

'THE SAGE'--SEPTEMBER 2007

Klein's Floral & Greenhouses On-Line Newsletter

NOTE: If you know of any community or neighborhood events or garden tours you would like posted on our web site in our October or November 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.

SEPTEMBER STORE HOURS

Monday thru Friday : 8:00-6:00

Saturday: 8:00-5:00

Sunday: 10:00-4:00

Labor Day (Sept. 3) Hours: 10:00-4:00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Throughout September watch for great season's end savings on all remaining perennials. Check out our selection of spring bulbs: tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocus, alliums and much more, have arrived for fall planting.

September 1--First University of Wisconsin football game against Washington State at Camp Randall. Game time is 2:30.

September 3--Labor Day

September 8--UW football at Las Vegas. Game time is 9:00 p.m.

September 9--Grandparents' Day

September 13--First Day of Rosh Hashanah. First Day of Ramadan.

September 15--UW football at Camp Randall against Citadel. Game time is 11:00.

September 22--UW football at Camp Randall against Iowa. Game time is 7:00.

September 23--Fall Begins. Yom Kippur.

September 26--Full Moon

September 29--UW football at Camp Randall against Michigan St. Game time to be announced.

'THE FLOWER SHOPPE'

You may already know that Klein's is your one-stop, full service florist for any occasion and serving most of Dane County. But being a greenhouse, we also offer an amazing year round selection of blooming plants and houseplants. Whether a housewarming gift, a "thank-you" blooming plant, a condolence peace lily or a potted plant for dorm, home or office, we can fill your needs.

Each August we receive a semi-load of plants in all shapes and sizes fresh from Florida growers. Selection ranges from the smallest plants for terrariums and dishgardens, to tropical trees, to succulents and cactus. Overnight, our greenhouses become a lush, tropical jungle. Our knowledgeable staff will help select the perfect plant for any location and occasion, offering care tips and sound advice. We also have an excellent selection of pottery and baskets to complement any decor.

During September, get 25% off all in-store purchases. Sale does not apply to items being delivered or in conjunction with other discounts.

DID YOU KNOW. . .

. . . that there is a bounty of wonderful, very easy-to-grow annuals that you won't find at any garden center? Even with our extensive selection of relatively unknown annuals, Klein's can't and won't offer many eye-catching and garden worthy plants. The reasons are many. Some annuals simply do better when sown directly into the garden. Others simply grow too quickly or too large to offer in cell packs or small pots at the garden center. And still others simply remain unknown to the public because either supply is limited or are heirlooms offered only by specialty seed companies. Here are a few favorites:

Browallia americana (Bush Violet)--A delightful annual that fits perfectly into the wildflower garden. Small blue flowers with a white eye coat the plant from early summer to frost. Grows to 2 ft. Self sows nicely so you'll never be without it. Tolerates a fair amount of shade to full morning sun.

Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*)--A majestic plant at up to 7' and loaded with lovely pink flowers throughout summer. Like all *impatiens*, the ripened seed capsules will literally pop open and spray the garden with next year's seeds. Very easy to pull unwanted plants and easy to move seedlings around the garden.

Balfour's Balsam (*Impatiens balfourii*)--As above, but at only 1-2' it fits nicely into the shady, mixed bed. Looks exceptionally nice in woodland beds. Flowers are magenta to purple with a white eye.

Pincushion Flower (*Scabiosa*)--Spindly growth habit is not conducive to growing in cell packs, but easy-to-grow and is lovely in the wildflower bed. Most common colors are blue, pink and white, but other colors are available. Butterflies adore it!

Kiss-Me-Over-the-Garden-Gate--A tall, elegant, seldom seen annual for the back of the border. This relative of common knotweed grows to 8-10 ft. tall with dangling hot pink flowers from early summer through frost. A favorite of hummingbirds. Self-sows and transplants easily, but the seedlings come up late and are often mistaken for weeds.

Calliopsis (Annual *Coreopsis*)--Another North American native that fits perfectly into the wildflower garden. Plants grow to about 18" with golden yellow blooms most often with a burnt rust or red center. Because they self-sow, volunteers appear yearly and are easily recognized.

Tassel Flower (Emilia)--Another overlooked annual for the wildflower bed. Buttons of hot, orange-red flowers top 2 ft. plants. Very airy appearance. Blooms late spring through frost. Seedlings are often mistaken for sow thistle. Olbrich Gardens used it in their beds a few years back with great effect.

Painted Tongue (Salpiglossis)--An old-fashioned, eye-catching annual for the early season cut flower bouquet. Velvety flowers in bright colors. Usually pops out by midsummer, but worth every moment in the garden. Grows to about 2 ft.

Larkspur--Not enough can be said about this delphinium relative. The only downfall is that most varieties are only early season bloomers. BUT, they self-sow readily and are great additions to the wildflower and cut flower garden. Single-flowered, tall varieties are especially nice because they hold up better in wind and rain. Colors run the range of delphiniums and most grow to about 2-3' tall.

African Foxglove (Ceratotheca triloba)--A rare garden annual that is worth finding! Light pink, large, tubular blooms top 5' flower stalks. The soft leaves are a gorgeous dark green. Very elegant.

Climbing Petunias--Have you ever seen a petunia grow to 6+ feet tall? These do and look lovely growing against a fence or among other garden plants. Because this is an heirloom, the flowers have retained their fragrance. Colors range from white through the shades of pink and lavender. Very floriferous!

Because many of the above annuals are self-sowers, remember to allow some of the plants to set seed at season's end and then be a bit careful when weeding in the spring. Some seedlings are easily recognized, whereas others will require a bit of experience.

Excellent sources include:

Select Seeds @ www.selectseeds.com (800/684-0395)

Seeds of Change @ www.seedsofchange.com (888/762-7333)

Park Seed @ www.parkseed.com (800/845-3369)

Thompson & Morgan @ www.thompsonandmorgan.com (800/274-7333)

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

With the advent of autumn comes the bounty of winter squash. Winter squash differs from summer squash in that the shell is generally inedible. Winter squashes store well in cool, dark and dry conditions and are best left unrefrigerated. The most common winter squash includes: acorn, butternut, buttercup, hubbard, spaghetti and delicata (whose shell is edible).

ACORN SQUASH STUFFED WITH APPLE AND CRANBERRIES--Phenomenal and super easy! Recipe shown on WISC-TV many years ago.

2 large acorn squash, halved lengthwise

1 TBS. melted butter

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. allspice

1/2 tsp. salt

1/3 cup dried cranberries

2 apples, cored and diced

1/3 cup brown sugar

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Scoop the seeds from squash. Arrange the squash, cut side up in a baking dish. Pour in hot water to 1/2" deep. Set aside. In a bowl, combine the butter, cinnamon, allspice, salt, cranberries, apples and brown sugar. Spoon this mixture into the squash halves. It will be a bit mounded. Cover with foil and bake 50-60 min. or till squash is tender. Serves 4.

BAKED SPAGHETTI SQUASH--An excellent main course dish. We forgot to jot down the original source of this recipe.

1 medium spaghetti squash (2 1/4 lb.)
12 oz. bulk Italian sausage
1 1/2 cups sliced mushrooms
1 green pepper, chopped
1/3 cup fine-chopped onion
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 x 4.5 oz. can chopped black olives
1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning
1 1/2 cups red pasta sauce of choice
1 1/2 cups shredded Mozzarella, Monterey Jack or Italian blend cheese
1/4 cup fresh, chopped parsley

Halve the squash lengthwise and scoop out seeds. Place the cut sides down in a 9 x 13" baking dish. Add 1/4 cup water and bake at 350 degrees until tender, 40-50 min. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook the sausage, mushrooms, pepper, onion and garlic over medium heat until the meat is no longer pink. Drain the fat. When cooked, scrape out the squash, with a fork into a large bowl (you'll notice the squash flesh separates into strands similar to spaghetti). Coat the same 9 x 13" pan with cooking spray. Spread 1/2 of the squash into the pan. Top with 1/2 of the sausage mix and 1/2 of the olives. Sprinkle with seasoning and 1/8 tsp. ground pepper. Top with 1/2 of the sauce and 1/2 of the cheese. Repeat layers, except for the cheese. Bake 30 min. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese and continue baking until bubbly. Allow to rest 10 min. before serving. Garnish with the parsley. Serves 6.

SQUASH SOUP--A great way to use up a couple kinds of squash all at once. From the Orange Tree Imports Cookbook. Although the recipe lists specific squash, butternut or hubbard can be substituted.

1 x 2 lb. butternut squash
1 x 2 lb. acorn squash
4 TBS. butter
4 tsp. brown sugar
1 medium onion, thin sliced
2 carrots, cut in half lengthwise (10 baby carrots)
5 cups chicken broth
1/2 tsp. ground ginger
1/2 tsp. ground mace
A pinch of cayenne

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut the squash lengthwise, scoop out the seeds and place, face up, in a 9 x 13" pan. Divide the butter and brown sugar evenly among the cavities. Place the onion and carrots in the pan around the squash. Pour in 1 cup of the broth and a bit of water. Cover with foil and bake for 2 hrs. Cool the squash a bit and scoop the flesh into a food processor. Process till smooth. Put the squash into a soup pot along with the 4 cups broth and the rest of the ingredients. Simmer 10 min. Serves 4.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND LEEK SOUP--Easy and nummy! Serve with bread of choice and a green salad for a complete meal. From Cooking Light Magazine, October 2006.

1 whole bulb garlic
4 tsp. olive oil
6 cups thin slice leek (about 4 lg. leeks)
1 medium butternut squash, peeled and cubed (3/4"), 4 cups.

2 cups water
2 cups chicken broth
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Remove the white papery skin from the garlic bulb, but do not peel or separate the cloves. Wrap in a piece of foil and bake 1 hr. Let cool 10 min. Separate the cloves and squeeze out the insides, discarding the skin. Heat the oil in a large saucepan on medium-high. Sauté the leek until tender. Stir in the garlic, squash cubes, water, broth, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer 10 minutes or until the squash is tender. Puree in the pot with a hand blender or in a blender or processor until smooth. Serves 6.

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:

Illuminaries™ FROM ECHO VALLEY--

Echo Valley's exclusive patent pending line of **GLOW IN THE DARK** garden decor products! Glow crystals embedded inside each hand-blown glass globe absorb light energy from any light source and emit a soothing light green glow for hours after dusk!

From the Echo Valley web-site @ www.echovalley.com:

"We design every piece ourselves and it has become one of the most popular product lines we've ever developed. From our new *Luna-Lite™* with an ultraviolet, solar charged light system, to our *Pot Stickers* (small glow stakes for containers and such) we remain committed to bringing you unique and quality products at an affordable price."

Traditionally known for their selection of shiny, metallic gazing globes (of which they are the largest supplier in North America), Echo Valley now makes a full line of garden ornaments, supplies and furniture. Gazing globes and lawn ornaments make excellent holiday gifts for the gardener on your list and Klein's is proud to offer an extensive selection of Echo Valley products, including their very popular *Pot Stickers* described above.

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

Inviting birds to our gardens is not only a simple and rewarding way to be in touch with nature, but also a natural means of pest control. Birds in the garden can drastically reduce the numbers of many harmful insect pests. Just watch the number of times a mother and father house wren, for example, come to feed their brood and you begin to understand the impact birds in the garden can make. With many hungry mouths to feed, the wrens return with a beakful of insects nearly nonstop, from sun up to sun down. In addition, they may raise 3 families in a single season! That's a lot of insects. Wrens won't visit bird feeders, but by placing a few houses properly spaced around your yard and garden, you're almost guaranteed a nesting pair.

Many people don't realize that hummingbirds are also big insect eaters. By growing flowers that attract them and putting up hummingbird feeders, you're almost guaranteed repeat visits from these garden

gems. With their high metabolisms, hummingbirds require a large amount of food relative to their body weight. They feed practically non stop, with insects being a large part of their diet.

Woodpeckers are another frequent garden visitor that feeds almost entirely on insects during the summer months. Inviting them to the garden is really easy. The simplest way is to leave a dead tree standing. Woodpeckers not only search for insects under the peeling bark, but may eventually nest in a hollow cavity as the tree deteriorates. Keep safety in mind though when allowing a dead tree to remain on your property. A safer way to attract woodpeckers during the summer months is by offering them suet. Most people know that suet is the woodpecker's food of choice during the winter months, but with kinds of suet now available that won't turn rancid in summer heat, suet has become a year round offering.

Even the seed eaters turn to an insect diet during the summer months. Over half of a cardinal's diet becomes insects during the breeding season. Availability of seeds in nature is at it's lowest during the spring, when few plants have yet flowered and set seed. Necessity turns the seed eaters diet toward insects during the spring and early summer. Essentially, all seed eaters supplement their diet with insects throughout the summer months. It's great fun to watch House Sparrows feasting at Japanese beetle infested rose bushes. Offering the same seed mixes one offers at the winter birdfeeder can bring in undesirable summer visitors like grackles, red-winged blackbirds and cowbirds. But feeding plain safflower throughout the summer will lure some of the more desirable visitors: cardinals, chickadees, mourning doves, house finches and a few others, keeping in mind they're eating tons of insects between feeder visits. Thistle/niger seed is important for bringing in goldfinches, mourning doves and many species of field sparrows--also big insect eaters.

And don't forget water for attracting birds to your garden. Often times water is the one item you can control in luring insect eaters to your yard. A water feature or bird bath in the garden can increase visits tenfold.

SEPTEMBER'S PLANT OF THE MONTH:

CACTI AND SUCCULENTS

Among the easiest of houseplants to grow, cacti and succulents are ideal for those of you with the brownest of thumbs. Thriving on neglect, this family of plants not only includes cactus, but also jade plants, kalanchoe, aloe, agave, zebra plants, living stones, crown of thorns, echeveria and many, many others and all have the same basic requirements: full sun and rather dry conditions. In addition, most prefer to be kept very cool and dry during the dead of winter, making them perfect for windowsill culture. Most are very long lived and very easy to propagate from both offshoots and stem cuttings. Many, like jades and echeverias, will root from any leaves that happen to drop onto the soil. As an added benefit, all succulents will bloom at least once a year, given proper growing conditions. Nothing could be simpler. For added success, put your plants in a sunny spot outdoors during the summer, where good drainage is a must. And be especially careful not to over water your succulents from November through March. In fact, watering lightly once a month is generally enough during those months. Fertilize only during the summer when they are actively growing.

Visit Klein's during September for our excellent selection of newly arrived cacti and succulents. We currently have all of those listed above and many more. Ask any of our knowledgeable staff for more detailed cultural requirements.

YOU ASKED . . .

There are so many things I'd like to do better in my garden next year. How can I possibly remember all the things I'd like to change?

There's an extremely simple and obvious answer to this question that takes little time, energy or expense and is probably at your fingertips--your camera, of course. And with digital photography, it's now easier than ever. Simply take pictures of your garden from all angles and during all seasons. Take close-ups of plants or combinations you particularly liked, but also take close-ups of those you do not like, keeping in mind these photos are not for art's sake, rather for record keeping (though it's sometimes hard to separate the two when it comes to gardening). And with your digital camera there is no expense in keeping both accurate and visual records. Create different files for different purposes. Come winter, planning next year's garden should be a breeze with little second guessing. If possible, take your photos when cloudy or during the early morning. Colors are more true and plants tend to look fresher than at the end of the day.

Keeping a garden journal is another option. Record daily observations, impressions, tasks, etc. in a simple spiral notebook or one of the many beautiful garden journals available at bookstores. Records can be far more detailed with journaling than with photography. The exact reasons for success or failure can be noted and changes for next year can be made while the current season is still fresh in one's memory.

An excellent journal is the [Wisconsin Garden Journal](#) put out by the Madison Area Master Gardeners Association. The 2008 edition features an introduction about container gardening written by one of Klein's own staff members. For a complete description and review of the [Wisconsin Garden Journal](#), please refer to the Critic's Corner section of our December 2006 newsletter available by clicking on "Newsletter" on the left side of our home page.

AROUND TOWN

Dane County Farmer's Market

Saturdays, April 21 thru November 3, 6:00-2:00

On the Capitol Square

Olbrich's Garden's

Bolz Conservatory Exhibit-Mystical Medicine

September 5 through January 5, 2008

Daily from 10:00-4:00, Sundays 10:00-5:00

In the Bolz Conservatory

Come learn about the psychoactive properties of plants. Some rainforest plants have special properties useful for zombification, voodoo, hallucinogenic drugs, and shamanic medicine. "Mystical Medicine" will share the findings of famous ethnobotanists who have studied these special properties. Admission to the Conservatory is \$1.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

3330 Atwood Ave., Madison

608/246-4550 or www.olbrich.org for details

Native Plant Garden Open House

Sunday, September 9, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Explore our rain, prairie, savanna, and woodland gardens on guided tours led by Arboretum staff. Come for inspiration, leave with tips and answers to your questions about native plant gardening.

University of Wisconsin Arboretum

1207 Seminole Highway

Madison, WI 53711
608/263-7888 or www.uwarboretum.org for details

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. Bed prepared to cover tender plants at any time.

- _____ Pick up a copy of the 2008 Wisconsin Garden Journal at bookstores.
- _____ Continue sowing lettuce, endive, escarole and spinach.
- _____ Plant garlic now! This is the best time in Wisconsin.
- _____ Plant bearded iris 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!

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 to 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 2008 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 2008.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE OF THE MONTH--JIM NEEFE

In pegging him "loquacious" a recent article in Isthmus magazine described delivery driver, Jim Neefe, to a tee. If you're not sure, "loquacious" politely means "fond of talking", one of Jim's most outstanding and obvious attributes. A list of other adjectives describing Jim might include fun-loving, gregarious, efficient,

competitive and knowledgeable--all qualities which make for an exceptional member of Klein's flower delivery team.

Jim joined Klein's in April of 2006 after a 36 year career as a Madison middle school geography and history teacher at Whitehorse Middle school here on Madison's east side. In fact, two of his current coworkers at Klein's were previous students of his at Whitehorse. Because of his passion for geography, maps and gardening, Jim knew immediately that floral delivery as a retirement job and working at a greenhouse were a match made in heaven. At his interview, Jim said upfront that he was THE person for the job and Klein's would lose out big time were he not hired. He was right. His expertise and outgoing demeanor have been a perfect match for us, too.

Jim says that his passion for gardening stems from his grandfather and that he started gardening with grandpa at age four! He says that his grandfather was both a fruit and vegetable gardener as well as a flower gardener. He especially loved wildflowers, a particular interest that has been passed on to Jim. Jim says that his grandfather taught him about wildflowers in their natural settings and not just in the home garden. Jim says that to this day he can find the rarest of Wisconsin wildflowers because of the things his grandfather taught him. He also says that his own garden reflects his passion for wildflowers. He says his weed-free beds give one the impression of being natural, when, in fact, they are quite thought out and manicured. Jim says he especially loves collecting daylilies and has a nice collection of perennial asters. Favorite annuals include zinnias, gladiolas and moss roses--one of his grandfather's favorites.

Jim's other passions include canoeing, travel and internet trivia, of which he's an apparent master. Jim has been president of Mad City Paddlers (madcitypaddlers.org) for the past three years. Mad City Paddlers is a group of canoe and kayak enthusiasts with over 240 members and organizes 60+ rowing trips each year from April through November and throughout the north-central Midwest. Their most well-known trip is the unique January 1 paddle on Lake Columbia in Portage. The 60+ degree water is kept ice-free by the huge power plant located there.

Jim's many travels have taken him to some of the world's most exotic locations, most recently to Australia and New Zealand, where he visited every botanical garden within reach. In all his travels, he says the best climate to grow roses is on the island of Tasmania off the southern coast of Australia. Other travel destinations have included: Peru and the Amazon, West Africa (i.e. Liberia, Senegal and the Sahara) and much of the Caribbean.

In his work at Klein's, Jim prides himself in being challenged. He says that he enjoys figuring out incomplete and inaccurate addresses in planning his daily routes. He also wants to bring us into the 21st century with GPS technology and by utilizing some of the map web sites in making our daily deliveries. Watch for these changes in the future because Jim says he's planning on delivering for Klein's for many years to come.

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

Rather than review a book, magazine or TV show this month, I thought I'd review some of the newest plants I tried in my own garden in 2007. 2007 was a year of extremes, so all plant critiques must be taken with a grain of salt. Spring began with a very late and prolonged cold snap. May, on the other hand, was GORGEOUS. June and July were warm and very dry. And then came August--the absolute wettest month EVER in Madison history, beating a half century old record. In general, I like to try any new plant at least three years before deciding its ultimate fate in my garden.

Zinnia 'Profusion Double Cherry' and 'Profusion Deep Apricot'-- One was a hit, the other a miss. The double cherry zinnia never really did much. The flowers tended to be rather bland and often times single, rather than double. I had them in three separate pots in three different location in the yard. All three pots died during the August rains. The deep apricot, on the other hand was a vast improvement on the plain apricot from a few years back. The color is richer and holds its color longer (the old color browned up quickly as blossoms faded). The vigorous plants (again in three separate pots) held up well all summer and are still beautiful.

Pentas 'Kaleidoscope Appleblossom'-- A great, tall and bushy pentas with tons of beautiful light pink, bicolored flowers with a deeper pink eye. Did great all summer--in heat and flood!

Supertunia 'Raspberry Blast'--An excellent new spreading petunia from the Supertunia series. Bright, nonstop, bicolored blooms of hot magenta and white. It performed tirelessly in my garden, even when many of my other petunias failed. Very eye-catching!

Calibrachoa 'Superbells Tickled Pink'--The unique blooms are large for a calibrachoa and are a bluish pink with a dark burgundy eye. The best performer of the 5 calibrachos I grew, even though they all performed well. The secret is using an acid fertilizer (i.e. Muracid) instead of regular fertilizer. Plants remain deep green and well-branched.

Hibiscus 'Haight Ashbury'--Looks like a Japanese maple, splashed in shades of burgundy, deep red, shades of pink and apricot and white. A stunning foliage plant for the back of beds and large containers.

Begonia 'Bonfire'--A vigorous, cascading, well-branched begonia with pendulous hot orange blooms. Performed well in all conditions and nearly full sun!

Trailing Petunia 'Opera Supreme Pink Morn'--This AAS Winner was showy all summer with smallish hot pink blooms and a white eye. Held up well through the August rains.

Ornamental Pepper 'Shu'--A unique, variegated pepper from Park Seeds. Compact and showy with bright, upright fruit. Peppers are nicely hot. The variegation is stunning.

Marigold 'Simba'--A tall, bushy marigold that held up best of all my marigolds, being seldom bothered by either earwigs or Japanese beetles. The orange flowers are huge and frilly. Available from Thompson and Morgan.

Mandevilla 'Pink Parfait'--A new and vigorous double flowered mandevilla. Flowers are a bit deeper pink than Alice du Pont, but a little smaller. A favorite new member of my mandevilla collection.

Bog Sage (Salvia uliginosa)--A much underutilized tall and bushy salvia with pure, sky-blue flowers from late spring through frost. Loved the wet weather (unlike most sages).

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

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RELATED RESOURCES AND WEB SITES

University of Wisconsin Extension
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608/224-3700
www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/
www.uwex.edu/ces/wihort

Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic
Dept. of Plant Pathology
1630 Linden Dr.
Madison, WI 53706
www.plantpath/wisc.edu

Insect Diagnostic Lab
240 Russell Labs
1630 Linden Dr.
Madison, WI 53706
www.entomology.wisc.edu/entodiag.html

State Soil Testing Lab
5711 Mineral Point Rd.
Madison, WI 53705
608/262-4364
www.soils.wisc.edu

American Horticultural Society
www.ahs.org

Garden Catalogs (an extensive list with links)
www.gardenlist.com

Herbicides and Pesticides
www.extoxnet.orst.edu

Invasive Species
www.invasive.org

Madison Area Master Gardeners (MAMGA)
www.madison.com/communities/mamga

Wisconsin Master Gardeners Program
www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener

The Wisconsin Gardener
www.wpt.org/garden/
Has a list of garden clubs and societies

Allen Centennial Gardens
620 Babcock Dr.
Madison, WI 53706
608/262-8406
www.horticulture.wisc.edu/allencentennialgardens/index.htm

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave.
Madison, WI 53704
608/246-4550
www.olbrich.org

Rotary Gardens
1455 Palmer Dr.
Janesville, WI 53545

608/752-3885
www.rotarygardens.org

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