2012 Cut Flower Growers School

February 18 and 19, 2012   UW-Madison campus

Grower-instructors include 3rd generation flower grower Joe Schmitt and Jeanie McKewan of Brightflower Nursery.

The Wisconsin Cut Flower Growers School is a two-day workshop designed to help new and beginning growers learn the ins and outs of producing and marketing cut flowers.

Learn from experienced growers about variety selection, seed starting, planting and harvest schedules and methods, post-harvest handling, pest management, tools and equipment, and direct marketing. Find out how to turn your passion for flowers into a sustainable small business. Network with other growers in and around Wisconsin. Handle small tools at a show-and-tell table. Speakers will emphasize sustainable and organic production practices.

This workshop will you help answer questions such as:
- How much income can be earned from an acre of cut flowers?
- How much labor and capital investment are involved?
- What are farmers’ market customers and florists looking for in cut flowers and bouquets?
- How do I select varieties to grow and schedule plantings?

Lunches and morning and afternoon snacks will be provided. Class times will be 8:30am to 4:45pm. Directions and parking information will be mailed after you enroll.

Enrollment is limited, so sign up today!
Register and pay using the form below or online at www.cias.wisc.edu
Questions? Contact John Hendrickson, 608.265.3704 or jhendric@wisc.edu

2012 Cut Flower Growers School Registration Form

Name_________________________________________________________
Address______________________________________________________
Phone______________________________
Email________________________________________________________
Do you currently grow and sell cut flowers? ____ Years experience_____
Meal preference: Vegetarian____  Vegan____  Meat____
Individual enrollment: $200   Farm partner or spouse: add $125
Make check payable to the University of Wisconsin

Clip and return to CIAS, Attn: Cut Flower Growers School, 1535 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706