

## **‘THE SAGE’--JUNE 2007**

### **Klein’s Floral & Greenhouses On-Line Newsletter**

**NOTE: If you of know of any community or neighborhood events or garden tours you would like posted on our web site in our July or August newsletters, please contact Rick at (608) 244-5661. Please include all details, i.e. dates, locations, prices, brief description, etc. Our readership has been growing constantly so this is a great opportunity for free advertising. Events must be garden related and must take place in the immediate Madison vicinity. Your event will be posted in the ‘Around Town’ section of the newsletter on the first of the month.**

### **JUNE STORE HOURS**

Monday thru Friday : 8:00-8:00

Saturday: 8:00-6:00

Sunday: 9:00-5:00

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Throughout June visit Klein’s and check out our specials on annuals, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets and containers. Specials and selection changes weekly so give us a call for the most up-to-date information at (608) 244-5661 or toll free at 888-244-5661. We pride ourselves in having the best cared for plants in even the hottest weather and throughout the month we’ll continue to offer a full selection of annuals and perennials.

June 1--Full Moon

June 14--Flag Day

June 17--Father’s Day

June 21--First Day of Summer

June 30--‘Blue Moon’ (the second full moon in a single month)

### **‘THE FLOWER SHOPPE’**

June is wedding month at Klein’s. As one of Madison’s oldest and most reputable florists, Klein’s has been making Madison area weddings extra special for generations. We sometimes schedule as many as three weddings per weekend during this time of year. As the weekends approach, our designers are busy in the design shop putting together stunning hand bouquets, church arrangements, table centerpieces, hair adornments, corsages, boutonnieres and cake decorations--everything to make your special day perfect. Whether traditional or contemporary, Klein’s offers first rate service and complete satisfaction and we’ll deliver throughout all of Madison and much of Dane County.

It’s never too early to begin planning for your 2008 event. Call our design manager, Kathy Lehman at (608) 244-5661 or toll free at 888-244-5661 so set up a time for a free consultation.

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

. . . that the “spring planting season” no longer ends with the summer solstice, but now continues until the first fall frosts? Yes, it’s true. Gardening in the Madison area has changed drastically during the past two decades. As recently as the mid-90’s, Madison area gardeners essentially stopped adding plants to their gardens, once the hot days of high summer unfolded. Nowadays, people continue planting throughout the summer months. The biggest change has occurred in the continued buying and planting of annuals. Gardeners now realize that as the season progresses, it’s never too late to add fresh color to gardens and containers. Gardeners are willing to replace the spring blooming pansies and dianthus with heat tolerant petunias and verbena or fill in the holes left by hungry rabbits or other failures. The modern Wisconsin gardener wants their garden to look great all season long--even during the peak heat of summer. Summers are short here and with gardening being America’s number one pastime, Wisconsinites are now wanting to take advantage of every minute we can spend outside. Enclosed garden rooms, gazebos, screen houses and bug zappers have added to this trend by allowing us to spend more time outside surrounded by our gardens. Another trend is the continued planting of annuals well into fall. Cold tolerant plants now flood the market: nemesia, diascia, osteospermum, wallflower and winter hardy pansies, among others--along with mums, kales, grasses. The Madison garden can now be full of color well into November.

Klein’s has been a local leader in recognizing and expanding upon these trends.

In the early 90’s, shoppers had pretty much disappeared by July 4. Local greenhouses offered little more than overgrown, thirsty, leftover annuals at rock bottom prices.

NO MORE! About 10 years ago we began our summer “Jumbo Pack” program with amazing success. We now offer fresh, healthy, colorful annuals well into midsummer. The large cell pack size allows for vigorous growth and great moisture retention. These plants are perfect for quick color in tired containers or beds. We offer a full spectrum of heat tolerant annuals: petunias, salvia, impatiens, zinnias, etc., and a fantastic selection from the ‘Proven Winner’ line. The list goes on and on and on! In addition, we continue planting up gorgeous patio pots and hanging baskets. Planning an event? Selling a house? Klein’s is your one stop shopping experience for instant beautification. We also offer a great selection of tropicals--all of which thrive in our summer heat and humidity.

**KLEIN’S RECIPES OF THE MONTH**--These are a selection of relatively simple recipes chosen by our staff. New recipes appear monthly. Enjoy!!

Edible flowers are an unusual and colorful garnish that can be used to great effect in dishes, both sweet and savory. They impart a delicate flavor to jams, salads, beverages or sorbets. Zucchini flowers are robust enough to be lightly fried, while dried flowers are a common ingredient in many spice mixtures. A scattering of colorful petals and flowers is striking when set against a background of salad greens. Herb flowers, such as borage or chives, are ideal for salads, as are peppery nasturtium blossoms. Cornflowers, calendula, violas, pansies and marigolds are useful for their colors. In sweet dishes, roses or scented geranium blossoms are an obvious choice. Other edible flowers include: Salvia, clover, daylilies, freesia, sweet pea, dianthus and lavender. Before using any other flowers, check with a reliable source to make sure the blossom is indeed edible! There are many books and pamphlets available on this subject. Many specialty cookbooks include recipes using edible flowers.

**STUFFED ZUCCHINI FLOWERS**--Found in the Encyclopedia of Herbs, Spices & Flavorings by Elisabeth Lambert Ortiz, a DK book.

12-14 zucchini flowers  
1 cup ricotta  
4 TBS. freshly grated parmesan  
1 small bunch basil, chopped  
Freshly ground nutmeg  
1 egg, beaten  
salt  
3/4 cup flour  
Veggie oil for frying

Rinse the flowers and pat dry. In a bowl, combine the cheeses, basil, nutmeg and egg and season to taste. Fill each flower with the mixture and close, twisting the tip to seal. In a bowl, whisk the flour with 1 cup water added gradually; it should resemble heavy cream. Heat the oil in a skillet. Dip each flower into the batter and fry until golden, about 2-3 min. per side. Drain on paper towels, sprinkle with salt and serve hot. Serves 4.

**RATAFIA OF CARNATIONS**--An easy-to-make cordial.

8 oz. scented carnation petals  
5 TBS. superfine sugar  
1 clove  
1 very small cinnamon stick  
4 1/2 cups vodka

Combine all ingredients in a glass bottle or jar. Seal and allow to infuse in a cool, dark place for at least one month, stirring occasionally. When the petals lose their color, strain and rebottle. Enjoy!

**CHIVE BLOSSOM VINEGAR**--Ever so easy! Wonderful in salad dressings.

1/3 cup chive petals  
2 cups white wine vinegar

Place the washed petals in a glass jar or bottle. Bring vinegar to a boil and pour over the blossoms. Allow to cool completely.

Cover. Allow to infuse for several weeks and then strain. Makes 2 cups.

**NEW PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT**--Each month we will spotlight some new 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 new product is:

## COLORED TOMATO CAGES--

It's best to offer your tomato plants support before they get too big. It's much easier to slip a tomato cage over a small plant than over a fully grown, fruit laden vine. Try something a little more fun this year by using some of our eye-catching, brightly colored tomato supports. The cages are round, vinyl covered supports made from heavy gauge wire and are available in green, yellow, orange, purple, red and blue. Who says plant support needs to be boring and unsightly? Besides, the kids will love them!!

**NATURAL NEWS**--This column devotes itself to organic techniques, products, pest control, etc.--anything that educates us on the means to protect our environment.

Now that the gardening season is in full swing and summer draws near, your thirsty plants are in constant need of valuable water. As every gardener knows, plants do much better watered with rain water versus city water or even private well water. City water contains fluoride and chlorine and rural well water often contains harmful chemicals from farm fields and both waters contain salts, which can prohibit plants from taking in vital nutrients. Rain collection, on the other hand offers an easy and fun alternative. Rain water is nitrogen rich and naturally soft. Collecting rain water is as simple as placing any container under a down spout. An easier solution is to invest in one of the many rain barrel systems on the market. One can collect huge amounts of water with little energy. Barrels generally range from 40 to 75 gallons and this is a situation where bigger is definitely better if you have the room. Down spouts are usually reconfigured to fill the barrel directly from the top, but some systems can divert rainwater from the down spout to the barrel and then redirect it back to the down spout once the barrel is full. Barrels have overflows to direct water away from the house once the barrel is full. Safety can be a concern with small children, but all modern systems are designed with openings small enough that no child could fall in. All systems also contain screens over the top to prevent mosquitoes from laying their eggs in the water and to keep debris out. For watering easy, most barrels have a spigot at the base for filling watering cans. Some brands even have linking kits to connect more than one barrel together if desired. Prices generally range from \$60.00 for small, simple barrels to up to \$250.00 for the more elaborate systems. Either way, the investment is worth the results.

We've heard that it's nearly impossible to buy a rain barrel at retail stores. Some great mail order sources include:

Gardener's Supply Co. @ 800-427-3363 ([www.gardeners.com](http://www.gardeners.com))  
Charley's Greenhouse & Garden @ 800-322-4707 ([www.charleysgreenhouse.com](http://www.charleysgreenhouse.com))  
A.M. Leonard's Gardeners Edge @ 888-556-5676 ([www.gardenersedge.com](http://www.gardenersedge.com))

Also, check out [www.rainbarrelguide.com](http://www.rainbarrelguide.com). This is an amazing site with more information than you'd ever need to know about the why's and how's of rain collection.

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

### **THE TOMATO**

We at Klein's know our tomatoes. With over 40 varieties available, we are not only the garden center to fill any tomato need, but can also help with those many tomato questions and problems that are sure to pop up. Given the fickle nature of tomato culture, growing that perfect, unblemished fruit is not always the simplest thing in the world.

Never plant tomatoes before mid-May. And even better, wait until late May or even early June. Tomatoes are a warm weather crop. But just as important as air temperature is the soil temperature. Soils in Madison are usually not warm enough until the end of May. Tomatoes planted too early may remain stunted and never bounce back.

Tomatoes require full sun and good air circulation. Tomatoes are susceptible to a number of fungal problems so good airflow is crucial. It's also best to rotate tomatoes from season to season in the garden to help with any soil borne diseases. Many diseases can remain in the soil for years, so if historically, you've had a problem growing tomatoes in one spot, try them in another. Because tomatoes belong to the nightshade family (along with peppers, eggplant, potatoes, petunias, nicotiana and datura) they cannot be grown successfully near walnut trees. Walnut trees produce a toxin that prohibits the growth of many garden plants.

A good mulch of marsh hay, straw or fabric is also important for successful tomato culture and for two reasons. Firstly, because tomatoes are susceptible to certain fungal problems, using a mulch helps prohibit the soil borne spores from splashing up onto the leaves during rain. Secondly, the use of a mulch helps keep in valuable moisture. Tomatoes are extremely thirsty plants. Inconsistent moisture levels causes a condition called blossom end rot. Most people mistake this for a fungal problem when it's actually a nutritional problem caused by wet and dry cycles. Tomatoes prefer to be kept constantly moist, but never soggy.

Support or staking is also important in keeping the fruit and foliage off the ground, but with a loose bed of hay over which to sprawl, this isn't necessary unless space is a concern.

Recently there has been a bit of debate about whether or not to remove the suckers (new growth where the leaves meet the stem). Traditionally, suckers are removed to direct all energy into the main stem. This will give you the largest tomatoes. But, with our short growing season, production can be severely reduced by removing the side shoots. Therefore, if your goal is large tomatoes, remove the suckers. If you prefer a heavier yield of smaller tomatoes, leave the suckers--the more branches, the more fruit.

For any questions regarding your tomatoes this growing season call Klein's at (608) 244-5661 and direct your inquiries to either Jamie, Marion, Sonya, Craig or Rick.

### **YOU ASKED. . .**

Which plants available at Klein's will attract butterflies and hummingbirds to my yard?  
And those bees, they scare me and the kids. How do I get rid of them?

I'll answer that second question first. Unless you have an allergic reaction to bee stings, it's far more important to get rid of your fear of bees rather than getting rid of the bees themselves. It's even more important to teach your children how important and beautiful bees are. We aren't born with an innate fear of bees (or spiders for that matter) but are taught by observing those around us. If you're afraid, your children will be afraid. Bees are the most important pollinators in our gardens and are the barometer to measure the health of any garden. If you don't have bees in your garden, you probably won't have butterflies or hummingbirds either. All creatures in the garden are linked--the desirables (butterflies and, yes, bees) and the undesirables (Japanese beetles, earwigs, slugs, etc.). By eliminating the "undesirables" from your garden, you're probably keeping the desirables away as well.

Favorite plants for attracting butterflies include (keeping in mind that different butterflies prefer different flowers):  
lantana, milkweed (both annual and perennial), pentas, agastache, liatris (especially meadow blazing star), coneflowers, zinnias, tithonia, verbena bonariensis, Mexican flame vine and perennial phlox

To attract hummingbirds, plant: fuchsia (especially 'Gartenmeister'), honeysuckle, lantana, ANY salvia, impatiens, trumpet vine and cardinal climber.

These are just a few of the more effective and interesting choices, but flowers of any kind will attract some interest.

### **AROUND TOWN**

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

Saturdays, April 21 thru November 3, 6:00-2:00  
On the Capitol Square

#### **Iris Show**

Saturday, June 2, 1:00-4:00  
Sunday, June 3, 10:00-3:00  
Sponsored by the Madison Iris Society  
For details call 608/825-7423

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

#### **The Wisconsin Gardener**

"Healthy Weeds"  
Thursday, June 7, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, June 24, 2:30 p.m.  
on Wisconsin Public Television  
Check local listings for the station nearest you.

#### **Madison Rose Society Show**

Sunday, June 17, 12:00-4:30  
Free Admission  
Call 608/845-6063 for details

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

### **Rhapsody in Bloom**

Saturday, June 23, 4:30-11:00  
One of Olbrich Gardens' biggest fundraisers  
For reservations call 608/246-5616

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

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ By early June, finish planting all annuals and vegetables.
- \_\_\_\_\_ By early June, move all houseplants out that spend the summer outdoors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ In early June give all beds a thorough weeding for easier follow-up.
- \_\_\_\_\_ June is a great month to plant perennials, trees and shrubs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prune evergreens.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prune hard any spring flowering shrubs like forsythia, quince, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mulch beds to conserve moisture and keep down weeds.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Begin deadheading spent blooms as needed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove yellowed foliage of spring tulips, daffodils, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Begin staking and supporting tall plants as needed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Begin your fertilizing regimen. Regular fertilizing makes for healthy plants.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Order spring bulbs from catalogs while your memory is still fresh.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Keep an eye on the weather. Water as needed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Watch for pests and control as needed or desired.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Begin seeding cole crops for fall harvest. Also sow pansies and wallflowers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pinch hardy mums until July 4 for bushier less floppy plants.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visit Klein's---Watch for end of season savings on annuals and perennials.

**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 JUNE:**

---The back greenhouses are nearly empty of product. We've had another successful season. This is the time to plan for next spring--while our memories are still fresh: How can we improve in 2008? Which plants did we run out of too early? How was staffing?

---Watering is a nonstop endeavor. On hot, windy days, we no sooner finish the first round, when we have to start all over again. Some plants in our retail areas may need watering 3 or 4 times in a single day! You wouldn't do this at home, but customers don't like to see wilted plants. It's not harmful for us to let them wilt a bit, but it makes for bad presentation.

---We continue to plant some annuals, hanging baskets and containers for summer sales. Our summer "Jumbo Pack" program is under way.

---Fall mums and asters are stepped up into larger tubs and containers for fall sales.

---We begin prepping some of the back greenhouses for the arrival of poinsettia plugs in just a few weeks.

---Our employees breathe a sigh of relief and spend some much needed downtime with family and friends.

### **EMPLOYEE PROFILE OF THE MONTH--CRAIG JOHNSON**

For nearly nine years now Craig Johnson has been a rock for Klein's customers and employees alike. He shows an unwavering desire to enhance the shopping experience for the consumer and simultaneously make life easier for his coworkers. His willingness to help everyone is one of his greatest contributions to the continued success of Klein's. Craig has always made customer service one of his biggest priorities. At our annual employee spring meeting, Craig always reminds us that we are here for the customer and that a simple smile and "Hello" goes a long way. It's rubbed off on most of us and we're sure the customer can sense that when they shop at Klein's versus some of our competitors. The added customer service that Craig provides has certainly translated into increased sales and lifelong customers. Craig's desire to please comes with a price. He won't hesitate to help a coworker in need, oftentimes making for longer hours or having to do work at home.

Craig was hired as Klein's first ever Assistant Grower. As our business continued to grow, it became quite clear that our grower could no longer do everything that needed to be done by himself. Craig was essentially hired as our grower's right hand man, helping with production, ordering, spraying and all the other tasks a grower does. In fact, Craig was our head grower for a brief period. Klein's was so lucky to have Craig during that period of transition. Shortly thereafter, Craig became our retail manager. But with his heart was in the greenhouse part of the business, rather than management, Craig easily stepped back into the Assistant Grower role, where he remains to this day. Craig says he's "very satisfied" being our grower's assistant and sees his role at Klein's as being an all-around helper to make everybody else's job more productive. As you can see, Craig is anything but self-serving. Current duties include managing our perennial and shrub areas. He says he also enjoys delivering sometimes for a change of pace.

For the most part, Craig has called Madison home since 1974, having grown up in the Chicago area. He spent some time in northern California where he learned about landscaping. Upon moving back to Madison, Craig continued in landscaping and then worked at a few of the local garden centers. He says he's enjoyed his experience at Klein's best because we actually grow our own product, rather than just maintaining it. Craig's educational background includes a B.A. in City Park Design from Tufts University and graduate work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Landscape Architecture. Craig is also a certified Master Gardener.

For the ultimate shopping experience let Craig Johnson be your guide through the world of plants at Klein's.

**THE CRITIC'S CORNER BY RICK HALBACH**--Recommended readings and other media for the garden novice or enthusiast.

**LOGEE'S GREENHOUSES SPECTACULAR CONTAINER PLANTS** by Byron E. Martin and Laurelynn G. Martin  
Anyone who has talked to me at any length about fun and exciting plants for both the house and garden has heard me mention Logee's Greenhouses of Danielson, CT. For years I've found receiving their extensive catalog to be the ultimate treat. Yes, I'm the kid in their candy store. Since 1892, Logee's has specialized in the hard-to-find and interesting, offering unique and fun tropicals for containers and gardens. Since I took a bite from that apple, I've never turned back. Over the years I've ordered tons of plants from them. They all arrive in perfect shape and at a very reasonable price. In fact, it's probably due to Logee's that we carry the extensive tropical assortment at Klein's that we do. After experimenting with tropicals years ago, I learned how to use them quite effectively in my own garden and then carry them over from season to season. I over winter some in my basement, but I have to admit that I'm able to cheat a bit by working at a greenhouse. As time passed and as tropicals caught on in the Madison area our head grower dove headlong into the tropicals scene. As the container designer at Klein's I now use tropicals in many, if not most, of the containers I design.

A wonderful companion to the Logee's catalog is their 2005 book entitled Spectacular Container Plants. It's easy to look through any beautiful catalog and pick plants blindly from photographs. But this book teaches you about the plants that Logee's (and many a retailer) sells. In a very easy-to-read style, this glossy book offers great growing tips and tons of other interesting information. The book presents tropicals as much easier to grow than most might think. And the reality is that most tropicals are far easier to grow than most people think. Growing conditions and care fact sections are concise and information packed. Photographs are stunning. The last part of the book is filled with general plant care info from choosing the right container, to pruning, to pest control and then a section of troubleshooting questions. It's quite satisfying for me to see a copy of this first-rate reference book on our head grower's desk.

Spectacular Container Plants is available at most of the larger bookstores and is published by Willow Creek Press of Minoqua, WI.

The Logee's catalog is available by calling 888-330-8038 or by visiting their web site at [www.logees.com](http://www.logees.com).

#### **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.

##### **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 UW Athletics with advertising and coupons in the 2007 edition of the Bucky Book.

## DELIVERY INFO

Klein's Floral and Greenhouses delivers daily, except Sundays, throughout all of Madison and much of Dane County including: Cottage Grove, DeForest, Maple Bluff, 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. We offer free delivery to all Madison hospitals and funeral homes.

Morning delivery is guaranteed to the following Madison zip codes, but only if requested: 53703, 53704, 53713, 53714, 53716, 53718 and Cottage Grove, DeForest, Maple Bluff, 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, 53717, 53719, 53726, 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.

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## RELATED RESOURCES AND WEB SITES

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608/224-3700

[www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/)

[www.uwex.edu/ces/wihort](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/wihort)

Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic

Dept. of Plant Pathology

1630 Linden Dr.

Madison, WI 53706

[www.plantpath/wisc.edu](http://www.plantpath/wisc.edu)

Insect Diagnostic Lab

240 Russell Labs

1630 Linden Dr.

Madison, WI 53706  
[www.entomology.wisc.edu/entodiag.html](http://www.entomology.wisc.edu/entodiag.html)

State Soil Testing Lab  
5711 Mineral Point Rd.  
Madison, WI 53705  
608/262-4364  
[www.soils.wisc.edu](http://www.soils.wisc.edu)

Wisconsin Master Gardeners Program  
[www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener](http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener)

The Wisconsin Gardener  
[wpt.org/garden/](http://wpt.org/garden/)  
Has a list of garden clubs and societies

Allen Centennial Gardens  
620 Babcock Dr.  
Madison, WI 53706  
608/262-8406  
[horticulture.wisc.edu/allencentennialgardens/index.htm](http://horticulture.wisc.edu/allencentennialgardens/index.htm)

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University of WI Arboretum  
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608/263-7888  
[uwarboretum.org](http://uwarboretum.org)

University of Wisconsin-West Madison  
Agricultural Research Center  
8502 Mineral Point Rd.  
Verona, WI 53593  
608/262-2257  
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