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Planter's Palette Catalog

## EXPANDED HOURS

### April

Monday-Friday 9-6  
 Saturday 8-6  
 Sunday 9-5

### May

Monday-Friday 9-7  
 Saturday 8-6  
 Sunday 9-5

### June

Monday-Wednesday 9-6  
 Thursday & Friday 9-7  
 Saturday 8-6  
 Sunday 9-5

### July & August

Monday-Wednesday 10-6  
 Thursday & Friday 10-7  
 Saturday 10-6  
 Sunday 10-5

### September through December 19

Monday-Sunday 10-5

## Garden Coach

We are pleased to announce a new service for our customers. "The Garden Coach" program is designed to help you with professional assistance. Whether laying out a new flower bed, renovating an old one, planting, pruning and maintenance, we can help!



Our Garden Coach, Gary Hartman, BS Horticulture from UW Madison, with 35 years experience is here to help. Contact us at The Planter's Palette (30) 293-1040 x2 or stop in and discuss your needs with Gary or one of our assistant coaches.

## Perennial of the Year

*Dianthus gratianopolitanus 'Firewitch'*

Low growing blue-green foliage topped with fragrant bright pink flowers in spring.

### New for 2006

Just a few of our newest plants.

#### Annuals

**Diascia Diamonte Coral Rose**, AAS 2006  
 Dainty coral-pink flowers, great for containers

**Salvia Evolution**, AAS 2006 Striking violet color, easy to grow

#### Perennials

**Echinaceae Harvest Moon**, 24-30"  
 Fragrant earthy gold with a golden orange cone

**Pimpinella major, Rosea'**  
 Pink Queen Anne like flowers over deep green, divided foliage; 2' spread

#### Shrubs and Roses

**Hydrangea paniculata 'Little Lamb'**  
 Delicate flower clusters resemble little lambs dancing above the foliage; 8-9'

**Rosa Tahitian Sunset**, Fragrant blooms of orange yellow and pink 2006 AARS winner

## Healthier Plants – Growing the Best

Our commitment at The Planter's Palette is to bring you the best plants possible – varieties that serve all your garden needs, as well as being healthy and well grown.

We are excited to be one of the first nurseries in the Chicago area to embrace natural, sustainable growing methods. All of our plants are now grown in soil enriched with natural, beneficial microbes and organic fertilizer. This promotes a healthy, holistic environment for plant growth. Benefits include better plant growth, better establishment when planted into the garden, and healthier plants that are more resistant to disease, insects and environmental stress.

Grown with these improved methods, our plants will perform better in your garden, and help make you an environmentally friendly gardener.

**Christmas Open House**  
 Saturday, November 18

**Autumn Showcase**  
 Sept 16-Oct 1

**Surplus Sale**  
 Aug 12-27

**Perennial Festival**  
 July 8-16

**Closed July 4**

**Memorial Day**  
 Monday, May 29

**Mother's Day**  
 Sunday, May 14

**Closed Easter**  
 Sunday, April 16

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## 2006 Calendar

**Nursery Opens**  
 Saturday, April 1

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Spring 2006

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The Planter's Palette

# Spring Classes

## Palette Pals for Growing Gardeners

Palette Pals is our introduction to gardening for 3 to 6 year olds! With storytelling, hands-on activities, art, and games, children learn about plants and the natural world around them. While the growing gardeners have fun, parents and grandparents can take time to stroll through the nursery.

Palette Pals meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, April 18 through August 15.

Mornings 10:15-11:00am or Afternoons 1:15-2:00pm.

Fee: \$7.50 per child.

### April 18 - Super Seeds

That giant oak tree used to be an acorn you could slip into your pocket. We'll look at the different parts of seeds and find out what makes them grow.

### May 16 - Radical Roots

We all know that the part of the plant sticking in the ground are its roots, but why does a plant need them? Why do different kinds of plants have different kinds of roots? Explore this really important part of plants that's out of sight.

### June 20 - Rose Rally

### July 18 - Creature Feature

### August 15 - Totally Trees

Instructor: Sally Manthei

## Good Growing Summer Series

Young 7-10 year old students get hands-on experience learning about greenhouse operations and propagating plants. Each student will create a hanging planter at the final class.

Instructor: Sally Manthei

Series meets **Thursday, June 15, 22 & 29, 10-11 am.**

Series fee: \$35

### Container Design Class

Saturday, May 20, 10 to 11 am

Demonstration using combinations of annuals and perennials to make your container look fantastic.

Instructor: Gary Hartman, Garden Coach

Fee: \$10

### Container Planting Class

Saturday, May 20, 1 to 3 pm (limit 25)

Plant your own container from home or buy one in our gift shop. Come early to make your plant selections. Our Garden Coach is here to assist you in making the right selection. A "hands on" class.

Instructor: Gary Hartman, Garden Coach

Fee: \$15 – (Includes potting soil. Plants are as marked.)

# In the Garden and Gift Shop

by Lindsay Whitney

## Beautiful Winged Things

This spring the Gift Shop celebrates the delightful beauty of the many winged visitors to the garden.

Song-birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and of course, fairies love gardens just as we do. The extra dimension that they bring to the garden only adds to our pleasure. The shop is chock full of items embellished with winged things motifs that are ideal to give as gifts or to decorate your own home. Don't forget The Planter's Palette is the perfect place to find many unique and sure to please Mother's Day gifts!



*"The summer life in the garden of the winged things of the air is most charming...the whole blossoming space is alive with many-colored butterflies like floating flowers." — Celia Thaxter*

## Zen Tranquility

Create a calming oasis in a corner of your garden with the addition of some of our zen inspired accents. The soft, calming tones from bamboo windchimes or the soothing splash from a bamboo water spout is sure to revive a tired spirit. The use of pottery and planters will increase the spa-like flavor. They may be sleek and

## Outdoor Living

In a tech-oriented world people seek a hearth and home and very much relish their outdoor leisure time. We can help you to enhance your outdoor living space with the addition of some of our comfy, casual furniture offerings. We have expanded the collection of our popular, easy care outdoor wicker line and have added a stylish,

durable wrought iron line, complete with cozy cushions. Our favorite pieces tend to be the gliders which evoke the old-fashioned charm of summer evenings on the porch. Some items will be stocked on hand and we will also be able to special order for you. Let the Gift

Shop staff help you with your selections.



modern or rustic and primitive but the key is the simplicity of their design. A Buddha statue tucked in the foliage and candlelight are all that's needed to complete your peaceful haven.

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## Gardeners' Coffee Corner

We've put the coffee on! Join us Tuesday mornings at 10 am starting May 16 for our informal garden coffee breaks. Share gardening tips, successes and lessons learned with fellow gardeners.



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## New this year!

Daniel's Plant Food is an earth-friendly, non-toxic, organically based fertilizer derived from seed extracts. We use it to grow our own crops here at The Planter's Palette, and we are pleased to be able to offer it to our customers. Its unique formula contains all the necessary nutrients required for peak plant growth. It really makes plants thrive, with larger blooms and enhanced color, and it's effective for all kinds of plants.

## Seedballz

Perfect to tuck in that Easter basket or as part of a Mother's Day gift, Seedballz are small rolled balls of clay, fertilizer, and seed that you can simply toss in your garden or in a pot. As the clay melts during watering, the seeds sprout into life. We have Seedballz in variety of mixes including sunflowers, wildflowers, and a hummingbird and butterfly mix. Just toss, water, and watch them bloom!

Advance registration is requested for all classes. Call 630-293-1040 x 2