



Garden Bumblebee Early Bumblebee Red-tailed Bumblebee Buff-tailed Bumblebee Common carder bee White-tailed Bumblebee

Basil The King of Herbs

It seems that Basil and Tomatoes were made for each other *a marriage made in heaven!* Not only does Basil protect Tomatoes from aphids and red spider mite, but, did you know it also enhances the flavour of your tomatoes. Basil stimulates the appetite and the digestive system. It is great for treating migraines, mouth infections and coughs. Plant Basil in well-dug, richly composted soil in full sun. Water daily until established thereafter twice weekly.

Please members do ensure your cell phones have been switched off at our meetings.

PLEASE NOTE: Subscriptions to the Garden Club are now due! Newsletters will only be sent to paid-up members.

QUOTE

Gardening requires lots of water mostly in the form of perspiration...

OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: 7th November 2009
Time: 1:30 for 2:00
Venue: Doonholm Nursery (see map attached)
Address: Plot 265 Summit Road, Brindle Park, Midrand
GPS: S 25° 55'800" - E 28°03'894"
R.S.V.P.: Pam on 083 279 0760 soon as possible

Please note: It would be appreciated if members bring please bring a plate of snacks to the meeting.

Take Note!



Nicotiana's

Free flowering annuals that are weather resistant and will grow in sun or partial shade. Nicotiana's flower for many months of the year, they are extremely useful in pots, hanging baskets and in the garden beds.

Watch out for 'white fly' on your Fuchsias at this time of year. A very good spray for white fly and spider mite is: - 1 T buttermilk; 1/2 cup flour; 2litre water. Mix all this together and spray alternate days for two weeks. Mixture can be stored in the fridge.

If the leaves of your Gardenias, Yesterday Today and Tomorrow or Citrus trees are looking a bit pale and yellow in colour - give them all a treatment of Epsom salts. Dissolve 5 tablespoons of Epsom Salts in 10 litres of water and water this around the base of the plant.

The Likes and Dislikes of Roses

Roses don't like too much shade or strong winds; they don't enjoy being over crowded by other plants; Roses do not grow successfully where a rose has previously been planted or water logged soil. They do however enjoy, regular feeding, roughly 20 litres of water in the summer; at least six hours of sunlight; regular deadheading and of course a regular spraying programme for insects and disease. Pick your roses to your hearts content, but remember not to remove too many leaves, as the leaves are the plants food factory and they needs these leaves to maintain their growth.

Gardeners underrate the value of creepers, especially in a small garden. Creepers are one of the quickest ways to achieve both height in depth in a small garden giving the garden an established look. Suggested creepers:- *Gelsemium* has lovely lime green leaves and gets clusters of yellow scented buttercup flowers. *Mandevilla* has stunning white and pink tubular flowers that have a heavenly gardenia fragrance. *Stephanotis* has large white waxy flowers highly scented blooms that fill the air for many hours.

Produced for the members of the **Lifestyle Soweto Garden Club** and the **Lifestyle Islamic Garden Club**. Any comments or suggestions would be welcome contact:

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Yours in the garden

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