

THE LIFESTYLE ISLAMIC GARDEN CLUB

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In and around the garden



- Slug and Snails will be on the "war path" again during November, remember to scatter a **natural insecticide** (not a chemical) around your plants in the late afternoon (as both slugs and snails are insects of the night!).
- Be on the look out for red spider a Home made remedy - 4 cups of flour, ½ cup sour milk, 20lts of water - Mix this all together and spray (do not keep longer than two days).
- Continue to feed annuls with either Seagro or multi-feed.
- To cut down on those ever increasing water bills, ensure that you have a 10cm layer of mulch around your plants this will keep roots cool and moist.
- Never let summer bulbs dry out, water at least twice a week. Lift and store winter flowering bulbs.
- Mow your lawn once a week and feed once a month water in the early morning so that the grass can dry out

by the evening. (This avoids fungus spreading).

- If you are as fortunate as me! to have bananas growing in your garden, feed them now with 3.1.5 around the root you will be amazed at the quality of the fruit.
- Scale on Citrus trees can be sprayed with a mineral oil or wiped with a cloth that has been dipped in Metholated spirits.
- If you see a "green caterpillar with bright orange horns" munching the leaves of your Citrus, leave it alone as it turns into a beautifully yellow and black butterfly.
- Plant sweetcorn and cucumbers. Pick your beans twice a week, the more you pick the more the plant will produce. Vegetables that are raised off the ground are less likely to be attacked by bugs and are also less susceptible to fungus as they receive better air circulation growing in this manner.
- Where space is of a premium in the

garden, (in particular small gardens) but where you need to cover those ugly walls, consider planting a creeper. If its fragrance your are after, a climbing rose (Isidingo or Cecile Brunner) or another fragrant creeper I would suggest is the old time favourite and that of course is the Honeysuckle. Maybe you have a protected patio that needs a bit of colour, look no further than Clerodendrum (The Bleeding Heart) don't you love this name?



Clerodendrum (The Bleeding Heart)

Our last meeting for the year

We will be joining the Lifestyle Soweto Garden Club meeting on the 8th November, the last for 2008. Club meetings will commence in the first week of February 2009.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: 8th November 2008

Time: 1:30 for 2:00p.m.

Venue: Lifestyle Lecture Hall

Subject: Re-using something old and turning it into something new in the garden

Speaker: Ruth Dowdle



*Yours in
the garden*

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