



The Baby Cabbage



Surely one of the most important areas of the winter garden is our kitchen garden, consider planting - broccoli, broad beans, cauliflower, peas and carrots. However the vegetable of the month has to be the sweet baby cabbage, that you would grow from seeds, these will be ready for harvesting within 65 days. Baby leaf lettuce is easy and trendy to grow. Spice up your salads, you can even grow it on a sunny windowsill in your kitchen and cut as you need it, germination in 14 days and ready for picking in just over a month.

WINTERS ROSE!



Camellias are considered to be the Winters Rose! They do best in a semi-shaded position and enjoy a soil that is slightly acidic. Camellias are shallow rooted and therefore should not be planted too deeply. These winter beauties grow most successfully in containers. Never allow the soil to dry out but keep it moist

What to do in the AUTUMN GARDEN

Autumn is the season when you should be planting your winter and spring flowering bulbs. Plant indigenous bulbs like Freesia's, Chinchinchee, Nerines, my personal favourite being the "Iris!" (Pictured right). Hyacinths and Daffodils bulbs can be grown hydroponically (on a bed of water) this makes a stunning indoor feature; it is both colourful and creative. It's time too for planting winter annuals like pansies, violas, primulas and poppies.

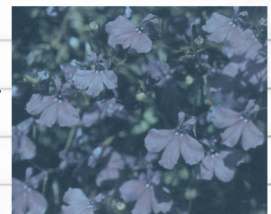


This is the time of year that we plant beautiful 'sweet peas', remember they just love a full sun position.

Sometimes the tiniest of changes and addition like planting a few bulbs and annuals can make a huge difference to any garden.

Start to collect fallen leaves for your compost heap or for mulching the flower beds.

Lobelia - This hassle free exceptionally rewarding little plant adds the final touch to any garden bed, hanging basket or container. Lobelia's are available in shades of white, pink, sky blue and mauve a must have plant for any good looking garden!



A quote I came across in an 18th century garden book

"I'd rather have a rose on my table than a diamond around my neck."



OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: 21st May 2012
Time: 1:30 for 2:00
Venue: Lifestyle Lecture hall