

THE LIFESTYLE ISLAMIC GARDEN CLUB

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Welcome to gardening in November!



It has been documented that the Almighty was the *very first* gardener; this makes a lot of sense; when you consider that you are closer to the Almighty in a garden than anywhere else on earth! I came across a little book the other day which was written in 1930; I read that as far back as 1930 - gardening was considered to be one of the purest and most satisfying human activities. Interesting, how today - this is still so true?

Garden Competition

We will be running a garden competition in the new year, so anyone who would like to enter should start to prepare their gardens now. More information will be given at our next meeting.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: 13th November 2010
Time: 12:30 for 1:00p.m.
Venue: Ludwig's Rose Farm for a glorious afternoon. Please wear a hat to protect yourself from the sun. Find map to Ludwig's Rose Farm attached.



November

FUCHSIAS

Is it not strange, how certain plants remind us of different things? Fuchsias always remind me of a 'Ballet dancers wearing a Tu-Tu'...

November is Fuchsia month; no garden that has a shady spot from the hot afternoon sun should be without a Fuchsia or two; rewarding you for many months with stunning display of colour. Not only do Fuchsia's make great container and hanging baskets plants they are also spectacular when planted in the garden. Fuchsia are easy to grow; inspite of being very hungry plants. On very hot days when they look as if they are wilting, before watering for a second time test the soil often they only require a light sprinkling to cool them down.



Showy summer gardens

A showy summer garden packed with colour is something most of us strive to achieve. However as we are all

watching how we spend our hard earned cash! We want value for our money - meaning reliable, long lasting flowers one way to achieve this is too take as many cuttings as possible. Start the ball rolling right now by collecting seeds from plants that have ready flowered in your garden; taking cutting from your own garden or from friends gardens. Plants that are easy to propagate are: - fuchsia's, geraniums, salvia's, lavenders and Felicia's. Any member requiring more information on cuttings or planting seeds please speak to me for a photo copy about the "do's and don'ts".

Garden Chores

- Remember to water, deadhead and feed annuals regularly to ensure a longer flowering period.
- Don't delay weed today! Before our summer rains get the better of us start weeding! A suggested weed killer is one called, Round-Up.
- Rejuvenate over grown plants by creative pruning.
- Feed and remove faded blooms. Finger pruning will ensure that you will have roses throughout the season. Every ten days or so, pinch out the developing tips on a random third stem. This way there will always be flowers at different stages.
- If the leaves on your Gardenias, Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow or Citrus trees are looking a bit yellow give them a treatment of Epsom salt sprinkled around the root zone.