



GARDEN 2 GARDEN CLUB

APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER

EDIBLE PLANTS

Edible plants that grow in April that will tolerate colder soil temperatures are:-
Veggies like: - Peas, Cauliflower, Beetroot, Leeks Cabbage, Onions, Garlic, Beans and Carrots. On a sweeter note, Strawberries and Granadillas.



Remember to feed young vegetables with high nitrogen feed to promote growth before the slowdown of growth in winter.

We have a new name for our club!

Yes, we have a winner! We have found a NEW name for our club, this will be announced at our April meeting. We are going to be running a monthly "quiz" we will choose three winners each month. But please, do not arrive without your answers, no entries will be excepted that are entered on the day. (come prepared!)

IN AND AROUND THE GARDEN

- Continue to spray your roses (with rose-care) against fungus disease and black spot; feeding at this time of year is a good idea, as it will harden the new wood for the coming winter.
- Mulching your flower beds will help keep the soil temperatures warmer during the cold months of winter.
- Feed lemon trees (and all citrus) with 3.1.5. plus and a handful of Epsom salt per tree will enhance the growth and hence provide you more fruit.
- Azaleas and Camellias should also be feed with 3.1.5., as they are brave enough to flower in the coldest months of winter when not too much else is!

Remember to water Conifers deeply during winter and to apply 'insecticide granules' to the soil to deter the Aphids which attack conifers during the winter months and sadly only to see the damage during summer.

WINTER BLOOMERS

- The queen of the winter garden just has to be the stunningly beautiful Camellia! A shade loving plant that enjoys a slightly acid soil. Their dense glossy evergreen foliage is most attractive all year around; the colours of the blooms are white, pink through to a dark red and are extremely long lasting.
- Planting new roses now will allow them to "settle in" and then give them a head start in the spring.
- No better way to liven up a dull winters day, than to have a kaleidoscope of colour; for that sunny spot – consider planting Petunias, Poppies, Pansies, Violas and Calendula. In that shady spot – Primulas, Begonias, Cinerarias and my favourite Cyclamens.



Iceland poppies

April Competition

April's competition question is.
Please explain in your own words what is:-
FLOWER'S OF SULPHUR?
(good luck)



OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: 11th April 2015.
Time: 1:30pm for 2:00pm.
Venue: Lifestyle Lecture Hall..
Topic: The correct way of planting seeds.