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**OUR 2009 SPRING PLANT LIST** can be viewed on-line beginning about April 15 by clicking on **SPRING PLANTS** on the left side of our home page. This comprehensive listing contains every plant that Klein's will be offering for the 2009 season and is extremely helpful for both the home gardener and landscaper alike. The list contains fun facts, cultural information and pot or pack size for each item and comes in very handy in planning your garden this spring.

### **THE MAD GARDENER**

**"Madison's Firsthand Source for Expert Gardening Advice"**

Ask any of your gardening questions by e-mailing them to us at [madgardener@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:madgardener@kleinsfloral.com). Klein's in-house **Mad Gardener** will e-mail you with an answer as promptly as we can. We'll be posting a link to this e-mail address on our home page and also in all subsequent newsletters. 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.

### **APRIL STORE HOURS:**

**New for the 2009 spring season, Klein's will open at 7:00 a.m. every Tuesday!** Year long, Tuesday is Klein's Senior Discount Day. On Tuesdays those 62 and over save an extra 10% off all regular priced items. But beginning this spring, we'll open the doors even an hour earlier. Avoid the lines and shop early! The extended Tuesday hours last through mid-June.

#### **Early April Hours**

Monday thru Friday : 8:00-6:00

Saturday:

9:00-5:00

Sunday: 10:00-4:00

**Easter Sunday, April 12, we will be open 10:00-3:00.**

#### **Extended Spring Hours Begin Saturday, April 25.**

Monday thru Friday : 8:00-8:00

Tuesdays:

7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00-6:00

Sunday: 9:00-5:00

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**April 5--Palm Sunday**

**April 9--Full Moon**

**April 9**--First Day of Passover

**April 10**--Good Friday

**April 12**--Easter Sunday, Klein's will be open 10:00-3:00.

**April 19**--Beginning of **Administrative Professionals Week**. In appreciation to those people who make your life so much easier, have one of Klein's talented designers create for you that perfect 'Thank You.' Nothing displays your appreciation better than a lovely bouquet of spring flowers or a cheerful blooming plant. Order early. This is one of Klein's busiest delivery weeks.

**April 22**--Earth Day

**April 22**--Professional Secretaries' Day

**April 24**--Arbor Day

**April 25**--First Day of Klein's Extended Spring Hours. The days are longer and there's lots to do in the garden. We make shopping easier to fit into your hectic schedule by offering extended retail hours from late April through much of June. Evenings are a great time to shop at Klein's. The greenhouses are cooler and the lines are short. It makes for a more relaxed shopping experience and our staff is more available to answer all your gardening questions. Look under [April Store Hours](#) above for more details.

**May 10**--This is Madison's average last frost date, but keep your eye on the weather before planting. Madison has a notorious reputation for late May frosts. Many local old-time gardeners refuse to plant, especially their tomatoes, peppers, morning glories, etc. until Memorial Day weekend when the soil has warmed properly. Novice gardeners especially have a tendency to plant too early!

**May 10**--Mother's Day. Order early and shop early!!! Mother's Day is second only to Valentine's Day for deliveries and the Saturday before Mother's Day is traditionally our busiest day of the entire year. Extra drivers will be on the road Saturday, May 10 for prompt and efficient service. Click on **Delivery Information** on the left side of our home page for more details about Klein's delivery. **We will not be delivering on Mother's Day, Sunday May 10.**

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

The following information is from the Society of American Florists website at [www.aboutflowers.com](http://www.aboutflowers.com)

#### **Spring Flower Suggestions**

Spring flowers include: tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, iris, daisies, lily of the valley, violets, pansies, lilies, mini carnations, gerbera daisies, pussywillow, and flowering branches such as forsythia and cherry blossoms.

Potted plants in season include: tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, azaleas, Easter lilies, daisies, violets, and kalanchoe.

#### **Spring Holiday Floral Decorating Ideas**

- Decorate your brunch table with votive candles interspersed among several vases of spring blooms. Guests can each take home a small vase as a party favor.
- Surprise your guests with corsages and boutonnieres to wear to religious services.
- Line your entryway with beautiful blooming spring plants. A wreath of spring flowers on your front door is a fabulous finishing touch.
- Decorate each place setting at your table with a different flower variety. Include each variety in a vase for your table centerpiece.
- Garnish hors d'oeuvre trays with spring flowers.
- Ask your florist to make a design in a teapot or a cluster of teacups. Or place a small bloom on each saucer when serving tea.
- Fill a traditional wicker basket with mixed spring flowers to use as a centerpiece. Or place blooms among the eggs in your Easter basket. For a charming effect place smaller baskets and candles next to the flowers. This can also be done with clay pots.

#### **Easter/Passover Floral Statistics**

Easter/Passover accounts for 10 percent of the floral purchases made for holidays.

**Holiday Ranking** (Based on consumer purchases of fresh flowers and plants for holidays at all outlets in dollar volume.)

Christmas/Chanukah--30%

Mother's Day--25%

Valentine's Day--25%

**Easter/Passover--10%**

Thanksgiving--5%

#### **What are consumers buying for Easter/Passover?**

Flowering and green houseplants--46%

Outdoor bedding and garden plants--28%

Fresh Flowers--26%

#### **What flowering houseplants were purchased for Easter/Passover?**

Lilies--52%

Other (such as 4% azaleas, 2% African Violets)--48%

### **What fresh flowers were purchased for Easter/Passover?**

Mixed flowers--34%

Daffodils/Iris/tulips--15%

Roses--9%

Carnations--8%

Chrysanthemums/daisies--5%

Lilies--5%

Orchids/tropicals--1%

Other flowers types (breakdown not available)--23%

### **Who's buying?**

Women--74%

Men--26%

### **For whom are they buying?**

Self--27%

Gift--73%

Mother--27%

Spouse/significant other--18%

Friend--11%

Daughter/son--8%

Other relative/other--36%

Data collected by IPSOS-Insight FloralTrends Consumer Tracking Study, 2005.

### **Lilies & Cat Lovers**

According to the National Animal Poison Control Center, certain types of lilies can cause renal failure in cats that have ingested any part of the lily. While the poisonous component has not yet been identified, it is clear that with even ingestions of very small amounts of the plant, severe kidney damage could result. The Society of American Florists recommends keeping lilies out of the reach of cats. It is important to note that lilies do not pose a problem for other pets or humans.

### **Klein's "12 Month Blooming Plant or Fresh Flower Club"**

**Send or receive a whole year 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 \$300**, we'll send 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 \$350**, 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. For delivery details click on "**Delivery Information**" on the left side of our home page. 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.

Order your **12 Months of Flowers** by calling Klein's at **608/244-5661** or **888/244-5661** or by stopping in. We request that payment be made in full before the first delivery and the prices do not include sales tax.

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

**. . .that Klein's still grows a large percentage of our spring product from seed in our very own greenhouses?** Needless to say, most of the annuals and vegetables you purchase from any retailer in the spring began as a seed. But how it arrived to the store shelf can be a long and complicated story. All of the big chains and even most of the local garden centers receive their plants already "finished". This means that the plants are grown somewhere else--usually by a different company all together--then loaded onto semis and shipped to the retailer ready to sell. Selection is usually very limited and quality is often in the hands of the shipper rather than the grower. Because space on the trucks is limited, retailers need to resort to many shipments during the growing season, requiring a lot of fuel and, therefore, added stress on the environment.

A second means (and currently the industry favorite) of receiving annual and vegetable product is as "plugs". About 2/3 of what you see at Klein's in the spring is grown this way. We receive thousands of "plug trays" from our suppliers, each holding hundreds of tiny plants that we then transplant individually into the cell packs or pots you then purchase in the spring. Selection is excellent and quality is controlled by our grower as the plants mature. We get to choose the type of pot the plant goes into, how the plants are grown and what pesticides and fertilizers we use. By early April, we've already transplanted many of the early season and slower growing annuals

and vegetables in our back greenhouses. They're now waiting for their move outside or to cool hoop houses to be hardened off before sale.

But uniquely at Klein's, we still sow about 1/3 of our product onsite from seed; this includes nearly all of our vegetables and a large portion of our annual flower selection. Sowing our own seeds gives us the widest possible selection available. Instead of having 6-10 tomato varieties, like most retailers, we are able to offer you over 40 varieties! And we offer you items that most garden centers simply can't, including: ethnic vegetables, heirloom annuals and vegetables, annual vines and more choices in all categories. Quality control starts at the very beginning because there's no shipping involved.

To check out our huge plant selection, click on the **Spring Plants** section of our home page. Our 2009 list will be posted sometime in mid-April. You won't believe your eyes!

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

### **ENTRY: MARCH 16, 2009**

A rare day off from the greenhouse this time of the year and with the fantastic weather we had today (63°) I took full advantage of it. I worked morning till night doing chores that I don't often get to until well into April (if at all). One of the most important chores I finally got to was to replace some of the soaker hoses that are placed in some of my flower beds. I use soaker hoses where I can, not only to save valuable water, but to water my beds deeply and more efficiently. I prefer the soaker hoses that allow the water to ooze from the hose, rather than spray mist through tiny pin holes. During dry spells in summer, I'll attach my regular garden hose to the soaker hose and allow the water to run for 2-3 hours at a time--sometimes once a week. Instead of watering the lawn, driveway or street, the water is precisely dispersed where I want it. But because I leave the hoses in the beds through the winter, the rubber eventually cracks or leaks form and the hoses need replacing. I usually get about five seasons from each hose--that is, unless your partner cuts off the threaded end of the hose with the lawnmower! Early spring is the very best time to lay down new hoses or replace old ones. It's far easier to wind them through the flower beds without plants in the way to step on or damage. Selection is also better this time of the year than during the summer when you need them most. Soaker hoses are available at some garden centers, hardware stores and the home improvement stores like Menard's or Home Depot.

### **ENTRY: MARCH 17, 2009**

I thought yesterday was beautiful. Well, today was even better with a near record high of 71°! It's great to see birds reappearing in the yard. I saw the last of the juncos this past weekend, filling up on some niger seed before they make their trip north to their summer breeding grounds in Canada. Robins are now a common sight at the birdbath and the male goldfinches are changing into their bright yellow summer coat. After work today I spent a bit of time taking down my winter feeders as I switch my feeding regimen to summer mode. During the summer I limit my feeding to one safflower platform feeder for the cardinals, mourning doves, chickadees and house finches; one niger feeder for the goldfinches and, of course, a few hummingbird feeders. The biggest reason I cut back on feeding in the summer is not to disturb the birds that nest in my yard each year. Too much activity discourages pairs from setting up their home in one's yard.

After taking down and thoroughly cleaning my 20+ feeders, I put up my 6 wren houses that I space throughout the yard. With warm weather, male wrens sometimes make their return to Wisconsin as early as late March. Once they arrive, the male house wrens look for the perfect location to attract a mate. Wren houses have very specific opening dimensions so not just any birdhouse will do. I place them in open locations, but near trees and shrubs and protected from the hot afternoon sun. Once the male finds an area with suitable nesting spots, he spends his next few days building haphazard nests of twigs in each and every one of the birdhouses. Once that's done, he starts singing for a mate. Few sounds signify spring better than the male wren perched atop his potential homes in his attempt to lure a female. Once the females arrive, it's now her job to check out each of the houses and choose the one that will become their home for this nesting season. Once she decides on the house, the pair together builds a nest of twigs, soft grass and fine hair and down. In fact, hair from the neighbor's Australian shepherds is often times the main component of their nests in my yard.

Wrens will usually nest a second time in the same yard once the first brood has fledged in late June. If the first house has been cleaned out immediately, they'll usually nest in that same house a second time--after all it was the chosen house. If I forget to clean it out when they're ready, they'll usually pick one of the other houses in the yard.

### **ENTRY: MARCH 22, 2009**

Spring is coming fast to the garden!! I looked out the upstairs windows today and was pleasantly surprised to see purple, blue, white and yellow crocus blooming throughout the grass in the backyard. The crocus I've chosen for the lawn are smaller species types including *Crocus sieberi*, *Crocus chrysanthus* and *Crocus tommasinianus*. Flowers are smaller than the more familiar crocus but they spread nicely throughout the grass and even self sow. They finish blooming long before the first mowing and their grass-like foliage blends in perfectly with the lawn once the grass comes in during the upcoming weeks. Many years ago I started planting a few hundred of the bulbs into the grass each fall. Doing a few each year has kept the task less daunting. I randomly scatter the small bulbs over the lawn and quickly plant them by prying back a slit of sod with the tip of my trowel, pressing the slit closed with my fingertips. One hundred of the pea-sized bulbs can easily be planted in 1/2 hour. After several years of planting a hundred or so bulbs each autumn, the back lawn has become a sea of color early each spring. These species crocus are always the first flowers to bloom in my yard each spring--sometimes while there's still snow just inches away.

Note: Like large flowered crocus, species crocus are planted in the fall and become available around Labor Day. For the best selection of species crocus, turn to the mail order bulb companies, rather than retail outlets. Catalogs become available during June and favorite sources include:

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

Arugula (*Eruca sativa*) is an easy-to-grow European green with a very distinct and unique peppery flavor. Like most cool weather greens, arugula is most readily available in mid to late spring and then again in the fall (though its available in supermarkets year round). Arugula is delightful fresh in mixed salads, in soups or lightly braised. Braised arugula with olive oil and pine nuts is a simple and delicious sauce for over fish. Arugula is also known as rocket or roquette and is easily grown from seed just like lettuce or spinach. Klein's also sells arugula plants available in late April or early May. Here are a few of our arugula favorites:

**TOMATO & ARUGULA PASTA**--A real treat for the arugula lover who wants something different from arugula than just a salad. This recipe appears in The Better Homes and Gardens New Cookbook, 12th Edition.

16 oz. dried ziti or mostaccioli  
2 medium onions, thin sliced  
4 cloves minced garlic  
2 TBS. olive oil  
6 cups chopped tomatoes  
2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. pepper  
1/2 tsp. crushed pepper flakes (optional)  
6 cups arugula and/or spinach, coarsely chopped  
1/2 cup toasted pine nuts or slivered almonds  
4 TBS. crumbled Gorgonzola or blue cheese of choice

Cook pasta per directions. Meanwhile, in a heavy saucepan, cook the onion and garlic in hot oil on medium heat until tender. Add the tomatoes, salt, pepper and pepper flakes. Cook and stir on medium-high for a few minutes until the tomatoes are warm and release their juices. Stir in the arugula and heat just until the greens are wilted. Serve over the cooked pasta, topped with the nuts and cheese. Serves 8.

**ARUGULA PESTO**--This is a WOW recipe from the June 2006 issue of Cooking Light magazine. It makes enough pesto for 1 lb. of pasta.

5 cups arugula  
1/2 cup grated parmesan  
1/4 cup + 2 TBS. toasted pine nuts  
1 TBS. lemon juice  
3/4 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1 clove minced garlic  
1/3 cup water  
2 TBS. extra virgin olive oil  
2 cups halved cherry tomatoes

In a food processor, process the arugula, parmesan, 1/4 cup pine nuts, lemon juice, salt, pepper and garlic until finely minced. With the processor running, slowly pour in the water and oil until well blended. Stir into 1 lb. of warm, cooked pasta. Serve, topped with the tomatoes and more toasted pine nuts. Serves 8.

**ARUGULA & CUCUMBER SALAD**--A light and refreshing salad from the May 2007 issue of Everyday Food magazine.

4 TBS. red wine vinegar  
2 TBS. extra virgin olive oil  
2-4 tsp. honey to taste  
1 tsp. ground coriander  
coarse salt and pepper to taste  
24 oz. cleaned arugula  
2 medium cucumbers, peeled, halved lengthwise, seeded and thinly sliced.

Whisk together the vinegar, oil, honey, coriander, salt and pepper. In a large bowl, toss together the arugula, cucumber and the dressing. Serve immediately or chill lightly. Serves 8.

**ARUGULA, ENDIVE & RADICCHIO SALAD**--Talk about a salad of mixed European greens! This one was the star of a Martha Stewart TV show from September of 2006.

2 small endive heads, thinly sliced  
1 radicchio head, cored and thinly sliced  
3-4 cups arugula  
2 TBS. extra virgin olive oil  
2 TBS. red wine vinegar

1 TBS. honey  
coarse salt and pepper to taste  
juice from 1/2 orange

Toss together greens in a large bowl. Whisk together oil, vinegar, honey, salt, pepper and the juice. Toss lightly with the greens and serve.

**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 spotlight features a few of our lines of environmentally safe, natural and/or organic pest control:**

Klein's continues to pride ourselves, thanks to retail manager, Jennifer Wadyka, with our growing selection and wide number of options in natural pest control and fertilizers. The current market dictates that we continue carrying traditional products, but with continued education and public concern, we're hoping we can someday eliminate most, if not all, chemical pesticides and fertilizers. As we continue to expand our selection, your feedback is critical--we need to know what products work best, what works with limited success and, equally important, what products don't work at all. Companies we've carried for a number of years and with great success include:

**PHARM SOLUTIONS** --From the web site press release at [www.pharmsolutions.com](http://www.pharmsolutions.com):

These are the world's first USDA certified organic pesticides.

Developed by a family of Organic Growers, the Pharm Solutions line of patent pending organic pesticides have been available since 2004. In Jan, 2005 the ready-to-use line was voted "Best New Product", "Best New Packaging" and "Best of Show" by the Lawn and Garden Marketing & Distribution Association. Recognizable in its distinctive colorful packaging, the line is available nationwide at Independent Lawn and Garden Centers (Klein's), Farm Supply Stores, Whole Foods Markets, Smith and Hawken, Fred Meyer Stores, as well as many catalogs and gardening web sites.

Products are made from organic soaps and oils.

**MESSINA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT** "Repelling pests, not customers"

From the web site at [www.messinawildlife.com](http://www.messinawildlife.com):

Messina Wildlife Management is a privately-owned corporation that manufactures a full line of organic animal management tools including, Deer Stopper®, Goose Stopper®, Plotsaver™, Plotsaver Yard and Garden™ and Plotsaver Plus™. Our products are patent protected and additional patents are pending. Deer Stopper is the original pleasant smelling deer repellent™.

They also make products that repel groundhogs, moles, mosquitoes, rabbits and squirrels.

**New in 2009 are products from:**

**ST. GABRIEL ORGANICS** "The Smart Choice for Everyone"

From their website at [www.milkyspore.com](http://www.milkyspore.com).

St. Gabriel Organics started over 30 years ago with one family, one idea, and one product, Milky Spore. Today the Reuter Family continues to play an important role in driving the business forward through innovation and research. The Company now manufactures a complete line of 100% natural and organic lawn care and household products.

The Company is dedicated to manufacturing products that are effective and safe for you, your family, pets and the environment.

**PERFECTLY Natural™** "Spectacular Results Made Safe"

From their website at [www.perfectlynatural.com](http://www.perfectlynatural.com)

Why should you use a natural approach to lawn and garden care?

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) encourages the use of safe, effective alternative pest control products. PERFECTLY Natural products are safe and effective. They are made from natural or organic ingredients and have proven to be the most effective natural products available. Our fertilizer programs focus on improving overall plant and soil health by providing the needed nutrients in a natural way. Pesticides and chemicals can discourage the activity of beneficial soil microorganisms, versus natural and organic alternatives that promote beneficial activity in the soil.

Our weed control products kill weeds and grass quickly, with no concerns for the health of you, your pets or your family.

Natural and organic solutions focus on plant health. Using organic and natural ingredients helps to increase your plants ability to thrive in a natural setting, reducing the need for chemicals. This is an environmentally responsible approach that works.

**NATURAL NEWS--**

Using **beneficial insects** to control the harmful insects in our gardens is not only safe, but fascinating for adults and children alike. Predators occur naturally in the garden and their ravenous appetite can keep many pests at bay with no use of pesticides. Spiders, ladybugs, centipedes, dragonflies, ants and wasps appear in nearly every garden. Their presence should be encouraged. It's very important for parents to teach children how vital these creatures are to the garden and to not be afraid of them. All are fascinating in their own way and can be lots of fun to watch. Children are taught to appreciate the beauty and harmlessness of ladybugs and ants, but other garden friends are often overlooked and feared because they 'might' bite. Rather, children should be taught to respect and enjoy the beauty of spiders, bees and wasps, rather than be afraid of them. Spiders especially will eat nearly every garden insect pest that ventures into its web. The harmless garden spider is a work of art with its glossy black body marked in yellow, red and white. Its

stiff and sticky web is a masterpiece in the morning dew. Many species of wasps attack and kill garden pests. Ants and ladybugs find aphids one of their favorite foods. In fact, some ant species actually farm aphid colonies for a constant food source. After all, the best way to rid a houseplant of scale is to place it near a colony of ants. The sweet honeydew lures the ants to the scale which they'll then eat. And the dragonfly is a mosquito's greatest enemy. The sheer presence of dragonflies in the garden will scare mosquitoes away. Mosquitoes are aware of the sound frequency of the dragonfly's beating wings. One can attract dragonflies to the garden by offering places for the dragonfly to land and wait for its prey.

For more information, check out [www.beneficialinsects101.com](http://www.beneficialinsects101.com)

It's a very fun and informative site to help you get started using beneficial insects in the garden.

Of course, predators occur naturally, but you can also purchase the following beneficial insects from some garden centers and many garden supply companies. A high concentration of these predators will rid the garden of many pests.

**Ladybugs**--One ladybug will eat up to 5000 aphids over the course of a summer. Ladybugs are often sold in bags of a thousand or more and can be refrigerated until ready for release.

**Praying Mantis**--Will eat almost any insect. Generally sold as egg cases, each with a few hundred mantids inside. They hatch once the weather warms in late June or early July.

**Green Lacewings**--Provides several generations of predators that will eat almost anything. Sold as adults.

**Predatory Nematodes**--Work by destroying pests below the soil. Not harmful to worms. Sold by the millions and applied to the soil via spray. Can be refrigerated until used.

Excellent mail order sources include:

Arbico Organics @ [www.arbico-organics.com](http://www.arbico-organics.com) (800/827-2847)

Gardens Alive! @ [www.gardensalive.com](http://www.gardensalive.com) (513/354-1482)

Territorial Seed Co. @ [www.territorialseed.com](http://www.territorialseed.com) (800/626-0866)

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

### **Euphorbia hypercifolia 'Diamond Frost'®**

No recent introduction to the gardening world has made as big a splash as Euphorbia 'Diamond Frost' and few plants are as versatile in the garden. This spurge and poinsettia relative appeared on the market in 2005 and in just a few short years has become one of Klein's most sought after annuals by name. 'Diamond Frost' has it all--it blooms LITERALLY nonstop both indoors and out. The airy, small white blooms are the perfect filler for any container, growing just 12-15" tall. They grow in full sun to a fair amount of shade and are easily pruned to shape for the desired look. The plants never need to be deadheaded and are as pest-free as a plant can be! Like all euphorbias, deer and rabbits find them repulsive. 'Diamond Frost' is both heat and drought tolerant and can be brought in at season's end and treated as a houseplant over winter where it will continue to bloom nonstop in a bright location. In fact, 'Diamond Frost' is so versatile, that one of Klein's most popular combinations is 'Diamond Frost' planted with its cousin, the poinsettia, for a breathtaking holiday arrangement. In the garden, 'Diamond Frost' performs equally well in the landscape as in containers and hanging baskets. Accolades abound!

From Mississippi State University: [www.msucare.com/news/print/sqnews/sq08/sq080403.html](http://www.msucare.com/news/print/sqnews/sq08/sq080403.html)

For a short video about 'Diamond Frost' Euphorbia from P. Allen Smith click on [www.5min.com/Video/Diamond-Frost-Euphorbia-42856827](http://www.5min.com/Video/Diamond-Frost-Euphorbia-42856827)

**Note:** Plants in the spurge family often will bleed a milky, white sap if cut or wounded. This sap is a form of latex. Most people will have little or no reaction due to sap exposure from the euphorbia that Proven Winners sells. However, people with sensitive skin or latex allergies should be cautious when handling euphorbia. Poinsettias are in this same family. If you have ever experienced a skin irritation due to contact with poinsettias you should be cautious with all euphorbia.

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

**I love container gardens, but I hate all the work and mess! Can you help me?!?!?!?**

A resounding **YES** we can help!

Klein's offers a number of services for the gardener who wants to grow plants in containers but has neither the time nor the energy.

The easiest is to simply purchase any of Klein's pre-planted containers, available beginning the first week of May. Our talented designers are said to put together the most beautiful container gardens in town, using the newest plants and creative designs. We offer both traditional and contemporary selections. Choose from simple designs to topiaries, moss baskets, strawberry jars and more. Prices range from \$20.00 to \$120.00. They make the perfect Mother's Day gift. They're ready to go--take them with or have us deliver them.

Your second option is to place an order with us. We'll either repot your own containers or create one especially for you. Simply bring us your pots (or purchase one from our huge selection), tell us what you'd like (tropicals, something bright, something for a hot & sunny location, whatever) and give us a minimum of three business days. We'll deliver them if you like. In addition to the plants, there is a potting fee based on the pot size. That fee includes the soil (our own special mix with our homemade compost and slow release fertilizer) and the labor. Delivery is extra. Because of the sheer volume of special orders, we require the three days to ensure your order is ready--the more time, the better.

**And new in 2009, you'll be able to plant up your very own containers in our cozy and well-stocked "Potting Shed".** It's all very simple:

Either bring in your own pots or purchase one of ours. Then, using our own famous potting soil, you'll be able to create your own masterpiece onsite! We'll simply charge you for the plants and the amount of soil you use (based on the pot size). We require, of course, that no plants be brought in from outside sources and it's always a good idea to call ahead to reserve a spot--especially during peak hours. Just ask for Jen @ 244-5661. Our talented staff will be available to answer all questions, help pick out some plants and to get you started. We'll even deliver them for you for an added fee.

Thanks for your question!!

The Mad Gardener

### **AROUND TOWN:**

**NOTE: If you or know of any community or neighborhood events or garden tours you would like posted on our web site in our monthly newsletters, please contact Rick at (608) 244-5661. Please include all details, i.e. dates, locations, prices, brief description, etc. Our readership is ever-growing so this is a great opportunity for free advertising. Events must be garden related and must take place in the immediate Madison vicinity.**

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

Saturdays, January 3 thru April 11, 8:00-noon  
Madison Senior Center  
330 W. Mifflin

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

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

Saturdays, April 18 thru November 7, 6:00-2:00  
On the Capitol Square

Wednesdays, April 22 thru November 4, 8:30-2:00  
In the 200 block of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

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

#### **Olbrich Garden's**

##### **Bolz Conservatory Exhibit-Light Gaps**

April 4 thru June 30, 2009  
Daily from 10:00-4:00, Sundays 10:00-5:00  
In the Bolz Conservatory

The trees are trimmed, the bushes pruned, and it's time to see the light in the forest. Learn about light and how plants develop and change in the forest as light fluctuates. Admission to the Conservatory is \$1. Admission is always free for Olbrich Botanical Society members and children 5 and under, and is free for the general public on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon.

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

#### **Olbrich Garden's**

##### **Spring Pansy Sale**

April 11, 2009  
From 10:00-Supplies Last

Put a cheery pansy on your windowsill, dress up your holiday table, or bring a fabulous hostess gift beautifully displayed in a springtime container. These delightful pansies, violas, and panolas, grown in Olbrich's own greenhouses, are just \$6 each with three plants per pot. Colorful containers are extra. Proceeds benefit Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

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

### **Orchid Sale**

April 11, 2009  
From 10:00-2:30 or while supplies last

Celebrate spring with a blooming orchid plant. Sponsored by the Orchid Growers Guild. Orchid Growers Guild members will be available to answer questions. A portion of the proceeds benefits Olbrich Gardens. For information call 608-231-3163.

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

### **Woodland Wildflowers**

Sunday, April 12, April 26 & May 3 • 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
Walks from the Visitor Center

**April 12:** Spring ephemerals carpet the woodland floor. We may see bloodroot, toothwort, spring beauty and others along the trails in Gallistel Woods.

**April 26:** This can be a peak time for spring ephemerals such as trout lily and wood anemone. It is also time to look for returning migrant birds such as house wrens, brown thrashers and kingbirds.

**May 4:** What better way to spend a May Day? Take a walk with naturalists through the woodland wildflower restorations near the Visitor Center.

University of WI Arboretum  
1207 Seminole Hwy.  
Madison, WI 53711  
608/263-7888 or [uwarboretum.org/events](http://uwarboretum.org/events)

### **Olbrich Garden's Leaf Mulch Sale**

Thursday, April 16, 2:00-5:00 (Members Only)

Friday, April 17, 2:00-5:00

Saturday, April 18, 9:00-12:00

Saturday, April 18, 12:00-4:00 (Load-Your-Own)

April 19-May 7, 9:00-4:00 (Load-Your-Own)

April 23, April 30 & May 7, 9:00-5:00 (Bulk Available)

Buy the same leaf mulch used in Olbrich's gardens for your home garden. Leaf mulch cuts down on watering and weeding, recycles local leaves, and is credited for Olbrich's healthy looking gardens. Bags are \$6 each and \$40 for a tractor scoop (8-10 bags).

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

### **Prairies and Savannahs in Spring**

Sunday, April 19, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Pasque flowers, prairie smoke, early buttercup and early migrating birds should make this a delightful walk. Meet at the Grady Tract parking lot, located at the southeast corner of the Beltline and Seminole Highway.

University of WI Arboretum  
1207 Seminole Hwy.  
Madison, WI 53711  
608/263-7888 or [uwarboretum.org/events](http://uwarboretum.org/events)

### **How to Identify Spring Wildflowers**

Saturday, April 25, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Uncover the secrets to wildflower identification through the understanding of plant patterns and plant terminology, while gaining valuable wildflower identification skills that can be applied in a multitude of contexts. The class will be held indoors and outdoors. Registration required

University of WI Arboretum  
1207 Seminole Hwy.  
Madison, WI 53711  
608/263-7888 or [uwarboretum.org/events](http://uwarboretum.org/events)

### **Isthmus Green Day**

Saturday, April 25, 9:00-6:00  
At the Monona Terrace

Isthmus Green Day is a half expo, half eco-celebration designed to help people in our community — no matter what their circumstances — become a little greener and to have fun doing it!

Last year, Isthmus Green Day boasted approximately 3000 attendees, 124 booths and 16 sponsors, and we anticipate the 2009 event will be even bigger. The 2009 Isthmus Green Day will have approximately 150 booths, more information and more fun for every attendee. The one-day event will also incorporate additional food and drink sampling, eco-fashion, alternative health information and demonstrations, cooking demonstrations, walkabout entertainment and more.

Kicking off at 9 a.m., Isthmus Green Day will also have stage entertainment that includes speakers, indoor kite flying, Tai Chi demonstrations, live music courtesy of Launchpad, WKOW Living Green Challenge winners and more! There will also be several educational and interactive breakout sessions throughout the day and the Children's Natural Play area sponsored by The Madison's Children's Museum and Aldo Leopold Nature Center. Most importantly, it will have a wide range of exhibits to appeal to all those interested in leading a more environmentally friendly lifestyle.

Tickets will cost \$5. Those who bike or bus to the event will get in free. Children under 12 will also receive free admittance.

Visit [www.thedailypage.com/green/2009greendayfactsheet.pdf](http://www.thedailypage.com/green/2009greendayfactsheet.pdf) for details

### **The Wisconsin Gardener "Think Green"**

Thursday, April 30, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.  
on Wisconsin Public Television  
Check local listings for the station nearest you.

Host Shelley Ryan looks at green weed control using some very common and safe kitchen products, even boiling water! Wild Parsnip is a noxious weed that poses dangers to the landscape and to gardeners. Find out how to identify and control it. On a more happy note, the program visits Rotary Gardens in Janesville where the hellebores are blooming. They are easy to grow, long-lived and low maintenance. At Olbrich Gardens in Madison Jeff Epping shows how and why certain trees and shrubs benefit from being cut back all the way to the ground every couple years.

For more information, visit [www.wpt.org/garden](http://www.wpt.org/garden)

### **Going Green Wisconsin Expo**

Saturday, May 2, 10:00-5:00  
Sunday, May 3, 10:00-5:00

Going Green Wisconsin EXPO is the premier green lifestyle show in the state. The event will showcase diverse local and national green businesses displaying and selling eco-friendly, fair trade and sustainable products. The EXPO includes more than 130 exhibitors, product sampling, instructional seminars and more. Special attractions include the Green Chatauqua, a hybrid test course, the fresh market, a beer garden, a health and wellness pavilion, and a kids zone.

As an exciting gathering of people, products and resources, the EXPO is designed to enhance our daily living and to increase public awareness of all efforts to go green. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door Children under 12 are free. Please visit [www.channel3000.com/mm-green-expo/index.html](http://www.channel3000.com/mm-green-expo/index.html) for more details.

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

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

- \_\_\_ Continue bringing out your cooled forced bulbs for indoor enjoyment.
- \_\_\_ Early in the month, pot up cannas and dahlias for early growth.
- \_\_\_ Begin removing, cleaning and storing winter bird feeders.
- \_\_\_ Begin your summer bird feeding regimen.
- \_\_\_ Keep birdbaths full and clean.
- \_\_\_ Repair and put out birdhouses. Put out nesting material like pet hair & fibers.
- \_\_\_ Seed starting is in full swing and even winding down by the end of April.
- \_\_\_ Sterilize seed starting equipment and pots with a 1:16 bleach solution.
- \_\_\_ Shop for summer bulbs like gladiolas, lilies and dahlias.
- \_\_\_ Prune late summer and fall blooming shrubs.
- \_\_\_ Do not prune spring blooming shrubs like lilacs, forsythia or viburnum.
- \_\_\_ Continue bringing in branches for forcing: pussy willow, forsythia, quince, etc.
- \_\_\_ Increase fertilizer to full strength by month's end (houseplants).
- \_\_\_ Ready the lawn mower if you haven't done so already.
- \_\_\_ Start weeding your beds. It's easier while weeds are small & the soil moist.
- \_\_\_ Remove all winter mulch from beds.
- \_\_\_ Remove the soil mound from around roses and mums.
- \_\_\_ Lay soaker hoses in beds. It's easy now without plants in the way.
- \_\_\_ Cut back all remaining perennials and ornamental grasses left from fall.
- \_\_\_ Begin sowing seeds of larkspur, poppies and hardy annuals in the garden.
- \_\_\_ Plant pansies, violas and calendula into the garden and containers.
- \_\_\_ Harden off your seedlings and wintered over potted geraniums.
- \_\_\_ Repair lawns by sowing grass seed. Rake the lawn.
- \_\_\_ Move cole crop transplants to the garden; broccoli, kohlrabi, cabbage, etc.
- \_\_\_ Plant onion sets and early spring crops like lettuce, spinach, carrots, beets
- \_\_\_ Begin planting perennials. Plant shrubs and trees.
- \_\_\_ Visit Klein's---the showrooms are filled with spring annuals.

Some of our very favorite seed and plant sources include:

### **For seeds:**

- Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds @ [www.RareSeeds.com](http://www.RareSeeds.com) or 417/924-8887
- Burpee @ [www.burpee.com](http://www.burpee.com) or 800/888-1447
- Harris Seeds @ [www.harriseseeds.com](http://www.harriseseeds.com) or 800/514-4441
- Johnny's Select Seeds @ [www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com) or 207/861-3901
- Jung's Seeds @ [www.jungseed.com](http://www.jungseed.com) or 800/247-5864
- Park's Seeds @ [www.parkseed.com](http://www.parkseed.com) or 800/845-3369
- Seeds of Change @ [www.seedsofchange.com](http://www.seedsofchange.com) or 888/762-7333
- Select Seeds @ [www.selectseeds.com](http://www.selectseeds.com) or 800/684-0395
- Territorial Seeds @ [www.territorialseed.com](http://www.territorialseed.com) or 888/657-3131
- Thompson & Morgan @ [www.thompson-morgan.com](http://www.thompson-morgan.com) or 800/274-7333

### **For bulbs:**

- Colorblends @ [www.colorblends.com](http://www.colorblends.com) or 888/847-8637
- John Scheeper's @ [www.johnscheepers.com](http://www.johnscheepers.com) or 860/567-0838
- McClure & Zimmerman @ [www.mzbulb.com](http://www.mzbulb.com) or 800/883-6998

### **For plants:**

- Heronswood Nursery @ [www.heronswood.com](http://www.heronswood.com) or 360/297-4172
- High Country Gardens @ [www.highcountrygardens.com](http://www.highcountrygardens.com) or 800/925-9387
- Logee's Greenhouses @ [www.logees.com](http://www.logees.com) or 888/330-8038
- Plant Delights Nursery @ [www.plantdelights.com](http://www.plantdelights.com) or 912/772-4794
- Roots and Rhizomes @ [www.rootsrhizomes.com](http://www.rootsrhizomes.com) or 800/374-5035
- Wayside Gardens @ [www.waysidegardens.com](http://www.waysidegardens.com) or 800/213-0379
- White Flower Farm @ [www.whiteflowerfarm.com](http://www.whiteflowerfarm.com) or 800/503-9624

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

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

### **IN APRIL:**

---Transplanting is in full swing on the transplanting line in our back greenhouses.

Employees work 8-10 hour shifts planting thousands of plugs and tiny seedlings into the cell packs you purchase in the spring. Once planted, the flats move by conveyor and then monorail into the various greenhouses, all kept at different temperatures depending on the plant.

---The greenhouses and showrooms are filling fast with thousands of hanging and potted plants. We're constantly moving product around, trying to make the best use of our limited space.

---Retail items are arriving nonstop for unpacking and pricing, everything from garden ornaments and pottery to pesticides and fertilizers.

---Employees are readying the thousands of lilies, hydrangeas, azaleas, mums and spring bulbs that we deliver to the many area churches each Easter. We look forward to this time when the greenhouses are emptied to make room for our bulging spring crop.

---Product is moved from the warmth of the greenhouses to the outdoors for the hardening off process. Plants are pinched back and moved outside so they can be acclimated for spring planting in your garden. Plants that have not been properly acclimated can find the transition to full sun and temperature extremes quite difficult. You've probably noticed that many garden centers do not harden off their plants properly. Symptoms include leaf burn and root rot.

---We're readying the showrooms for the spring onslaught. Tables become fully stocked. Spring info and price signs are put into place. The last week of April is an amazing time to visit Klein's. The showrooms are jam-packed, bursting with color, awaiting the spring rush which usually begins about May 1.

## **EMPLOYEE PROFILE--JAMIE VANDEN WYMELENBERG**

We are very lucky at Klein's to have one of Southern Wisconsin's most talented growers among our ranks. In fact, Klein's would not be the amazing greenhouse it is today were it not for Jamie's dedication and passion. During his tenure, Klein's has grown from a greenhouse content with being known only to local eastsiders, to one known throughout the Madison area for its superior quality product and cutting edge plant mix. Jamie has single-handedly changed us from a greenhouse primarily known for its flower shop, geraniums and old-time annuals, to a market leader. Klein's was among the first retailers in the area to sell annuals that are now commonplace--scaevola, bacopa, Supertunias, lisianthus, angelonia, calibrachoa, 'Diamond Frost' euphorbia, plumbago and many, many more. Jamie's experimentive nature keeps him open to all that is new and his willingness to change has kept Klein's fresh and exciting, when many thought our days were numbered. Much of what you experience at Klein's today is a direct result of Jamie's influence. Sustainability is very important to Jamie. Because of him, Klein's grows much our product in fiber pots made from recycled paper or coir pots made from coconut fibers. We use rice hulls in our growing mixes instead of perlite and we shy away from using chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Jamie joined Klein's at a real turning point in its history. He was hired by Oscar and Joyce Klein in the spring of 1990. By working hand in hand with Oscar, Jamie was able to learn all facets in operating an already successful greenhouse and many traditional, tried and true techniques for growing high quality product. With Oscar's passing, Jamie had a unique opportunity of not just continuing in the family tradition, but then shaping an operation that in ways has become his own. Current owner, Sue Klein, has given Jamie full autonomy in all aspects running the greenhouse part of the business--a truly unique and envious situation for any grower.

As fate would have it, Jamie and Sue knew each other from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where they received their BS in Horticulture and Floriculture, respectively. After graduation, Jamie worked briefly with hydroponic tomatoes, lettuce and cucumbers at a facility in Chilton, WI when he heard about the position of head grower at Klein's. Except for a brief stint at Stoughton Garden Center, Jamie has been here ever since. With Madison's ever-growing east side population, Jamie fully realizes Klein's amazing potential and dreams of continued growth and modernization for the future.

Jamie's no stranger to the goings-on of a small, family-owned business. While growing up, his family owned a successful grocery store in Wrightstown, WI. This explains much of his work ethic. In addition, coming from a very large family probably explains much of his competitive nature; having been involved in competitive rowing, basketball and archery over the years. Jamie and his wife, Amber, who works at the Forest Products Laboratory here in Madison, own a home on Madison's east side. Their son, Jordan, is currently in high school and sometimes helps out at Klein's. In his own garden, Jamie says he enjoys experimenting with all the plants that have made Klein's so famous. He says his containers and mixed plantings are the envy of his neighborhood. Jamie is also a member of the Commercial Flower Growers Association.

If you haven't shopped at Klein's in a while, stop by this spring and see the difference Jamie has made. And if you have any questions, Jamie has all the answers; from plant questions to fertilizing and pest control. He's there seven days a week from March through early June (often from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.).

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

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

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

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

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

## 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 2009 edition of the Bucky Book. Visit [www.buckybook.com](http://www.buckybook.com) for more information and to order your copy.

## 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 or 888/244-5661

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[kathy@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:kathy@kleinsfloral.com)

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[jamie@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:jamie@kleinsfloral.com)

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Craig Johnson

[craig@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:craig@kleinsfloral.com)

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Jennifer Wadyka

[jennifer@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:jennifer@kleinsfloral.com)

House Accounts & Billing Barbara Foulk

Delivery Supervisor

Rick Halbach

Owner Sue (Klein) Johnson

[sue@kleinsfloral.com](mailto:sue@kleinsfloral.com)

## RELATED RESOURCES AND WEB SITES

University of Wisconsin Extension

1 Fen Oak Ct. #138

Madison, WI 53718

608/224-3700

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

State Soil Testing Lab

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

American Horticultural Society  
[www.ahs.org](http://www.ahs.org)

Garden Catalogs (an extensive list with links)  
[www.gardenlist.com](http://www.gardenlist.com)  
also [www.mailordergardening.com](http://www.mailordergardening.com)

Invasive Species  
[www.invasive.org](http://www.invasive.org)

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

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

Madison Area Master Gardeners (MAMGA)  
[www.madison.com/communities/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  
[www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/](http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/)

The Wisconsin Gardener  
[www.wpt.org/garden/](http://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.html](http://www.horticulture.wisc.edu/allencentennialgardens/Index.html)

Olbrich Botanical Gardens  
3330 Atwood Ave.  
Madison, WI 53704  
608/246-4550  
[www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org)

Rotary Gardens  
1455 Palmer Dr.  
Janesville, WI 53545  
608/752-3885  
[www.rotarygardens.org](http://www.rotarygardens.org)

University of WI Arboretum  
1207 Seminole Hwy.  
Madison, WI 53711  
608/263-7888  
[www.uwarboretum.org](http://www.uwarboretum.org)

University of Wisconsin-West Madison

Agricultural Research Center  
8502 Mineral Point Rd.  
Verona, WI 53593  
608/262-2257  
[www.cals.wisc.edu/westmad/](http://www.cals.wisc.edu/westmad/)

#### **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 @ [www.hsus.org/](http://www.hsus.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