

# Wisconsin Grower Intensive

October 4-6, 2015

## Sunday, October 4

### 7:00 p.m. Reception with Panel Discussion

Mimo Davis, Emily Watson, Doug Trott, Carol Larsen  
Here's your chance to ask four growers whatever you want. Audience participation is not only encouraged, it's virtually required!

## Monday, October 5

### 8:15 a.m. Welcome

### 8:30 a.m. Cut Flower Peony Production – Part One

Roy Klehm, Klehm's Song Sparrow Nursery  
Master plantsman Roy Klehm is known for his expertise with a wide range of ornamental plants, but peonies hold a special place in his heart. The first part of his talk will cover field preparation and planting, fertilization and fungicides, and general production processes.

### 9:30 a.m. What's Making My Plants Sick?

Brian Hudelson, UW Plant Diagnostic Laboratory, Madison  
Wondering what diseases may be adversely affecting your cut flowers? Feel free to email photos of any problems you are seeing to Brian for a free diagnosis. Or consider sending the plants themselves to Brian for a formal diagnosis (which includes a written report). Normal clinic fees (typically \$20-25) will apply for plant submissions. Tag your photos or plant samples with "ASCFG" and Brian will summarize results from these samples for his presentation.

Go to the UW Plant Diagnostic Laboratory's page for submission instructions.

### 10:45 a.m. Tools of Our Trade

John Hendrickson, UW Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems  
Joe Schmitt, Fair Field Flowers, Madison  
From favorite hand tools to nifty machines, two experienced Wisconsin farmers will share their finds from far and wide. Demonstrations will include planters, weeders, and cutting tools, homemade gizmos, handy techniques, efficiency tips, and more. Participants are encouraged to bring their own favorite tools as well.

### 12:00 noon Lunch (included with registration)

### 1:00 p.m. Cut Flower Peony Production - Part Two

Roy Klehm, Klehm's Song Sparrow Nursery  
Roy will continue his tour of cut flower peonies, examining flower types, hybridizing and selecting new varieties, and touching on peony personalities and what they've accomplished.

### 2:30 p.m. Insect Netting for Hoophouse Dahlias

Jeanie McKewan, Fair Field Flowers/Brightflower Farm  
Growing dahlias organically in the Midwest is very difficult with the high insect pressure and high winds. Jeanie has used insect netting on high tunnels to alleviate both. She is able to grow beautiful dahlias and sell every stem.

### 3:45 p.m. What's Bugging My Plants?

P.J. Liesch, UW Insect Diagnostic Laboratory, Madison  
Just when your lisianthus is looking perfect, ready to be cut and sold, you realize that something's chewing the petals. What ARE those bugs? Find out by sending samples or photos to the University of Wisconsin Insect Diagnostic Lab before the meeting. P.J. will determine the pest bothering you, and at the meeting, present his diagnoses and control solutions.

P.J. can accept physical samples only from Wisconsin residents. However, digital images of the insects and their damage can be sent from anywhere. Be sure to include your location, the plant species (and cultivar if possible), and a general description of the situation. Tag your photos or plant samples with "ASCFG" and P.J. will summarize results from these samples for his presentation.

Go to the UW Insect Diagnostic Laboratory's page and click on "Submitting Samples" in the green bar. There is no charge for this service.

## Tuesday, October 6

**Sunborn Flowers** is one of the founding partners of the Fair Field Flowers marketing cooperative. Carol Larsen has been growing since 1975, and is a fixture at the Dane County Farmers' Market. Sunborn produces a wide variety of sustainably grown cut flowers.

**Brightflower Farms** is a certified organic producer of cut flowers and ornamental shrubs; items include peonies, tree peonies, ninebark, willows, hydrangea, mixed bouquets, many annual flowers, grains, and grasses.

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