

THE LIFESTYLE ISLAMIC GARDEN CLUB

JUNE 2013 NEWSLETTER



Watch out for the FROST

Hopefully by now, we have all thought about providing frost protection for our frost sensitive plants. (Frost fabric is available at Lifestyle Nursery). To protect the roots of plants - give tender plants a good mulch of compost, drawing this up well against the stem of the plant. Whether you are watering by hand or using an irrigation system - this must be done in the morning and try and not water after three in the afternoon.

Wet plants will freeze!

LAWNS

Lawns should be allowed to rest until spring - (stop all fertilisation). Mowing should only be done every second to third week, ensuring the mower blades are set on the highest setting.

WINTER COLOUR

For that sunny spot in the garden, poppies, violas, pansies, stocks, sweet peas and delphiniums will provide a fantastic show right through the coldest months that lay ahead of us, as well as into the early summer. Whilst for the shady areas cinerarias, foxgloves, primroses and primula will give a spectacular spring & early summer show.

Jobs to do in the June garden

- It is important to keep your garden clean and tidy during this time of year and not have little heaps of vegetation lying around the place, as this will harbour pests. (slugs and snails)
- Remove old and rusted leaves from Irises to keep the fans clean.
- Winter flowering annuals will be flowering now; do be sure to dead-head and feed regularly.
- If you have not already done so, June is a great month to do odd gardening jobs:- wooden benches can be re-varnished, broken paving can be repaired and pathways cleaned up.



Primulas are ideal to grow in those shadier parts of your winter garden.

Handy Tips

- 1) Don't throw out those empty eggs containers rather use them for seedling trays. Simply prick little holes in the bottom of the egg tray, line with a piece of plastic (to prevent the soil from running out) - great for planting your seeds!
- 2) If you have any hot water bottles that are leaking - once again don't throw them out, fill them up with sawdust as they make wonderful kneeling mats for when working in the garden.
- 3) Should you be burning wood in your fires this winter, it is a good idea to sprinkle a little of the wood-ash around your roses.
- 4) May is considered to be Tulip month, tulips require a cool climate to begin their growth cycle. Remember when watering any bulbs to always water in the early morning - as this helps to prevent fungal diseases. Contrary to popular belief Tulips originate from Turkey and not from Holland, although thanks to the Dutch breeders there are so many different varieties available today.
- 5) Pelargonium's (geraniums) are a winner for winter colour, used in pots, hanging baskets or at the edge of a bed.

Hope you have a happy and relaxed gardening month!

Remember that, children, marriages and flower gardens only reflect the kind of care that they get!



Our next meeting

Date: 15th of June
Time: 1:30pm for 2:00pm
Venue: Lifestyle Lecture Hall
Topic: Lyndton will be showing us how to plant up a hanging basket.



Please see enclosed fantastic Lifestyle Specials!