce  
1/4 cup slivered almonds  
fresh mint

Place the bulgar in a medium bowl, stir in boiling water, cover and steep 30 minutes. In a large skillet, sauté onion in oil until translucent. Stir in the garlic and rhubarb and sauté 1 minute. Add the apricots, apple juice, cinnamon and cayenne. Cover and cook over medium heat until bubbly. Add the honey and tamari. Stir in the bulgar. Garnish with almonds and mint and serve warm. Serves 4.

**TABOULEH**--There are many fantastic tabouleh recipes to be found, but this one from Jane Brody's Good Food Book remains THE favorite of ours.

For the salad:

1 cup bulgur  
2 cups boiling water  
2 tomatoes, finely diced  
1 bunch green onions, finely chopped  
1 cup finely chopped parsley  
3 TBS. chopped mint (or 2 tsp. dried if fresh isn't available)

For the dressing:

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice  
2 TBS. extra virgin olive oil  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1/4 tsp. dried oregano  
1/4 tsp. ground cumin  
a dash of allspice (optional)  
a dash of coriander (optional)

In a bowl, soak the bulgur in the boiling water for 1 hour. Drain the bulgur well, pressing out the excess water through a fine sieve or cheese cloth. In a bowl, combine the bulgur, tomatoes, green onions, parsley and mint. Whisk together the dressing ingredients in a small bowl. About an hour or less before serving, add the dressing to the bulgur mix and toss to coat the ingredients thoroughly. Serves 6-8.

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## **NATURAL NEWS--**

### **Hand Sanitizer Dangers**

By Tom Vick for Mother Earth News (10/6/14) @ [www.motheearthnews.com](http://www.motheearthnews.com)

Keeping a bottle of hand sanitizer at the ready can come in handy in situations where you can't access soap and water, but using it too often can come with some risks. Consider the following hand sanitizer dangers and make sure your hand sanitizer ingredients are safe and non-toxic.

#### **Soap vs. Sanitizer**

Most doctors and researchers agree: soap wins hands-down over hand sanitizer. Cleaning with soap and water is better at reducing germs than hand sanitizer, and hand sanitizer cannot be used effectively in many situations. If your hands are visibly dirty or greasy, hand sanitizer just does not work. It is designed to kill bacteria, but doesn't remove dirt and debris, which is often how toxins and infections are spread. When washing your hands, the ingredients used are rinsed off immediately, as opposed to hand sanitizers, which can be absorbed through the skin.

#### **Harmful Hand Sanitizer Ingredients**

While we want to keep our hands clean, we don't necessarily need antibacterial hand sanitizer or hand soap. Many products that are labeled "antibacterial" contain chemicals that are detrimental to our health.

Triclosan, a commonly used agent, is an endocrine disruptor that interferes with the proper functioning of vital hormones like thyroid hormones. It is linked to detrimental effects on the nervous system, and is linked to allergies and asthma. Beyond its direct effect on your health, it may also contribute to antibiotic resistance.

Triclosan can be absorbed through the skin and has been found in the urine of 75 percent of Americans sampled. But for all of that risk, there's not even sufficient evidence showing that it is effective. The FDA is working to review the research on triclosan and has concluded that it is no more effective than regular soap and water at removing bacteria and provides no additional benefits. However, it may take time to remove this ingredient from products on the market, so check labels to make sure you're not exposing yourself to it.

### **Beware of Fragrance**

Many hand sanitizers also list "fragrance" as an ingredient. This term can mask a long list of potentially harmful chemicals, including phthalates. Phthalates are also endocrine-disruptors and affect the activity of estrogen and androgens in our body. Even at low concentrations, phthalates are associated with detrimental effects on the development of the male reproductive system as well as increased risk of breast cancer.

### **How to Safely and Effectively Keep Your Hands Clean**

Washing your hands often with warm soap and water is your best bet when it comes to keeping your hands clean and minimizing your exposure to harmful bacteria and viruses. Most of us do not wash our hands long enough: You should scrub continuously for 20 to 30 seconds with warm water and dry your hands afterwards.

Use hand sanitizer only when you have no option to wash your hands with soap and water. Remember that it will not work when your hands are visibly dirty. To use correctly, apply the amount directed on the bottle, and be sure to rub your hands vigorously until it dries completely.

Don't sweat it if your hands aren't completely clean all of the time. Some researchers believe that the human immune system needs to be exposed to bacteria to develop properly. There is even some speculation that the rising incidence of autoimmune and allergic diseases in certain populations are associated with widespread use of antibiotics and sanitization practices.

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

### **Grape Hyacinth (Muscari)**

Commonly known as Blue Grape Hyacinths for their form and sweet grapey fragrance, deer-resistant Muscari naturalize well with a succession of composite flowering stems. Muscari are wonderful planted in thick borders along garden beds, in front of or under taller Narcissi and in 'rivers' meandering through dappled woodlands.

Muscari also force well. Cool the bulbs at a consistent, dark 35 to 48 degrees F for four weeks. Pot them and prechill again at a consistent, dark 35 to 48 degrees F for four more weeks, with moderate watering: this two-step process reduces excessive top growth. Bring pots inside into progressively brighter sunlight—they should bloom in two to four weeks.

It is common for Muscari to grow foliage in the fall: just ignore it, as it is natural. Do not mulch until the ground surface freezes. Top size bulbs. Height: 4" to 12" depending on the variety. Bloom time: variable, April through May depending on the variety. Plant 5" deep and 3" to 4" apart. Horticultural zones 4-8.

**The following varieties of Grape Hyacinth are currently available at Klein's for immediate planting for flowering next spring:**

#### **Muscari armeniacum**

Dense spikes of urn shaped blue flowers with a fine white fringe. Established bulbs produce leaves in the fall. Tendency to naturalize quickly. Long lasting blooms.

#### **Muscari armeniacum 'Blue Spike'**

Dense spikes of urn shaped, soft blue, double flowers look almost fluffy. Established bulbs produce leaves in the fall. Long lasting in the garden or as cut flowers in a vase.

#### **Muscari armeniacum 'Valerie Finnis'**

Dense spikes of urn shaped, frosty blue flowers. Established bulbs produce leaves in the fall. Tendency to naturalize quickly and cultivate easily.

#### **Muscari azureum**

Two-toned blue tubular flowers grow on large, dense spikes bloom very early and are excellent flowers for perennializing.

#### **Muscari latifolium**

Bears dense spike of two-toned flowers, the lower ones deep indigo and the upper ones pale blue violet. Naturalizes easily.

Sources: John Scheeper's @ [www.johnscheepers.com](http://www.johnscheepers.com) and Van Bloem Gardens @ [www.vanbloem.com](http://www.vanbloem.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.

### **32nd Annual Herb Fair**

Saturday, November 1, 9:00-3:00.

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

For more information visit [www.madisonherbsociety.org](http://www.madisonherbsociety.org) or call Chris Manke at 608/467-7785 or Elizabeth Teeter at 608/850-6759.

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

### **Fall Garden Symposium: Wee. Wild & Woody**

Saturday, November 1, from 9:00 to 3:30

Gardeners of all levels will enjoy presentations from three dynamic plantsmen on topics from dwarf conifers to prairie plants to exciting new woodies for our region. You'll be sure to leave with a long "must have" list for the next growing season and some great ideas for your own gardens.

Speakers:

Ed Lyon, Director of Allen Centennial Gardens, Madison, WI  
Dave Wanninger, Horticulturist in Charge, Boerner Botanical Gardens, Hales Corners  
Neil Diboll, President, Prairie Nursery, Westfield, WI

RBG Friends Members, \$67, Master Gardeners, \$72, General Public, \$78. Registration required @ [rotarybotanicalgardens.org/fall-symposium-registration](http://rotarybotanicalgardens.org/fall-symposium-registration).

Rotary Botanical Gardens  
1455 Palmer Drive  
Janesville, WI,  
[608/752-3885](tel:6087523885) or [www.rotarygardens.org](http://www.rotarygardens.org)

### **Bolz Conservatory Exhibit—Innovations Inspired by Rainforests**

November 1, 2014 thru March 1, 2015  
Daily from 10:00-4:00, Sundays 10:00-5:00  
In the Bolz Conservatory

Have you ever wondered what inspires people to develop cool gadgets, life saving technologies, and solutions to complex human challenges? Rainforests are a treasure-trove of brilliant design and many of our best inventions are based on nature. The slippery inside of bottles and pipes mimic the slick leaves of the carnivorous Nepenthes pitcher plant. Coconuts' buoyancy inspired life preservers carried on boats and ships. Security marks on bank notes to combat counterfeiting are inspired by the iridescence of butterfly wings. All these innovations came to life with the help of biomimicry, a growing field that studies the technology of biology and emulates nature's models, systems, and elements to solve complex human design challenges. Explore some of the ways rainforests have inspired many objects and processes that have improved our daily lives.

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

December 6 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.

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

Saturdays, April 19 thru November 8, 6:00-2:00  
On the Capitol Square

Wednesdays, April 23 thru November 5, 8:30-2:00  
In the 200 block of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

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

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

Saturdays, November 15 thru December 20, 7:30-noon  
Monona Terrace

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

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

\*\*Although the average first frost date for Madison is about Oct. 6, killing frosts have occurred as early as September 12 (1955). Be aware of quick weather changes this time of year. Be prepared to cover tender plants at any time.

- \_\_\_ Visit Olbrich, Rotary or Allen Centennial Gardens and note plants of fall interest for spring planting and best selection.
- \_\_\_ Put up all birdfeeders and fill daily as needed. Begin feeding raw suet.
- \_\_\_ Make water available to the birds. Begin using a de-icer as needed.
- \_\_\_ Dig new beds now! It's easier now than in spring when super-busy.
- \_\_\_ Continue planting spring bulbs till the ground freezes.
- \_\_\_ Plant bulbs for forcing and put in a cool location for 10-12 weeks.
- \_\_\_ Stop feeding houseplants and cut back on watering.
- \_\_\_ Continue planting deciduous shrubs and trees until the ground freezes.
- \_\_\_ Clean up stalks and leaves of annuals and vegetables, preventing viruses and pests for next year's garden.
- \_\_\_ Continue harvesting brussels sprouts, kale, greens and root crops.
- \_\_\_ Cut perennials back to 4-6", leaving those for winter interest.
- \_\_\_ Make notes in your garden journal for changes, improvements, etc.
- \_\_\_ Mow the lawn at shortest setting for last mowing of the season.
- \_\_\_ Ready lawnmower and tiller for winter. Prep the snowblower.
- \_\_\_ Keep gutters clear of leaves and debris.
- \_\_\_ Clean empty pots and containers for winter storage.
- \_\_\_ Purchase marsh hay and rose protection. Wait till the ground freezes to apply.
- \_\_\_ Wrap trunks of susceptible trees to protect from rodents.
- \_\_\_ Visit Klein's---The poinsettias are just about ready. Look for end of the season savings on all remaining spring bulbs.

Some of our very favorite seed and plant sources include:

**For seeds:**

- Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds @ [www.rareseeds.com](http://www.rareseeds.com) or 417/924-8887
- Burpee @ [www.burpee.com](http://www.burpee.com) or 800/888-1447
- Harris Seeds @ [www.harriseseeds.com](http://www.harriseseeds.com) or 800/514-4441
- Johnny's Select Seeds @ [www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com) or 207/861-3901
- Jung's Seeds @ [www.jungseed.com](http://www.jungseed.com) or 800/247-5864
- Park's Seeds @ [www.parkseed.com](http://www.parkseed.com) or 800/845-3369
- 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.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:**

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

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

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**BEHIND THE SCENES AT KLEIN'S**--This is a sneak peek of what is going on each month behind the scenes in our greenhouses. Many people are unaware that our facility operates year round or that we have 10 more greenhouses on the property in addition to the 6 open for retail. At any given moment we already have a jump on the upcoming season--be it poinsettias in July, geraniums in December or fall mums in May.

**IN NOVEMBER:**

---Our employees prep the store inside and out for the upcoming holidays.

---The employees have brought to Klein's many of their own tender plants for winter storage--one of the perks of working at a greenhouse. See some of the fascinating things we grow in our own gardens in the back of our Number 1 and 2 Showrooms.

---Wreaths, roping and pine boughs arrive mid-month from northern Wisconsin.

---Violas, hardy annuals and herbs continue to arrive for next February's Garden Expo at the Alliant Energy Center.

---Most plant material has been ordered for the 2015 growing season. We order early to ensure you best selection in spring.

**PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT**--Each month we spotlight some product that we already carry or one that we've taken note of and plan to carry in the near future. Likewise, if you would like to see Klein's to carry a product that we don't currently, please let us know. Our goal is to be responsive to the marketplace and to our loyal clientele. If a product fits into our profile, we will make every effort to get it into our store. In addition, we may be able to special order an item for you, whether plant or hard good, given enough time.

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**Also check out our just-arrived mushroom kits for holiday gift-giving.**

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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"**

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

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

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

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

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

### **DELIVERY INFO**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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  
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Madison Area Master Gardeners (MAMGA)  
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<http://wimastergardener.org>

The Wisconsin Gardener  
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Allen Centennial Gardens  
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<http://www.allencentennialgardens.org/>

Olbrich Botanical Gardens  
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Rotary Gardens  
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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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