

'THE SAGE'--SEPTEMBER 2011

Klein's Floral & Greenhouses On-Line Newsletter

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Our 2011 semi-load of houseplants has arrived! Quality and selection are now at their peak. Some of our more interesting items include a selection of air plants, staghorn fern plaques and unique succulents, in addition to indoor tropicals in all shapes and sizes.

Through September, get **20% OFF** all in-store houseplant purchases. Sale does not apply to items being delivered or in conjunction with other discounts or promotions. The sale applies only to green plants and not blooming plants, peace lilies or outdoor material.

enjoy these end of season savings:

50% OFF all remaining Perennials, Shrubs, Hardy Vines & Potted Fruits. Buy 3 perennials at 50% off and get the 4th (of least value) for free!

50% OFF all remaining Tropicals--Angel's Trumpets, Passion Vine, Banana Plants and much more.

Buy One, Get One Free on all remaining Summer Annuals.

(Sales do not apply to fall annuals, vegetables, mums, asters or mixed mum containers)

THE MAD GARDENER

"Madison's Firsthand Source for Expert Gardening Advice"

Ask any of your gardening questions by e-mailing them to us at madgardener@kleinsfloral.com. Klein's in-house **Mad Gardener** will e-mail you with an answer as promptly as we can. We've also posted a link to this e-mail address on our home page for your convenience. Your question might then appear in the "**You Asked**" feature of our monthly newsletter. If your question is the one selected for our monthly newsletter, you'll receive a small gift from us at Klein's. The **Mad Gardener** hopes to hear from you soon!

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

Please note that our **Mad Gardener** is not only an expert gardener, but can answer all of your indoor plant questions as well.

SEPTEMBER STORE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday : 8:00-6:00

Saturday: 9:00-5:00

Sunday: 10:00-4:00

Open Labor Day, Monday, September 5: 10:00-4:00

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Week of September 4--Tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocus, alliums and much more have arrived for fall planting. We suggest that you hold off planting spring bulbs until the weather cools in October. But shop early for best selection!

And a reminder that fall is the very best time to plant and divide iris and peonies. We carry an excellent selection of reblooming iris rhizomes and bareroot peonies.

September 5--Labor Day. **Special Store Hours: 10:00-4:00**

September 11--Grandparents' Day

September 12--Full Moon

September 23--Fall Begins

September 29--Rosh Hashanah

'THE FLOWER SHOPPE':

In the past few months a number of changes have occurred in Klein's floral department. We've welcomed a number of new members to the Klein's team including Kim Howell and Lindsay Sperber.

Kim has very extensive design experience, having owned her own shop in her hometown of Portage and working a number of years at the now closed Char's Floral in Monona. Kim's talent and outgoing personality are a welcome addition to the Klein's team. Kim says she most enjoys creating colorful and eye-catching floral arrangements using the widest assortment of flowers available. She also enjoys meeting with future brides and wedding planning. Consider setting up a free consultation with Kim if a wedding is in your future.

Lindsay is a full-time student and hopes to become a landscape designer upon graduation. Though she has past floral design experience, she enjoys working at Klein's for this hands-on opportunity. Lindsay says she likes keeping our retail cooler stocked for walk-in traffic and watching her designs sell.

In addition to designers, we welcome two relatively new delivery drivers to the team. Both Nancy Schoenmann and Donn Hagland came to us this past spring with extensive delivery experience under their belts. Before retirement, Nancy delivered with Frito Lay and Donn with Messner's, Inc. Each of them knows the Madison area quite well and each says they enjoy this opportunity to deliver flowers.

DID YOU KNOW. . .

. . . that Klein's not only carries vegetable starter plants of tried & true garden favorites, but also many interesting, new-to-the-American-palate, rising stars from around the world?

Klein's is well-known for its large selection of vegetable starter plants in the springtime. We pride ourselves for our vast assortment, including dozens of heirlooms and over 50 tomato choices. We're also well known for being somewhat experimental with our selection and have become a destination for many in Madison's Hispanic, Hmong, Filipino and African-American communities. For many years now, we've offered lesser known, non-traditional vegetables and herbs including: malabar spinach, bitter melon, lemon grass, epazote, piquins and collard and mustard greens. This past season, we continued to add to our repertoire. Some new favorites include:

African Horned Melon (Kiwano)--Very unusual fruit with spiny "horns". The green-yellow skin turns bright deep orange when ready to harvest, and the pulp inside the fruit resembles lime-green Jell-O. The fruit has a sweet-sour, banana-lime-tropical fruit taste; good juiced and sweetened. The fruit is starting to show up quite often at American markets. Native to Africa, it is very easy to grow. A beautiful vine and fruit!

Spiny Burr Gherkin--Cucumber-like vines produce loads of edible fruit, possibly from the country of Angola and was introduced to the West Indies, probably by the Portuguese. The burr gherkin is edible and may be pickled but must be picked when no longer than 1.5 inches long, since it becomes bitter and spiny if allowed to grow larger. Because they are not the same species as cucumbers, they do not attract any of the normal cucumber problems. Cucumber beetles, leaf borers and even powdery mildew leave them alone.

Asian Melon ('Tigger')--An amazing looking melon! The fruit is vibrant yellow with brilliant fire- red, zigzag stripes. A very fragrant melon with a rich, sweet, intoxicating aroma. The white flesh gets sweeter in drier climates. Mild tasting. Small in size, the fruits weigh up to 1 lb. The vigorous plants yield heavily. An Armenian heirloom.

Mexican Sour Gherkin--Incredible, small cucumber-like fruit are shaped like baby watermelons. They are good added to salads or pickled. They have a cucumber-like taste with a touch of lemon. The ornamental vines have tiny leaves and flowers and are perfect in the cottage garden. Very unique and fun for kids. Huge yields!

Bhut Jolokia Pepper--A recently discovered heirloom chili that in 2006 was given the honor as the world's hottest pepper by the Guinness Book of World Records with a Scoville rating of 1,041,427 (and surpassed in December 2010 by Naga Viper). The pepper originates from northeastern India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Ripe fruits are 2 1/2" long and are an orange-red. Appearance is similar to a habanero. One seed alone can create intense pain in the mouth for 30 minutes. Extreme care must be taken when handling or ingesting this pepper. In India, the chili is used to remedy summer heat by inducing sweating. Plants grow to about 3' tall.

Fish Pepper--An African-American heirloom. The color of the fruit range from green, orange, brown, white and red, being spicy and hot. The foliage on this stunning plant is variegated green and white. Plants are 2' tall. Beautiful in the landscape.

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

ENTRY: AUGUST 7, 2011 (Happy Hour Starts at Four-o'clock)

Four-o'clocks (*Mirabilis jalapa*) are certainly near the top of my list of favorite garden flowers. I find it sad that so few of today's gardeners are familiar with or grow this treasured, old-fashioned and easy-to-grow annual. I suspect that part of the problem stems from the fact that four-o'clocks are one of a handful of annuals that are best grown from seed and seldom, if ever, found at garden centers. Or perhaps gardeners aren't wanting flowers that open only after four-o'clock (or even later when days are still long during August and early September). I find their beauty well worth the wait each day.

Four-o'clock's are fascinating for so many reasons. Though of tropical origins, four-o'clocks are tough as nails and extremely undemanding. They prefer full sun, but are more shade tolerant than many sun-loving annuals. For me they do just fine in the dappled shade below my lilac bushes and mock orange. In fact, a little shade makes their bright colors pop and keeps the blooms around a little longer in the morning than those grown in full sunshine. Colors range from pure white, pure pink and pure yellow to hot pink, red and the wildest array of multi-colored and patterned blooms. There are varieties that display several colors in the same bloom and interestingly the same plant can have branches with different flower colors!! The bushy plants are each loaded with 1-1 1/2" blooms. I'm growing four different varieties this season: 'Marrakesh' (multi-cored blooms splashed with pink and yellow), 'Limelight' (magenta blooms over chartreuse foliage), 'Alba' (a pure white variety) and 'Salmon Sunset' (my new favorite with two-toned glowing peach and magenta blossoms). 'Salmon Sunset' is also one of the more fragrant varieties I've come across. All of the above are available from Select Seeds at www.selectseeds.com.

Four-o'clocks are not fussy about soil type and do extremely well in large containers. In fact, I grow many of my four-o'clocks in containers so I can overwinter them indoors in my cool root cellar. In the fall, I simply let the tops freeze off and move my pots to the basement. I move them back outdoors in May with my cannas, callas and other stored tropicals. If planted in the ground, the roots can be dug up and stored much like cannas or dahlias. In days gone by, the tuberous roots were available at garden centers and sold alongside other summer bulbs in the springtime.

Four-o'clock plants can be allowed to ramble amongst other annuals in the garden, but I prefer to stake them and keep them upright and bushy. Plants can self-sow in the right location. The very hard seeds are about the size of a pea and are very easy to harvest for subsequent seasons. I start mine indoors around April 1. It's best to use peat pots in that four-o'clock seedlings don't transplant easily. Some say it's best to soak the seeds before sowing much like morning glories. But I've had great success without the soaking. I usually give my plants one pinch before I move them outdoors in early May to harden off.

Four-o'clocks are native to Peru and are also known as Marvel of Peru.

ENTRY: AUGUST 14, 2011 (Gardening Success: Art vs. Science)

The cooking club that I belong to was over this evening for our annual 'Summer Cocktails & Appetizers' theme in our greenhouse. Invariably a garden tour became a part of the agenda.

This has been a phenomenal summer in the garden. The heat and sunshine have allowed the plants to grow large and healthy. The lack of storms, wind and hail has left the foliage beautiful and unblemished. And the unprecedented absence of mosquitoes this entire summer has allowed us to enjoy the beauty of the garden more than any summer before (despite the endless sounds of construction of the street right in front of our house).

Friends and coworkers often debate about what makes a garden beautiful. Ultimately it all comes down to one's own personal taste and an atmosphere that makes one happiest. For some, design is more important than anything else. For others it's all about the accessories--the art, the structures, the knick-knacks, the containers, the water features. And for others (like me) it's simply about the plants. For most people, it's a mix of all of the above that makes up the perfect garden.

At our cooking club gathering, and as we were walking around the yard, one of my friends commented on how talented I am artistically with my arrangement of plants in the yard and in containers and the stunning color combinations. I found her comments fascinating. From my perspective, the beauty of my garden comes down to simply knowing about the plants I grow and their very particular needs. That same friend

might have a very different opinion of my 'artistic talent' were she to visit my garden in late May. She'd see my now-hidden-by-foliage, hodgepodge collection of old, stained plastic and chipped clay pots. She'd wonder what on earth was he thinking with his odd and haphazard plant placement. Why did he put taller plants in front of shorter ones? Why are there ugly containers scattered throughout his perennial beds? Who in the world plants parsley, impatiens and butterfly bushes in the same container? What's up with that? Talent?

For me, it's the science of the plants that makes my garden a success (and beautiful). I'm diligent about watering and feeding. I place plants in my garden not by design, but by knowing their light requirements, watering needs and most importantly; what the plants will look like four months after I planted them in May. Because I do my homework and know the plants I grow so well, I no longer make the mistakes I made when I began gardening nearly 30 years ago. The color combinations are more coincidence than planning. I place plants where I know they'll grow best, rather than purchasing plants to fit a plan, design or color scheme. I purchase and grow the plants that I enjoy growing, knowing that I'll find some place in the yard that will accommodate them.

So it's August now, and as always, with good weather, some TLC and time to grow, the garden has come together beautifully--little artistic talent involved.

ENTRY: AUGUST 28, 2011 (Growing Cotton Is Fun and Educational)

Probably the most interesting and fun plant I'm growing in my garden this year is cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum*). I've never seen a cotton plant before, so I'm finding this whole experience fascinating. I can't believe how beautiful the plants are and how well they fit into the landscape. I'm growing two very large containers that are placed in two very different sunny spots in the yard so I can learn where they might grow best. The 3-4' plants are very dense with glossy and beautiful, maple-like foliage. Pale yellow flowers have appeared almost daily for the entire summer. The hibiscus-like blooms turn a pale pink as they mature. Like most members of the mallow family, blooms last just one day.

The plants are now loaded with large, hard seedpods called bolls and seem about to burst. I'm hoping they do so before the weather turns. Seed source: Pinetree Garden Seeds at www.superseeds.com.

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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!!

We're in the peak of watermelon season and from all indications, this has been a phenomenal year locally. Ideal weather conditions have made for large and sweet melons. Melons are now plentiful and inexpensive at local produce stands and markets. Though a treat on their own, watermelons are outstanding in salads, drinks and even when paired with savory ingredients for an unusual twist. Here are a few of some of Klein's favorites.

WATERMELON SALAD WITH FETA AND BASIL--Sweet and savory, this easy salad should be served immediately after prepared so flavors remain distinct. From the pages of Everyday Food magazine from June 2006.

7 lbs. seedless watermelon (12 cups) in 1" cubes.
4 TBS. fresh lime juice
1 cup basil, cut into thin strips
coarse salt and pepper to taste
8 oz. block feta cheese, crumbled into large chunks

In a large bowl, toss together the melon, juice and half of the basil. Serve immediately with the cheese and extra basil as toppings. Serves 8.

WATERMELON & CUCUMBER TONIC--From the pages of the July 2009 issue of Cooking Light magazine. Makes 8 drinks.

6 cups cubed and seeded watermelon, divided
1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, divided
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice, divided
3 cups peeled, sliced and seeded cucumber, divided
2 1/2 cups chilled tonic water
1 1/4 cups gin

Blend half of each in a blender: the watermelon, mint, juice and cucumber. Strain the blended mixture in a bowl through 4 layers of cheese cloth lining a sieve. Squeeze out the liquid. Repeat the process with the rest of the ingredients and discard all solids. Combine 2 1/2 cups of the liquid, the tonic and the gin in a pitcher, stirring well. (Reserve the rest of the liquid for the next round of drinks or for another use.)
Serve over ice.

WATERMELON MARGARITAS--Tried & true, this refreshing twist on a classic comes from the pages of Cooking Light magazine from July 2010. A staff member made pitchers of this easy concoction for a recent party and received great reviews.

2 tsp. sugar
1 lime wedge
3 1/2 cups cubed, seeded watermelon
1/2 cup tequila
2 TBS. sugar
3 TBS. fresh lime juice
1 TBS. Triple Sec or orange flavored liqueur
Extra lime wedges for serving

Place the two tsp. sugar in a saucer. Rub the rims of 6 glasses with the lime wedge to moisten. Coat the rims of the glasses with sugar and set aside.

Combine the watermelon, tequila, 2 TBS. sugar, lime juice and Triple Sec in a blender and blend until smooth. Fill each glass with 1/2 cup crushed ice and add 1/2 cup of the margarita. Garnish with lime wedges. Serves 6.

SPIKED WATERMELON SALAD--This delicious and not-so-kid-friendly dessert comes from the July 2002 issue of Bon Appetit magazine.

1 8 lb. watermelon, seeded and cut into 1" pieces
1 cup fresh lemon juice
2/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup vodka
6 TBS. creme de cassis (a black currant liqueur)
salt to taste
1/4 cup fresh, chopped mint

Place the watermelon in a large bowl. In another bowl, whisk together the juice and the sugar until the sugar is dissolved. Whisk in the vodka and the creme de cassis. Season to taste with salt and pour over the melon and lightly mix. Cover and chill at least 2 hours. Sprinkle with the mint and serve. Serves 8.

WATERMELON, ORANGE AND FETA SALAD--Though similar, this salad combines different flavors than the first salad recipe above--the onions add a whole new dimension. This recipe too comes from the pages of Everyday Food from July 2011 and is easily doubled.

Half of a 6" seedless watermelon cut into 1/4" thick slices
2 large oranges in slices
1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
4 oz. crumbled feta
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
2 1/2 TBS. extra virgin olive oil
coarse salt and pepper to taste

Arrange the salad ingredients on a large platter, drizzle with oil and season to taste. Couldn't be easier than that!! Serves 6.

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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.

This month's spotlight features: ColorPoint™ Cutting Tools from Dramm Corporation

Not only does Klein's carry Dramm Corporation's famous watering wands and watering accessories, but we also stock a full line of durable Dramm shears, pruners and loppers from their ColorPoint™ line of products. Like their watering wands, Dramm cutting tools come in a wide range of colors and styles. From Manitowoc, WI, Dramm is widely considered the best in the industry for their watering products. The reputation of these cutting tools is sure to follow. The following comes from the Dramm Corporation website at www.rainwand.com.

New for Spring 2011, Dramm launched a new product line of cutting tools designed for women. The new ColorPoint™ line includes hand held Pruners and Shears and a 24" Bypass Lopper. The new cutting tools are made with stainless steel blades for precise cutting and are lightweight for all day comfort. Of course it comes with Dramm's six bright colors so it will no longer get lost in your lawn.

Most garden cutting tools are intimidating for women. Dramm's new full line of cutting tools is easy to use, lightweight and reliable. Klein's assortment includes:

Compact Shears

- Ideal tool for cutting flowers and trimming back plants
- Fine point for detailed cutting
- Stainless steel blades
- Ergonomically designed
- Available in six vivid colors: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue and Berry

Compact Pruner

- Perfect for trimming woods stems and perennials
- 1/4" cutting capacity
- Stainless steel blades
- Ergonomically designed
- Available in an array of colors: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue and Berry

Bypass Lopper

- Provides a clean cut for plants, shrubs and trees.
- 1-1/2" cutting capacity.
- Designed for maximum precision and efficiency in a comfortable lightweight well-balanced design.
- Made from high strength aluminum and SK5 heat treated steel blades.
- Complete with rubber grips and cushioned shock-absorbing bumpers for all day comfort.
- Available in six vibrant colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue and berry.

Bypass Pruner

- Designed for pruning woody stems.
- 5/8" cutting capacity
- Stainless steel blade.

- Comfortable rubber grips and ergonomically designed for all-day comfort!
- Available in six vibrant colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue and berry

In the early 1940s, Manitowoc florist John G. Dramm, with a gift for invention, designed a product that was to become the cornerstone of the Dramm Corporation. He called it the 400 Water Breaker™.

Today Dramm Corporation still manufactures millions of Water Breaker hose nozzles along with many other Professional Watering Tools. In addition, Dramm produces its very own All natural fertilizer for organic crop production for commercial growers, master gardeners and enthusiasts throughout the world.

Although considerably larger than the basement operation it once was, Dramm Corporation has still not lost its commitment to quality and homespun approach to customer satisfaction.

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NATURAL NEWS--

It's the peak of the vegetable and fruit season here in Southern Wisconsin. We're lucky that in the Madison area we have so many sources for fresh and organic produce; including the many area farmers' markets, the many local CSA's, the Willie St. Co-op and from our own gardens. Many people around the country aren't so lucky as we are and rely exclusively on supermarket produce for their needs.

A recent report suggested that the pesticides on our supermarket bought fruits and vegetables aren't as dangerous as original reports suggested, so long as they are properly washed and not consumed in great quantities. The report referred to the 'Pesticide Dirty Dozen'. We thought we'd take this opportunity to refresh our memories on the original 'Dirty Dozen' report.

Pesticide Dirty Dozen

From www.greenmuze.com

The Environmental Working Group (EWG) has just released their updated version (2009) of the Shopper's Guide to Pesticides, detailing the top pesticide-laden fruits and vegetables to avoid. On the **Pesticide Dirty Dozen** list, the **juicy peach** receives top points for having the highest pesticide load of all the items tested, followed by the **apple, sweet bell pepper, celery, nectarine, strawberries, cherries, kale, lettuce, grapes (imported), carrots and pears.**

EWG research has found that people who eat the 12 most contaminated fruits and vegetables actually consume an average of 10 pesticides a day. People who eat the 15 least contaminated conventionally-grown fruits and vegetables ingest fewer than 2 pesticides daily.

The Clean 15 list includes **onions** as the top food to consume with the lowest pesticide loads, followed by **avocado, sweet corn, pineapple, mango, asparagus, sweet peas, kiwi, cabbage, eggplant, papaya, watermelon, broccoli, tomato and sweet potato.**

The growing consensus among scientists is that small doses of some pesticides and other chemicals can cause lasting damage to human health, especially during fetal development and early childhood, explains the EWG. Scientists now know enough about the long-term consequences of ingesting these powerful chemicals to advise that we minimize our consumption of pesticides.

Having said that, the EWG summarizes:

"Eat your fruits and vegetables! The health benefits of a diet rich in fruits and vegetables outweigh the risks of pesticide exposure."

SEPTEMBER'S PLANT OF THE MONTH:

TEN TOP HOSTAS--The Must-Haves for Your Garden

Dr. Leonard Perry, Extension Professor

University of Vermont

With thousands of hostas (funkia, plantain lily) to choose from, most specialist nurseries having hundreds, how do you choose ones for your garden? The hostas of the year, from the American Hosta Society, are a good place to start. They have proven excellent in all regions of the country, are popular, and are less expensive.

'Fragrant Bouquet' was bred in 1982, and was hosta of the year in 1998. It grows 18 inches high and 36 inches wide, with leaves 8 inches wide and 6 inches long. The apple green leaves are wavy, with wide and irregular light yellow margins. As the name indicates, its flowers are fragrant. There are many flowers, and unlike most hostas with somewhat bell-shaped flowers, these are flat. This hosta is good for both sun and heat.

'Guacamole' was bred in 1994, and was hosta of the year in 2002. It reaches two feet high and four feet wide, with leaves about 11 inches long and 8 inches wide. The shiny leaves are a reverse of 'Fragrant Bouquet' with irregular green margins and somewhat gold centers. The very fragrant and large near-white flowers bloom in mid-summer.

'June' was bred in 1991 and won hosta of the year in 2001. It gets about 15 inches high and 30 inches wide, with leaves about 6 inches long and 4 inches wide. It is a gold-centered sport of 'Halcyon'. The dark bluish leaves have shades of yellow and yellow-green. The dark green margins are irregular and vary, making each leaf unique. This hosta has pale lavender flowers, and is slug resistant.

'Patriot' also was bred in 1991, and won hosta of the year in 1997. It grows about two feet tall and three feet wide, with leaves about 8 inches long and 6 inches wide. It is a sport of 'Francee', with medium green leaves and wide creamy yellow to white margins. It is one of the most popular of the white-margined hostas, has lavender flowers, and is sun tolerant.

'Paul's Glory' was bred in 1987, and was hosta of the year in 1999. It is wide, growing about two feet high and about 5 feet wide. Leaves are large, about 10 inches long and 7 inches wide, and are moderately ridged (corrugated). The blue to dark green margins are about one-half inch wide. The leaves emerge almost green in spring, with centers changing to chartreuse then creamy white or even gold as summer progresses. Pale lavender flowers bloom in mid-summer.

'Regal Splendor' also was bred in 1987, yet won hosta of the year in 2003. It is large, growing about 30 inches high and 40 inches wide. Leaves are large too, being about 12 inches long and 6 inches wide. It is a gold-margined sport of 'Krossa Regal', with leaves blue green. It is sun tolerant, and the lavender flowers are held higher than most hostas on five foot flower stalks (scapes).

'Sagae' was bred in 1985, and was selected hosta of the year in 2000. Some consider it one of the best large hostas, reaching about three feet high and five to six feet across. Give this one plenty of space keeping in mind that, like most large hostas, it takes four or five years to mature. The leaves too are huge, being about 14 inches long and 10 inches wide, thick, upright, and with a textured surface. The dark bluish-green leaves have gold margins, turning creamy in mid-summer with high light. It has lavender flowers.

'So Sweet' was bred in 1986, being hosta of the year ten years later in 1996. It reaches about 20 inches tall, about 36 inches wide. The shiny, medium green leaves are about 7 inches long and 4 inches wide. Leaves have somewhat regular, creamy yellow to white margins. The white flowers are fragrant, hence the name.

'Striptease' was bred in 1991, and is the hosta winner for 2005. This sport of 'Gold Standard' reaches 20 inches tall and 36 inches wide. The medium to dark green leaves are about 8 inches long and 6 inches wide, with wide two-inch gold centers. There may be streaks of white between the gold and the green. This blooms with lavender flowers.

We end with the one often considered the most popular hosta, **'Sum and Substance'**. It too is large, reaching about three feet high and five feet wide. Leaves are quite large, reaching about 20 inches long and 15 inches wide. The glossy leaves are textured (puckered), usually chartreuse but becoming more gold in higher light. It has pale lavender flowers in mid-summer, good slug resistance and sun tolerance. If you are just beginning with hostas, this cultivar (cultivated variety) might be a good place to start.

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YOU ASKED THE MAD GARDENER. . .

I have a wisteria plant that is thriving in full sun. I've had it for maybe 7 or 8 years. I think it has only bloomed once in that time. The vine seems healthy--do I need some additive in the soil to get it to bloom? Thanks for your help! Peggy

Hi Peggy,

My first question to you is a very important one. Did you plant Kentucky or Japanese wisteria?

Japanese wisteria is oftentimes inappropriately sold in the Madison area and is readily available through mail order companies. Though the vines are hardy, the flower buds are very sensitive to late spring frosts. Once the buds are formed (and they may be visibly undetectable that early in the season), they will be destroyed by any late freezes; similar to what happens to forsythia. If you do, in fact, have a Japanese wisteria we might not have had a late freeze the year that it flowered.

Kentucky wisteria (*Wisteria machrostachya*) is the species that should be planted in the Madison area for reliable flowering. Having said that, even their flower buds can be destroyed some years by late freezes. The last few springs have, however, been very kind to wisterias in the Madison area. That's why I'm suspecting you have a Japanese wisteria.

Do you know the variety you have? The two Kentucky wisterias found in the Madison are usually 'Aunt Dee' or 'Blue Moon'.

Thanks for your great question!
The Mad Gardener

AROUND TOWN:

For neighborhood events or garden tours that you would like posted in our monthly newsletter, please contact Rick at [\(608\) 244-5661](tel:6082445661) or rick@kleinsfloral.com or Sue at sue@kleinsfloral.com. Please include all details, i.e. dates, locations, prices, brief description, etc. Events must be garden related and must take place in the Madison vicinity and we must receive your information by the first of the month in which the event takes place for it to appear in that month's newsletter. This is a great opportunity for free advertising.

Northside Farmers Market

Sundays, May 1 through October 23, 8:30-12:30

In the Northside TownCenter at the intersection of N. Sherman Ave. and Northport Dr. across from Warner Park. Please note that Northport Dr. and Packers Ave. will be under construction during the 2011 season.

The Northside Farmers Market is a nonprofit community enterprise. It is one of the newest and fastest growing farmers' markets in Dane County. In keeping with the innovative spirit of Madison's Northside, we are surpassing what defines the traditional farmers' market. Our fundamental principles include:

--Providing an abundant selection of high quality, locally grown foods.

The market accepts Quest, WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers.

--Supporting our local agricultural entrepreneurs who are increasingly important today in ensuring that we have the best and safest food possible.

--Educating the community about traditional foods and the history of local agriculture in an attempt to preserve (and expand upon) our rich heritage.

--Promoting nutrition and the market by hosting dinners for neighborhood groups and seniors.

Parking is always FREE!

For details visit www.northsidefarmersmarket.org

Dane County Farmer's Market

Saturdays, April 17 thru November 6, 6:00-2:00
On the Capitol Square

Wednesdays, April 21 thru November 3, 8:30-2:00
In the 200 block of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

For details visit www.madfarmmkt.org

Olbrich Garden's

Bolz Conservatory Exhibit-Integrated Pest Management

August 8 thru September 25, 2011
Daily from 10:00-4:00, Sundays 10:00-5:00
In the Bolz Conservatory

Beneficial insects have been used in the Conservatory since it opened in 1991. These bugs provide control of plant-damaging insects, minimizing the need of more dangerous traditional insecticides. These controls, along with several others, are part of the Conservatory's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. This widely accepted program strives to use the least toxic method of insect and disease control to be more environmentally sensitive. Learn about Olbrich's environmentally friendly pest control methods and get ideas you can use to reduce or eliminate pesticide use at home.

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

13th Annual Fall Plant Sale

Saturday, September 10, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 11, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
At the Horticulture Center

Featuring:

- Hundreds of varieties of perennials for all garden situations
- Huge garden mums
- Spring blooming bulbs
- Shrubs
- Roses
- Bagged Compost

Call Mark at [\(608\) 754-1779](tel:6087541779) with any questions

Rotary Botanical Gardens
1455 Palmer Drive
Janesville, WI 53545
[608/752-3885](tel:6087523885) or www.rotarygardens.org for details

Seed Collection and Seeding

Saturday, September 10, 9:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m.

Instructor: Susan Kilmer, Research Horticulturist

Pre-register by September 7

\$13.50 (\$12 for FOA)

Learn about what native seeds to collect and when, what to do with them after they are collected, and how to propagate or plant them. Dress for being outdoors.

University of Wisconsin Arboretum
1207 Seminole Highway
Madison, WI 53711
[608/263-7888](tel:6082637888) or www.uwarboretum.org for details

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Native by Design--Gardening for a Sustainable Future

Sunday, September 18, 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Using the Arboretum's Wisconsin Native Plant Garden as an outdoor classroom, sessions are combined with expert advice and living examples to guide those wishing to become successful native gardeners. Keynote speaker is Evelyn Hadden who will share ideas and strategies for designing, creating, and maintaining more satisfying landscapes with less lawn. Fee: \$60 (\$54 for members of Friends of the Arboretum; \$30 for students). Registration required. Contact the Arboretum for a registration form or download a form at www.uwarboretum.org

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Fall Flowers

Sunday, September 18, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Grady Tract

Enjoy a late summer walk through goldenrods, asters, sunflowers and gentians. Meet at the Grady Tract parking lot located at the southeast corner of the Beltline and Seminole Highway.

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Olbrich's Garden's Bulk Mulch Sale

Saturday, September 24, 9:00-1:00

Buy leaf mulch in bulk and save money during Olbrich's Fall bulk Mulch sale! The shredded, composted leaves enrich soil and provide nourishment and protection for your gardens, shrubs, and trees. While applying mulch to gardens in the spring is most common, applying leaf mulch in the fall helps regulate soil temperatures during the winter, and gives the garden a head start in the spring. Bulk mulch is loose and is loaded with a tractor. Bring your own truck or trailer and Olbrich will load bulk scoops for you. Each scoop is \$40 and covers approximately 350-square feet at a 3-inch depth.

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SEPTEMBER 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.**

- Pick up a copy of the 2012 Wisconsin Garden Journal at bookstores & Klein's
- Continue sowing lettuce, endive, escarole and spinach.
- Plant garlic now! This is the best time in Wisconsin.
- Plant bearded iris rhizomes and transplant peonies.
- Harvest pumpkins and winter squash.
- Apply a systemic pesticide to plants to be wintered over indoors.
- Continue planting shrubs and trees.
- Plant grass seed. September is one of the best times as nights cool.
- Aerate your lawn.
- Divide and plant perennials as desired.
- Stop deadheading perennials for winter interest, i.e. sedums, grasses, etc.
- Dig tender bulbs as the foliage yellows.
- Give the garden at least 1" of moisture per week.
- Collect seeds for next year's garden.
- Make notes in your garden journal for changes, improvements, etc.
- Take pictures of your garden for record keeping.
- Keep an eye on the weather. Water as needed.
- Shop for spring bulbs, mums and winter hardy pansies.
- Bring dormant amaryllis bulb indoors for 3 mo. of rest.
- Begin checking out the garden centers for spring bulb selection.
- Take cuttings of geraniums, coleus and other plants to winter over.
- Late in the month, begin planting spring bulbs, but wait as long as possible.
- Begin moving houseplants back indoors.
- Visit Klein's---Great selection of mums, kales, cabbages, pansies & more!

Some of our very favorite seed and plant sources include:

For seeds:

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds @ www.RareSeeds.com or [417/924-8887](tel:4179248887)
Burpee @ www.burpee.com or [800/888-1447](tel:8008881447)
Harris Seeds @ www.harrisseed.com or [800/514-4441](tel:8005144441)
Johnny's Select Seeds @ www.johnnyseeds.com or [207/861-3901](tel:2078613901)
Jung's Seeds @ www.jungseed.com or [800/247-5864](tel:8002475864)
Park's Seeds @ www.parkseed.com or [800/845-3369](tel:8008453369)
Seeds of Change @ www.seedsofchange.com or [888/762-7333](tel:8887627333)
Seed Savers @ www.seedsavers.org or [563/382-5990](tel:5633825990)
Select Seeds @ www.selectseeds.com or [800/684-0395](tel:8006840395)
Territorial Seeds @ www.territorialseed.com or [888/657-3131](tel:8886573131)

Thompson & Morgan @ www.thompson-morgan.com or [800/274-7333](tel:8002747333)

For bulbs:

Brent & Becky's Bulbs @ www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com or [877/661-2852](tel:8776612852)

Colorblends @ www.colorblends.com or [888/847-8637](tel:8888478637)

John Scheeper's @ www.johnscheepers.com or [860/567-0838](tel:8605670838)

McClure & Zimmerman @ www.mzbulb.com or [800/883-6998](tel:8008836998)

For plants:

Heronswood Nursery @ www.heronswood.com or [360/297-4172](tel:3602974172)

High Country Gardens @ www.highcountrygardens.com or [800/925-9387](tel:8009259387)

Logee's Greenhouses @ www.logees.com or [888/330-8038](tel:8883308038)

Plant Delights Nursery @ www.plantdelights.com or [912/772-4794](tel:9127724794)

Roots and Rhizomes @ www.rootsrhizomes.com or [800/374-5035](tel:8003745035)

Wayside Gardens @ www.waysidegardens.com or [800/213-0379](tel:8002130379)

White Flower Farm @ www.whiteflowerfarm.com or [800/503-9624](tel:8005039624)

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

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

IN SEPTEMBER:

---The poinsettias continue grow and thrive in our back greenhouses. They're almost ready to bring into our retail greenhouses before the weather gets too cold.

---Crops arrive for winter sales: cyclamen, azaleas.

---We begin weatherizing the greenhouses for winter.

---All remaining perennials are cut back, cleaned up and put into winter storage.

---We continue stocking fall mums as they go into bloom. We'll continue to have a good selection into November.

---Ordering plants for spring 2012 is going on fast and furious. Our growers order early to ensure best selection. They pore over stacks of catalogs containing the newest plant material for 2012.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE--FRANK NACHTIGAL

Though Frank has been the Klein's maintenance person since 2000, the real reason Frank probably works at Klein's over anywhere else is his love of gardening and nature. Without prompting, Frank said that among his favorite things in life has been planting things and then the enjoyment of watching them grow. He said his love of nature is intimately tied to his own faith and spirituality.

Like many of us at Klein's, Frank is a country boy, growing up on a dairy farm in rural Richland county near Yuba. And like many of us, memories of the large family vegetable garden were an integral part of his childhood. He says his mother was the true gardener, though his father was involved to some degree with the tilling and the planting--although not always up to mom's specifications. Like many farmers, the

fields were probably his version of gardening. Frank says his mother canned much of what they raised and his mother still lives on the homestead to this day.

After graduating from Richland Center High School, Frank was drafted into the military during the Cuban missile crisis in the early 60's. There he attended a nuclear weapons school and worked on nuclear warheads while stationed in New Mexico and then on the East Coast. It was while stationed there that he met his future wife, Marie. The move from urban Philadelphia to rural Wisconsin could not have been the easiest for Marie. Once home, Frank first worked for Dairyland Power & Light and then for Gisholt Manufacturing Co. here in Madison. After they closed in 1970, Frank began a career at Oscar Mayer, working there until he retired in 1999. At Oscar Mayer, Frank said he was essentially a jack-of-all-trades, but worked primarily in the plastics division.

It was less than a year after his retirement from Oscar's that Frank began working at Klein's as our maintenance person. He says he took the job to keep busy and he liked the combination of doing the handy work and working at a garden center. At Klein's, Frank does a bit of everything--a little carpentry, a little electrical, a little mechanical but a lot of plumbing!! He says his schedule at Klein's fits perfectly into his family life, gardening and hunting.

Frank and Marie currently live just east of Cottage Grove. Marie is retired from Kohl's Foods and currently works at the Prime Quarter Steakhouse just blocks from Klein's, where she does office work. They have five grown children and a few grandchildren. Frank says that his daughters are especially enthused about gardening and themselves are Klein's shoppers. Frank says he, like his mother, used to have a huge vegetable garden. But as time passed he became more interested in flowers--and especially interested in container gardening and tropicals. He says he currently has about 50 containers, many of which he brings indoors for the winter. And at Klein's, when he's not searching for needed tools that his coworkers leave lying around everywhere, Frank is often on the search for just one more hibiscus to add to his growing collection.

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

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

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

Ask us your gardening questions by e-mailing us at madgardener@kleinsfloral.com. 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

Klein's has joined the Facebook frenzy. Become a fan of Klein's by visiting us at www.facebook.com.. We continuously post company updates and new pictures

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.

BUCKY BOOK COUPON

Klein's is again showing our proud support of community UW athletics and academics with advertising and coupons in the 2010 edition of the Bucky Book. We are also selling the 2010 edition in-store--the perfect gift. Visit www.buckybook.com for more information and to order your copy.

RECYCLING POTS & TRAYS

The City of Madison will recycle rinsed out hard plastic pots and trays when brought to their drop-off locations at 4602 Sycamore Ave. and 1501 West Badger Rd. They do not accept light plastic or multi-celled packs. White plastic #5's are also not accepted in city recycling bins or at the drop-off sites. For more information call 267-2626 or visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets/RigidPlasticRecyclingDropOff.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 each delivery 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](tel:6082445661) or [888/244-5661](tel:8882445661) or by stopping in. We request that payment be made in full before the first delivery and prices do not include sales tax.

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DELIVERY INFO

Klein's Floral and Greenhouses delivers daily, except Sundays, throughout all of Madison and much of Dane County including: Cottage Grove, DeForest, Fitchburg, Maple Bluff, Marshall, McFarland, Middleton, Monona, Oregon, Shorewood Hills, Sun Prairie, Verona, Waunakee and Windsor. Current delivery rate on 1-4 items is \$6.95 for Madison, Maple Bluff, Monona and Shorewood Hills, slightly more to the surrounding communities and for more than 4 items. We not only deliver our fabulous fresh flowers, but also houseplants, bedding plants and sundries. A minimum order of \$25.00 is required for delivery. Delivery to the Madison hospitals is \$4.95. Deliveries to the four Madison hospitals are made during the early afternoon. There is no delivery charge to funeral homes in the city of Madison, although regular rates apply for morning funeral deliveries to Madison's west side. Regular rates also apply for funeral deliveries in the surrounding communities.

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 4:00

p.m. Except during holidays, the following west-side zip codes and communities can be 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. We do not deliver to Cambridge, Columbus, Deerfield or Stoughton.

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

Phone: [608/244-5661](tel:6082445661) or [888/244-5661](tel:8882445661)

Grower, General Manager --Jamie VandenWymelenberg jamie@kleinsfloral.com

Assistant Manager--Jennifer Simon jsimon@kleinsfloral.com

House Accounts & Billing--Barbara Foulk barb@kleinsfloral.com

Delivery Supervisor--Rick Halbach rick@kleinsfloral.com

Owner & Manager--Sue Klein sue@kleinsfloral.com

RELATED RESOURCES AND WEB SITES

University of Wisconsin Extension

1 Fen Oak Ct. #138

Madison, WI 53718

[608/224-3700](tel:6082243700)

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/>

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/wihort/>

Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic

Dept. of Plant Pathology

1630 Linden Dr.

Madison, WI 53706

<http://www.plantpath.wisc.edu/index.php>

Insect Diagnostic Lab

240 Russell Labs

1630 Linden Dr.

Madison, WI 53706

<http://www.entomology.wisc.edu/>

U.W. Soil and Plant Analysis Lab

8452 Mineral Point Rd.

Verona, WI 53593

[608/262-4364](tel:6082624364)

<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.invasive.org/>

Friends of Troy Gardens
Rm. 171, Bldg. 14
3601 Memorial Dr.
Madison, WI 53704
[608/240-0409](tel:6082400409)
<http://www.troygardens.org/>

Community Gardens Division (Madison area)
Community Action Coalition
1717 N. Stoughton Rd.
Madison, WI 53704
[608/246-4730](tel:6082464730)
<http://www.cacscw.org/gardens/>

Madison Area Master Gardeners (MAMGA)
<http://www.madison.com/communities/mamga/>

Wisconsin Master Gardeners Program
Department of Horticulture
1575 Linden Drive
University of Wisconsin - Madison
Madison, WI 53706
[608/265-4504](tel:6082654504)
<http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/>

The Wisconsin Gardener
<http://www.wpt.org/garden/>

Allen Centennial Gardens
620 Babcock Dr.
Madison, WI 53706
[608/262-8406](tel:6082628406)
<http://www.horticulture.wisc.edu/allencentennialgardens/>

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University of Wisconsin-West Madison
Agricultural Research Center
8502 Mineral Point Rd.
Verona, WI 53593

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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