

THE LIFESTYLE ISLAMIC GARDEN CLUB

OCTOBER 2008 NEWSLETTER



Missed September meeting replaced in December

Due to the month of fasting, we had no September meeting. To make-up for September there will be a December meeting on the 6th.

OUR OCTOBER MEETING

We will be joining the Lifestyle Soweto Garden Club. This meeting will have a slightly different slant, as we will be talking interiors; now I know this is a *gardening club* – however the gardening and interior do go hand in hand. We were most fortunate to locate Kim Johsson of Jonsson Interiors to be our guest speaker! This is one not to be missed.

SEEDS AT LIFESTYLE

At Lifestyle we have packets of seed for planting your own chilli peppers as well as packets of sweet green, red and yellow peppers.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: 11th October 2008
Time: 1:30 for 2:00p.m.
Venue: Lifestyle Lecture Hall
Subject: Interior decorating
Speaker: Kim Johsson of Johsson Interiors



In and around the garden

- Rotate annuals – don't sow the same species in the *same* place every year.
- Start fertilising container plants now and do so throughout the summer – remember to always wet the soil before apply any fertiliser.
- Pinch back Chrysanthemums and geraniums to encourage bushy growth.
- Weeds will soon be flourishing, cut annual weeds before they set seeds.
- Pinch back fuchsias regularly to encourage more branches, as this ultimately leads to more flowers.
- Water your plants deeply to encourage *downward* root growth.



- By planting some Dahlias now, you will have splashes of colour through Christmas and well into the New Year. Fruit trees will require spraying when about eighty per cent of the petals have dropped off. (Try to use an organic spray rather than a chemical one).
- Take a walk around your garden to check the irrigation system as very often nozzles become blocked, leak or need replacing. Plants also get

Bigger and tend to block the sprays from being effective by not reaching all plants. Cut these plants back or raise the sprinkler heads.

- Be on the look out for Aphids, Snails, Cutworm at this time of the season.

Shaded areas in the garden can present problems, however in place of the well loved Impatiens why not consider some of the following: - Mimulus also known as the "monkey flower", Mimulus have beautiful spotted funnel shaped flowers with a heavenly perfume. Nicotianas also have a wonderful fragrance and come in shades of white and pink, cream and red. A final annual for those shaded areas is the stunning Lobelia, beautiful when allowed to cascade down, very striking dark blue colour. The Birthday flower of October is the *Cosmos* there is now a new colour burgundy called Chocmocha and can you believe it smells just like chocolate.

ROSES: Ensure that there is plenty of free air circulation between your roses, (not planted to close together) this will help keep fungus away. When you've made fresh ground coffee, add the coffee grounds to the soil around your roses – they love this!



*Yours in
the garden*

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