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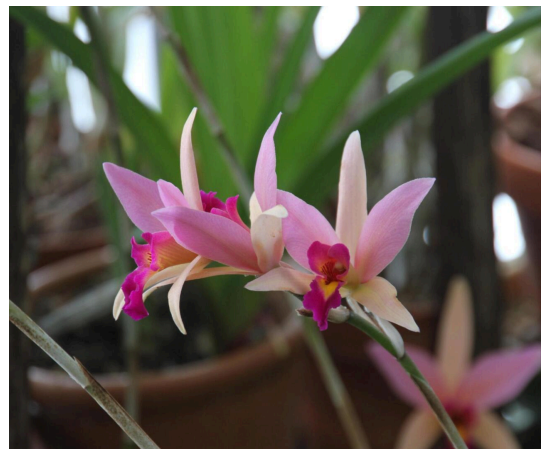


What's happening in Horticulture? January 2026

Greetings gardeners,

A new year brings fresh energy for plant and gardening enthusiasts – a time to look ahead, make plans, and imagine landscapes that are both beautiful and climate resilient. As you plan for the season ahead, consider ways to incorporate **[pollinator-friendly plants](#)** or even establish native prairie areas that support wildlife while adding visual interest to your outdoor spaces. Read on for helpful resources, online learning opportunities, and ways to connect with the Extension Horticulture Program in 2026.

Upcoming Online Programs



Were you gifted an **[orchid](#)** for the holidays? These care tips can help blooms last longer – and sometimes return.

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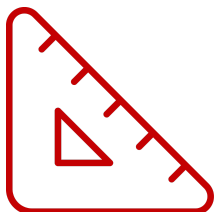
- **Green Thumb Gardening: Planning the Organic Vegetable Garden**
Thursday, Jan. 15 | 5:30–7:30 p.m. | \$12 registration
 - **Ask Your Gardening Question: LIVE**
Wednesday, Jan. 21 | 1:30–2:30 p.m.
 - **Green Thumb Gardening: Seed Starting**
Thursday, Jan. 22 | 5:30–7:30 p.m. | \$12 registration
 - **Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2025**
Wednesday, Jan. 28 | 6:30–8:30 p.m.
 - **Green Thumb Gardening: Soils, Soil Testing, & Fertilizers**
Thursday, Jan. 29 | 5:30–7:30 p.m. | \$12 registration
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Timely Articles



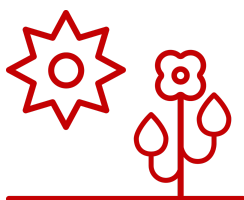
What's All the Buzz? Woody Plants for Bees, Butterflies, and Other Bee-t-full Pollinators

Learn which floral traits attract different pollinators and explore a long list of woody plant recommendations – including trees, shrubs, evergreens, and vines – that serve as critical pollen and nectar sources throughout the growing season. [**Read more...**](#)



Planning and Designing Your Home Landscape

This multi-part article series offers guidance on sketching plans, choosing a landscape style, understanding design principles, selecting plants, incorporating garden structures and more. Whether you're starting from scratch or revamping an existing yard, follow these steps to craft a cohesive landscape. [**Read more...**](#)



Planting and Managing Your Own Prairie

Establishing a native plant community is as much an art as it is a science. It involves careful planning, planting, and managing the plot long term. Learn the history of prairies in North America and how to create your own prairie landscape. Plus, find helpful plant descriptions of popular forbs, shrubs, and grasses featured in this extensive publication. [Read more...](#)



Don't miss out on Early Bird rates!

Plant Diagnostics: The Step-by-Step Approach to Identifying Plant Problems

Learn key concepts about plant diagnostics – for trees, houseplants, vegetables, and everything in between! This online, self-paced course teaches the basics of the diagnostic process in an easy-to-understand way. The course runs Feb. 1–April 30, 2026.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Join us for the 2026 Garden & Green Living Expo

Join like-minded gardeners and environmental enthusiasts at this three-day celebration of gardening, landscaping, local food culture and more! Learn from 150+ educational presentations, browse through the exhibitor mall, connect with us at the UW-Madison Extension Horticulture booth, or bring the kids to explore the PBS KIDS Backyard family area.

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February 13-15
Alliant Energy Center
Madison, Wis.

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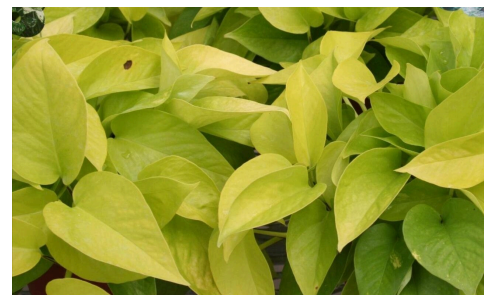
A weekly column of horticulture education and activities for Wisconsin gardeners. Read the latest articles from this past month.

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- [Gardening Resolutions to Consider for 2026](#)
- [Keying Out Christmas Trees](#)
- [Poinsettias Enhance Holidays & Beyond](#)
- [Dependable & Durable Houseplants](#)



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Pothos is an easy-to-grow houseplant to refresh your indoor spaces after the holidays.





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